



Now that the JARVIS was ready to be accepted by the Coast Guard, the Honolulu Pre-Commissioning Detail loaded aboard a MACC-141 Starlifter at Hickam and flew to New Orleans via San Francisco. The group of about 91 officers and men landed at Belle Chase Airport in New Orleans on the 29th of December 1971. Personnel were dispersed to temporary lodgings at the Howard Johnsons Motor Inn and the Congress Inn both in New Orleans.

The JARVIS was accepted by RIO (Commander R. Lucas) and then turned over to Captain F. O. Wooley on the 30th of December at Avondale Shipyard. The JARVIS was moved to the Naval Support Facility where loadout and outfitting took place.

The Pre-Commissioning and official beginning of the JARVIS took place on 17 January 1972. The day was cold, crisp and clear and the proceedings were carried out in a smart manner. About 200 guests attended the Pre-Commissioning among them were Congressman F. Edward Hebert, RADM John D. McCubbin, MCPOCG Charles Calhoun and others.

The JARVIS took departure from New Orleans on 18 January and sailed down the Mississippi en-route Baltimore.

