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*THIS PAGE: Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD-2) transits the Pacific Ocean on 12 December 2020. (USN/Brandie Nuzzi)*



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