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Chapter 1 : Full text of "Sustaining U. S. Nuclear Submarine"

The United Kingdom's Nuclear Submarine Industrial Base, Volume 2 Ministry of Defence Roles and Required Technical Resources by John F. Schank, Cynthia R. Cook, Robert Murphy, James Chiesa, Hans Pung, John Birkler.

The meter-long submarine, the lead Late at night on Feb. The first of her class, Vanguard measures meters long and displaces 16, tons when submerged. At some point, the two navies compared notes. However, a regional newspaper later reported that her conning tower and the starboard sail plane attached to it were both deformed, implying multiple impacts. Losing such apocalyptic firepower on the ocean floor would have been a catastrophe. The same cannot be said of the nuclear reactors powering the two ships. A sufficiently serious collision could have breached the containment of the reactors, irradiating the crew and the surrounding expanse of oceanic waters. While an attack submarine is always on the lookout for other ships and submarines and often seeks to shadow those of foreign nations, a ballistic missile submarine just wants to be left alone and undetected under the ocean. However, modern subs have become very quiet, benefiting from tear-drop-shaped hulls, superior propellers and sound-absorbing anechoic tiles, among other technologies. Passive sonar basically entails using audiophones to listen to the surrounding water, but that might not be adequate to detect a slow-moving modern submarine. A submarine could employ its active sonar to create sound waves which reflect off of other undersea objects, improving its detection power. Submarine collisions are hardly unknown. However, these kinds of cat-and-mouse games are the province of attack submarines, not missile submarines. It may seem vastly improbable that two submarines bumped into each other randomly across the vast volume of the ocean. However, the explanation may be that submariners are inclined to operate in certain common undersea regionsâ€”increasing the still remote chance of collision significantly. After all, even information shared between allies could theoretically be obtained by a hostile nation to help track down the missile submarines and destroy them. While France was singled out for criticism for not sharing its patrol routes with NATO, in reality even the water space management information shared between the United Kingdom and United States did not include ballistic missile submarines according to the New York Times. Sharing more data between allies to mitigate the risks of future collisions would likely enhance, not weaken, the security of both those submarines and the nations they defend. This article originally appeared at The National Interest. If you have any problems viewing this article, please report it here. This site is owned and operated by Bright Mountain Media, Inc.

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The Astute Class is the only platform used to launch long-range UGM Tomahawk cruise missiles, in order to deliver conventional strikes against land targets. It is the British replacement project to its fleet of Vanguard class submarines. The last Trafalgar Class boat is expected to retire by , and replacements were required. Submarines are considered to be a strategic industry in Britain, which remains committed to nuclear-powered submarines for their entire fleet. The new submarine class has had its share of delays and difficulties, but the program continues to move forward with GBP 2. Other navies also use surface ships for this role, but Britain chose not to. That periscope may allow the British to move the attack center control room in later boats of class from the top level Deck 1, to a roomier section in Deck 2 and a bit aft. The attack center will have more to control, too. Torpedo tubes go from 5 to 6, and a larger weapons room roughly doubles capacity to UGM Tomahawk Block IV cruise missiles and Spearfish heavyweight torpedoes. Another weapon will be launched from the large lockout chamber aft of the fin, which allows SBS commandos to exit the sub underwater into a dry deck shelter. A mini-submarine can be mated to the DDS for added mobility. Astute Class boats have worked to add stealth enhancements via rafted sections throughout, plus new coatings, exterior tiles, and paints. On the listening end, a new Stage 5 sonar system combines arrays all over the submarine, and it reportedly surprised the US Navy during qualification exercises against a Virginia Class boat. As usual for modern submarines, the Astute Class will also carry advanced electronic eavesdropping gear for quiet above-water snooping. High-bandwidth communications round out key electronics improvements, and allow fast transmission of intercepted signals to Royal Navy vessels or agencies like GCHQ. BAE have three more subs in the Astute-class – Anson, Agamemnon, and a yet-to-be-named seventh vessel – at various stages of construction at the Barrow site. The training period included fire-fighting and damage control exercises and completion of weapon certification of its anti-surface and anti-submarine weapon system. The training also included a simulated war environment and training alongside Canadian Maritime Patrol Aircraft. Dubbed the Agamemnon, the sub will be about feet long, have a submerged speed of 30 knots and an endurance of 90 days. It can carry Tomahawk missiles as well as torpedoes. Artful is slated to join the fleet toward the end of this year. The Trafalgar Class fast attack boats HMS Torbay and HMS Trenchant will be decommissioned at their current base in Devonport in and , respectively, since it makes no financial sense to move them now. This is Phase 1 of a 2-phase program, and SEA expects another significant order in The 97m long Artful is launched into the water at Barrow-in-Furness. She is scheduled to begin sea trials in British media spot HMS Astute moored off of Gibraltar with a new mini-sub attached to the dry-deck shelter q. The mini-sub can reportedly carry 8 Special Boat Service Commandos in full assault gear: This one covers 4 sets, for Astute Class boats 6 and 7. The last one will be delivered in mid Coverage on the Astute Class includes all electronic warfare and ESM sensors, the sonar, and the optronic mast. It is fair to say that on most occasions when I have pushed on specific issues, they are not as well covered off as they should be. If I can take you back to the most salient example of this, in the Astute programme we did what you suggested. It was a disaster. From to we let them get on with it. We had a contract and that is what we cared about. In , it almost broke BAE Systems. It cost them hundreds of millions of pounds. We then had to step back in, reformulate the programme and effectively recuperate the whole of our submarine-building activity, which is something that is only beginning to come right some 10 years after that disaster. My point is that the happy-go-lucky world of us writing out a contract and then allowing industry to get on with it is not one that I live in. Crew members are seen by local anti-nuclear protesters standing on top of the vessel, which was venting steam and surrounded by 3 tugs. A decision was taken to return it to the base to allow remedial action to take place. Herald Scotland The Scotsman. Thales announces a contract from BAE for the last 2 Sonar systems in the Astute program, to equip

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Agammemnon and Ajax as long-lead buys. Those are the last submarines in the program. A complete sonar system includes both inboard and outboard of the bow, fin, intercept and flank arrays, and the associated inboard processing. The boat was launched in , had experienced a previous radiation leak off of Gibraltar in , and was due for decommissioning in . The incident underscores the issues involved in operating submarines beyond their expected lifetimes. It also underscores issues with British force structure. Contracts for products and services to deliver and support the submarine programs themselves will continue in parallel. Royal Navy Rolls Royce. Babcock announces a contract to supply its weapon handling and launch system WHLS for the 6th and 7th Astute class submarines, with a total value around GBP 55 million. The WHLS and its combat system interfaces were developed to handle the complicated task of loading, moving, and readying large weapons like heavy torpedoes, missiles, mines, etc. The Astute Class is featured, and the table of planned vs. Diesel Generator Trials successfully completed in August . S Audacious has had all hull and casing units moved to the Devonshire Dock Hall. S Anson recently got underway with manufacturing, following her October keel-laying. The Ministry of Defence touts these contracts as safeguarding 3, skilled jobs at Barrow-in-Furness in Cumbria. Anson is named after Admiral of the Fleet George Anson, who died in at the age of . This brings total announced contracts to GBP 1. The boat is about half way through its build process, and subsequent NAO reports estimate her commissioning in January . The Guardian is less than impressed, pointing out that: And the living quarters for the strong crew are also more cramped than those on submarines made more than 50 years ago. However, the navy is adamant the vessel can overcome the difficulties. These have included deep dive trials, and the successful firing of Tomahawk land attack missiles and Spearfish torpedoes. The 2nd submarine, Ambush, is also in sea trials that have tested diving, propulsion, and torpedoes. The 3rd boat, Artful, is reaching the final stages of her construction at Barrow shipyard. Currently, different combat systems are used across the fleet. This new contract will help drive adoption of a common combat system across all current and future Royal Navy submarines, with considerable benefits to training, maintenance and updating costs. These changes are due to be implemented on the remaining submarines in the class, and have been back-fitted to S Artful. HMS Astute has been fitted with an underwater dry-deck shelter q. The SBS currently launch their midget submarines from surface warships or helicopters, risking discovery. The Guardian publishes a report concerning issues with the Astute Class. A number can be described as teething problems, but a couple are potentially serious. The Royal Navy announces that S Ambush is ready to depart the shipyard and begin sea trials, 9 years after she was laid down and 18 months since she was launched. The contracts will secure jobs at Rolls-Royce. Rolls-Royce will continue to maintain and operate its existing reactor core manufacturing facility, while undertaking a parallel phased rebuild and modernization of buildings on site. Deliverables will include arrays both inboard and outboard of the bow, plus fin, intercept and flank arrays, and the associated inboard processing. Thales UK is a major sub-contractor for the program as a whole. Iain] Breckenridge ticked off a list of new features aboard the sub. It gives us a much broader operating envelope. Attack Sub Proves Itself in U. Astute submarine 5 will take the name HMS Anson when she is commissioned. The NAO report suggests that this will be in August . The boat is still a long way from done. The process of installing all of the machinery in these framework units, and then beginning to join hull pieces, is quite long and exacting. S Ambush is launched. The submarine will still have a fitting-out period before it can even start contractor trials. Stage 5 IR adds new hardware, new software functionality and new algorithms, while moving the sonar system to open architecture electronics. This initial contract for S runs to March , and covers initial build work only. The MoD aims to contract for the whole boat by late , and detailed terms and conditions will be agreed over the intervening period.

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Chapter 3 : US Navy gearing up for boost in submarine production

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Background[edit] During the early part of the Second World War , Britain had a nuclear weapons project, code-named Tube Alloys , [2] which the Quebec Agreement merged with the American Manhattan Project to create a combined American, British, and Canadian project. The British government expected that the United States would continue to share nuclear technology, which it regarded as a joint discovery, but the United States Atomic Energy Act of McMahon Act ended technical co-operation. The deterrent logic required the ability to threaten the destruction of the Soviet capital and other major cities. This differed greatly from the sixty years before, when multi-party government was the norm. While in office from to and to , it built and maintained Polaris, and modernised it through the secret Chevaline programme. While out of office in , and , it adopted a policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament. Britain was seen as a pivotal player in world affairs, its economic and military weaknesses offset by its membership of the European Union , NATO and the Group of Seven , its permanent seat on the UN Security Council , its leadership of the Commonwealth of Nations , and, above all, the nuclear Special Relationship with the United States. The C-4 had multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle MIRV capability, which was needed to overcome the Soviet anti-ballistic missile defences. It was signed on 18 June , but Carter faced an uphill battle to secure its ratification by the United States Senate. Aaron , in March , he found this was not the case. Part of his election platform was to modernise the US strategic nuclear forces. On 24 August , the Reagan administration informed the British government of its intention to upgrade its Trident to the new Trident II D-5 missile by , and indicated that it was willing to sell it to the UK. Exactly how much more expensive was uncertain, as it was still under development. Nor did the Reagan administration promise to sell D-5 on the same terms as the C The US would maintain and support the missiles, while the UK would manufacture its own submarines and warheads to go on the missiles. It was expected to absorb 5 per cent of the defence budget. If contact with the UK is lost, the commanding officer of a submarine has to follow the instructions in the letter if they believe that the United Kingdom has suffered an overwhelming attack. Options include retaliating with nuclear weapons, not retaliating, putting the submarine under the command of an ally or acting as the captain deems appropriate. The exact content of the letters is never disclosed, and they are destroyed without being opened upon the election of a new prime minister. The deployment of ships carrying nuclear weapons caused embarrassment during the Falklands War, and in the aftermath it was decided to stockpile them ashore in peacetime. A later statement read: He replied, "the UK has some flexibility in the choice of yield for the warheads on its Trident missiles".

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US Navy gearing up for boost in submarine production By: Navy is working to build three attack submarines in some years as opposed to two , and wants to keep five of its attack submarines in service longer than expected to address a dip in the number of nuclear-powered attack submarines in coming years. There are 52 attack submarines today; by , that number is expected to dip to . Meanwhile, the Navy continues to drive down the construction timeline for the Virginia-class attack submarine program. At the outset, the boats were built in 84 months. Then the Navy reduced the construction timeline to 74 months, and now the goal is to build them in 66 months. David Larter The Navy wants to knock off even more time, which means pressure is mounting on Electric Boat and hundreds of submarine suppliers in Connecticut to keep on schedule. Already, EB has been busy building two Virginia-class submarines a year with Newport News Shipbuilding and thousands of suppliers across the country. Joe Courtney, D-2nd District. The Navy is negotiating the contract for the next group of attack submarines it wants to build from to . Congress authorized the production of up to 13 Virginia submarines during that period, but the Navy has indicated it wants to build . That would mean building three submarines in and , respectively. Costs still are being figured out, and Congress would have to approve any funding. At this point, no Groton-based submarines are being considered for service life extension. The Virginia program has been hailed for boats being delivered on time and within budget, but there have been setbacks. The 15 Virginia submarines currently in the fleet were delivered within 5 percent of the contracted deadline, according to Capt. Keith Macdowall, vice president of Prime Technology LLC in North Branford, which makes display systems for submarines similar to those seen on car dashboards, said EB has been proactive about alerting its suppliers what to expect with the ramp-up in submarine production. Federal lawmakers have appropriated tens of millions of dollars to help suppliers prepare for the ramp-up, such as buying parts in advance. Macdowall, who is co-chairman of the Submarine Industrial Base Council, said the organization had a record turnout for its annual summit in Washington in March. He estimated people attended, which shows the level of interest in this work, he said.

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Chapter 5 : Books by James Chiesa

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The neutron was discovered by James Chadwick at the Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge in February , [1] and in April , his Cavendish colleagues John Cockcroft and Ernest Walton split lithium atoms with accelerated protons. Wells , with a continuously-exploding bomb in his novel *The World Set Free*. The Committee unanimously recommended pursuing the development of an atomic bomb as a matter of urgency, although it recognised that the resources required might be beyond those available to Britain. British officials did not reply to an August American offer to create a combined project. Hovde , the head of the London liaison office of the American Office of Scientific Research and Development OSRD , raised the issue of cooperation and exchange of information with Anderson and Lord Cherwell , who demurred, ostensibly over concerns about American security. Ironically, it was the British project that had already been penetrated by atomic spies for the Soviet Union. The unanimous response was that before embarking on this, another effort should be made to secure American cooperation. Groves , the director of the Manhattan Project. It made Canada a full partner, continued the Combined Policy Committee and Combined Development Trust, and reduced the obligation to obtain consent for the use of nuclear weapons to merely requiring consultation. The arrest of Klaus Fuchs in January , [56] and the June defection of Donald Maclean , who had served as a British member of the Combined Policy Committee from January to August , left Americans with a distrust of British security arrangements. High Explosive Research Attlee set up a cabinet sub-committee , the Gen 75 Committee known informally by Attlee as the "Atomic Bomb Committee" , [58] on 10 August to examine the feasibility of an independent British nuclear weapons programme. Michael Perrin , who was present, later recalled that: As the American nuclear programme expanded, its requirements became greater than the production of the existing mines. To gain access to the stockpile, they reopened negotiations in This resulted in the *Modus Vivendi* , [81] which allowed for consultation on the use of nuclear weapons, and limited sharing of technical information between the United States, Britain and Canada. By , international control of atomic weapons seemed almost impossible to achieve, and Truman proposed to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in July a "full partnership" with Britain in exchange for uranium; negotiations between the two countries began that month. While the first Soviet atomic bomb test in August was embarrassing to the British who had not expected a Soviet atomic weapon until for having been beaten, it was for the Americans another reason for cooperation. Although they would soon have their own nuclear capability, the British proposed that instead of building their own uranium-enrichment plant they would send most of their scientists to work in the US, and swap plutonium from Windscale for enriched uranium from the US. While Britain would not formally give up building or researching its own weapons, the US would manufacture all the bombs and allocate some to Britain. Their opposition, along with security concerns raised by the arrest of Fuchs, who was working at Harwell, ended the negotiations in January Operation Hurricane , Blue Danube nuclear weapon , and V bomber Churchill, now again prime minister, announced on 17 February that the first British weapon test would occur before the end of the year. Some casings were stored elsewhere in the UK and in Cyprus for "second strike" use. The Blue Danube cores were recycled, and the plutonium used in other nuclear weapons.

Chapter 6 : Nuclear weapons and the United Kingdom - Wikipedia

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Chapter 7 : Astute Buy? Britain Spends Big on its Next Fast Submarines

Recognizing the importance of past experiences for successful program management, the Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Submarines from the United States, the Director Submarines of the United Kingdom's Defence Equipment and Support organization, and the Director General Submarines from Australia's Department of Defence asked the RAND Corporation to develop a set of lessons learned from.

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The United Kingdom was the third country to develop and test nuclear weapons, and is one of the five nuclear-weapon states under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. The possession of nuclear weapons is an important component of Britain's national identity.

Chapter 9 : Trident (UK nuclear programme) - Wikipedia

CMC is a joint United States and United Kingdom investment and design collaboration for the each country's next SSBN class. The current U.S. Ohio Class and U.K. Vanguard Class SSBNs utilize the Trident II strategic weapons system with the D5 submarine launched ballistic missile (SLBM).