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RESUPPLYING SHIPS  
IN HEAVY SEAS

(Official Navy footage released by Department of Defense)

The Sixth Fleet is an indication of the friendly alliance of the United States with Mediterranean nations. It is a powerful implement of a strong nation working for peace and organized good will. It is a naval power which is used only in time of armed aggression to assist friends ashore to defend their liberty.

To meet this requirement the units of the Sixth Fleet must remain "on station" for long periods of time.

The job of feeding the fleet belongs to the refrigerator ships, or "reefers". Around the globe, "reefers" transport tons of fresh fruit, vegetables and meat as well as such staples as sugar and flour. In many cases, these supplies are delivered underway at sea as graphically portrayed in the film.

The "Highline" method is normally used to transfer light and medium-weight cargo between two ships underway. On the highline rides a trolley, with cargo hook attached, to which the load to be transferred is secured. Lines from each ship are attached to the trolley so that it may be pulled back and forth on the heavy line. The load is transferred between the ships by "tensioning" the highline. At the same time crews are hauling on the inhaul or outhaul lines which are attached to the trolley.

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Sequences show:

- (a) Heavy seas breaking over bow of attack aircraft carrier on duty with Sixth Fleet.
- (b) Supply ship pulls along side of carrier preparatory to resupply operation.
- (c) Carrier receives supplies underway under difficult conditions.
- (d) Lashing down planes on flight deck during storm.

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