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The Pacific Ocean

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Dear MIDGETT Family and Friends,

I wanted to take a minute and provide you an update. As you are all aware, our departure from Seattle was delayed a few weeks due to an unforeseen problem with one of our propeller shafts. After much hard work by the Engineering Department, we were able to sail and receive one week of our three weeks of scheduled training in San Diego. We are still scheduled to return to Seattle as previously planed, on Saturday, 15 November 2008.

Since our departure from Seattle the ship and crew have performed admirably. Not only did we verify all the in-port work and repairs were successful, but we conducted flight operations and assisted a sailing vessel in distress about 120 miles west of San Francisco. During our training in San Diego the crew received glowing reviews from the Coast Guard and Navy evaluators. Of course that is of no surprise to me, as I know MIDGETT has the best the crew in the Coast Guard. But it is nice to receive an objective assessment confirming that fact.

As we head into our operating area there are not many specifics of our daily operations that we can pass back to you due to security concerns. But rest assured, as we achieve success in finding drug smugglers I will work to get as much word back to you as quickly as I can. Please be patient with receiving information about our ongoing operations, because we simply cannot share much, if any, of the details of our operations. But again, I can tell you that we are scheduled to return to Seattle on Saturday, 15 November 2008.

As a reminder, our primary OMBUDSMEN is Angela Keane. She has done an exceptional job for you and the crew, so please do not hesitate to contact her if you have questions or need assistance. Her contact information is:

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I will update you again as operations allow, but will certainly update you as we get closer to our scheduled return. Enjoy the fall!

Serving together,



Matthew Miller