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WELCOMING REMARKS
FOR THE
IAWG-72 CONTROL GROUP PLANNING CONFERENCE

GOOD MORNING GENTLEMEN:

WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND.

AS ONE OF THE JOINT SPONSORS FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN WAR GAME-72, I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THE PROGRESS TO DATE AND TO SEE THE CAPABLE HANDS WHICH WILL COMPLETE THE PLANNING THIS WEEK AND DIRECT THE PLAY NEXT WEEK.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR THIS GAME, THERE HAS BEEN A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST EXPRESSED BY MANY AMERICAN NAVIES. NOT ONLY HAS THIS INTEREST BEEN EXPRESSED IN WORDS, BUT IT HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY SUBSTANTIAL AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THOSE AMERICAN NAVIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT, SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE INTER-AMERICAN WAR GAMES WHICH MAY FOLLOW. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOME OF THESE NAVIES ARE HERE AS OBSERVERS. INCIDENTALLY, ALL OBSERVERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS OF THE CONTROL GROUP IN ALL PHASES OF CONTROL GROUP ACTIVITY IN NEWPORT.

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SPEAKING FOR MY OWN NAVY AND MY OWN WAR COLLEGE I CAN ASSURE YOU GENTLEMEN THAT THIS HEMISPHERIC GAME HAS GENERATED MUCH INTEREST AND SUPPORT. IT IS WIDELY HOPED THAT NOT ONLY WILL OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF PROGRESSIVELY MORE COMPLEX GAMES IN THE FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES NAVAL WAR COLLEGE IS PROUD OF ITS HISTORY OF WAR GAMING, EXTENDING BACK TO THE 1880'S, AND IS VERY GLAD TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS FIRST INTER-AMERICAN WAR GAME WITH ITS SISTER NAVIES AND WAR COLLEGES.

I AM SURE THE NEXT TEN DAYS WILL BE INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND HOPE THAT YOUR STAY HERE WILL BE BOTH PLEASANT AND PROFESSIONALLY CHALLENGING.

WELCOME ABOARD.