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B205/241-64

SUBJ: POSSIBLE PLANNED ATTACK BY DRV NAVY ON DESOTO PATROL

USN-27 SPOT REPORT 2/O/VHN/R26-64/011924Z REPORTS SIGINT

SUGGESTIONS THAT DRV NAVY MAY INTEND ATTACK UPON DESOTO PATROL.

FYI, IN RELATION TO THIS POSSIBILITY, DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS

OF 30 AND 31 JULY REPORT AN ATTACK ON HON ME ISLAND (19-21N/105-

56E) AND INDICATE DRV INTENTIONS AND PREPARATIONS TO

REPULSE FURTHER SUCH ATTACKS. DUE THESE REPORTED ATTACKS BY VESSELS

IDENTIFIED IN DRV COMMUNICATIONS ONLY AS "ENEMY", AND THE INDICATED

SENSITIVITY ON PART OF DRV AS WELL AS THEIR INDICATED

PREPARATIONS TO COUNTER POSSIBLE THE DRV REACTION TO DESOTO

TAB 8

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RELEASING OFFICER

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PATROL MIGHT BE MORE SEVERE THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE ANTICIPATED.

USN-27 REPORTS DESOTO IN VICINITY OF HON ME AS OF APPROX 011924Z

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B205/242-64

SUBJ: DESOTO TECH SUPPORT

FYI: DRV NAVAL FAST PATROL BOATS NOTED 25 JULY

OPERATING ON 131.20 (131,20) MCS. BOATS WERE USING TACTICAL

CALLS NR ONE AND NR TWO. CALL PROCEDURES WERE: "NR 1 CALLING  
NR 2", AND VICE VERSA

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FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPKR/NSA

020531Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO AIG 181

INFO RUMFZKCTG 77.5

RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITREP THREE ~~(S)~~

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. SIGHTED THREE PT CRAFT TEN MILES NORTH OF HON ME ISLAND ON SOUTHERLY HEADING SPEED TWENTH AT 020430Z. CPA TO THIS UNIT SEVEN MILES. EVAL AS PROBABLE PAPA-FOURS. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY POSITIVELY DUE TO RANGE.
2. SIGHTED TWO PROBABLE SWATOW CLASS PGM NORTH OF HON ME AT 020515Z ON SOUTHERLY HEADING SPEED ONE FIVE KTS. ALL CRAFT APPEAR TO BE HEADING FOR VIC HON ME.

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JULY-AUG DESOTO SITREP THREE

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. ARRIVED VIC PT DELTA  
020500Z APPROX 75 JUNKS IN AREA. NO OTHER CRAFT  
VISIBLE WILL DEVIATE FM TRACK AS NECESSARY TO AVOID  
PASSING THRU JUNK CONCENTRATIONS. NO FURTHER  
EVID HOSTILE INTENT RECEIVED.
2. DO NOT HAVE CHICOM WITH ANY STA. PRESENTLY HAVE SET COMM  
WITH CTG 77.5 ON X CIRCUIT DELTA 30.1 FOXTROT

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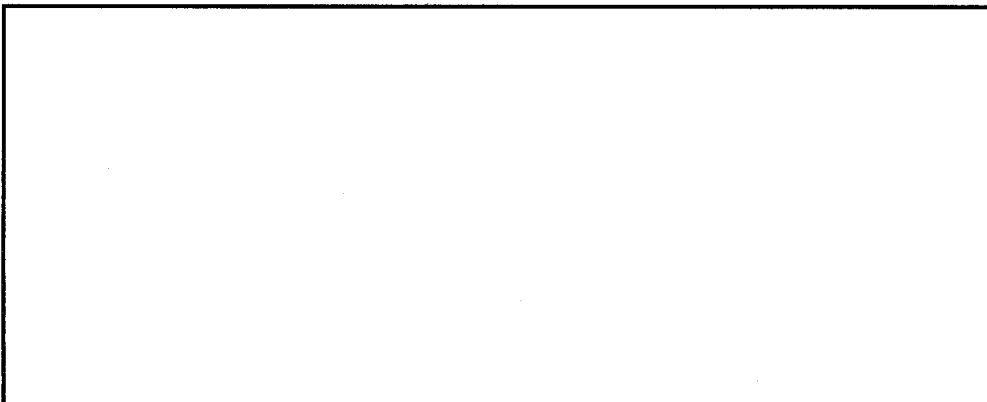
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DESOTO

1. FOLLOWING  EXTRACT FURNISHED FYI:

A. 020444Z/4D:

RECEIVED ORDERS - 146 - 142 DID ((1GR U)) USE HIGH SPEED TO  
GO TOGETHER WITH (ENEMY) FOLLOWING TO LAUNCH TORPEDOES. CHI  
CFT 02/0716 DTG 020717Z



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SSO HAWAII

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FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPCR/NSA

Z 020834Z

FM PINCPACFLT

INFO RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

Z 020826Z

FM CONSEVENTHFLT

INFO CNO

CINCPACFLT

COMNAVFOR JAPAN

Z 020807Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CTG 77.5

CTG 77.6

BT

UNCLAS

BEING ATTACKED BY THREE DRV PT CRAFT. I AM OPEN FIRE WITH  
5 INCH BATTERY. AIR SUPPORT FROM TICO ETA 15 MIN.

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FM JCS

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RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPCR/NSA

Z 020904Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUECW/CNO

Z 020808Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO TUATZL COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUXSMA/COMUSMACV

RUATZY/CTF SEVEN TWO

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A. JULY/AUG DESOTO PATROL

1. MADDOX AT 25 KTS CLAIMS BEING PURSUED BY THREE HIGH SPEED  
45 KT SURFACE CRAFT.

2. ORIG PROVIDING FOUR F8E COVER ARMED WITH ZUNI AND FAMMO

3. INSTRUCTED NOT TO OPEN FIRE UNLESS MADDOX OR AIRCRAFT FIXED

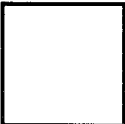
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FM COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO CNO

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COMNAVFORJAPAN

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TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CTG 77.5

CTG 77.6

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U N C L A S

PT CRAFT COMPLETED TORPEDO ATTACK AND RETIRING. SHIP

SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. SHIPS GUNS DAMAGED ONE. AIRCRAFT

FROM TICO NOW ATTACKING PT CRAFT. I AM RETIRING TO SOUTHEAST.

BT

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COMNAVFORJAPAN PASS TO SECNAV FOR INFO  
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FM IOMSEVENTHFLY  
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RUECW/CNO  
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RUMGCR/USS MADDOX  
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Q. RETIRE FROM AREA UNTIL SITUATION CLEARS AND FURTHER ADVISED.  
DO NOT PURSUE ATTACKING CRAFT. FIRE AS NECESSARY IN SELF DEFENSE.  
2. REPORT PRESENT SITUATION.

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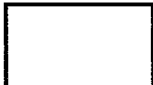
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B205/243-64

BJ: DRV VESSELS ATTACK DESOTO PATROL IN GULF OF TONKIN  
FYI THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY USS MADDOX  
(DESOTO PATROL VESSEL) TO COMSEVENTHFLT AND READDRESSED BY  
COMSEVENTHFLT TO CNO, CINCPACFLT, COMNAVFORJAP. ALL MESSAGES  
WERE FLASH PRECEDENCE AND UNCLASSIFIED.

MESSAGE NR ONE: SENT AT 020740Z: QUOTE I AM BEING APPROACHED BY  
HIGH SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND  
OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY IN SELF DEFENSE UNQUOTE.

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MESSAGE NR TWO: SENT AT 020807Z: QUOTE BEING ATTACKED BY 3 DRV PT  
CRAFT. I AM OPENING FIRE WITH FIVE INCH BATTERY. AIR SUPPORT FROM  
TICONDIROGA ETA 15 MINUTES UNQUOTE

MESSAGE NR THREE: 020829Z: QUOTE PT CRAFT COMPLETED TORPEDO ATTACK  
AND RETIRING SHIP SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. SHIPS GUN DAMAGED ONE  
((DRV PT BOAT)). AIRCRAFT FROM TICONDIROGA NOW ATTACKING PT  
CRAFT. I AM RETIRING TO SOUTHEAST UNQUOTE.

REQUEST EXTREME COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND REPORTING VIGILANCE ON  
PART OF ALL WITH REPORTING ACCOMPLISHED IAW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES

AND AT PRECEDENCE APPROPRIATE TO ACTIVITY. ESPECIALLY CONCERNED

REGARDS [ ] REACTION

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NSA25X3

FOR [ ] APPREC DESOTO SITREPS PASSED VIA TELECON. REQUEST YOU  
PASS ANY RECEIVED AFTER THREE AND ARRANGE FOR DIRNSA RECEIPT  
DIRECT FROM ORIGINATOR ALL FUTURE SITREPS

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FM JCS

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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

021242Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JVV

RUECW/SECNAV

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

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COMNAVFORJAPAN NOT ADDEE PASS TO SECNAV

QUOTE

Z 020949Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUM /CTG 72

RUMGCR/USS TICONDEROGA

INFO RUWDED/COMCRUDESAC

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RUM:4/CTG 70.8

RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/SSO MADDOX

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GULF OF TONKIN ACTION SITREP (S)

1. MY POSITION AT 020915Z: 19-21.5N 106-46E. RETIRING AT BEST SPEED TO RDVU WITH TURNER JOY THENCE TICO UNODIR.

2. PRESENT SITUATION CALM. ANTICIPATE RDVU WITH TURNER JOY APPRO 021200Z. TICO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT. MADDOX AIR RADAR INOP. TURNER JOY PROVIDING AIR DETECTION. VOICE COMY WITH CTG 77.5 ON CKT D30.1F.

3. ACTION SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

1. AT 020750Z 3 TORPEDO BOATS NEARING 268 TRUE; RANGE 11.5 NM  
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WERE DETECTED CLOSING MADDOX AT SPEED OF 50 KTS. MADDOX

2. MADDOX ATTEMPTED TO AVOID ON COURSE 150° SPEED 27 KTS.

3. AT 0808Z WHEN BOATS CLOSED TO 9000 YARDS MADDOX TURNED TO COURSE 150 TRUE AND FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WITH 5 INCH BATTER.

4. TORPEDO BOATS CONTINUED TO CLOSE AND WERE TAKEN UNDER CONTINUOUS FIRE.

5. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING NUMEROUS HITS AND NEAR MISSED 2 BOATS CLOSE TO ABOUT 5000 YARDS AND BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF FIRE MADE AN INEFFECTIVE LAUNCH OF 2 TORPEDOES. MADDOX TURNED AWAY AND

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TORPEDOES PASSED ON STARBOARD SIDE FROM AFT TO FORWARD. THIRD TORPEDO BOAT HAD PULLED ALMOST ABEAM BY 0821Z. HE TURNED TO CLOSE AND AT TIME OF RECEIVING DIRECT HIT DROPPED TORPEDO IN WATER BUT IT WAS NOT OBSERVED TO RUN.

7. MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM PT BOATS RESULTED IN ONLY ONE HIT ON MADDOX AND NO CASUALTIES.

8. AFTER BOATS TURNED AWAY MADDOX TURNED TO PURSUE UNTIL RELIEVED BY TICO AIRCRAFT.

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RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEPCR/NSA

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FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/SECNAV

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QUOTE

Z 021008Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

CINCPAC

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CTG SEVEN TWO

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TORP ATTACK

SITREP NR. ONE

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AT MSG RECEIVED FROM MADDOX QUOTE AM BEING APPROACHED BY HIGH  
SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND  
TO OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY SELF DEFENSE. UNQUOTE. TURNER JOY WHO WAS  
ON WATCH DOG STATION FOR CTG 77.5 YANKEE TEAM OPS AT/N17-31 108-00E  
WAS ORDERED TO PROCEED TO ASSIST MADDOX. AT 020805Z FLASH MESSAGE  
WAS SENT TO COMSEVENTHFLT, INFO CINCPACFLT, CTG 72, COMUSMACV HAT CTG  
77.5 WAS PROVIDING FOUR SF8 FOR AI COVER MADDOX WITH ORDERS NOT TO  
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FIRE UNLESS MADDOX FIRED UPON. THESE ACFT WERE ORBITING TURNER JOY  
HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY LAUNCHED FROM TICO AT 020710Z. MADDOX REPORTED  
IN MESSAGE RECEIVED TICO AT 021515 THAT QUOTE IT IS BEING ATTACKED BY  
DRV PT CRAFT, AND THAT HE WAS OPENING UP WITH 5 INCH BATTERY. UNQUOTE.  
WORD PASSED TO WATCH DOG F8'S TO ATTACK THE DRV PATROL BOAT ONLY IF  
THEY ATTACKED MADDOX. ON ARRIVAL OVER MADDOX, MADDOX WAS OPENING  
FIRE WITH 5 INCH BATTERIES AND DIRECTED AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK PT BOATS.  
ZNI ATTACKS MADE FIRST. NO DIRECT HITS OBSERVED. STRAFING ATTACKS  
MADE ON ALL THREE BOATS. PILOTS DEBRIEFED REPORTED ONE PT BOAT  
DAMAGED AND DEAD IN THE WATER, TWO PT BOATS DAMAGED AND PROCEEDING  
TO BEACH, SECOND FLIGHT OF FOUR F8'S VECTORED TO MADDOX BUT ORDERED  
NOT TO PURSUE PT CRAFT PURSUANT TO SEVENTH FLEET MSG 020859Z F8'S  
DIRECTED TO ORBIT POSITION BUT TO HOLD FIRE UNLESS PT CRAFT RESUMED  
ATTACKS. WHEN THIS FLIGHT DEPARTED MADDOX LAST REPORT ONE PT TRAILING.  
MADDOX REPORTS NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES. MORE FOLLOWS.

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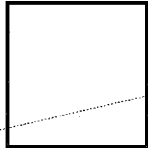
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B205/244-64

SUBJ: DRV NAVAL ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL

FURTHER MY B205/243. USS MADDOX REPORTED AT APPROX 020838Z THAT ONE  
DRV PT BOAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING AND THAT OTHER TWO  
PT BOATS WERE HEADED FOR THE BEACH. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SEARCH  
AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DRV VESSELS THUS  
INCREASING LIKLIHOOD OF REFLECTIONS AND FURTHER ACTIVITY. DESOTO  
ARRIVED VICINITY 19-47N 106-08E AT APPROX 020300Z WHERE IT WAS TO  
ORBIT FOR EIGHT HOURS. MADE DEVIATION FROM TRACK TO AVOID PASSING  
THRU LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JUNKS THERE BUT ATTACK ON DESOTO  
(ROUGHLY FIVE HOURS LATER (0807Z)) PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF ABOVE  
COORDINATES. BURNING PT BOAT PRESUMABLY SAME GENERAL AREA

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O 021226Z VYH

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TO USN 27

USM 626J

USN 414T

INFO COMNAVFORJAPAN

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TAB 21

ZEN/DIRNAVSECGRUPAC

DIRNAVSECGRU

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1. FOLLOWING CINCPACFLT MSG (DTG 021104Z) TO CINCPAC AND COMSEVENTH-  
FLT QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO:

DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 141203Z JULY NOTAL

1. IN VIEW MADDOX INCIDENT CONSIDER IT IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE  
ASSERT RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AND RESUME GULF OF TONKIN  
PATROL EARLIEST.

2. FOR COMSEVENTHFLT. UNODIR, CONDUCT PATROL WITH TWO DESTROYERS,  
RESUMING ASAP. WHEN READY, PROCEED TO POINT CHARLIE ARRIVING FIRST  
DAY THENCE PATROL NORTHWARD TOWARD POINT DELTA DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

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RETIRE TO THE EASE DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. ON SECOND DAY PROCEED TO POINT DELTA THENCE PATROL SOUTH TOWARD POINT CHARLIE RETIRING AT NIGHT AS BEFORE. ON THIRD DAY PROCEED TO POINT LIMB AND PATROL TOWARD POINT MIKE, RETIRING TO EAST AT NIGHT. ON FOURTH DAY PROCEED TO POINT MIKE AND PATROL TOWARD POINT NOEMBER, RETIRING AT NIGHT. ON FIFTH DAY, RETURN TO NOEMBER AND RETIRE TO SOUTH THROUGH POINTS OSCAR AND PAPA AND TERMINATE PATROL. CPA TO NORTH VIETNAMESE COAST EIGHT NM. CPA TO NORTH VIETNAMESE ISLAND FOUR NM. ABOVE POINTS AS SPECIFIED IN REF A. PATROL SHIPS ARRIVE INITIAL POINT OF TRACK ONE HOUR AFTER SUNRISE EACH DAY AND DEPART TRACK ONE HOUR PRIOR SUNSET. CLEAR TO SEAWARD DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY.

2. REQUEST ALL SIGINT INDICATIONS OF DR OR  REACTION TO RESCHEDULED DESOTO PATROL BE REPORTED BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS TO CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMNAVFORJAPAN AND

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NSA25X3

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O 021443Z (CENSER)

FM CTU 72.1.2

TO AIG 181

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(MANY OTHERS)

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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO 021200Z OPSUM

A. CINCPACFLT 021104Z NOTAL

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 021255Z NOTAL.

TAB 23

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. MILITARY SIGHTINGS CONTAINED MY SITSUM 3.

2. FOR ADDEES THIS MSG NOT INCLUDED AS ADDEES MY ACTION REPORTS:

MADDOX ATTACKED BY 3 DRV P-4 CRAFT AT TIME 020750Z AT POSITION 19-47N

106-31.1E. EVAL THESE CRAFT AS SAME S P-4 REPORTED SITSUM 3.

ANTICIPATING ATTACK MADDOX HAD OPENED POINT DELTA 15 MILES TO SEAWARD

PRIOR TO PURSUIT BY P-FOURS. MADDOX SPEED  P-4 SPEED 50

KNOTS AT 020808, RANGE 9000 YARDS, MADDOX FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WHICH

WERE UNHEEDED. MADDOX THEN TOOK P-FOURS UNDER FIRE. 3 TORPEDO FIRINGS

OBSERVED. 2 PASSED DOWN STARBOARD SIDE AFTER 90 DEGREE PORT TURN.

OTHER TORPEDO NOT OBSERVED TO RUN. 30 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRE ALSO

EXPERIENCED. NO MATERIAL OR PERSONNEL CASUALTIES TO MADDOX. ALL

3 P-FOURS HIT BY GUNFIRE. 1 APPEARED HIT AND BURNING. REMAINING 2

RETIRED TO WEST. MADDOX RETIRED TO NE AND DIRECTED F8A AIRCRAFT

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FROM TICO ONTO P-FOURS. MADDOX PRESENTLY IN COMPANY WITH TURNER JOY PROCEEDING 17-30N 108-00E FOR UNREP FROM ASHTABULA. COMPL UNREP INTEND PROCEED IAW REFS A AND B. 3 CHICOM COMM UNSAT TO DATE. UNODIR AM GUARDING CKT D30.1F (TG77.5 CID) WHICH HAS BEEN SAT FROR COMM WITH TG 77. UNITS. DURATT UNSAT TO DATE. ALL RECENT TRAFFIC PASSED VIA SHIP/SHORE.

4. MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES: MADDOX AN/SPS40 INOP. EXPECT SAT BY MORNINGS TURNER JOY AN/SPG53 RADAR INOP ETR INDEF.

5. IT IS APPARENT THAT DRV HAS CUT DOWN THE GUANTLET AND NOE CONSIDERS ITSELF AT WAR WITH US. IT IS FELT THAT THEY WILL ATTACK US FORCES ON SIGHT WITH NO REGARD FOR COST. U.S. SHIPS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN CAN NO LONGER ASSUME THAT THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED NEUTUALS EXERCISING THE RIGHT OF FREE TRANSIT. THEY WILL BE TREATED AS BELLIGERENTS FROM FIRST DETECTION AND MUST CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS SUCH. DRV PTS HAVE ADVANTAGE ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT OF BEING ABLE TO HIDE IN JUNK CONCENTRATIONS ALL ACROSS THE GULF OF TONKIN. THIS WOULD ALLOW ATTACK FROM SHORT RANGE WITH LITTLE OR NR EARLY WARNING. PRESENT US-GUNNERY SUIT NOT TOO WELL FITTED FOR ANTI-PT EVEN IN DAYLIGHT. SHORT HULL DD SUCH AS MADDOX TOO SHORT LEGGED FOR LONG PATROL WHERE HIGH SPEEDS ARE REQUIRED AS IN PT EVASION. CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF PATROL CAN ONLY BE SAFELY UNDERTAKEN BY DD, CL/CA TEAM AND WITH CONTINUOUS AIR COVER.

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USM-626J

USA-32  
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USN-414T

INFO: HQ NSAPAC

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TAB 24

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SUBJECT: SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LANTERN

1. IN VIEW OF ATTACK BY NORTH VIETNAMESE VESSELS ON U.S.S.

MADDOX (DESOTO PATROL) IN GULF OF TONKIN ON NIGHT OF 1/2 AUGUST,

AND INTENT TO CONTINUE DESOTO PATROL WITH TWO U.S. DESTROYERS

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FOR FIVE DAYS BEGINNING 3 AUGUST, SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LANTERN  
IS DECLARED AT ACTION ADDRESSES THIS MESSAGE.

2. REPORTING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IAW FOLLOWING:

A. ALL FIELD STATIONS REPORT DRV [ ] REFLECTIONS/

REACTIONS TO DESOTO PATROL AS OBSERVED IAW TECHINS 4014 AND 4019

AT PRECEDENCE APPROPRIATE TO SIGNIFICANCE OF ACTY. ASSURE THAT

CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMNAVFORJAPAN, NSAPAC REP

VIETNAM, AND [ ] ARE INCLUDED AS RECIPIENTS ALL REPORTS,

WRITING IN TO ESTABLISHED DISTRIBUTIONS AS REQUIRED. SIX HOUR

REPORTING NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED. IMPORTANT THAT TECH DATA

FORMING BASIS ALL REPORTS BE FORWARDED SOONESE POSSIBLE TO

[ ] DIRNSA, [ ] FLAG ALL REPORTS SIGINT READINESS BRAVO  
LANTERN.

B. [ ] WILL PROVIDE TIMELY WRAP-UP REPORT AS

REQUIRED OF ALL [ ] REFLECTIONS/REACTIONS.

C. DIRNSA WILL PROVIDE TOTAL TIMELY WRAP-UP [ ] DRV

REFLECTIONS/REACTIONS AS REQUIRED.

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3. FOR  APPREC YOU ARRANGE SUCH  PARTICIPATION AS  
YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

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O 022330Z :::CENSER:::

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INFO CNO

CTG 77.5

CTG 77.6

COMUSMACV

DIRNSA

USS MADDOX

USS TURNER JOY

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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 4 ~~(S)~~

A. JCS 021725Z NOTAL

B. CINCPACFLT 021104Z NOTAL

1. CTC 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG MY POSITION 1733N 108-07E. COURSE  
305 DEGREES, SPEED 20 KTS. UNODIR PROCEEDING TO IMPLEMENT REF  
B AS APPROVED BY REF A. ETA POINT C 030640Z.

TAB 26

2. ON ARRIVAL POINT C INTEND CONDUCT PATROL OUTLINED REF B  
OUTSIDE 11 NAUTICAL MILE CPA TO MAINLAND STIPULATED REF A.  
INTEND TO BE MINIMUM 15 MILES SEAWARD OF PATROL TRACK BY  
DARKNESS.

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O 030745Z CENSER

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TO AIR 181

INFO CTG 77.5

CTG 77.6

COMUSMACV.

DIRNSA

USS MADDOX

USS TURNER JOY

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JULY AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 5 (3)

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. PATROL ARRIVED VIC PT CHARLIE 030('2Z  
NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED THUS FAR

2. INTEND PATROL FROM HATS CHARLIE TO DELTA THEN RETIRE TO EAST  
PRIOR DARKNESS. CONDITION ONE SET UNTIL RETIREMENT. CTG 77.5  
PROVIDING CONTINUOUS CAP OVERHEAD.

3. MADDOX AIR RADAR NOW OPERATIVE.

4. DETECTED PROBABLE SKIN HEAD RADAR BEARING 330 TRUE AT 030620Z TAB 28  
INDICATING POSSIBLE SURVEILLANCE MY MOVEMENTS.

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CTG 77.6

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DIRNSA

USS TURNER JOY

USS MADDOX

CTU 72.2.3

CTG 70.8

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CTG 72.1

CTU 72.1.0

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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SIPSUM 6 (S)

A. MY 031403Z

1. MY 031220Z POSITION 18-45N 107-16E NIGHT STEAMING PER  
REF A. HOLD SURFACE CONTACT 0- DEGREES TRUE RANGE 38.5  
MILES. CONTACT HAS PARALLELED MY MOVEMENTS INCLUDING  
ZIG-ZAGGING WITH ME FOR PAST HOUR. TURNER JOY HOLDS EGM  
CONTACT EAL SKIN HEAD RADAR IN SAME BEARING. STRONGLY  
SUSPECT SHADOWING BY BLOC PATROL/PT CRAFT

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TO: NSAPAC REP PHIL

INFO: HQ NSAPAC

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B205/251/64 WP 113

SUBJ: DESOTO SUPPORT

1. HAVE INDICATIONS THAT USN-27 AND USS MADDOX WERE IN COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO 2 AUGUST INCIDENT. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE RUN-DOWN SUCH COMMS. PARTICULARLY NEED INFO ON ANY EARLY WARNING WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED TO INCLUDE NATURE OF WARNING AND TIME.

INFO NEEDED TO ROUND-OUT DOCUMENTATION OF SIGINT SUPPORT TO THE MADDOX PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. 2. FYI ALL CONCERNED MOST GRATIFIED WITH ROLE OF SIGINT PRODUCERS, EXPECT APPROPRIATE BOUQUETS WILL BE FORTHCOMING

M/R: Request for field activity action in support of B2 effort to document SIGINT support to the USS MADDOX prior to the attack by DRV Naval craft on 2 August.

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L. C. GRANT, B205/5174S

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F42/7580 PW 105

SUBJ: DESOTO SUPPORT

REF: B205/251 040028Z

1. REGRET EXCESSIVE DELAY IN RESPONSE. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES DELAYED RECEIPT OF INFO HERE.
2. INFO FORWARDED TO MADDOX CONSISTED OF THE SEVERAL REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD (2/Q/VHN/R25, 27, 28 AND 29) PLUS A NUMBER OF TRANSMISSIONS CONTAINING PARTIAL TRANSLATIONS/GISTS OF INTCPD MSGS ALONG WITH THEIR TIMES G INTCPT. HERewith CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS (READ DTG OF XMISSION, TEXT OR SERIAL NR OF REPT). 010535Z: BADLY GARBLED MSG FROM BEN THUY TO PXI ENTITY REPORTS SIGHTING ENEMY VESSEL 20 NAUTICAL MILES FROM LY MUA (17-38N 106-30E) BEARING ((0))50

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DEGREES. TOI: 311920Z 0'0546Z: 2/Q/VHN/R25-64

011300Z. 377 (U/I AS TO TYPE/CLASS) LOCATED EAST OF HON HGUS  
(18-47-48N 105-45-08 ELM TOI 011230Z. 011720Z: AT 011627Z  
BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO 255 ((UNIDENT AS TO TYPE/CLASS))  
INFORMING THEM IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT.  
255 WAS ALSO QUERIED NF THEY HAD RECEIVED THE ENEMY'S CONSECUTIVE  
CHANGE FROM 520 ((UNIDENT)). 011830Z: AT 011652Z AN UNIDENTIFIED  
ENTITY SENT A MESSAGE TO COMPANY 510 ((PROBABLY OBSERVATION  
STATION ON HON ME ISLAND 19-21N 105-56E)) AND SWATOW CLASS PGM  
T146 INFORMING THEM THAT AT 011800G AN ENEMY TACK VESSEL WAS  
ELEVEN NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HON ME ON A BEARING OF 168  
DEGREES. ((MULTIPLE PART MSG INCOMPLETE)). 011846Z: AT 011755Z  
PORT WALLUT INFORMED TE T146 THAT THREE VESSELS FROM BATTALION 135  
((UNIDENT)) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ARRIVE AT ((C AL HOON NE)) ((17-54-40N  
106-00-40E)) BEFORE 0300G ON 02 AUGUST. REMAINDER OF TEXT GARBLED.  
012032Z: AT 011641Z MSG ZCLHEN UNIDENT ENTITIES INDIC THAT COP ON  
HON ME IS "TO OBSERVE ALL SHIPS AND DIRECT SAME TO THEIR OBJECTIVE."

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SAME COP DIRECTED "TO INVESTIGATE LACH TRAY RIVER ESTUARY  
(20-49N 106-37E) SO THAT ON 02 AUG "SHIPS CAN BE DIRECTED TO  
ENTER AN NAP (20-35N 106-17E). IN VIEW PREVIOUS MSG INDIC  
DECISION TO REQUEAECO DESTOT BELIEVE ABOVE MAY INDIC THAT  
FISHING VESSELS TO BE CLEARED FROM VICINITY ON HON ME. ON  
31 JULY POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS ON HON ME. ON 31 JULY  
POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS OPERATING THIS AREA. 012058Z AT  
012013Z THE T377 ((SWATOW CLASS PGM)) NOTIFIED BEN THUY THAT  
THE UNIT LAUNCHED AT 02300G AND WAS WAITING QTE FIVE LIEN  
UNQTE NORTHWEST OF HON NGU.

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DESOTO

1. POSS DRV NAVAL OPERATION PLANNED AGAINST THE DESOTO PATROL

TONITE 04 AUG. AMPLIFYING DATA FOLS

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FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUECHR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

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RUMGCR/NENB/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/NHHK/USS MADDOX

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DESOTO (U)

1. RCVD INFO INDICATING ATTACK BY PGN P-4 IMMINENT. MY POSITION

19-10N 107-00E. PROCEEDING SOUTHEAST. AT BEST SPEED

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATOQL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUMGCF/J6FZ/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE

RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

1. CTG 72.1 REPORTS VIA CID NET TWO SKUNKS THREE BOGIES.
2. 2 F8'S, 2 A4D'S LAUNCHED 041326Z TO BE FOLLOWED BY 4 A1H'S FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.

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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZY/T5GL/CTF SEVEN TWO

INFO RUEKC/ANMCC

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUECW/CNO

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

RUAMC/COMNAVFORKOREA

RUMFS/COMNAVPHIL

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC

RUATZZ/V4SZ/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUMGCF/J6FZ/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE

RUMGCF/Q0HS/CTG SEVEN TWO PT FOUR

RUMGCF/E5RX/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUMGCF/03VL/CTU SEVEN TWO PT FOUR PT THREE

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RUEKDA/JCS

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RUATW/NAVSECGRUACT KAMI SEYA

RUAGFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

RQKMJ/NEACP

RUACC/NECPA

RUEPDA/OSD/IFR

RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMGCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE PT TWO

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 5

1. PT FROM WEST CONTINUED ATTACKING RUN. MADDOX OPENED FIRE. PT  
LAUNCHED TORPEDO - WITHDRAWING. HQ PT'S WILL BE ATTACKED BY TICO  
ACFT AUGMENTED BY CONSTELLATION ACFT

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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

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RUECEM/CMC

Z 041434Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZHYPT5GL/CZL SEVEN TWO

INFO RUEKC/ANMCC

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUECW/CNO

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

RUAMC/COMNAVFORKOREA

RUMFS/COMNAVPHIL

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC

RUATZZ/4SZ/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUMGCF/J6FZ/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE

RUMCCG/Q0HS/CTG SEVEN TWO PT FOUR

RUMGCK/E5RX/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUMGCF/O3VL/CTU SEVEN TWO PT FOUR PT THREE

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RUEAHQ/DIA

RUEKDA/JCS

RUATNA/NAVSECGRUACT FUTEMA

RUATW/NAVSECGRUAKT KAMI SEYA

RUACTL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

RUERG/NECPA

RUEKMJ/NEACP

RUEPDA/OSD/IFR

RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMCCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE PT TWO

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 3

1. 2 ORIGINAL JUNKS OPEN TO 40 MILES. 3 NEW SKUNKS CONTACTED AT 13 MILES, CLOSED TO 11 MILES AT 40 KNOTS, EVALUATED AS HOSTILE. CAP/STRIKE/PHOTO OVERHEAD AND UNDER CONTROL OF DESOTO.

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FM CTG 72.1

TO RUHLHLWTCINCPACFLT

INFO RSKDA/JCS

RUECW/CNO

RUHLHL/CINCPAC

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZY/KTF 72

RUMFZKCTGUUMT

BT

UNCLAS

COMMENCED FIRING ON CLOSING PT BOAT 041440Z

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Z 041559Z

FM JCS

TO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

Z 041452Z

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JKS

RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZY/T5CL/CTE 72

RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5

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BT

UNCLAS

AM UNDER CONTINUOUS TORPEDOES ATTACK

BT

Z 041610Z

FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

Z 041515Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDM/JCS

RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUATW/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZK/T5GL/CTF 72

RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5

BT

UNCLAS

HAVE THUS FAR BEEN SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED AT LEAST SIX TORPEDOES

SMALL CRAFT CONTINUING ATTACKS BELIEVE ONE SUNK BY TURNER JOY

AT LEAST TWO REMAIN NO AIR SUPPORT AT PRESENT ADS IND ADS INBOUND

ETA 15 MINUTES FRS INBOUND ETA 50 MINUTES AM ILLUMINATING FOR

AIRCRAFT.

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FROM: JCS  
TO: CINCPAC  
INFO: COMSVFLT  
CINCPACFLT  
COMUSSUBPAC  
CTC 77  
CTC 77.5  
CRC 77.6  
WHITE HOUSE  
STATE  
OSD  
CIA  
AMEREMB SAIGON  
AMEREMB BANGKOK  
AMEREMB VIENTAINE  
AMMCC  
NEACP  
CCP

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SUBJECT: AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM ~~(TS)~~

1. By 0700 local, 5 August, conduct a one-time maximum effort attack of following with objective

a. Swatow and PTs located at bases, Port Wallut, Hongay, Phuc Loi, Kuang Kha, Loc Chao Estuary, coordinates 1946N 10557E.

Targets are boats.

b. Against Swatows and PT boats for purpose of armed attack and PT boats are considered outside 3 mile limit.

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c. If weather precludes meeting above time of attack, proceed soonest and notify JCS ASAP.

2. Use CVA aircraft only.

3. Armed Recon aircraft are to avoid Hainan Island not to come within 50 miles of CHICOM border.

4. Continue Desoto Patrol.

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5. Defer 34A Operations for 24 hours.

6. Advise details of operations as planned when available, including no of sorties each target complex. Weapon loading, tactics etc. flash report on mission success desired, photo coverage ASAP.

7. If target destroyed on first strike you should request authority for 2d strike.

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O 041547Z ZFD

FM CINCPAC

TO RUHPB/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

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DE SOTO PATROL EMERGENCY ACTIONS (U)

1. AIRLIFT 100 NT 50 MINES TO TICONDEROGA OR

CONSTELLATION ASAP AND REPORT ETA.

2. PURPOSE MINES IS POSSIBILITY MINING FIVE SWATOW BASES IN

VN. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ON ORDER. GP3

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04/1554Z

FM CINCPAC

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUMGZN/CTG 77.5

RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

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1. INVIEW OF PT BOAT ATTACKS ON TURNER JOY AND MADDOX,  
TAKE STEPS TO DESTROY ALL DRV PT BOATS AND SWATOWS IN THE GENERAL  
AREA OF THE ENGAGEMENT IN THE TONKIN GULF, AIRCRAFT TO CEASE  
PURSUIT AT THE THREE MILE LIMIT; SHIPS AT ELEVEN MILES

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I 041628Z

FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUERCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPKR/NSA

RUYCEM/CMC

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FM CINCPAC

TO RUMSHA/COMUSMACV

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMGZN/CTG 77.5

RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

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1. RECALL ALL RVN PTF'S TO DANANG<sup>N</sup> ASAP, DISCONTINUE  
34A MAROPS THAT MAY BE IN PROGRESS.

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O 041830Z

FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

041737Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

Z 041616Z

FM NAVCOMMSTA PHIL

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

USS TICONDEROGA

BT

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FOLLOWING RECD FROM CTG 72.1 WE THINK A PT BOAT SUNK ONE

OF ITS OWN BOATS

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Z 041718Z

FM CINCPAC

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMGZN/CTG 77.5

RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

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RULSE OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

1. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO DECLARE HOSTILE AND ENGAGE ANY DRV/  
CHICOM AIRCRAFT WHOSE ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR INDICATE WITHIN  
REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT AIR ATTACK ON U.S. FORCES IS INTENDED.

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Z 041811Z

FM JCS

INFO RUPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

Z 041732Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZY/T5GL/CTF SEVEN TWO

INFO RUEKC/ANMCC

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUECW/CNO

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

RUAMC/COMNAVFORKOREA

RUMFS/COMNAVPHIL

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC

RULTZZ/V4SZ/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUMGCF/J6FZ/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE

RUMGCF/Q0HS/CTG SEVEN TWO PT FOUR

RUMGCF/E5RX/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUMGCF/O3VL/CTU SEVEN TWO PT FOUR PT THREE

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RUEAHQ/DIF

RUEKDA/JCS

RUATNA/NAVSECGRUACT UTEMA

RUATW/NAVSECGRUACT KAMI SEYA

RUAGFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

RUEKMJ/NEACP

RUERC/NECPA

RUEPDA/OSD/IFR

RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMGCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE PT TWO

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP, 47

1. DESOTO REPORTS AT LEAST 21 TORPEDOES LAUNCHED - NO HITS.
2. THREE PT'S REPORTED SUNK.
3. WX OVER DESOTO PAST THREE HOURS VARIED 800 TO 3000 BROKEN, AFEW MILES VISIBILITY AND DETERIORATING, WHICH IS HAMPERING AIRCRAFT IN LOCATION OF TARGETS.
4. E11S MOVED FROM MIDDLEMAN POSIT TO DESOTO TO ATTEMPT VECTOR PLANES TO CONTACTS. TWO F4'S ON THE SCENE AND 2 ABOUT TO LAUNCH.
5. NO TORPEDO FIRINGS LAST 15 MINUTES. DESOTO PATROL REPORTS NO CONTACTS ON SCREEN.

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Z 041754Z

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INFO RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5

RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6

RUEPCR/DIRNSA

RUMGCR/NENB/USS TURNER JOY

RUMLNR/NHTS/USS MADDOX

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO ACTION SITREP (S)

1. SITREP MADDOX AND JOY NOW APPARENTLY IN CLEAR FURTHER RECAP REVEALS TURNER JOY FIRED UPON BY SMALL CALIBRE GUNS AND ILLUMINATED BY SEARCH LIGHT. JOY TRACKED 2 SETS OF CONTACTS. FIRED ON 13 CONTACTS. CLAIMS POSITIVE HITS ON 3, 1 SUNK, PROBABLE HITS.

3. JOY ALSO REPORTS NO ACTUAL VISUAL SIGHTINGS OR WAKE. HAVE NO RECAP OF AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS BUT SEEMED TO BE FEW. ENTIRE ACTION LEAVES MANY DOUBTS EXCEPT FOR APPARENT

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ATTEMPTED AMBUSH AT BEGINNING. SUGGEST THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE IN DAYLIGHT BY AIRCRAFT.

2. UNODIR AM PROCEEDING WITH MOORE TO TG 77.5 WATCHDOG STATION 14-30N 108-10E AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTION QM 39 MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN NEED OF FUEL AND AMMO PRIOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT

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Z 042014Z GENSER

FM CINCPACFLT

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO CTG 77.6

CTG 77.5

CINCPAC

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A. CINCPACFLT 041644Z

1. BE PREPARED AT 050700 TO STRIKE FOLLOWING TARGETS:

A. PT AND SWATOW BOATS RPT BOATS LOCATED AT QUANG KHE (17-42-18N 106-29-01E), BEN THUY (18-38-52N 105-42-39E), HON NE ISLAND (19-55N 106-01E) AND SONG MA ESTUARY (19-47N 105-55E), HON BAY (20-57-04N 107-04-30E), AND PORT WALLUT (21-12-10N 107-34-21E).

B. ANY IDENTIFIED NVN SWATOW/PT CRAFT LOCATED AT SEA.

C. VINH OIL STORAGE. (COMBINE ATTACK WITH THAT ON VINH/BEN THUY COMPLEX ABOVE). APPLY SUFFICIENT FORCE TO INSURE DESTRUCTION OF OIL STORAGE. THIS TARGET IS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

2. DESIRABLE THAT ALL TARGETS BE STRUCK SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, IF FORCES AVAILABLE (2 CVA) ARE INADEQUATE TO INSURE HIGH PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS AGAINST ALL TARGETS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RECYCLE AIRCRAFT AS

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NECESSARY AND STRIKE THE TWO SOUTHERN TARGETS (QUANS  
KHE AND BEN THUY) WITH SECOND LAUNCH.

3. ADVISE STRIKE PLAN. WHEN ORDERED THESE STRIKES HAVE  
PRIORITY OVER ARPED RECCE DIRECTED REF A. CONSIDER THAT  
A MAXIMUM EFFORT OF ABOUT 75 AIRCRAFT (BOTH CVAS COMBINED)  
SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN EACH LAUNCH TO INSURE SUCCESS.

4. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT TARGETS ARE BOATS ONLY (AT PIERS  
AND AT SEA) PLUS VINH OIL STORAGE.

5. THIS IS A PREPARATORY RPT PREPARATORY ORDER. DO NOT  
LAUNCH UNTIL EXECUTE RECEIVED.

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O 042035Z

FM CINCPAC

TO RUHPB/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUHRHR/CINCUSARPAC

RUHTKM/CINCPACAF

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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AIR STRIKE PLAN ~~(S)~~

1. PREPARE TO EXECUTE AIR STRIKES BEGINNING AT 042300Z

BOATS REPEAT BOATS AS TARGETS AT FOLLOWING NVN SWATOW AND PT

BOAT BASES WITH HIGH LEVEL DAMAGE EXPECTANCY.

CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE ONLY.

A.	PORT WALLUT	211210N 1073421E	BE	615-0010
B.	BEN THUY (VINH)	183852N 1074239E	BE	617-0038
C.	HON GAY	205704N 1070430E	BE	615-0008
D.	QUANG KHE	174300N 1063120E	BE	617-0585

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E. LUCH CAO ESTUARY OF SONG MA RIVER NEAR THANH HOA

1946N 10555E.

2. STRIKE WITH VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EXPECTED DAMAGE THE VINH POL

STORAGE 184009N 1054315E BE 617-0182.

3. ATTACK AND DESTROY ANY NVN SWATOWS/PT BOATS AT SEA.

4. POST STRIKE RECES REQUIRED.

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5. PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE AND SAR FOR STRIKE FORCES.

6. RUDES OF ENGAGEMENT CINCPAC 041718Z APPLY.

EXECUTE TO FOLLOW.

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Z 042158Z

FM CTU 77.12

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INFO RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5

RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6

RUEPCR/DIRNSA

RUMGCR/NENB/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/NHHK/USS MADDOX

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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ATTACK ON DESOTO FINAL SITREP (S)

1. CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

AT 041215Z RCVD INFO THAT DRV INTENDED ATTACK. MY POSITION 19-10.7N  
107-99E. PROCEED WTTUUTH (AS RECVD) AT [REDACTED] TO BUY TIME  
FOR AIR COVER. REQUESTED COVER FROM CTG 77.5. AT 151 ?)S (AS RECVD)  
DETECTED THREE TO FIVE CONTACTS 40-2 MILES TO EAST AND IN  
SIGHT STREAM AREA. THESE CONTACTS APPEARED TO ATTEMPT PURSUIT BUT  
BROKE OFF AFTER ABOUT TEN MINUTES AT RANGE 40 MILES. REQUESTED  
AIR SUPPORT FROM CTG 77.5 AT 041325Z. AT 041408Z THREE CONTACTS

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DETECTED 090, 14 MILES ON COURSE 130, SPEED [REDACTED] THIS CONTACT  
HELD BY BOTH SHIPS. AT 1419Z CONTACTS CHANGED TO 155, 40 KTS. FIRST  
CAP OVER HEAD 1410Z. AT 1439Z DESOTO UNITS COMMENCED FIRE ON LEAD  
CONTACT WHICH HAD TURNED TO INTERCEPT. PROBABLY TORPEDO DETECTED

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ON SONAR. FROM THIS TPW UNTIL 1635Z DESOTO UNITS OPERATED INDEPENDENTLY ALKKVFQTPOW (AS RECVD) EVASION AND FIRING AT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. ACTION CEASED AT APPROX 1635Z WITH NO FURTHER DETECTIONS. DESOGO UNITS PROCEEDED TO VIC 17-30N 18-00E TO AWAIT DECISION ON POSSIBLE LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS. AT 2045Z SE COURSE FOR FIVE AUGUST PATROL AREA IAW INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMSEVENTHFLT.

2. AIR COVER FROM TICO WAS IN AREA CONTINUOUSLY FROM 1410Z UNTIL STEERED AT 1750Z. AIR COVER FROM CONSTELLATION STATION FROM AFSI NR 1615Z UNTIL STEER AT 1750Z. DUE TO WEATHER, LIMITED VISIBILITY AND LACK OF EFFECTIVE ILLUMINATION, AIR SUPPORT NOT SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING TARGETS.

3. CO TURNER JOY CLAIMS SINKING ONE CRAFT AND DAMAGE TO ANOTHER WITH GUNFIRE. DAMAGED BOAT RETURNED CONFIRE- NO HITS. CO TURNER JOY AND OTHER PERSONNEL OBSERVED BURSTS AND BLACK SMOKE FROM HITS ON THIS BOAT. THIS BOAT ILLUMINATED TURNER JOY AND HIS RETURN FIRE WAS OBSERVED AND HEARD BY TP PERSONNEL. MADDOX SCORED NO KNOWN HITS AND NEVER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED A BOAT AS SUCH.

4. THE FIRST BOAT TO CLOSE MADDOX (1459Z) PROBABLY FIRED TORPEDO. AT MADDOX WHICH WAS HEARD BUT NOT SEEN. ALL SUBSEQUENT MADDOX TORPEDO REPORTS ARE DOUBTFUL IN THAT IT IS SUSPECTED THE SONARMAN WAS HEARING THE SHIPS OWN PROPELLER BEAT REFLECTED OFF RUDDERS DURING COURSE CHANGES (WEAVING). TURNER JOY DETECTED 2 TORPEDO RUNS (MORE TO FOLLOW)

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O 042227Z

FM CINCPAC

TO RUHPC/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUMSMS/COMUSMACV

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHLKM/PACAF

RUHPHR/CINCUSARPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

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A. CINCPAC 042035Z

B. CINCPAC 042153Z

1. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO EXECUTE REF A. FURTHER GUIDANCE

CONTAINED REF B.

2. REPORT LAUNCHES, RECOVERYS, ESTIMATED STRIKE RESULTS, AND  
CONFIRMED STRIKE RESULTS AS THEY OCCUR BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE MSG.

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DE RUEPCR 047 05/0125Z  
Z 050125Z ZFF3  
FM JCS  
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE  
RUEHCR/STATE  
RUEPIA/CIA  
RUEPCR/NSA  
Z 050043Z ZFF3  
FM JCS  
TO RUHPA/CINCPAC  
RUEKDL/CINCSRIKE  
RUCSBR/CINCSAC  
INFO RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
RUMBC/COMUSMACT  
RUCDAA/COMATS  
RUECYN/COMSTS  
RUHPB/CINCPACFLT  
RUHPHR/CINCUSARPAC  
RUHLHK/CINCPACAF  
RUEKC/ANMCC  
RUEKVDA/NECPA  
RUEKMJ/NEACP

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~~TOP SECRET~~ JCS7729 JCS SENDS

SUBJECT: ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64 FORCES

REF: JCS 7720 DTG 042115Z

1. IN VIEW OF ATTACKS AUTHORIZED IN REF, TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64, CATEGORY 3 FORCES FOR PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A DETERRENT TO ENEMY ACTION AND TO BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN.

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- A. DEPLOY FOLLOWING UNITS ASAP.
- (1) ONE CVS GP - JAPAN TO SO. CHINA SEA
  - (2) SLF (MARINE) - SAIL VICINITY DA NANG
  - (3) EMBARK AND SAIL MARINE BRIGADE - OKINAWA

TO S. CHINA SEA

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- (4) SAIL ONE CVA TG - 1ST FLT TO WESTPAC
- (5) ONE RECCE TASK FORCE (6 RF - 101S)

STRICOM TO KADENA

B. FOLLOWING FORCES ARE ALERTED FOR DEPLOYMENT  
IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CLEARANCE.

STRICOM UNITS MAY DEPLOY BUT REMAIN IN US TERRITORY  
UNTIL CLEARANCE RECEIVED.

- (1) 2 B-57S SQDNS - CLARK TO SVN
- (2) 1 F-105 SQDN - YOKOTA TO KORAT
- (3) 2 F-100 SQDNS - CLARK TO TAKHLI
- (4) 1 FIS SQDN (15 F-102) - CLARK TO SVN
- (5) 8 KC-135S - SAC TO CLARK
- (6) 2 F-100 SQDNS - STRICOM TO CLARK
- (7) 2 F-105 SQDNS - STRICOM TO YOKOTA
- (8) 1 RECCE TF (6 RF-101) - MISAWA/KADENA TO

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SEA

B-57S WILL RETAIN USAF MARKINGS.

C. FOLLOWING FORCES ARE ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE  
DEPLOYMENT.

- (1) 173RD ABN BRIGADE - OKINAWA TO SEA
- (2) FORWARD FLOATING DEPOT - PHILIPPINES TO  
THAILAND
- (3) MARING AIR GROUP - OKINAWA TO DA NANG

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(4) 1 US ARMY BRIGADE - HAWAII TO THAILAND  
AIRLIFT FOR 173RD BRIGADE WILL BE EARMARKED AND  
RETAINED IN PLACE TO DEPLOY THIS UNIT OR WILL BE  
OBTAINED FROM MATS. MARINE AIR GROUP WILL BE PREPARED  
TO MOVE AT TIME DECISION IS MADE TO LAND MARINE BRIGADE.

2. APPROPRIATE ADDRESSEES ARE DIRECTED TO PROVIDE  
FORCES AND SUPPORT THE ABOVE ACTIONS.

3. REQUEST CINCPAC RECOMMENDATION ON ANY OTHER  
ALERTING ACTIONS AND DEPLOYMENTS DESIRED.

4. REQUEST CINCPAC KEEP JCS INFORMED AS TO PROGRESS.  
ADVISE AIRCRAFT AND BASE SUPPORT CAPACITY DA NANG. GP-3

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FM CINCPAC

TO RUHLKM/PACAF

RUMPB/CINCPACFLT

RUHPR/CINCUSRPAC

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUMBC/COMUSMACTHAI

RUAUAL/CH TATACHKAWA

INFO RUAUAZ/5AF

RUMALC/13AF

RUATZL/7TH FLT

RUMFS/CINCPACREI PHL

RUAUAZ/COMUSJAPAN

RUAGFL/COMUSTDC

RUAMC/COMUSKOREA

RUABFB/PACREI RYUKYUS

RUHPCR/CTF 79

RUEKDL/CINCSTRIKE

RUHPCR/ARSTRIKE

RUETDXL/AFSTRIKE

RUHPCR/COMSS

RUCDAA/COMATS

RUHPG/CRFMFPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

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ALERT AND DEPLOYMENT ORDER

A. JCS 7729 DTG 050043Z

1. REF A AUTHORIZES ALERT AND DEPLOYMENT OF SELECTED FORCES TO SUPPORT CINCPAC OPLAN 37.

FOR CINCUSARPAC:

2. ALERT FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT

A. 173 ABN BDE FOR DEPLOYMENT FROM OKI TO SESIA VIA AIR.

B. FFD FOR DEPLOYMENT FROM PHILIPPINES TO THAILAND.

C. 1 SDE, 25 INF DIV, FOR DEPLOYMENT FROM HAWAII TO

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THAILAND VIA AIR TO NARRY WITH DAFD, SEC II, KORAT.

FOR PACAF:

3. ALERT FOLLOWING FORCES FOR DEPLOYMENT AS INDICATED UPON RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CLEARANCE FROM COUNTRIES CONCERNED:

A. 2 B-57 SQS WITH U.S. MARKINGS FROM CLARK TO BIEN HOA.

B. 1F-105 SQ FROM YOKOTA TO KORAT.

C. DEPLOY TANKER SUPPORT AND ADDITIONAL 4 F-100'S FROM CLARK TO TAKI.

D. 1 RTF (6RF-101'S WESTPAC TO TSN.

4. BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE CONUS AUGMENTATION FORCES WHEN DEPLOYED.

FOR CINCPACFLT:

5. DEPLOY ASAP:

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A. 1 CVS GRP FROM JAPAN TO SO CHINA SEA (CONFIRMS PREVIOUS  
VERBAL ORDERS)

B. CTG 76.5 FROM PRESENT LOCATION TO VICINITY DANANG.

C. EMBARK AND SAIL (MET (-) CONSISTING OF RLT (-) FROM  
KI TO SO CHINA SEA.

D. SAIL 1 CVA TG FROM 1ST FLT TO WESTPAC.

6. ALERT MARINE AIR GROUP OF THE MED (-) TO BE PREPARED TO

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MOVE AT TIME DECISION IS MADE TO LAND MEB (-) AT DANANG.

FOR CINCUSARPAC, PACAF AND CHWD:

7. CONSISTENT WITH AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVEMENT OF PACOM  
FORCES ALERTED ABOVE DETERMINE MAXIMUM PACOM AIRLIFT THAT CAN BE  
EARMARKED IN PLACE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF '73RD ABN BDE. CINCUSARPAC  
WILL ARRANGE FOR MATS AIRLIFT TO SATISFY REMAINING AIRLIFE REQUIREMENTS.  
FOR COMUSMACV.

8. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPERATIONAL COMMAND/CONTROL OF  
DEPLOYED FORCES UPON ARRIVAL RVN AND TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS AS  
DIRECTED. 6 OF MEB WILL BE NAVY COP CDR UPON ARRIVAL MEB IN RVN.

9. ADVISE ASAP INFO JCS AIRCRAFT AND BASE SUPPORT CAPACITY  
DANANG IN RELATION TO PLANNED FORCE POSTURE OUTLINED ABOVE.  
FOR COMUSMACV.

10. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OP COMD/CONTROL USA, & USAF (THROUGH  
CMDR 2ND ADIV) AND SUPPORT COMUSMACV OPERATIONS.

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11. SUBMIT SITREPS EVERY 6 HRS BEGINNING 050800Z REPORTING  
PROGRESS TOWARD ACCOMPLISHMENT ABOVE OBJECTIVES. ~~GP-3~~

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ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64 FORCES (U)

A. YOUR 7729 DTG 050043Z.

1. RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OVER AND ABOVE THOSE CITED IN REF A.

A. CINCPACFLT:

(1) ALERT 1ST MARINE BRIGADE IN HAWAII AND POSITION  
1 PHIBRON HAWAII FOR MOVEMENT THAT BRIGADE HAWAII TO OKINAWA/CUBI.

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(2) ALERT 1 MCS, 5 MSO AND 9 MSC FOR MOVE FROM JAPAN TO SOUTH CHINA SEA.

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(3) ALERT 1 VP RON LAND AV AS RETIRED, IN WESTPAC FOR MOVEMENT TO S. CHINA SEA AREA.

(4) ALERT 1 ASW SUPPORT CARRIER GROUP, 1 CRUISER TYPE, 2 DESDIVS, 1 MINDIV, 1 VPROM (P2) AND NECESSARY ADDITIONAL SERVICE AND SUPPORT FORCES FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT FROM 1STFLT TO WESTPAC.

B. CINCUSARPAC:

(1) ALERT 2 BRIGADES OF 25TH DIVISION VICE ONE AS SET FORTH REF A. ONE TO BE TAILORED TO SEC II DAFD AT KORAT; THE OTHER FOR THE DA FLOATING DEPOT.

(2) IF DEPLOYMENT DIRECTED, HAWAII BRIGADES SHOULD BE FIRST DEPLOYED AND 173D AIRBORNE HELD IN PACOM RESERVE. MOREOVER, RETAINING THEATER AIRLIFT IN PLACE FOR 173D AS STATED PARA 1.CU OF REF A WILL INHIBIT CURRENT OPERATIONS OF 315AD, AND IS NOT RECOMMENDED. IF STECDOWN ESSENTIAL, REQUEST IT BE ALL MATS.

C. CINCSTRIKE:

(1) ALERT 1 TC TERMINAL SERVICE CO FOR AIRLIFT TO BANGKOK FOR OFF-LOAD FFD.

(2) ALERT AUGMENTATION FOR DEPLOYMENTS:

1 ENGR BN CBT (622)

2 ASA V1J PLAT (INF) (96)

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HQ & HQ DET, SIG GP (64)

SUG BN CORPS (707)

RADIO RELAY CO VHF (64)

(3) ALSAT AUGMENTATION OF IX LOG CMD TO SUPPORT

ALERTED BRIGADES:

1 ENGR DET FM (22)

1 PREV MED SVC UNIT (-) (80)

1 MED DET JA, VET (5)

JQ MED DET, OA DISP (9)

1 MED DET HEL COMB (29)

1 MP DET (CID) (12)

2 DYXL PLATOONS (90)

1 ORDSUBSDYG (181)

1 ORD CO FTD SUPPLY (158)

1 ORD DET KA, EXPL DIS

1 QM CO DS (238)

SIG BN SUP & MAINT

HQ & HQ DET, S&M BN (67)

SIG CO, FWD S&M GRPOYL

SUX PO, DEPOT (169)

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1 TC LIGHT TRK CO (168)

1 TC HEL CO (H-37) (178)

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2 TC DETS MOVEMENT CTL (12)

1 FINSEC DISB (31)

1 APU, TYPE E (13)

(4) DEPLOY TWO C-130 SQDNS ASAP TO WESTPAC.

(5) ALERT ONE ADDITIONAL C-130 SQDN FOR MOVEMENT  
TO WESTPAC.

(6) ALERT 2 ADDITIONAL TFS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE CITED  
REF A.

(7) ALERT ONE USAF COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL GROUP.

D. COMUSMACF:

(1) ALERT 2 AIR MOBILE COS, 1 AVIATION CO (CARIBOU)  
AND 1 AVIATION MAINTENANCE CO FBA DEPLOYMENT FROM RVN TO KORAT  
IN THAILAND FOR SUPPORT OF ARMY UNITS WHICH MAY BE DEPLOYED TO  
THAILAND. GP-3

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PO55/238

SUBJ: NORTH VIETNAM

DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUE TO REFLECT ACTIVITY OF THE VESSELS WHO WERE NOTED IN THE SHADOWING AND THE ATTACK OF THE USS MADDOX AND THE USS TURNER JOY ON 4 AUGUST. APPARENTLY THE ACTIVITY NOTED IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS IS SIMILAR TO ACTIVITY WHICH FOLLOWED THE 2 AUGUST ATTACK ON THE USS MADDOX. WHILE DAMAGED VESSELS ARE BEING TOWED TO PORT, PREPARATIONS ARE PRESUMABLY BEING MADE FOR ANOTHER ATTACK FOR 5 AUGUST.

(2/G11/VHN/R18-64, 050435Z)

M/R: Continued reflections on the Desoto Patrol.

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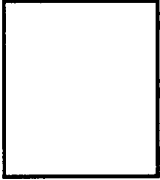
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2/G11/VHN/R18-64 SIGINT READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN, REPORT 18 ST 220

HAVE INDICATIONS THAT SWATOW PGM T-146 AND TWO ELEMENTS OF "MTB





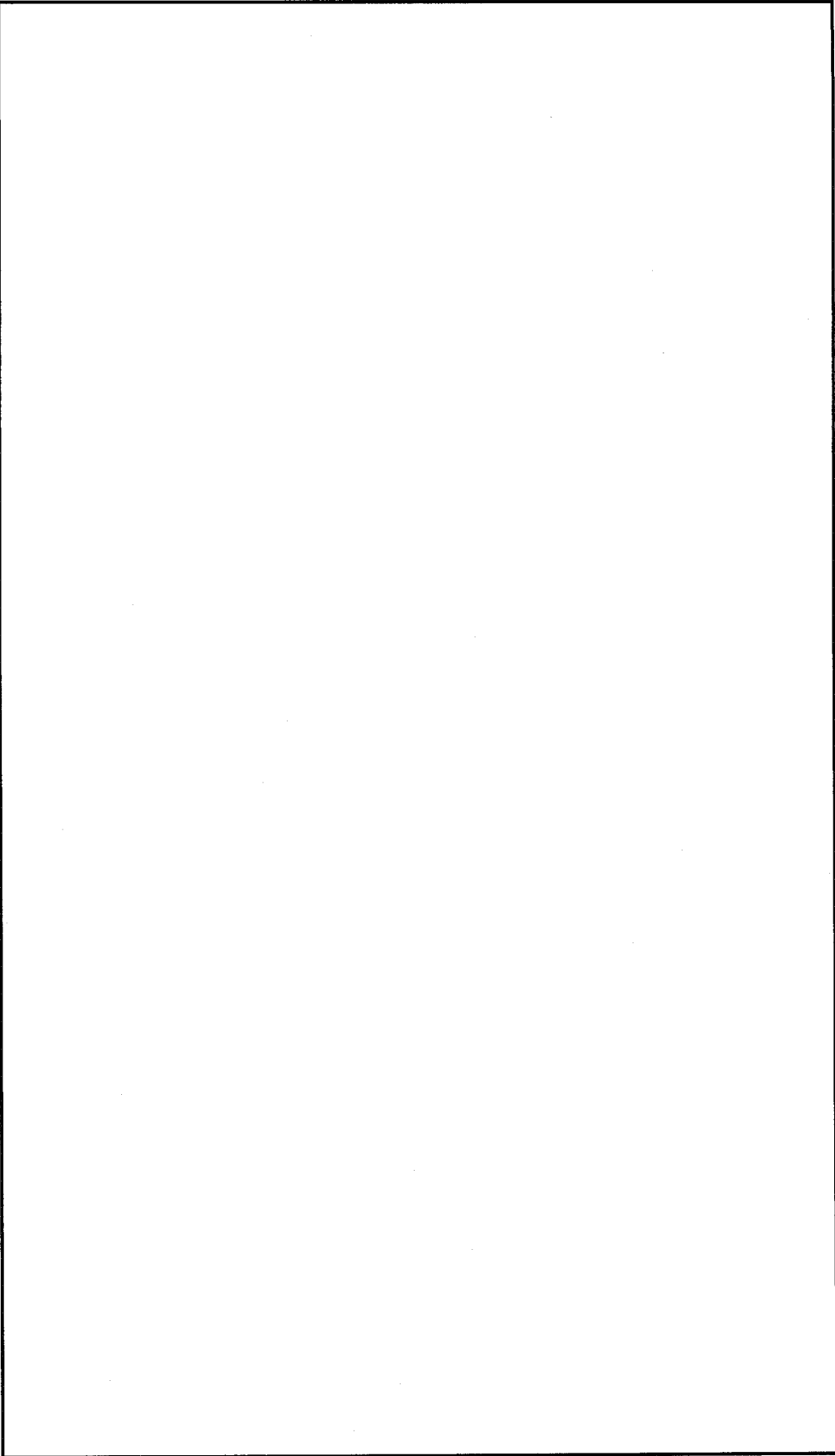
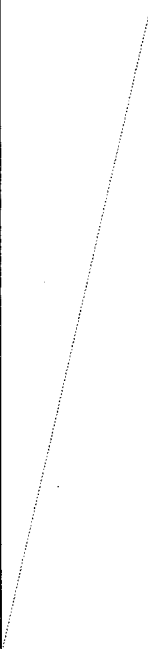
SQUADRON 135", WHICH ARE ANCHORED AT HON ME, ARE PREPARING TO

ATTACK NIGHT 05 AUG.

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F42/7580 PW 105

SUBJ: DESOTO SUPPORT

REF: B205/251 040028Z

1. REGRET EXCESSIVE DELAY IN RESPONSE. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES DELAYED RECEIPT OF INFO HERE.
2. INFO FORWARDED TO MADDOX CONSISTED OF THE SEVERAL REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD (2/Q/VHN/R25, 27, 28 AND 29) PLUS A NUMBER OF TRANSMISSIONS CONTAINING PARTIAL TRANSLATIONS/GISTS OF INTCPD MSGS ALONG WITH THEIR TIMES G INTCPT. HEREWITH CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS (READ DTG OF XMISSION, TEXT OR SERIAL NR OF REPT). 010535Z: BADLY GARBLED MSG FROM BEN THUY TO PXI ENTITY REPORTS SIGHTING ENEMY VESSEL 20 NAUTICAL MILES FROM LY MUA (17-38N 106-30E) BEARING ((0))50

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DEGREES. TOI: 311920Z 0'0546Z: 2/Q/VHN/R25-64

011300Z. 377 (U/I AS TO TYPE/CLASS) LOCATED EAST OF HON HGUS

(18-47-48N 105-45-08 ELM TOI 011230Z. 011720Z: AT 011627Z

BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO 255 ((UNIDENT AS TO TYPE/CLASS))

INFORMING THEM IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT.

255 WAS ALSO QUERIED NF THEY HAD RECEIVED THE ENEMY'S CONSECUTIVE

CHANGE FROM 520 ((UNIDENT)). 011830Z: AT 011652Z AN UNIDENTIFIED

ENTITY SENT A MESSAGE TO COMPANY 510 ((PROBABLY OBSERVATION

STATION ON HON ME ISLAND 19-21N 105-56E)) AND SWATOW CLASS PGM

T146 INFORMING THEM THAT AT 011800G AN ENEMY TACK VESSEL WAS

ELEVEN NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HON ME ON A BEARING OF 168

DEGREES. ((MULTIPLE PART MSG INCOMPLETE)). 011846Z: AT 011755Z

PORT WALLUT INFORMED TE T146 THAT THREE VESSELS FROM BATTALION 135

((UNIDENT)) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ARRIVE AT ((C AL HOON NE)) ((17-54-40N

106-00-40E)) BEFORE 0300G ON 02 AUGUST. REMAINDER OF TEXT GARBLED.

012032Z: AT 011641Z MSG ZCLHEN UNIDENT ENTITIES INDIC THAT COP ON

HON ME IS "TO OBSERVE ALL SHIPS AND DIRECT SAME TO THEIR OBJECTIVE."

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SAME COP DIRECTED "TO INVESTIGATE LACH TRAY RIVER ESTUARY  
(20-49N 106-37E) SO THAT ON 02 AUG "SHIPS CAN BE DIRECTED TO  
ENTER AN NAP (20-35N 106-17E). IN VIEW PREVIOUS MSG INDIC  
DECISION TO REQUEAECO DESTOT BELIEVE ABOVE MAY INDIC THAT  
FISHING VESSELS TO BE CLEARED FROM VICINITY ON HON ME. ON  
31 JULY POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS ON HON ME. ON 31 JULY  
POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS OPERATING THIS AREA. 012058Z AT  
012013Z THE T377 ((SWATOW CLASS PGM)) NOTIFIED BEN THUY THAT  
THE UNIT LAUNCHED AT 0230G AND WAS WAITING QTE FIVE LIEN  
UNQTE NORTHWEST OF HON NGU.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP TWO (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 050158Z

1. SITREP AS OF 051100Z

2. SITUATION:

A. CTG 72.1 IS ON DESOTO PATROL WITH MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN GULF OF TONKIN BUT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO PROCEED SOUTH TO JOINT 77.5, STAND DOWN AND REPLENISH 6 AUG.

B. SAR ALERT CONDITION SET IN GULF OF TONKIN.

3. INTELLIGENCE: ANALYSIS AND FINAL EVALUATION OF NUMBER

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OF PT INVOLVED ATTACKS ON MADDOX AND TURNER JOY AS WELL AS

NUMBER OF TORPEDOES FIRED NOT COMPLETE. TWO "P-4" CLASS

PT REPORTED DESTROYED, ONE ADDITIONAL DAMAGED; EXCESSIVE NUMBER

OF TORPEDO FIRINGS REPORTED PROBABLY DUE TO SONARMEN HEARING SHIPS

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OWN PROPELLER BEAT REFLECTED OFF RUDDERS DURING COURSE CHANGES (WEAVING). CURRENT NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE CREDITS DRV NAVY WITH 13 "P-4" CLASS PT EACH CARRYING 2 18 INCH TORPEDO TUBES WITH NO AT SEA RELOAD CAPABILITY. THIRTY SWATOW CLASS MGB AND FOUR S.O.-1 CLASS PC HAVE NO ORGANIC TORPEDO CAPABILITY.

4. DEPLOYMENTS:

- A. USS BUGARA PROCEEDING TO 18-45N 106-15E AS SAR LIFEGUARD.
- B. CTG 70.4 DIRECTED TO GET UNDERWAY AND PROCEED TO POSITION OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 IN SOUTH CHINA SEA.
- C. USS TUCKER PROCEEDING TO SUBIC FOR DESOTO ELINT INSTALLATION
- D. CAVALIER BOILER CASUALTY REPAIRED.
- E. CTG 76.5 AA FOUR HOUR READINESS AT 050400Z.
- F. USS MAUNA DEA PROCEEDING 042300Z TO SUBIC FOR PROVISIONING.
- G. DET ALFA MOPHOTO CREW TO CUBI PT.

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- H. SIX CODS ON STATION AT CUBI PT 051100Z.
- I. MOMAT 0303 BEING DEPLOYED TO SUBIC TO SUPPORT MINE PREPARATION.
- J. CTG 70.8 IN TOPEKA WITH TUCKER AND RUPERTUS DIRECTED UNDERWAY FROM YOKOSUKA TO SUPPORT OPS OFF VIETNAM.
- K. CURRENT AND HITCHITI DIRECTED UNDERWAY SUBIC TO OPERATE VICINITY CVA TASK GROUPS.
- L. TG 70.2.4 ORDERED DEPLOY TO CUBI PT FOR MINE TRANSPORT AS DIRECTED.

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M. MONTICELLO AND MAGOFFIN ENROUTE TO EASTPAC ORDERED RETURN  
YOKOSUKA.

5. LOGISTIC DEFICIENCIES: NO SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES.

6. SIGNIFICANT SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS: NONE.

7. DECISIONS REQUIRED BY CINCPAC OR OTHER COMMANDERS: NONE.

8. SUMMARY OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 AIR OPS IN FOLLOWING SITREP.

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FROM JCS

TO CINCPAC

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1. TO BE PREPARED WITH FULL RANGE OF ACTION CAPABILITIES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM, INCLUDING READINESS TO EXECUTE SELECTIVE STRIKES OR INITIATE COORDINATED AIR CAMPAIGN ALONG LINES OPLAN 37-64 AND OPLAN 99-64 ON SHORTEST POSSIBLE NOTICE IF AND WHEN DIRECTED, JCS DESIRE THAT YOU COMPLETE ASAP DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT US AIR RESOURCES NOW BEING PROVIDED. THE "94 TARGET LIST" SHOULD BE UTILIZED AS BASIS FOR THE PLANS, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE DECISION

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OF HIGHER AUTHORITY AS TO SCALE, TEMMO, TARGET CATEGORIES TO BE STRUCK.

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2. REQUEST YOU ADVISE EXPECTED DATE OF READINESS TO EXECUTE, AND HOW MANY HOURS NEEDED FROM TIME OF NOTICE BY JCS OF DECISION TO TIME ON TARGET. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER ANY DELAY IS IMPOSED BY RETENTION IN PRESENT LOCATION OF UNITS ALERTED BUT NOT MOVED PER PARAGRAPH 1B JCS 7729, OR WHETHER AIR ATTACK OPERATIONS COULD BE STARTED, WHILE CONCURRENTLY MOVING THESE UNITS FORWARD. GP-4

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RUEHCR/AMEMB VIETNAM

RUMTBK/AMEMB THAILAND

RUEHCR/AMEMB CAMBODIA

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1. THIS IS A PIERCE ARROW SITREP.
2. STRIKE RESULTS FOLLOW:

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VIEN/BEN THUY. TWO STRIKES WERE FLOWN FROM TICONDEROGA AGAINST POL STORAGE AREA. FIRST STRIKE DESTROYED AT LEAST 8 POL TANKS AND SET STORAGE AREA ABLAZE. SECOND STRIKE DESTROYED 2 TO 4 MORE TANKS. SIX AA GUNS ESTIMATED DESTROYED.

QUANG KHE. ONE STRIKE OF 6 ACFT FROM TICONDEROGA

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WERE FLOWN AGAINST TORPEDO BOAT CONCENTRATIONS. ONE BOAT ESTIMATED DESTROYED AND 3 DAMAGED.

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ONE ARFED COASTAL RECCE FLIGHT FROM TICONDEROGA ATTACKED 3 PT BOATS INFLECTING LIGHT TO MODERATE DAMAGE TO ALL 3. TWO ADDITIONAL PT BOATS STRUCK AS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WERE DESTROYED.

HON GAY. SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT FROM CONSTELLATION PARTICIPATED IN STRIKE. PHOTOS TAKEN AFTER STRIKE BY 10 A-4 AIRCRAFT CONFIRMED ONE SWATOW AGROUND AND BURNING INSIDE HARBOR; SECOND SWATOW BURNING BUT UNDERWAY; ONE P-4 VERY SLOWLY UNDERWAY TOWARD HARBOR; ONE P-4 UNDERWAY FULL SPEED AWAY FROM HARBOR. SUBSEQUENTLY 4 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ALL BOATS RESULTING IN ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING, ONE PGM BURNING AND SLOWLY CIRCLING. THREE PT BOATS WERE STRAFED AND HIT WITH ROCKETS.

LOC CHSO ESTUARY. FIVE PT BOATS OBSERVED EN ROUTE TO TARGET BY AIRCRAFT FROM CONSTELLATION. TWO WERE TAKEN UNDER ATTACK BY A-1 AIRCRAFT. BOTH WERE LEFT DIW SMOKING. 9 A-4 ATTACKED REMAINING 3 PT TYPE BOATS. ONE PT WAS HIT AND SET AFIRE, AND ONE DAMAGED IN STERN. PHOTOGRAPHY CONFIRMS ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING; ONE SWATOW DIW SMOKING, ONE SWATOW DAMAGED

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IN STERN, ONE P-4 PT DIW, AND ONE P-4 PT LAYING TO DIW NEAR SHORE OF THE HON NE ISLAND.

3. US LOSSES AND DAMAGE:

ONE A4C, PILOT LTJG EVERETT ALVAREZ HIT BY AA AND DOWNED IN VICINITY OF HON GAY HARBOR. PILOT REPORTED AIRCRAFT HIT, UNABLE TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT AND EJECTING. IF EJECTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED SAFELY PILOT WOULD HAVE LANDED ON PENENSULA OF NVN.

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ONE A1H, PILOT LTJG RICHARD C. SATHER PRESUMED HIT BY GUNFIRE AND IMPACTED BETWEEN 2 PT CRAFT UNDER ATTACK IN VICINITY OF 19-55N 106-00E. PARACHUTE WAS NOT OBSERVED. NO SURVIVOR.

ONE A1H RECEIVED THREE HITS CAUSING HYDRAULIC FAILURE. AIRCRAFT RECOVERED ON BOARD SAFELY.

ONE F-8 SUSTAINED A SINGLE 30 CALIBER HIT.

4. AIR STRIKE SUMMARY: TOTAL SOLTIES 64, VINH POL ESTIMATE 90 PERCENT DAMAGE. ESTIMATE 12 OF 14 LARGE TANKS DESTROYED.

30 PGM/PT SIGHTED.

8 PGM/PT DESTROYED.

6 PGM/PT SEVERELY DAMAGED

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10 PGM/PT MODERATELY DAMAGED.

4 PGM/PT LIGHTLY DAMAGED.

1 PC BEACHED. AE QUANT KHE.

1 SIX GUN AAA INSTALLATION SEVERELY DAMAGED. ~~GP-3~~

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. JCS 7761 DTG 052228Z

1. RESUME PATROL IN ACCORD WITH REF A. GP-4

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1. URGENT NEED AT HIGHEST LEVELS FOR FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM  
USN-467N. REQUIRE RESPONSE, INCLUDING NEGATIVE, BY FLASH PRECEDENCE  
TO ARRIVE DIRNSA NLT 070900Z RPT 070900Z.

2. REQUIRED IS A SUMMARY OF ALL INFO AVAILABLE FROM YOUR INTERCEPT  
(ESPECIALLY YOUR VHF VOICE INTERCEPT WHICH IS TOTALLY UNIQUE)

WHICH PROVIDES PROOF OF DRV ATTACK ON FOUR AUGUST UPON U.S. NAVAL  
VESSELS. OF GREATEST VALUE WOULD BE INDIVIDUAL TRANSMISSIONS SUCH  
AS FIRING ORDERS, ORDERS TO ATTACK, REFERENCES TO USE OF TORPEDOS  
OR OTHER WEAPONS AGAINST U.S. NAVAL VESSELS, ETC. BE SURE TO INCLUDE  
TIMES OF INTERCEPT.

3. CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE URGENCY OF NEED FOR THIS INFORMATION.

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A. YOUR 070118Z CITE B205/258-64

1. MANUAL MORSE INTERCEPT THIS DETACHMENT CONTAINS NO MATERIAL  
TO PROVE DRV ATTACK ON 4 AUG.

2. ON FOUR AUG INTERCEPTED VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE VHF

TRANSMISSION BETWEEN 0900-0906Z ON 131.0 MCS AND BETWEEN 1345-

1354Z ON 31.35 MCS. HOWEVER ALL INTERCEPT APPEARS TO BE

SIGNAL CHECKING BETWEEN TWO UNIDENT STATION WITH NO INTELLIGENCE

BEING PASSED.

3. DURING PERIOD OF ACTUAL ATTACK VOICE TRANSMISSIONS FROM

MADDOX AND SUPPORTING AIRCRAFT BLOCKED ALL FREQS BETWEEN 100

AND 200 MCS.

SAME SITUATION NOTED DURING 2 AUG ATTACK

TAB 51

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F403/2280 HW 1337.

SUBJECT: SECOND ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL

1. CINCPAC WAS REQUESTED BY JCS HO REVIEW ALL INFO AVAILABLE PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER SECOND ATTACK UPON DESOTO PATROL TO PROVIDE BEST AMMUNITION AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION TO UNITED NATIONS.

2. CINCPAC MSG REVEALS THAT NO CONCLUSIVE REFERENCES IN COMINT THAT ANY NVN NAVAL UNITS WERE IN ACTION ON THE NIGHT OF 4 AUGUST.

3. REPORTS ARE BEING FORWARDED IN BOTH COMINT AND GENSER CHANNELS. SIGINT REPORT COVERED BY CINCPAC 070820Z

AUG 64.

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L23 NOTE: DTG 070820Z UNABLE TO LOCATE L23.

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B205/270

SUBJ: WARNING TO DESOTO PATROL

TAB 6

1. MESSAGES SENT BY USS MADDOX PRIOR TO BOTH 2 AND 4 AUGUST ATTACKS BY DRV PT BOATS STATED THAT VESSEL HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING ATTACK WAS IMMINENT (CTU 77.12 DTG 041240Z AND JULY/AUGUST DESOTO SITREP NR ONE DTG 011954Z APPLY). 2. APPREC YOU ADVISE BY RETURN

MESSAGE THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION AND, IF FROM SIGINT, THE SPECIFIC SIGINT REPORTS IF POSSIBLE (STATION DESIGNATOR/SERIALIZATION/DTG) CONTAINING THE INFORMATION

M/R: This message requests the USS MADDOX to confirm or deny if the source of the warning information was SIGINT.

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A. YOUR 130413Z

1. FOLLOWING MSGS PROVIDED ADVANCE WARNING OF ATTACKS ON  
2 AND 4 AUGUST

A. 2 AUGUST

1. USN 27 21Q/VHN/R26-64

2. USN 27 21Q/VHN/R27-64

3. USN 414T 020640Z (UNSERIALIZED DESOTO SLOG ITEM)

B. 4 AUGUST

1. USM 626J 2/G11/VHN/R1164

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INFO: HQ NSAPAC  
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TAB 35

WARNING TO DESOTO PATROL (C)

A. YOUR 130413Z B205/270

1. FOL MSGS HELD [ ] RELATE TO WARNING OF ATTACK ON DESOTO AS REQ

REF A:

A. USN -27 011924Z 2/Q/VHN/R26-64 ST 220

B. USN-27 011944Z TECH SUP TO 2/Q/VHN/R26-64

C. USN-414T 020640Z (DIRNSA NOT ADDEE) QUOTED IN PART [ ]

FM VESSEL T142 TO PORT WALLUT: RCVD ORDERS - 146 - 142 DID ((1 GRU))

USE HIGH SPEED TO GO TOGETHER WITH (ENEMY) FOLLOWING TO LAUNCH

TORPEDOES."

D. USM-626J 020740Z 2/G11/VHN/R02-64

E. USN-414T 020805Z (DIRNSA NOT ADDEE) FOLLOW Q TO USN 414T

020640Z ABOVE AND QUOTED IN PART [ ] EXTRACT FM T 146 TO T 142,

ORDER 135 NOT TO MAKE WAR DURING THE DAY - (PRETEND) TO GO TO THE

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F. USN-27 021232Z 2/Q/VHN/R29-64

G. USN-414T 041115Z (NO SERIAL)

H. USM-626J 041140Z 2/G11/VHN/R11-64 ST 220

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TO: NSAPAC REP VIETNAM ~~(S)~~

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B26/361/64 WS/451

QUESTION HAS ARISEN AS TO WHETHER THE MADDOX WAS AWARE OF KITKAT ~~(c)~~  
OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 30 JULY. IF SO, BY WHOM WERE THEY NOTIFIED  
AND THRU WHAT CHANNELS? ALSO, CAN YOU PROVIDE THE OPERATING  
INSTRUCTIONS THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ON THE SAME NIGHT? WAS IT BY  
COINCIDENCE OR PLAN THAT THE MADDOX WAS IN POSITION TO WITNESS THE  
WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF THE NIGHT'S ACTION?

M/R: This message intended to clarify circumstances behind  
initial attack against DESOTO mission on 2 August.

CONCUR: Col Lang B205

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FM NSAPAC REP VIETNAM (C)

TO DIRNSA

INFO HQ NSAPAC

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CITE: F46/2637 SW-524 SH-1793

REF: B26/363/64 DTG 192024Z (NOTAL)

1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE MADDOX WAS NOT AWARE OF THE KITKAT (C) OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 30 JULY. IF THEY WERE NOTIFIED THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM CINCPAC BY WHOM THEY WERE CONTROLLED.
2. WE DO NOT HOLD THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ON THE NIGHT OF 30 JULY, OTHER THAN THE GENERAL OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DESOTO PATROL PROMULGATED BY CINCPAC.
3. BELIEVE IT WAS ONLY BY COINCIDENCE THAT THE MADDOX WITNESSED THE WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF THE NIGHTS ACTION. SOG/MACV PLANNED THE ACTION TO AVOID ANY ASSOCIATION GS INTERFERENCE WITH THE DESOTO PATROL. HOWEVER, CINCPAC WAS AWARE OF THE PLANNED MAROP AND COULD HAVE ALERTED THE MADDOX TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR MAROPS VESSELS.
4. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CINCPAC OR HQ NSAPAC FOR FURTHER INFO CONCERNING MADDOX PATROL

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TO DIRNSA (B-26)

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SUBJ: DESOTO PATROL

YOUR 201331Z (PASSING YOUR 192024Z, B26/361/64)

QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE WERE DISCUSSED WITH N2, PACFLT.

THAT HEADQUARTERS PREVIOUSLY ASKED COM7TH FLT SAME QUESTIONS

BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY. WE WERE ADVISED THAT ANSWERS, WHEN

RECEIVED, WOULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED ONLY TO WASHINGTON ECHELONS.

RECOMMEND YOU COORDINATE MATTER WITH CNO IF ANSWERS TO YOUR

QUESTIONS STILL DESIRED.

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TO DIRNSA (B26) (DDI ZSL)

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CITE F403/2 47

SUBJECT: DESOTO PATROL AND 34A OPERATIONS

- A. MY 2 2320Z, F403/2406
- B. YOUR 201441Z (WHICH PASSED YOUR 192024Z, B26/261/64)
  1. REQUEST YOU HANDLE FOLLOWING INFO AS PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.
  2. CINCPAC POSED TO CINCPACFLT SAME QUESTION YOU ASKED IN REF (B). CINCPACFLT ADVISED CINCPAC AS FOLLOWS. "PRIOR TO START OF DESOTO OPERATIONS ON 31 JUL CTG 72.1 HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING SOG OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO PATROL, A SERIES OF MESSAGES WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN CINCPACFLT, CONSEVENTHFLT, AND COMUSMACV CONCERNING LIAISON TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE BETWEEN DESOTO AND 34A OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION, PERSONAL LIAISON BY COMSEVENTHFLT WITH COMUSMACV INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES AND 34A OPERATIONS WOULD BE ADJUSTED TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE (REF B PERTAINS). NO DETAILED INFORMATION OR SCHEDULE FOR 34A OPERATION WAS PROVIDED CTD 72.1 PRIOR TO 3 AUG AND NONE

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HIGHER ECHELONS. END"

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1. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS WRITTEN ME ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND SECRETARY MONAMARA REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF SIGINT UNITS IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT EVENTS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. HIS LETTER READS, IN PART, QTE PLEASE CONVEY OUR GRATITUDE AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AND THE SERVICE CRYPTOLOGIC AGENCIES FOR THE VIGILANCE AND SKILL WHICH THEY HAVE ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED SO CLEARLY. IN PARTICULAR,

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RELEASING OFFICER

*May. Gordon A. Blake*  
COL, USAF, CHIEF  
GORDON A. BLAKE, LTJG, USAF,  
DIRECTOR, 31145

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I WISH TO COMMEND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SIGINT UNITS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR THEIR GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROTECTION OF U.S. LIVES, PROPERTY AND INTERESTS IN THAT AREA. UNQTE.

2. IT GIVES ME GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO ADD MY EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR A JOB EXTREMELY WELL DONE.

3. THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL CONCERNED WAS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE, ESPECIALLY THAT OF USN-27 AND USM-626J/USN-414T FOR THEIR PROVISION OF PRIOR WARNING TO THE U.S. VESSELS INVOLVED IN THE TWO INCIDENTS.

4. MY GRATITUDE TO ALL FOR YOUR HIGHLY LAUDABLE AND THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE TO A CRITICAL SITUATION.

CONCUR:

MR. ZASLOW, CHIEF B2  
MR. AUSTIN, CHIEF B  
MGEN DAVIS, ADP

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FM: CINCPACFLT

TO: CG FMFPAC  
CUSASAPAC  
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CMDR PACSCTYRGN

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COMINT SUPPORT FOR GULF OF TONKIN OPERATIONS (S)

1. COMSEVENTHFLT HAS EXPRESSED TO ME A DESIRE TO ADD, TO THE WELL-DESERVED PRAISE EXTENDED TO AFLOAT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE GULF OF TONKIN OPERATIONS, HIS WELL DONE TO SHORE BASED ELEMENTS OF THE CRYPTOLOGIC SERVICES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE DRV PROBLEM AND WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE ABSOLUTELY INVALUABLE TO SEVENTH FLEET.
2. FOLLOWING FROM COMSEVENTHFLT MSG: "STATIONS MOST EVIDENT IN THE VANGUARD OF THE SHORE EFFORT WERE USN 27, USN 414T, USN 626J, AND.

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