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to Secretary

Mr. Overman:

This is in response to your inquiry to the National Archives related to Naval Deck Logs of the USS *Cogswell* (DD-651) for unspecified dates.

Please be specific with the ship and dates including the details of your research, so we may tailor our response.

On August 9, 2019 the National Archives and the Department of Veterans Affairs entered into an agreement to digitize the Vietnam-era US Navy Deck Logs. We are working expeditiously to make the millions of resulting digital images available in the National Archives Catalog. We are unable to provide specific details, estimations, or time tables on when any particular ship's logs will be made available on our online catalog. Logs are made available on a month by month basis, however, these months may not be consecutive or complete a ship's duration of service. If a month for a particular ship is not posted we cannot make any determination of when that month will be made digitally available.

Some Deck Logs are already digitally available on the National Archives' Online Catalog, We checked the USS *Cogswell* and found most of the various months from 1961 - 1965 and all of 1966 - 1969 Deck Logs are available. As uploads are handled by a different department, I do not know why this ship is not included in that list of available Deck Logs.

To locate these records, enter the link: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/594258?q=594258> In the Details area, click on the "Search within this Series" button, which will open a new page. In "Advanced Search," enter the name of the ship (no USS) and a year and click on the Search button. If the Deck Logs have been digitized, the document title will appear on the results page. Click on the digital image or the document title to see a larger view and save the image.

Starting in 1971, the Deck Logs contain Social Security numbers that must be redacted before releasing to the public, including the scanned images on our Website. You are welcome to check the catalog periodically for new uploads. We encourage you to search for the name of the ship without using "USS" as a prefix.

Sincerely,

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