



FROM: CINCPACFLT

TO: USS JOSEPH STRAUSS

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As you proceed to Sasebo and a well-earned rest from the intense combat operations, the officers and men of the **USS JOSEPH STRAUSS** should take great pride in their major contributions to the prosecution of the war. Undeterred by repeated intense hostile fire, **STRAUSS** has carried out her varied duties in an exemplary manner - From Naval Gunfire Support south of the DMZ and gunfire strike operations against North Vietnam, to sensitive duty on the Notification Line and search and rescue duties. I note that **STRAUSS** has been at sea almost continuously since 28 March. I want every officer and enlisted man aboard to know that **STRAUSS'** outstanding work is recognized and appreciated. WELL DONE.

