

NAVAL MESSAGE

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R 180420Z FEB 78
 FM COMANTARCTICSUPPACT
 TO ZEN/USCGC BURTON ISLAND
 INFO RUHBJLQ/COMNAVSUPPPFORANTARCTICA
 ZEN/REP COMNAVSUPPPFORANTARCTICA MCMURDO
 RUEBJGA/COMDT COGARD
 RUHEAGA/COMWESTAREA COGARD
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BRAVO ZULU

- AS YOU LEAVE MCMURDO SOUND FOR FINAL TIME THIS SEASON, KINDLY ACCEPT MY PERSONAL THANKS FOR A DIFFICULT JOB WELL DONE. OLD HANDS HERE CANNOT RECALL THE SOUND AND BAY EVER BEING SO ICE FREE. WHILE FAVORABLE WINDS MAY HAVE MOVED THE ICE TO SEA, THE BURTON ISLAND CERTAINLY BROKE IT FREE TO MOVE, THAT SHE DID SO FOR THE MOST PART TOTALLY ALONE IS PARTICULARLY COMMENDABLE.
 - YOUR OFFICERS AND CREW SHOWED THE NAVY THEIR WILLINGNESS TO TACKLE A TOUGH JOB AND CONVINCED US THAT THE COAST GUARD IS DEFINITELY NOT A SHALLOW WATER SERVICE. NOT ONLY WAS THEIR PERFORMANCE AT SEA NOTEWORTHY, BUT THEIR CONDUCT ASHORE AS WELL. THOSE VERY FEW LIBERTY INCIDENTS WHICH DID OCCUR WERE EXTREMELY MINOR AND CAUSED LESS FRICTION THAN ANY SHIPS TO VISIT HERE IN MODERN HISTORY.
 - THE SPIRIT, WILLINGNESS AND PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED BY YOUR HELICOPTER CREWS WHEN FACED WITH HEAVY DEMANDS, UNUSUAL FLIGHTS AND MISERABLE WEATHER HAS BEEN COMMENTED UPON BY ALL WHO OBSERVED THIS GROUP OF DEDICATED YOUNG MEN. THEY EAGERLY TOOK UP THEIR SHARE AND MORE OF OUR HELO TASKS AND WERE NEVER FOUND WANTING.
 - ALL HANDS HERE ALREADY MISS THE SIGHT OF THE "HURTYN" BURTON" IN WINTER QUARTERS BAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER REUNION NEXT AUSTRAL SUMMER. BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR LIMPING TRIP NORTH AND INDEED ON YOUR ENTIRE HOMEWARD BOUND PASSAGE.
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