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USS RAY (SSN 653) at Norfolk, Virginia

20DEC68: The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the MERITORIOUS COMMENDATION to USS RAY (SSN 653) for service as set forth in the following CITATION.

"For meritorious service during a period in 1968 in conducting an important and arduous independent submarine operation. In successfully completing this operation, USS RAY achieved significant results of great importance to the national defense of the United States. These results were attained through the professional skills, resourcefulness, and teamwork of her officers and men. Their dedication to the fulfillment of a vital and difficult assignment reflects credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service."

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