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From: Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
To: Vice Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE T-45 AND FA-18 PHYSIOLOGICAL EPISODES

Ref: (a) VCNO memo of 21 Apr 17

Encl: (1) Comprehensive Review

1. My comprehensive review into the facts, circumstances, and processes surrounding the recent physiological episodes (PE) involving T-45 and FA-18 aircrew, as tasked by reference (a), is included as enclosure (1). As of this writing, efforts are ongoing across the Naval Aviation Enterprise to address the PE issue. Therefore, it is likely some of the report's recommendations are already being implemented to some degree, if not completely.

2. This is a complex issue, one without a single cause, and therefore, without a single solution. The only common thread running through all of these cases is that aircrew were physically affected.

3. Given those challenges, I believe implementation of the report's recommendations will significantly assist in identifying the causes of the physiological episodes, and benefit our Naval Aviation Enterprise, and more importantly, our aircrew.

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