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Subj: Utilization of boatswain's mates and ordinary seamen; clarification of

Ref: (a) COMSTSPAC spdltr ser P21/2673 of 20 Apr 1966
 (b) Master USNS SULTAN ltr ser 72-66 of 5 Jul 1966 (Notal)
 (c) Master USNS GORDON ltr ser 50 of 1 Jun 1966 (Notal)

Reference (a) provided information on the hours of work and utilization of boatswain's mates and ordinary seamen assigned in transports. Emphasis was made to the use of these personnel on the 0400-1200 sea watch when required for sanitary washdown and general maintenance and upkeep work.

References (b) and (c) recommended reconsideration of reference (a) in view of light lifts sometimes assigned transports, precluding the need for daily sanitary washdown operations. Under these conditions and to ensure efficient use of personnel, masters are authorized to change the hours of work for washdown personnel to an 0800-1600 back-to-back sea watch. This change in shift hours will be on a leg-of-a voyage basis either inbound or outbound.

The above is an interim procedure pending completion of a study currently in process concerning the proper use of boatswain's mates and ordinary seamen in transports when workload does not necessitate an 0400 sanitation washdown.

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