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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NUMBER 8 AS OF 050830Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. TWELVE AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING TO RESTRIKE VINH ON SCHEDULE.

2. TWO AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO ATTACK HON ME ON SCHEDULE.

3. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH: 25 SCTD, 120 BRKN, VIS 7, V/4-8.

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TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT  
RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT  
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PIERCE ARROW SITREP TEN

1. MY 050830Z POSIT 16-23N 110-33E.
2. HON GAY. ATTACK ON HON GAY COMMENCED ON SKED AND IAW PLAN. AA'S ATTACKED FIRST FOR FLAK SUPPRESSION FOLLOWED BY A1'S. ENCOUNTERED MOD TO HVY ACCURATE AA FIRE. MODEX 411, A4 PILOT ALVAREZ OBSERVED SPLASHED 3 NM SEAWARD HARBOR ENTRANCE. BAILOUT NOT OBSERVED MODEX 505, A1, PILOL SATHER SPLASHED IN HARBOR. NO SURVIVOR. REMAINDER ACFT NOW ENROUTE CONSTEL. FLT LEADER REPORTS FIVE PT BOATS DESTROYED.

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[ ] FOLLOW-UP NUMBER ONE TO [ ] CRITIC 3664 DTG 040326Z.

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MATERIAL AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME INDICATES THAT THE REPORTED FLIGHT OF FOUR JET FIGHTERS INTO THE DRV IS PROBABLY NOT VALID.

ALL OTHER [ ] COMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES APPEAR NORMAL AND HAVE NOT REFLECTED THIS ACTIVITY. AS OF 040410Z WEATHER PASSED ON

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[ ] FIGHTER OPERATIONS FACILITIES INDICATED RAIN IN THE [ ] AREA, FURTHER NEGATING THE VALIDITY OF THE ACTIVITY

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ALL CVA NSG DETS WESTPAC

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2 [Redacted] R22-64 SIGINT READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN,

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REPORT NR 18 ST220

PORT WALLUT UNDER ENEMY JET ATTACK

PORT WALLUT REPORTED TO THE NAVAL DIRECTORATE, HAIPHONG,

AT 0823Z, 05AUGUST, THAT 3 JET HAVE SPREAD OUT

TO BOMBARD THEIR SHIPS. 1 SHIP IS DISABLED.

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INFO RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUHLKM/PACAF

RUMJIR/AMEMB SAIGON

RUMJFS/AMEMB VIENTIANE

RUMBC/AMEMB BANGKOK

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A. HOT REPORT

B. PIERCE ARROW 002

C. QUANG KHE PT BOAT BERTHING AREA

D. 5 TO 8 P-4 AND SWATOW PLUS UNIDENT GUN BOATS UNDERWAY IN RAO  
NAY/RIVIERE DE TROC RIVER SYSTEMS.

1 P-4 DAMAGED MOVING SLOWLY AND SMOKING

1 SWATOW DEAD IN WATER AND SMOKING

1 PROBABLE P-4 DEAD IN WATER

E. 051250G

F. PIERCE ARROW 002

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Z 050848Z  
FM CINCPAC  
TO JCS

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Z 050403Z

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FM CINCPACFLT  
TO RUATZL/VOMSEVENTHFLT  
RUHPCR/CTF SEVEN SEVEN  
INFO RUHPCR/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX  
RUHPA/CINCPAC

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PIERCE ARROW (U)

1. CANCEL STRIKE BY TG 77.6 ON PORT WALLUT. ADD THESE ACFT TO EFFORT LAID ON FOR HON GAY. IN ADDITION, ADD 4 F4 EACH TO HON GAY AND LOC CHAO FOR ACR DEFENSE.
2. NEW SUBJECT. IMPERATIVE RPT IMPERATIVE THAT THE VINH POL STORAGE BE DESTROYED TODAY. IF TICO INITIAL STRIKE UNSUCCESSFUL, RELOAD ASAP AND STANDBY. DO NOT LAUNCH RESTRIKE UNTIL RECEIPT SEPARATE DIRECTIVE.
3. ONCE AGAIN, KEEP ME INFORMED.

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Z 050920Z

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMGZN/H3WX, CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NUMBER 7 AS OF 050800Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. FIRST PHORLXCONFIRM POL <sup>PHOTOS confirm</sup> <sup>ABLAZE</sup> AND FIRE <sup>vicinity TARGET</sup> VINKYARGET.

2. B

<sup>Restrike</sup>

KSTRIKE VINH BY FOURTEEN AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED FOR LAUNCH 050800Z

TOT 050845Z.

3. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH; 25 SCTD, 120 BRKN, VIS 7, V/4-8.

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TO WHITE HOUSE INT SIT RM

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PLUS COMTAIWANDEFCON/US

COMNAVFORJAPAN

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2 [Redacted] R21-64 SIGINT READINESS BRAVO, LANTREN,  
REPORT NR 17 ST220

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HAIPHONG REPORTS AT 0620Z ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED  
VINH AND DRV SHIPS AT HON ME (19-21N UNDICTION).

THE DRV "TASK FORCE" OF SWATOW T-146 AND ATTACHED  
VESSELS T-130 AND T-31 ORDERED TO RE-ENFORCE (SEE  
MY 2 [Redacted] R18-19, AND 20)

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DE RUEPCR 119 05/0920Z

Z 050915Z

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

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RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMGZK/U4KT/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUMSBJ/CG SECOND AIR DIV TSN RVN

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PIERCE ARROW SAR OP-1.

TWO AIRCRAFT REPORTED SHOT DOWN HON GAY HARBOR, ONE A4C, VA-144:  
ONE A1, VA-145, PILOT ON SCENE REPORTS NO SURVIVOR A-1. AOC 2ND  
AIRDIV TSN RVN INFORMED SAR.

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INFO RUWPWW/WHITE HOUSE

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RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMGZK/J8RM/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

RUECW/CNO

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NINE

1. MY 050800Z POSIT 16-28N 110-30E.
2. RECD RPT ONE A4 SHOT DOWN VIC HON GAY.  
HAVE ALERTED USAF 2ND AIR DIV AOC TSN RVN OF SAR INCIDENT.
3. ADDL RPT ONE A1 SHOT DOWN VIC HON GAY. NO SURVIVORS.
4. ABOVE RPTS NOT YET VERIFIED.

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Z 050930Z

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050756Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

INFO RUMSMAADCOMUSMACV

RUHLKM/PACAF

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RUMJFS/AMEMB VIENTIANE

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A. HOT REPORT

B. PIERCE ARROW 001

C. BEN THUY POL STORAGE

D. INSTALLATION STRUCK AND BURNING, OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY OBTAINED.

DESTRUCTION ESTIMATED 90 PERCENT.

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F. PIERCE ARROW /001

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Z 050855Z

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RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

50732Z

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMGZN/H3AZ

RCTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

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TEAY TARROW SITREP NR 6 AS OF 050730Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050730Z

1. SEVEN PT QUANG KHE ATTACKED, FIVE DAMAGED.

R2. DAMAGED F8 REPRTED SITREP FOUR LANDED SAFELY DANANG. ALL OTHER  
AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY.

3. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH: 25 SCTD, 120 BRKN, VIS 7, V/4-8.

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050730Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIXO

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMGZK/J8RM/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP EIGHT

1. MY 050730Z POSIT 16-32N 110-29E
2. CTG 77.5 BEARS 221 DEG 25 NM. AM CLOSING.
3. NO VANGE STRIKES SINCE SITREP SEVEN.

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SIGINT READINESS BRAVO BZLANTERN<sup>TM</sup> REPORT NUMBER ONE.

DRV [redacted] AIR DEF FAC CURRENTLY REFLECTING

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PROBABLE US STRIKE ACTY IN NORTH VIETNAM. PRSEMENTLY

THREE RAIDS ARE BEING REFLECTED. ONE RAID [redacted]

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IDENTIFIED AS FOUR FTRS WAS TRACKED FROM 1706N/10830E

AT 0705Z TO 2048N/10710E AT 0735Z. RAID [redacted] (NOT

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IDENTIFIED AS TO NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT) WAS TRACKED FROM

2005N/10623E AT 0733- 59 1858N/10650E AT 0746Z. RAID

[redacted] ALSO NOT IDENTIFIED AS TO NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT,

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WAS TRACKED FROM 1945N/10610E AT 0735Z TO 1958N/10603E

WHERE THE AIRCRAFT COMMENCED TO ORBIT BETWEEN POINTS

20005N/10617E AT 0741Z AND 1958N/10603E AND 0749Z.

COMMENT: THIS ACTIVITY COMMENCED AT 0115Z;

THIS IS FIRST REFLECTION ABOVE 1900N.

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Z 050804Z

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PIERVE ARROW SITREP SEVEN

1. MY 050700Z POSIT 16-35N 11140E
2. FOUR A1 TEN A4 TWO F4 ONE GF8A ENROUTE HON GAY: FOUR A1 FIVE A4  
TWO F4HONE RF8A ENROUTE LOC CHAO ESTUARY.
3. BOTH TOT 0745Z.

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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 SIMILIAR 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 [Redacted] R18-64, 050435Z).

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REPORT NR 16 ST220 FOR EVALUATION -25x3

SWATOW PGM T-142 INFORMED PORT WALLUT AT 0616Z,

05 AUG, THAT SWATOW PGM T-146 WAS NOT ABLE TO

RENDEZVOUS WITH THE TWO SHIPS OF THE 135 TO PROTECT

THEM ((A)). REQUESTEDS ANOTHER SHIP TO GO AND MEET THEM.

((A)) 2 [redacted] R18 AND R19 SRB LANTERN REPORT NUMBERS -25x3

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Z 050747Z

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RUMGZK/KK4KT/CTG SEVEN SENFST FIVE

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP SIX

1. MYH050630Z POSIT 16-40N 110-40E
2. AT 050630Z LAUNCHED TEN A4 TWO F4 HON GAY: FIVE A4 TWO F4 LOC CHAO ESTUARY: TWO F4 FOR DESODD: TWO F4 FOR TASK GROUP CAP.
3. TOT REMAINS 050745Z

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NR 5 AS OF 050700Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. A1'S RETURNING REPORT ALL HITS, SMOKE AND FLAME ABOVE

POL AREA, RISING 12-14,000 FT. ALL AIRCRAFT UP.

2. PHOTO PILOTS RETURNING, REPORT SUCCESSFUL.

3. RESTRIKE SCHEDULED VINH POL PLUS COASTAL ARMED RECCE HON ME AND

OTHER PT/SWATOW SUPPORT BASES. LAUNCH TIME 0800Z, TOT 0900Z.

4. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH POL: 15 SCTD VRBL BRKN, 30 BRKN, 120 BRKN, CIRRUS SCTD,

VIS 7, V/4-8, TRW IN AREA.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NR 4 AS OF 050615Z  
A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z  
1. FIRST REP FROM JETS NOW RETURNING VINH POL PRIMARY TARGET  
BURNING PROFUSELY.  
SIX PT IN AREA ALL ATTACKED - AT LEAST FOUR HIT- ONE DIW.  
HEAVY FLAK. 1 F8 DAMAGED, PROCEEDING DANANG.  
LAST REP SEVENTY MILES OUT LOSING OIL AND  
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NR 15 ST220

SWATOW PGM T142 INFORMED HAIPHONG AT 0538Z, 05 AUG, THAT

HEADQUARTERS GAVE ITIHNSPICIFIED ORDERS TO BE

(TO EXECUTE) AT 1600 HOURS (GOLF) THE 5TH OF AUGUST.

THIS VESSEL PREVIOUSLY INFORMED HAIPHONG OF IMMINENT

ACTIONS BY SWATOW PGM T-146 AND 2 UNITS OF THE MTB SQUADRON

135" (SEE MY 2 [Redacted] R18-64 SRB, LANTERN, REPORT

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FIRST REPORT FROM JETS NOW RETURNING VINH POL PRIMARY TARGET  
BURNING PROFUSELY SIX PT N AREA ALL ATTACKED  
AT LEAST FOUR HIT ONE DIW HEAVY FLAK I 1F8 DAMAGED PROCEEDING  
DANANG LAST REPORT SEVENTY MILES OUT LOSING OIL AND OXYGEN  
OFFICIAL MESSAGE O FOLLOW.

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SAIGON PASS GEN WESTMORELAND AND 2ND AD

EXDIS - PIERCE ARROW

1. CINCPAC'S 840519Z NOTAL REQUESTS SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS TO REPORT STATE OF READINESS TO IMPLEMENT US ACTIONS SPECIFIED CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64.

2. OPLAN 37-64 CALLS FOR DEPLOYMENT VARIOUS TYPES US FORCES TO THAILAND.

AS STRESSED USMACTHAI OPLAN 37-64, PRIOR THAI AUTHORITY FOR SUCH DEPLOYMENTS MUST BE OBTAINED.

3. IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL CONCERNED THAT NO REPEAT NO DEPLOYMENT OF ANY US FORCES INTO THAILAND SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL I HAVE REPORTED THAI PERMISSION RECEIVED FOR SPECIFIC DEPLOYMENT IN QUESTION.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP FIVE

1. MY 050600Z POSIT 16-49N 110-48E
2. NO CHANGEHSINCE SITREP FOUR

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP FOUR

1. MY 050530Z POSIT 15-58N 110-57E.
2. MY EIGHT A1 PROCEEDING TO TGTS AS PLANNED.
3. INTEND LAUNCHING A4 TWO F4 HON GAY; FIVE A4 TWO F4 LOC CHAO ESTUARY  
050630Z
4. TOT TGTS REMAINS 050745Z
5. RETURNING STRKACFT FROM LOC CHAO WILL INVESTIGATE HON ME.

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2 [REDACTED] R07-64 ST162, 228, SIGINH READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN,

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REPORT NUMBER 20

[REDACTED] DAILY [REDACTED] DIGEST, DESOTO PATROLS 04 AUGUST

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1. HIGHLIGHT

A. THE SECOND ATTACK ON THE DE SOTO PATROL, USS MADDOX AND USS TURNER JOY, WAS LAUNCHED BY DRV NAVAL ENEMENTS ON 4-5 AUGUST. EXACT TIME AND POSITION ARE NOT AVAILABLES FROM COMINT, HOWEVER, HAIPNONG REPORTED AT 041546Z THE TWO AMERICAN ASSAULT VESSELS WERE EXACTLY THIRTY-FIVE NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HON MATT (18-471.SQPTATIE). LATER AT 041550Z THE SWATOW T-142 REPORTED WE FIRED AT TWO AIRCRAFT ONE OF WHICH WAS DOWNED. WE SACRIFICED TWO COMRADES BUT ALL ARE BRAVE AND WE RECOGNIZE OUR OBLIGATIONS. OTHEJ THAN THE ABOVE NO AMPLIFUING COMINT DATA ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE REPORTED ATTACK ON THE DE SOTO PATROL. NO TRACKING CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTIVITY.

11. DRV NAVY, FLEET OPERATIONS:

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A. TZBXL OF ACTIVITY

- DURING THE PERIOD 032301Z -042300Z DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE NORMAL WITH A MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN VESSELS REFLECTED INCLUDING: POSSIBLE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-122, T-130, T-132, T-142, T-146, T-165 T-337; MTBS T-33, T-336, AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED.

B. MAINLINE NETS:

A. DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPNONG WAS ACTIVE WITH HANOI AND FOUR UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND NET AND WITH SOUTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS BEN THUY AND AN UNLOCATED NORTHERN FLEET SUBORDINATE ACTIVITY ON THE OPERATIONAL NET. REMAINING COMMAND ECKELON NETS NORMAL.

C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. A MINIMUM OF EUGHT VESSELS WERE OBSERVED INCLUDING: SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231, SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-122, T-130, T-132, T-142, T-146; MTBS T-33, T-336.
2. ALL VESSELS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POSSIBLY THE T-231 AND T-333 AND T-336 WERE DAMAGED AND PROBABLY WERE BEING TOWED TO HAIPNONG DURING THE PERIOD AND THE T-339 WAS REPORTED SUNK. IF MTBS WERE INVOLVED IN 04-05 AUGUST ATTACK THEY WERE PROBABLY MOVED INTO THE AREA FROM THE NORTH; HOWEVER, THESE VESSELS AS YET ARE UNOBSERVED IN COMINT.

D. SOUTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THUY:

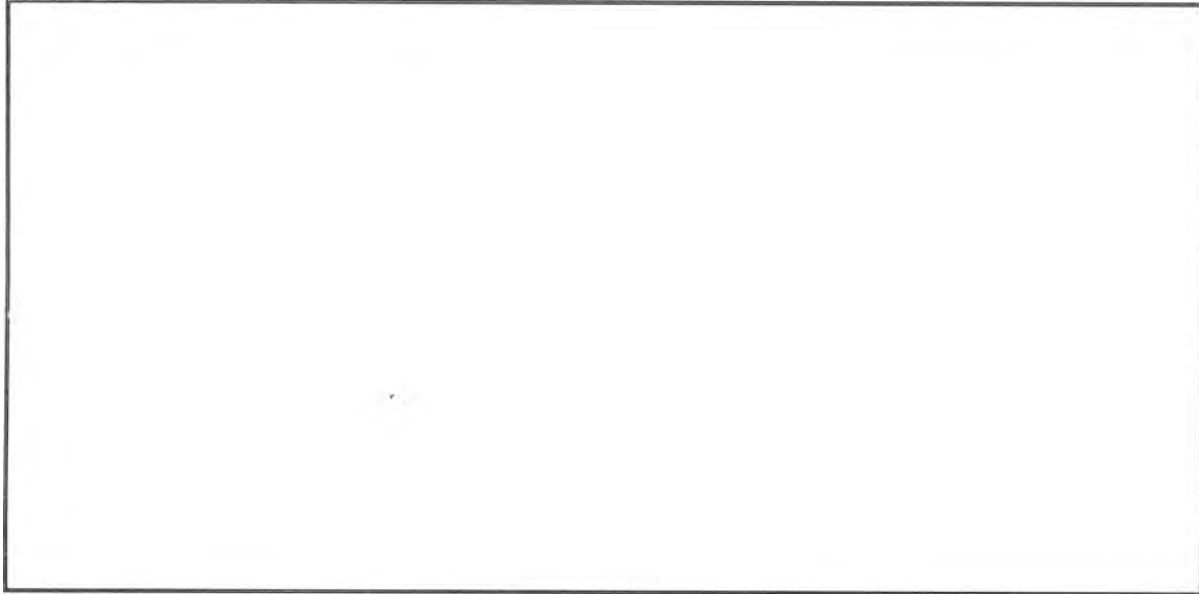
1. THREE VESSELS, T-165, T-377 AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED WERE OBSERVED.
2. ALL THREE VESSELS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PATROL ACTIVITIES. THE SWATOW T-379 PREVIOUSLY OPERATING IN COMPANY WITH THE T-377 MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE BUT UNOBSERVED.

E. TRACKING:

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1. HAIPHONG, PORYWALLUI AND DEN TRUI TANKERS  
WERE ACTIVE WITH VINH SON, HON NGU, HON MATT AND TEN UNLOCATED  
OUTSTATIONS. SIXTY-SEVEN MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED.



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ACTIVITYAS NORMAL.

IV. DRV SHIPPING/FISHING

A. COASTAL SHIPPING:

1. DRV COASTAL SHIPPING ACTIVITY NORMAL. POSSIBLE  
REFLECTION TO THE DESOTO PATROL WAS NOTED IN TWO SEPARATE  
MESSAGES WHEN A POSSIBLE POSITION REPORT WAS PASSED TO HAIPHONG  
AND SUBSEQUENTLY WHEN HAIPHONG INFORMED HON GAY AND CAMPHA TO  
RDPORT IMMEDIATELY IF THE "SOUTHERN" VESSEL WAS SIGHTED SO THE  
NAVAL BUREAU COULD BE NOTIFIED.

B. FISHING FLEET

1. DRV FISHING FLEET UNOBSERVED



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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIET NAM (TS)

A. CINCPACFLT 050507Z

1. NO/TYPE AIRCRAFT AND WEAP LOAD FOR VINH POL RESTRIKE

4-A4(A-1) 3 MK 83 FAMMO PER A/C

6-A4 3 AERO 7D FAMMO PER A/C

4-F8 4-ZUNI FAMMO PER A/C

2-SW

2. NO/TYPE AIRCRAFT AND WEAP LOAD FOR HON ME

2-A4 3 AERO 7D FAMMO PER A/C

3. TACTICS:

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VINH POL: COORDINATED STRIKE, 4F8/6 A4 FLAK SUPPRESSION FOLLOWED BY 4 A4 LOW ANGLE DIVE, ONE RUN PER A/C RETIRING SEAWARD.

HON ME: 2 A4'S MULTIPLE RUNS ON SWATOWS AND PT CRAFT. RETIRING TO SEWARD.

4. LAUNCH 050800Z. TOT 0900Z VINH. 0915Z HONME.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP THREE

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. MY 050500Z POSIT 17-03NH110-57E

2. LAUNCHED FOUR A1 FOR HON GAY, FOUR A1 FOR LOC CH 357-46 -5

050500Z. ADDITIONALLY, LAUNCHED TWOHFA FOR WATCHDOG CAP, TWO F4 FOR

TG CAP, ONE E1B FOR AEW AND COMM RELAY

3. IAW CINCPACFLT 050403Z

STRIKE ON PORT WALLUT CANCELLED AND 5 A4 ADDED TO HON GAY.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP THREE

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. MY 05 05 00Z POST 17-03N 110-57E

2. LAUNCHED FOUR <sup>A1</sup> FOR HON GAY, FOUR A1 FOR LOC CHAO ESTUARY AT  
050500Z. ADDITIONALLY, LAUNCHED TWO F4 FOR TG CAP, ONE E1B FOR AEW  
AND COMM RELAY

3. IAW CINCPACFLT 050403Z

STRIKE ON PORT <sup>WALLUT</sup> CANCELLED AND 5 A4 ADDED TO HON GAY.

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PIERCE ARROW SIER NUMBER THREE AS OF 050515Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. ALL AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING TO TARGETS ON SCHEDULE.

2. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH/BEN THUY: 15 SCTD VRBL BRKN, 30 BRKN, 120 BRKN VIS 7,

W/05, RW/TRW IN AREA.

B. QUANG KHE: 15 SCTD VRBL BRKN, 40 BRKN, 120 BRKN: VIS 7, V/05

RW/TRW IN AREA.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP NR 2 050445Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050256Z

1. ALL AIRCRAFT AVE LAUNCHED AND DEPARTED FOR TARGETS ON TIME SCHEDULE.

2. WEAPONS LOAD AS FOLLOWS:

A. VINH/BEN THUY

TGTS

(1) 4 A1

12 MK 81/1 MK 83 - FAMMO

(2) 6 A4

3 AERO 7D FAMMO

(3) 6 F8

8 ZUNI FAMMO

B. QUANG KHE

TGT

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(1) 6 F8

8 ZUNI FAMMO

3. SUPPORT AIRCRAFT: 2 RF8, 2 A1 (RESCAP0 6 A-4 (TANKERS).

4. WEATHER FORECAT TOT:

A. VINH/BEN THUY: 15 SCTD, 30 BRKN, 180 BRKN, VIS 7, 300/05, TRW IN AREA.

B. QUANG KHE: 15SCTD VER BRKN, 40 BRKN, 12, BRKN VER OVC, VIS 7 OCNL 2-4 IN RAIN, 020/05, TRW IN AREA.

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP TWO

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. MY 050830Z POSIT 17-14N 111-05E.

2. CONTINUING SW CUS.

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REPORT NR 18 ST 220

HAVE INDICATIONS THAT SWATOW PGM T-146 AND TWO ELEMENTS

OF "MTB SQUADRON 135", WHICH ARE ANCHORED AT HON ME,

ARE PREPACBJG TO ATTACK NIGHT 05 AUG.

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PIERCE ARROW SIERNUMBER ONE 050415Z

A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. 4 A-1'S ORBITING OVERHEAD AND DEPARTED FOR VINH/BEN THUY TARGETS AT 0335Z. 6 A4'S, 6 F8'S, 1 RF8 WILL BE LAUNCHED 0415-0425Z AND DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR VINH/BEN THUY TARGETS TO EFFECT RENDEVOUZ WITH A1CS AT 0515Z. COORDINATED ATTACK TO COMMENCE ON OR ABOUT 0525Z. UPON COMPLETION ATTACK AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE SOUTH ALONG COAST LINE. RF8 WILL CONDUCT POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE.

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2. 6 F8'S AND 1 RF8 WILL BE LAUNCHED 0425-0430Z AND DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOR QUANG KHE TARGET ATTACK TIME ESTIMATED AT 0515Z . UPON COMPLETION ATTACK F8'S ALSO <sup>WILL CONDUCT</sup> ARMED RECCE SOUTH ALONG COAST LINE. RF8 WILL CONDUCT POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE.

3. WEATHER FORECAST TOT:

A. VINH/BEN THUY: 15 SCTD, 30 BRKN, 180 BRKN , VIS 7, 300/05, TRW IN AREA.

B. QUANG KHE: 15 BRKN, 40 BRKN, 60 OVC, VIS 5-7, 020/05, TRW IN AREA.

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A. CINCPACFLT 050259Z

1. MY 050330Z POSIT 17-30N 111-18E SOA MAX TO SW IN ORD JOIN TG 77.5  
WHILE PROVIDING CONTINUOUS CAP OVER MADDOX/TURNER JOY.

2. MY 00128Z SUBMITTED PLAN TO STRIKE PORT WALLUT, HON GAY, LOC CHAO  
ESTUARY AND SWATOW/PT NORTH OF 19 N WITH TOTAL 8 A1, 15 A4 WITH LAU-3A  
AND FAMMO. HAVE JUST RECVD APPROVAL LAUNCH A-1 AT 050500Z A4 AT  
050630Z FOR SIMUL TOT 050745Z, NEXT SITREP 050430Z

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GULF OF TONICIN OPERATIONS

A. CINCPACFLT INST 5500.2A

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 041837Z

C. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 301-64 (NOTAL)

1. REQ CLEARANCE TO LAND DANANG AND OVERFLY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

FOR INDEFINANT PERIOD IAW REF B.

2. ACFT CDR LT DELEON PLUS 26

3. ACFT BUNO 135252

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4. PURPOSE OF FLIGHT OPERATIONAL

5. ALL PERSONAL CLEARED SECRET OR ABOVE

6. ACFT CDR WILL FILE D0175 ON ALL FLIGHTS AND WILL BE UNDER

AIRWAY/GCI CONTROL DURATION OF FLIGHTS.

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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM (TS)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 042345Z NOTAL

B. CTG 77.6 050128Z

PART 1. CTG 77.5 STRIKES

1. NO/TYPE AIRCRAFT AND WEAP LOAD FOR VINH POL:

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4-A1 12-MK81, 1-MK 83 PER A/C

6-A4 NIJAAERO 7D PER A/C

6-F8 8-ZUNI PER A/C

2. NO/TYPE AIRCRAFT AND WEAP LOAD FOR QUANG KHE:

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6-F8 8-ZUNI, AMMO PER A/C

3. TACTICS:

VINH POL: COORDINATED BIKE, 6-F8/6-A4 FLAK SUPPRESSION FOLLOWED BY 4-A1, 40SWEG DIVE, ONE RUN PER A/C. SUBSEQUENT RUNS BY A-4S ON SWATOW AND PT CRAFT.

QUANG KHE: 6-F8, 30 DEG DIVE FROM EAST TO WEST AGAINST SWATOW AND PT CRAFT. RETIRING NORTH TO SEAWARD.

ARMED RECCE SOUTH OF 19-00N: ALL A/C UTILIZE REMAINING ORD AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS BEYOND 3 MI LIM

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4. PLAN POST STK PHOTO RECON WITH ONE A/C VINH POL AND ONE A/C QUANG KHE.

TACTICS: LOW ALTITUDE: 6 #8 033\$ (500KTS), ONE RUN EACH A/C.

5. ABOVE STRIKES BASED ON PRESENT DECK LOADING. ALL CUBI BASED ATTACK AIRCRAFT RECOVERED

PART II. CTG 77.6 STRIKES. REF B REFERS

PART III. FIRST LAUNCH COMMENCED CVA-14 050243Z TOT EST 050510Z

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ACTUAL TIME OF LQH OF 4 A1H 0243Z

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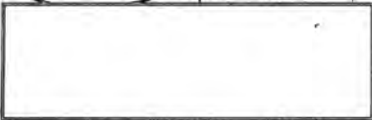
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2 [redacted] R43-64 ST220 FOR EVALUATION. SIGINT READINESS BRAVO,  
LANTERN, REPORT NUMBER 18.

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1. AT 050056Z, 142 SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MY DUC.

[redacted] SUFFERED SEVERED [redacted] 146 AND 2 VESSELS  
OF THE 135 PRESENTLY NORTH EAST OF HON NE 8 [redacted]  
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SUMMARY OF SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF DRV ATTACK

IN GULF OF TONKIN 2-4 AUGUST 1964

DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOWING THEIR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE USS MADDOX IN THE GULF OF TONKIN ON 2 AUGUST WERE LARGELY CONCERNED WITH (1) THE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION OF TWO PT BOATS DAMAGED BY THE MADDOX AND AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED BY THE USS TICONDEROGA, AND (2) TRACKING AND SHADOWING OF THE MADDOX AND THE USS TURNER JOY WHICH BY NOW HAD JOINED THE MADDOX.

IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT THE ATTACK WAS CARRIED OUT BY TORPEDO FLOTILLA 135 COMPRISED OF AT LEAST THREE PT BOATS -- THE T333, T336 AND T339. THE LATTER WAS SUNK WHILE THE T336 SUSTAINED HEAVY DAMAGES; THE T333 APPARENTLY ESCAPED WITH ONLY MINOR DAMAGES. FOLLOWING THE ACTION ANOTHER PT BOAT, THE T146 CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH FOR THE FLOTILLA, FINALLY LOCATING THE T333 AND T336 ABOUT 1900 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON 3 AUGUST. A TUGBOAT DEPARTED HAIPHONG ON THE 4TH TO TOW THE TWO DAMAGED CRAFT BACK TO HAIPHONG. THUS DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED EARLIER BY THE PILOTS OF THE TICONDEROGA WHO, WHEN DEBRIEFED, REPORTED THAT ONE PT BOAT WAS HIT AND DEAD IN WATER WHILE TWO OTHERS, ALTHOUGH HIT, HAD HEADED FOR THE BEACH. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE TWO PT BOATS WITHDREW TO LACH CHAO ESTUARY (19-46 N 105-52E) AT THE MOUTH OF THE SONG MA RIVER JUST EAST OF THANH HOA. A 1 AUGUST MESSAGE REQUESTED THAT THE ESTUARY BE INVESTIGATED AS A POSSIBLE REFUGE AFTER THE ATTACK ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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AFTER THE 2 AUGUST ATTACK, THE MADDOX WAS ORDERED TO RESUME PATROL NORTH AND SOUTH OF HON ME ISLAND (19-21 N 105-56E) JOINED BY THE USS TURNER JOY WITH AIR COVER FROM THE TICONDEROGA SEAWARD OF THE TWO DESTROYERS TO PRECLUDE ANY OVERFLIGHTS OF THE MAINLAND. DURING 3 AUGUST DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE TRACKING AND SHADOWING OF THE TWO DESTROYERS THROUGHOUT THE DAY; THIS ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED BY BOTH DESTROYERS. THEY WERE ALSO APPARENTLY SHADOWED BY TWO PRESUMABLY DRV AIRCRAFT. A DRV MERCHANT SHIP ADVISED ITS SHIPPING OFFICE IN HAIPHONG THAT "TWO BOMBERS" WOULD "FLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SHIP AND INVESTIGATE." NO FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS PROVIDED.

ON 4 AUGUST, DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS AGAIN INDICATED PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER ATTACK THAT NIGHT. THE T142 AND T146 WERE ORDERED TO PREPARE FOR "MILITARY OPERATIONS." THE T333, WHICH APPARENTLY ESCAPED UNSCATHED AFTER THE FIRST ATTACK, WAS ORDERED TO OBTAIN OIL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SECOND ATTACK. THAT NIGHT THE MADDOX REPORTED BOTH SURFACE CRAFT AND AIRCRAFT APPEARING ON ITS RADAR SCREEN. THEY WERE LATER IDENTIFIED AS HOSTILE AND REPORTED CLOSING IN. THE MADDOX REPORTED AT 1440Z THAT IT WAS COMMENCING FIRE ON THE CLOSING PT BOAT. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS FROM THE DESTROYER INDICATED THAT TWO PT BOATS HAD BEEN SUNK. THIS WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY A DRV MESSAGE WHICH STATED "WE SACRIFICED TWO SHIPS AND THE REST ARE

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OKAY." THE SAME MESSAGE ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO ENEMY PLANES HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND ONE DAMAGED AND THAT THIS HAD LIFE THE MORALE OF THEIR MEN. THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION OF THE SHOOTDOWN FROM SEVENTH FLEET ELEMENTS IN THE AREA AND CINCPAC HAS STATED THAT NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST IN THE ENGAGEMENT. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FLARES USED TO ILLUMINATE THE BATTLE AREA WERE MISTAKENLY REPORTED AS FALLING AIRCRAFT.

ALTHOUGH INITIAL MESSAGES INDICATED THAT THE T142, T146 AND T333 WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. DESTROYERS ON THE NIGHT OF 4 AUGUST, SUBSEQUENT MESSAGES SUGGEST THAT NONE OF THESE WERE INVOLVED. REPORTS FROM THE MADDOX THAT IT WAS UNDER ATTACK SOME SEVENTY NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF THE NAVAL BASE AT QUANG KHE SUGGEST THAT NAVAL UNITS SUBORDINATE TO THE SOUTHERN FLEET COMMAND WITH ITS HEADQUARTERS AT BEN THUY (NEAR VINH) WERE INVOLVED IN THE SECOND ATTACK.

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PIERCE ARROW

A. CTF 77 042329Z NOTAL

B. JCS 042119Z

1. IAW REFS A AND B FOL PLAN SUBMITTED:

TOTAL STRIKE EFFORT

15 A4 WITH LAU 3A/FAMMO

8 A1 WITH 4 LAU 3A/FAMMO

2. ACFT ON TGTS AF FOLLOWS:

A. PORT WALLUT-ONE DIVISION A4.



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B. HON GAY-ONE DIV A4, ONE DIV A1

C. LOC CHAO ESTUARY-ONE DIV A4, ONE DIV A1

3. LAUNCH TIMES TO BE STRAGGERED TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS STRIKES ALL TGTS. A4 FLANK SUPPRESSION RUNS TO PROCEDE STRIKE ON EACH TGT. ROCKETS AND STRAFING COORDINATED FOR REPEATED RUNS IN RAPID SUCCESSION. EST MAX 20 MIN TOT ALL ACFT. RECOMMENDED TOT. 1545H.

4. PREFERRED LAUNCH POINT 17-35N/110-53E.

EARLIER LAUNCH TIME AND/OR

AUNCH PT FURTHER EAST WILL REDUCE STRIKE

EFFORT DUE TANKER LIMITATION.

5. EST LAUNC TINES: A1 1300; A4 AND TWO RF8A 1430.FPOST

STRIKE RECCE TGTS IN ORDER LISTED PARA 2.

6. DIVISIONS TO CONSIST OF FOUR ACFT PLUS

SPARE. ALLUP ACFT WILL LAUNCH.

7. A-1 WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS NORTH OF 19N TO AND FROM TGTS.

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HANDLING OF PIERCE/ARROW QCOST STRIKE RECCE PHOTOGRAPHY

1. POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY OF NVN TARGETS WILL BE HANDLED BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS RPT MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.
2. HANDLE IAW CURRENT YANKEE TEAM PROCEDURES AND DP - DN DISTRIBUTION. IN ADDITION, TO DP - DN DISTRIBUTION, REQUEST SIGNIFICANT SELECTED PRINTS OF POST STRIKE TARGETS BE PREPARED BY JCSPF AND FORWARDED THIS HQ AND DIAXX SOONEST. GP3

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SUBJ: ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64

FORCES

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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 SO. CHINA SEA
- (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 SQDN - CLARK TO TAKHLI
- (4) 1 FIS SQDN (12 F-102) - CLARK TO SVN
- (5) 8 KC-135S - SAC TO CLARK
- (6) 2 F-100 SQDNS - STRICOM TO CLARK
- (7) 2 F-105 SQDN - STRICOM TO YOKOTA
- (8) 1 RECCE TF (6 RF-101) - MISAWA/KADENA TO

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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) MARINE AIR GROUP - OKINAWA TO DA NANG

(4) 1 US ARMY BRIGADE - HAWAII TO THAILAND  
AIRLIFT FOR 173RD ABN 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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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 041530Z THE DESTROYERS USS  
MADDOX AND USS TURNER JOY WERE ATTACKED BY AN UNDETER-  
MINED NUMBER OF PATROL/TORPEDO BOATS AT <sup>18-17N</sup>~~10-17N~~ 107-32E.  
PATROL CRAFT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY DESTROYERS  
AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY AIRCRAFT FROM THE ATTACK  
CARRIERS USS TICONDEROGA AND USS CONSTELLATION. TWO  
PT BOATS REPORTED SUNK AND TWO DAMAGED. PT'S HAVE  
APPARANTLY BROKEN OFF ENGAGEMENT.

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2. AS RESULT OF ABOVE INCIDENT JCS HAVE DIRECTED  
CINCPAC TO CONDUCT ONE-TIME MAXIMUM EFFORT CVA AIR  
STRIKES AGAINST SWATOW PATROL CRAFT AND PT BOATS AT  
BASES IN NVN AND A SUPPORTING POL FACILITY.

3. JCS ARE CONSIDERING AS FURTHER ACTION CERTAIN  
DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES AND ALERTING ACTIONS UNDER  
CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64 CATEGORY 3.

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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM (TS)

A. JCS 042119Z

B. CINCPAC 042153Z

1. TAKE FOLLOWING TARGETS REF A FOR PLANNING ACTION:

A. PARA 1.A. PT BOATS AND SWATOWS AT PORT WALLOT,  
HON GAY, AND LOC CHAO ESTUARY

B. PARA 1.C. ARMED RECCE AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS

NORTH OF 19-00N

2. SUBMIT DETAILS TO ORIG INFO ALCON SOONEST

3. REMAINDER TARGETS COVERED BY CTG 77.5

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1. SAIL TG 70.4 IN DIRECTION OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 IN SOUTH CHINA SEA. PROCEED AT 17 KT SOA AVOIDING TYPHOON IDA AS NECESSARY.1 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW. SUBMIT 12 HOUR SITREPS.

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ATTACK ON DESOTO FINAL SITREP (S)

1. CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

AT 041215Z 4:; \$ 8,19 5#-5 \$4; 8,53,\$3\$ -55-:(. MY POSITION 19-10.7N  
107-99E. PROCEED WITHOUTH (AS RECVD) AT THIRTY KNOTS TO BUY TIME  
FOR AIR COVER. REQUESTED COVER FROM CTG 77.5. AT 1\$1 ?)\$ (AS RECVD)  
DETECTED THREE TO FIVE CONTACTS 40-2 MILES TO EAST AND IN INZXDED  
SIGHT STEAM 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 30 KTS. 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. PROBABLE TORPEDO DETECTED ON SONAR. FROM THIS TPW UNTIL 1635" \$3959 7,85 9034-53\$

8,\$303,\$3,5)6 -) ( (; !15092 (AS RECVD) EVASION AND FIRING AT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. ACTION CEASED AT APPROX 1635" 285# ,9 !745#34

\$353:589, . DESOTO 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 AFSINR 1615" 7,58) 5334 -5 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 TJ 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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HER ONE OF WHICH WAS SIGHTED VISUALLY PASSED DOWN PORT SIDE 3 TO 5 HUNDRED YARDS.

5. WEATHER WAS OVERCAST WITH LIMITED VISIBILITY. THERE WERE NO STARS OR MOON RESULTING IN ALMOST TOTAL DARKNESS THOUGHOUT ACTION. VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF CRAFT MADE BY EMBARKED SECGRU PERSONNEL ON DIMMED LIGHT EVAL AS POSSIBLE BINNACLE LIGHT. PASSING CLOSE ABOARD MADDUX.

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6. AIR CONTACTS WERE REPORTED TO CTG 77.5 AT 1320Z. THESE CONTACTS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY EVAL AS LAND AND REPORTED AS SUCH TO CTG 77.5.

7. NO KNOWN DAMAGE OR PERSONNEL CASUALTIES TO EITHER SHIP. MADDOX URC-32 INOP DUE TO BROKEN TRANSMISSION LINE PROBABLY CAUSED BY VIBRATION. THIS CASUALTY PRECLUDES MY GUARDING NEC HF NETS. FOUR CASES OF HEAT PROSTRATION EXPERIENCED BY MADDOX ENGINEERING PERSONNEL.

8. SUSPECT POSITIONING OF DRV CRAFT PREVIOUS NIGHT. BELIEVE 5 OHSHEDE (AS RECVD) CRAFT WERE WAITING MY INTENDED NIGHT STEAM AREA WHICH HAS BEEN USED THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AND AT SUSPECTED POSITIONS TO SOUTHWARD TO THWART WITHDRAWL.

9. DURING PERIOD PATROL PT DELTA TO CHARLIE, SIGHTED VESSEL SIMILAR TO US YO (AS RECVD) DEPARTING HON ME. VESSEL RETURNED TO HON ME UPON SIGHTING PATROL. AT APPROX 1010Z. TURNER JOY SIGHTED TWO UNIDENT PROP AIRCRAFT FLYING LOW IN VIC HON MAT. AIR CRAFT DID NOT APPROACH DESOTO.

10. FUEL AT 0500Z: MADDOX 58 TURNER JOY 68. ROUNDS EXPENDED THIS ACTION: MADDOX 2-5 INCH 38 FRAG, 3-5 INCH AAC, 4-5 NCH STARSHELLS, 5-3 INCH FRAG, 4 DEPTH CHARGES. TURNER JOY 134-5 INCH 54 FRAG, 6-5 INCH AAC AND 28-3 INCH FRAG, ONE DEPTH CHARGES. PERCENT AMMO ON BOARD: MADDOX 85 TURNER JOY 95. DEPTH CHARGES USED AS ATTEMPTED COUNTER TO BOATS FOLLOWING CLOSELY IN WAKES.

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SEVENTH FLT DEFCON (U)

CINCPACFLT DIRECTED SEVENTHFLT

AT 041653Z TO SET DEFCON 3,

DUE TO ATTACKS ON DESOTO PATROL

IN GULF OF TONKIN, AT APPROXIMATELY 041440Z.

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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM (TS)

1. BY 0700 LOCAL 5 AUGUST CONDUCT A ONE-TIME MAXIMUM EFFORT ATTACK OF FOLLOWING TARGETS WITH OBJECTIVE OF MAXIMUM ASSURANCE OF HIGH LEVEL OF TARGET DESTRUCTION:

A. SWATOWS AND PT BOATS LOCATED AT BASES PORT WALLUT, HON GAY, PHUC LOI AND QUANG KHE AND AT LOC CHAO ESTUARY (19-46N; 105-57E). TARGETS ARE BOATS.

B. POL AT VINH.

C. ARMED RECCE AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS BEYOND

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3 MILE LIMIT. FOR PURPOSE OF ARMED RECCE ATTACK OF SWATOWS AND PT BOATS, OFF-SHORE ISLANDS ARE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE 3 MILE LIMIT.

D. IF WEATHER PRECLUDES MEETING ABOVE TIME OF ATTACK PROCEED SOONEST AND NOTIFY JCS ASAP.

2. USE CVA AIRCRAFT ONLY.
3. ARMED RECCE AIRCRAFT ARE TO AVOID HAINAN ISLAND AND NOT TO COME WITHIN 50 MILES OF CHICOM BORDER.
4. CONTINUE DESOTO PATROLS.
5. DEFER 34 ALFA OPERATIONS FOR 24 HOURS.
6. ADVISE DETAILS OF OPERATIONS PLAN WHEN AVAILABLE, INCLUDING NUMBER OF SORTIES EACH TARGET COMPLEX, WEAPON LOADING, TACTICS, ETC. FLASH REPORT ON MISSION SUCCESS DESIRED PLUS PHOTO COVERAGE ASAP.
7. IF TARGETS NOT DESTROYED ON FIRST STRIKE, YOU SHOULD REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR A SECOND STRIKE. GP-3

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THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, HAS REQUESTED THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL MESSAGES PERTAINING TO DE SOTO OPERATIONS WILL BE TREATED AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

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AIR STRIKE PLAN (C)

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 21 12 10N/107 34 21E BE 615-0010

B. BEN THUY (VINH) 18 33 52N/105 42 39E BE 617-0038

C. HON GAY 2 05 70 4N/107 04 30E BE 615-0008

D. QUANG KHE 1 74 30 0N/106 31 20E BE 617-0585

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E. LACH CAO ESTUARY OF SONG MA RIVER NEAR THANH HOA  
1946/10555E.

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 RECCE REQUIRED.

5. PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE AND SAR FOR STRIKE FORCES.

6. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CINCPAC 041718Z APPLY.

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1. RECAP OF ENGAGEMENT AS OF 042000Z BASED ON LATEST INFO RECEIVED IS THAT TWO PT'S SUNK, TWO DAMAGED, TURNER JOY REPORTS TRACKING TWO SETS OF RADAR CONTACTS AND FIRING ON THIRTEEN

CONTACTS SHE ALSO REPORTED BEING FIRED UPON BY SMALL CALIBRE GUNS AND ILLUMINATED BY SEARCHLIGHT.  
2. ARMED RECCE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS CONTINUING TO INTERCEPT RETIRING PT'S. WEATHER IN AREA 800 BROKEN 3,000 OVERCAST 10 MI VISIBILITY. NO CONTACTS UP TO THIS TIME BUT SHOULD HAVE BETTER LUCK AT DAYLIGHT IF CRIPPLES ARE STILL IN AREA.

3. FURTHER AMPLIFYING REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED AS ADDITIONAL INFO IS RECEIVED. ACCURATE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND RFW WTS STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR AT THE MOMENT.

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A. CINCPACFLT 041644Z

1. BE PREPARED AT 050700G TO STRIKE FOLLOWING TARGETS:

- A. PT AND SWATOW BOATS RPT BOATS LOCATED AT QUANG KHE (17-42-18N, 106-29-01E), BEN THUY (18-8-52N, 105-42-39E), HON NE ISLAND (19-55N, 106-01E) AND SONG MA ESTUARY (19-47N, 105-55E), HON GAY (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.

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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#3

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 REQUEUE AIRCRAFT AS NECESSARY AND STRIKE THE TWO SOUTHERN TARGETS (QUANG KHE AND BEN THUY) WITH SECOND LAUNCH.

3. ADVISE STRIKE PLAN. WHEN ORDERED THESE STRIKES HAVE PRIORITY OVER ARMED RESERVE 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 REPORT PREPARATORY ORDER. DO NOT LAUNCH UNTIL EXECUTE RECEIVED.

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2. CONTINUED DRV REACTIONS TO DESOTO PATROL

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DRV (NORTH VIETNAMESE) NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT CONTINUING NAVAL AND AIR ACTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE DESOTO PATROL VESSELS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. A DRV MERCHANT CARGO VESSEL PASSED AN URGENT PRECEDENCE MESSAGE ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 3RD TO THE MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICE NOTING THAT TWO SINGLE PROPELLER AIRCRAFT WERE TO FLY "TO OBSERVE THE SHIP MANEUVERS AND AFTER THAT WILL FLY IN THE DIRECTION ((THE SHIP)) WILL SNEAK".

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FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE CARGO VESSEL MESSAGE REVEALS THE AIRCRAFT AS "BOMBERS"; THE VALIDITY OF THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE AIRCRAFT AS BOMBERS CANNOT BE ASSESSED, AS THE CARGO SHIP'S CAPTAIN WAS RELAYING THIS INFORMATION FROM AN U/I SOURCE (2 [REDACTED] R36-64, 030212Z). LESS THAT ONE HOUR PREVIOUSLY, A DRV NAVAL PATROL VESSEL (T142) WAS GIVEN THE POSITION OF THE USS MADDOX AND THE USS TURNER JOY AND ORDERED TO SHADOW THE VESSELS CLOSELY. THIS SAME VESSEL AND ITS SISTER SHIP (T146) SHADOWED THE MADDOX PRIOR TO THE DRV TORPEDO ATTACK ON THE DESTROYER ON 2 AUGUST, AND BOTH SHIPS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE READY FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS DURING THE NIGHT OF 4 AUGUST. (2 [REDACTED] R11-64, 041140Z). IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THESE MILITARY OPERATIONS INCLUDE AN ATTACK ON THE DESOTO CRAFT OR THE DRV CRAFT OR MERELY TO SHADOW THEM.

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IT APPEARS FROM DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS THAT THE TORPEDO ATTACK FLOTILLA 135 (T333, T336, T339) LOST ONE SHIP (T339), HAD ANOTHER BADLY DAMAGED (T336) WHILE THE THIRD (T333) IS STILL OPERATIVE AND IS TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL FUEL. (2 [REDACTED] R10-64, 040850Z). ~~(SECRET KINBO)~~

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ON THE NIGHT OF 4 AUGUST, THE DRV NAVAL CRAFT AGAIN ATTACKED THE DESOTO PATROL. A SWATOW CLASS PGM VESSEL (T142) REPORTED THAT IT SHOT AT TWO ENEMY AIRPLANES AND AT LEAST ONE WAS DAMAGED. IN ADDITION, TWO COMRADES WERE SACRIFICED (POSSIBLY TWO DRV VESSELS SUNK). (2 [REDACTED] R39-64, 041646Z).

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LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM SIGINT AS OF 1630Z INDICATES A TOTAL OF TWO "ENEMY" PLANES SHOT DOWN BY DRV FACILITIES AND TWO DRV NAVAL CRAFT SUNK BY THE "ENEMY" ON 4 AUGUST. (TO BE PUBLISHED). ~~(SECRET KINBO)~~

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1. CERTAIN THAT ORIGINAL AMBUSH WAS BONAFIDE. DETAILS OF ACTION FOLLOWING PRESENT A CONFUSING PICTURE. HAVE INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO MADE POSITIVE VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF COCKPIT LIGHTS OR SIMILAR PASSING-NEEG MADDOX. SEVERAL REPORTED TORPEDOES WERE PROBABLY BOATS THEMSELVES WHICH WERE OBSERVED TO MAKE SEVERAL CLOSE PASSES ON MADDOX. OWN SHIP SCREW NOISES ON RUDDERS MAYHAVE ACCOUNTED FOR SOME. AT PRESENT CANNOT

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EVEN ESTIMATE NUMBER OF BOATS INVOLVED. TURNER JOY REPORTS.

2 TORPEDOES PASSED NEAR HER.

2. MADDOX AND JOY NOT PREPARED TO COMPLY REF A UNTIL FUELED AND REARMED. REQUEST ADVISE

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SITREP GULF OF TONKIN ENGAGEMENT

1. MADDOX AND TURNER JOY ATTACKED BY UNDETERMINED NUMBER PATROL TORPEDO BOATS AT ABOUT 041530Z POSITION LAT 18-17N LONG 107-32E. ESZUMATE AT LEAST ELEVEN TORPEDOES FIRED. NO HITS. NO REPORTED PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR MATERIAL DAMAGES.
2. PATROL CRAFT IMMEDIATELY TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY DESTROYERS FOLLOWED SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY ATTACK BY AIRCRAFT FROM TICONDEROGA AND CONSTELLATION. THREE REPEAT THREE PT'S REPORTED SUNK.
3. PT'S HAVE APPARENTLY BROKEN OFF ENGAGEMENT. AIR STRIKES ARE

PAGE TWO RUATZL 806B ~~SECRET~~

CONTINUING AND PURSUIT OF PT'S WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL EFFORTS EXHAUSTED TO DESTROY THEM.

4. AT FIRST LIGHT DESOTO PATROL WILL RESUME IN ACCORDANCE LATEST CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTIONS WITH A PROTECTIVE AIR COVER. ARMED RECCE WILL SEEK OUT AND DESTROY NVVN PTS AND SWATOWS, IN GULF OF TONKIN.

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SEVENTH FLT DEFCON (U)

CINCPACFLT DIRECTED SEVENTHFLT

AT 041653Z TO SET DEFCON 3,

DUE TO ATTACKS ON DESOTO PATROL

IN GULF OF TONKIN, AT APPROXIMATELY 041440Z.

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

TO CTF SEVEN SEVEN

CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE

INFO CINCVACFLT

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✓ STRIKE OF FIVE A1H PLUS TWO F4 OFF TO MADDOX AT 050115H.

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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. JBY TRACKED 2 SETS OF CONTACTS. FIRED ON 13 CONTACTS. CLAIMS POSITIVE HITS 3, 1 YUNK, 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 EMPLOYMENT

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RUMGCF/NKMX/US QMADDOX

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. MY 041238(1,95-)

? COMSEVENTHFLT 041249Z NOTAL

C. CINCPACFLT 021104Z

1. CANCEL PARA 2 REF A. MOORE RETURN TO WATCH DOG STATION.

2. CTG 72.1 COMPLY REF B.

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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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RUATNA/NAVSECGRUACT FUTEMA

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RUAGFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 7

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, ABOUT MILES VISIBILITY AND DETERIORATING, WHICH IS HAMPERING AIRCRAFT IN LOCATION OF TARGETS.
4. EA1B MOVED FROM MIDDLEMAN POSIT TO DESOTO TO ATTEMPT VECTOR PLANES TO CONTACTS. TWO F4'S ON THE SCENE AND 2 ABOUT T LAUNCH
5. NO TORPEDO FIRINGS LAST 15 MINUTES. DESOTO PATROL REPORTS NO CONTACTS ON SCREEN.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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1246 - PAC DO reports that as of 041600Z  
(1200EDT) P-4's had fired 12  
torpedoes ... all cleared the  
Maddox .... no personnel or material  
casualties. Two P-4's destroyed.  
Tico has launched six A4's that  
are due in five minutes. The  
Constellation has launched 4 F4's.



August 4, 1964

Situation Summary - DeSoto Patrol  
USS Maddox and USS Turner Joy (TU 72.1.2)

DTG/EDT

- 041240Z/8:40 A.M.      1. Imminent attack by P-4 craft reported by DeSoto patrol. Ships proceeding southeast at best speed.
- 041326Z/9:26 A.M.      1. Ticonderoga launched 2 F-8 fighter aircraft and 4 A-4D attack aircraft. Four additional attack aircraft to be launched in 15 minutes.
- 041336Z/9:36 A.M.      1. Task unit commander (in Maddox) reported two surface craft and three aircraft in area.
- 041408Z/10:08 A.M.    1. Unfriendly aircraft reported by JCS to have disappeared. Unfriendly ships not closing -- maintaining distance of 27 miles.
- 041434Z/10:34 A.M.    1. Two original craft opened to 40 miles.  
2. Three new unfriendly ships closed to 11 miles at 40 knots.  
3. U.S. aircraft overhead Desoto Patrol and under Desoto Control.  
4. Photos taken.
- 041442Z/10:42 A.M.    1. USS Turner Joy and USS Maddox reported they were under attack and commenced return fire at 04140Z/10:40 A.M.
- 041452Z/10:52 A.M.    1. Desoto Patrol under continuous torpedo attack.
- 041515Z/11:15 A.M.    1. Maddox reported avoiding at least six torpedoes and under attack by three P-4's.  
2. No friendly combat air Patrol (aircraft support) expected for 15 minutes. (Original CAP A/C probably returned to Ticonderoga due low-fuel state.)  
3. USS Turner Joy appears to have sunk one P-4.

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REVIEW OKPACT ION MAKES MANY REPORTED CONTACTS AND  
TORPEDOES FIRED APPEAR DOUBTFULL. FREAK WEATHER EFFECTS  
ON RADAR AND OVEREAGER SONARMEN MAY HAVE ACCOUNTED  
FOR MANY REPORTS. NO ACTUAL VISUAL SIGHTINGS BY MADDOX  
SUGGEST COMPLETE EVALUATION BEFORE ANY FURTHER ACTION TAKEN

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REPRISAL FOR ATTACKS ON DESOTO PATROL (C)

I RECOMMEND AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO CONDUCT PUNITIVE U.S.

AIR STRIKES ASAP IN INCREASING STAGES OF SEVERITY AS FOLLOWS:

- A. ARMED RECCE BETWEEN HON ME ISLAND AND HON NE, AND STRIKES ON PT AND SWATOW CRAFT OBSERVED AT THESE SITES OR AT SEA.
- B. STRIKE ANY PT'S AND SWATOWS OBSERVED N LACH CHAO ESTUARY (19-46, 105-53E).
- C. STRIKES AGAINST SWATOW BASES AT QUANG KHE AND BEN THUY.
- D. HEAVY AIR STRIKES AGAINST HONE ME. IS WHICH IS

USED AS STAGING BASE BY PT/SWATOW.

E. AIR STRIKES ON OIL STORAGE AREA IN VICINITY BEN THUY  
PROBABLY SUPPORTING SWATOW BOATS BASED THERE.

2. RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED HAVE SHIPS CONDUCT  
OPERATIONS UP TO THREE MILE LIMIT.

3. RECOMMEND AIRCRAFT BE AUTHORIZED HOT PURSUIT INTO TERRITORIAL  
AIRSPACE OF NORTH VIETNAM. GP3

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REPORT NUMBER 13

DRV REPORTS SHOOTING AT TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1. SWATOW CLASS PGM T-142 REPORTED TO MY DUC (19-52-45N 105-57E) 051550Z TOI THAT WE SHOT AT TWO ENEMY AIRPLANES AND AT LEAST ONE WAS DAMAGED. WE SACRIFICED TWO COMRADES BUT ALL ARE BRAVE AND RECONGNIZE OUR OBLIGATION

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RUMGCF/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX  
RUMGCF/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE  
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GULF OF TONKIN (C)

A. JCS 032351Z NOTAL

1. IMPERATIVE THAT ALL NVN PATROL CRAFT WHICH PARTICIPATED IN TONIGHTS ACTION BE DESTROYED.
2. UPON COMPLETION CURRENT ACTION DESOTO PATROL SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE RESUMED IN AREA DESCRIBED PARA 1.A. REF A. (AREA BOUNDED BY POINT DELTA, 19-PN 105-55E, 19-10N 107-00E, AND 19-47N 107-00E). REMAIN 11 MILES FROM COAST. RELIEVE DESTROYERS AT DISCRETION.

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3. AT EARLIEST FEASIBLE TIME, LAUNCH ARMED RECCE TO ATTACK AND DESTROY POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED NVN PT BOATS AND SWATOWS ALONG PROBABLE ROUTES OF RETIREMENT FROM TONIGHTS ACTION AND IN THE DESOTO PATROL EA DESCRIBED ABOVE. AIRCRAFT REMAIN THREE REPEAT THREE MILES FROM NVN COASTLINE AND TWENTY REPEAT TWENTY MILES FROM HAINAN.
4. CINCPAC HAS DIRECTED CANCELLATION OF MARITIME ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH YOUR OPS.

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USS TICONDEROGA

USS CONSTELLATION

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UNIDENT ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

- 1. AT 041554Z SWATOW CLASS PGM T-142 REPORTED TO MY DUC (19-52-45N 105-57E) THAT AN ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS OBERVED FALLING IN TO THE SEA. ENEMY VESSEL PERHAPS WOUNDED

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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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RUA TW/NAVSECGRUACT KAMI SEYA

RUA GFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 7

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. EA1B 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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1. RECALL ALL RVN PTF'S TO DANANG ASAP. DISCONTINUE  
 34A MAROPS THAT MAY BE IN PROGRESS. GP-3

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 6

1. PT BOATS FIRED TOTAL OF 12 TORPEDOS AS OF 2240G, ALL TORPEDOS CLEAR. NO MATERIAL OR PERSONNEL CAUSALTIIES. BEST ESTIMATE THIS SITREP; 2 PT'S DESTROYED. TICO AIRCRAFT ILLUMELATING AND ATTACKING 6 A4'S FROM CONSTELLATION DUE OVER DESOTO FIVE MINUTES. DIRECTED CTG 77.6 LAUNCH : F4'S WITH SPARROWS ASAP

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 RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

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1. IN VIEW OF PT BOAT ATTACKS ON TURNER JOY AND MADDOX,  
 TAKE STEPS TO DESTROY ALL DRV PT BOATS AND SWATOWS IN THE GENREAL  
 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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INFO RUMFZ W/ J8RM/ CTG 77.5  
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 RUMSMA/ COMUSMACV  
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JULY AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 5 (S)

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. PATROL ARRIVED VIC PT CHARLIE 030012Z. 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 030600Z INDICATING POSSIBLE SURFACE SURVEILLANCE MY MOVEMENTS.  
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 RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6  
 RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 4 (S)

- A. JCS 021725Z NOTAL
- B. CINCPACFLT 021104Z NOTAL

1. CTG 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.

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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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT  
RUMPHQ/CINCPAC  
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TORPEDO ATTACK ON DD(S)

A. SITREP NR 3 REPORT OF AIR ATTACK ON MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS

1. TWO SECTIONS OF F8'S DIVERTED FROM OVERHEAD TICONDEROGA ARRIVED OVER MADDOX AT 020830Z AND ON REQUEST MADDOX ATTACKED THE 3 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS WHICH HAD ATTACKED MADDOX BUT WERE PROCEEDING AWAY FROM MADDOX AT HIGH SPEED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. TWO OF THE TORPEDO BOATS WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES NORTH OF MADDOX AND ONE ABOUT 5 MILES NOR OF MADDOX.
2. THE FIRST SECTION OF F8'S (VF-51) ATTACKED OFE MORE NORTHERLY PAIR OF MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS WITH ZUNIS ON THE FIRST RUN. THE ZUNIS DID NOT HIT THE TARGETS. SHORTLY AFTER THE WINGMAN OF THE FIRST SECTION COMPLETED HIS RUN HE REPORTED HAVING BEEN HIT BUT STILL IN CONTROL OF HIS AIRCRAFT. HE WAS TOLD TO ORBIT MADDOX. THE SECTION LEADER THEN MADE ONE MORE ZUNI RUN AND FOUR STRAFING ATTACKS EXPENDING 400 RND OF 20MM AMMO ON THE TWO TORPEDO BOATS. THE ZUNI DID NOT HIT THE TARGET BUT HITS WERE OBSERVED IN THE STRAFING RUNS. NO SMOKE OR FIRE WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, AND THE TWO TORPEDO BOATS WERE NOT OBSERVED TO LOW DOWN.
3. THE SECOND SECTION OF F8'S (VF-53) ATTACKED THE MORE SOUTHERLY

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SINGLE TORPEDO BOAT. TWO ZUNIS EACH WERE EXPEDED ON THE FIRST RUN BUT NO HITS WERE OBSERVED. EACH F8THEN MADE TWO STRAFING RUNS, ONE OF THE RUNS AGAINST THE NORTHERLY PAIR OF MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS EXPENDING 500 ROUNDS OF 20MM AMMO HITS WERE OBSERVED ON ALL STRAFING RUNS AND THE SINGLE TORPEDO BOAT WAS REPORTED DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING NEAR THE STERN.

4. THE DAMAGED AIRCRAFT LANDED SAFELY AT DANANG. IT HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED IF THE DAMAGE WAS DUE TO ENEMY FIRE OR DEBRIS FROM THE ZUNI. PILOT BELIEVES HE WAS FIRED AT BY TORPEDO BOAT.

5. AN RF-8 WAS DISPATCHED TO AREA OF TORPEDO ATTACK. LOCATED ONLY ONE TORPEDO BOAT AT APPROXIMATELY 19-31N 106-15E PROCEEDING NORTH AT HIGH SPEED. PHOTOS TAKEN LOW SUN ANGLE RESULTED IN ONLY 2 PHOTOS OF POOR QUALITY. PHOTO INTERPRETATION

INDICATES PROBABLE P-4 PT BOAT.  
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CTF SEVEN TWO  
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READDRESSAL FLASH 021153Z  
FM CINCPACFLT  
INFO RUEKDA/JCS  
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RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

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TORP ATTACK ON DD (S)

SITREP NR 2

TURNER JOY PROCEEDING TO JOIN MADDOX. MADDOX REPORTED BEING TRAILED BY 2 LOW FLIERS AND PT BOAT. NEXT REPORT RECEIVED FROM MADDOX STATED THESE CONTACTS NO LONGER HELD. WHEN TURNER JOY AND MADDOX ARE JOINED WILL HAVE THEM PROCEED TO WATCHDOG STATION 17-30N/108-00E. ETA 021430Z MEANWHILE HAVING MOORE PROCEED TO 17-00N/109-00E.

2. ONE F8 THAT MADE ATTACK ON PT BOATS REPORTED HE WAS HIT DURING FIRST RUN. HE WAS BINGOED TO DANANG. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT DAMAGE WAS DUE TO OWN ZUNI BLAST. WILL RETURN PILOT ASAP FOR DEBRIEF.

3. MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS CAP AND STRIKE POSTURE OVER MADDOX AND TURNER JOY UNTIL SAFELY CLEAR DANGER AREA AND SMALL BOYS HAVE RETURNED TO YT WATCHDOG STATION. CONDITION CAP WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING NIGHT. WILL RESUME NORMAL YT OPS WITH WX RECCE LAUNCH 022200Z AUG. IN ADDITION WILL MAINTAIN CAP/ STRIKE COVER YT WATCHDOG STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HRS 3 AUG.

4. PHOTO COVERAGE ON STATION RESULTS UNKNOWN. MORE FOLLOWS.

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RUMGCR/CTF 72

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC  
RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
RUMGCR/USS TICONDEROGA

INFO RUWDED/COMCRUDESAC  
RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/CTG 70.8  
RUMGCR/USS 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 APPROX 021200Z. TICO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT. MADDOX AIR RADAR INOP. TURNER JOY PROVIDING AIR DETECTION. VOICE COMY WITH TG 77.5 ON CKT D30.1F/
3. ACTION SUMMARY FOLLOWS:
  1. AT 020750Z 3 TORPEDO BOATS NEARING 268 TRUE, RANGE 11.5 NM WERE DETECTED CLOSING MADDOX AT SPEED OF 50 KTS. MADDOX POSIT 19-47N 106-31.1E
  2. MADDOX ATTEMPTED TO AVOID ON COURSE 130 SPEED 27 KTS.
  3. AT 02083Z WHEN BOATS CLOSED TO 9000 YARDS MADDOX TURNED TO COURSE 150 TRUE AND FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WITH 5 INCH BATTERY.
  4. TORPEDO BOATS CONTINUED TO CLOSE AND WERE TAKEN UNDER

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CONTINUOUS FIRE.

5. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING NUMEROUS HIT AND NEAR MISSES 2 BOATS CLOSE TO ABOUT 5000 YARDS AND BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF FIRE MADE AN INEFFECTIVE LAUNCH OF 2 TORPEDOES. MADDOX TURNED AWAY AND TORPEDOES PASSED ON STBD SIDE FROM AFT TO FORWARD.
6. THIRD TORPEDO BOAT HAD PULLED ALMOST ABEAM BY 0821Z. HE TURNED TO CLOSE AND AT TIME OF RECEIVING DIRECT HIT DROPPED TORPEDO IN WATER. IT HAS 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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