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From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Assignment of a name to a naval ship

1. Purpose. To advise addressees of the approved name for a naval ship under construction.
2. Classification and name. The following name is hereby effective:

CLASSIFICATION

NAME

SSN 707

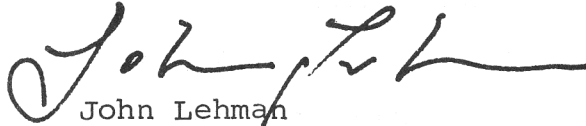
PORTSMOUTH

3. Name source. This nuclear-powered attack submarine is the fourth ship to be named PORTSMOUTH. The first two ships, which served from 1798 to 1801 and from 1844 to 1878, respectively, were probably named for the city of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the place of their construction. This city, whose origins can be traced back to the establishment of a lumbering and fishing base near there in 1623, flourished as a shipbuilding center in the 18th and 19th centuries; John Paul Jones' famous RANGER was built by Portsmouth shipwrights. Continuing in this shipbuilding tradition, the U. S. Navy Yard, Portsmouth, built almost half of the fleet-type submarines constructed for the Navy between 1940 and 1945. The third PORTSMOUTH (CL 102) was not only named for Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but also for Portsmouth, Virginia, a city originally laid out in 1750. A rail terminus and seaport, Portsmouth is one of the ports on Hampton Roads and the site of the Norfolk Navy Yard. PORTSMOUTH (SSN 707),

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like PORTSMOUTH (CL 102), is named for the cities in New Hampshire and Virginia.



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Secretary of the Navy

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