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Z 041515Z

FM CTG 72.1

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INFO RUEKDM/JCS

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RUATZK/T58L/CTF 72

RUMFZK/JBRM/CTG 77.5

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HAVE THUS FAR BEEN SUCESSFULLY 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 F4 8,297,S 35- 50 MINUTES AM ILLUMINATING FOR  
AIRCRAFT

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RUMGCF/JSPZ/CTG SEVEN TWO PT ONE  
RUMGCF/QZHS/CTG SEVEN TWO PT FOUR  
RUMGCF/ESRX/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
RUMGCF/O3VL/CTU SEVEN TWO PT FOUR PT THREE

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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. #105'S WILL BE ATTACKED BY TICO ACFT  
AUGMENTED BY CONSTELLATION ACFT

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RUMGCF/J6FZ/CTG SEVEN PT ONE  
RUXGCF/QQNS/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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RJAGFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

RUEKM6/NEACP

RUERC/NECPA

RUEPDA/O5D/IFR

CAMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMGCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE PT TWO

RUXSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 4

1. DESOTG REPORTS 2 ON BEAM CLOSED TO 10 MILES, 2 SOUTH AT  
40 MILES, CLOSING AT RELATIVE SPEED OF 7 0 KNOTS. ?

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RUMGZN / CTG 77.5

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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RUMGZN/CTG 77.6

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*From CINPAC*

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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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DE SOTO PATROL EMERGENCY ACTIONS (U)

1. AIRLIFT 100 MK 50 MINES TO TICONDEROGA OR CONSTELLATION ASAP AND REPORT ETA.
2. PURPOSE MINES IS POSSIBILITY MINING FIVE SWATOW BASES IN NVN. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE ON ORDER. GP3

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*Bundy S*

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INFO RUHLHL/CINNPACFLT

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RUMFZK/CTG 77.5

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REPRISAL FOR ATTACKS ON DESOTO PATROL (C)

1 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

*C(Thomas)*

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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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TO AIG 131

INFO RUMFZK/JBRM/CTG 77.5

RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6

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RUMGCR/MENB/USS TURNER JOY

RUMLNR/NHT SKUSS MADDOX

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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 *junk probable*

~~3, 1 YUNK, PROBABLE HITS~~

2. 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 14-32N 128°10E AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTION ~~SE~~

3. MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN NEED OF FUEL AND AMMO PRIOR  
FURTHER EMPLOYMENT

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DE RUEPCR 126 04/1807Z

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By TB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

O 041336Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO AIG ONE EIGHT ONE

Z 041336Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/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 AD'S SEARCHED 041326Z TO BE FOLLOWED BY 4 A1H'S FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER.

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FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

Z 041535Z

FM NAVCOMMSTA PHIL

TO USS TICONDEROGA

COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

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FOLLOWING RECD FROM CIG 72.1

THATS NR 7 TORPEDO AND TWO TORPEDOES IN WATER

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OO RUEPWW

DE RUEPCR 130 04/1820Z

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O 041819Z

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O 041617Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUECW/CNO

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TO USS TICONDEROGA

COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

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UNCLAS

FOLLOWING RECD FROM CTS 72.1

TORPEDOES MISSED ANOTHER FIRED AT US.

FOUR TORPEDOES IN WATER.

AND FIVE TORPEDOES IN WATER

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OO RUEPWW

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RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

O 041737Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUEKDA/JCS

Z 041616Z

FM NAVCOMMSTA PHIL

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

USS TICONDEROGA

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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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DE RUEPCR 133 04/1834Z 04 AUG 4 18 58

C 041833Z

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INFO RUEKDA/JCS

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Z 041545Z

RUECCEM SEVENTHFLT *FM CTG 72.6*  
*REO COM 7th Fleet*

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CTG 77.5

CTG 72.1

CINCPACFLT

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1. SIX ALPHA FOUR TWO FOXTROT FOURS OFF AT 2300H

ETE 50 MIN

2. READING NEXT AIR STRIKE FOUR A1H LAUNCH 2315H.

3. PRESENT POSIT 18-07N 112-00E. CLOSING 77.5 ASAP.

P THREE

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0 041830Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/CNO

RUEPCR/JCS

RUHLHLQ/CINCPAC

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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 13-17N LONG 107-32E. ESTIMATE AT LEAST ELEVEN TORPEDOS 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 CONFELLATION. THREE REPEAT THREE PT'S REPORTED SUNK.
3. PT'S HAVE APPARENTLY BROKEN OFF ENGAGEMENT. AIR STRIKES ARE

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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 PT'S AND SWATOWS, IN GULF OF TONKIN.

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SECRET SITREP NO 2 GULF OF TONKIN ACTION

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 200 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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DE RUEPCR 196 04/22 15Z

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RUCKHC/CINCLANT

RULPAL/USCINCSO

RUMGALB/CINCONAD

RUFLC/USCINCEUR

RUMGALB/CINCNORAD

RUCQHKB/CINCSRIKE

RUHLHS/CINCSARPAC

RUHLKM/PACIEEDLYRHBFXANMCC

RUEKMJ/NEACP

RUER C/NECPA

RUMSHA/COMUSMACV

RUAMC/COMUSK

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SEVENTH FLT DEFCON (U)

CINCPACFLT DIRECTED SEVENTHFLT

AT 041653Z TO SET DEFCON 3, *(an increase in force readiness above that required for normal readiness)*

DUE TO ATTACKS ON DESOTO PATROL

IN GULF OF TONKIN, AT APPROXIMATELY 041440Z.

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RUMGCF661/SHSCTG SEVEN TWO PT FOUR  
RUMGCF/E5RXCTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
RUMGCF/O3VL/CTU SEVEN TWO PT FOUR PT THREE  
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RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX  
RUMGCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE IR TWO  
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DESOTO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 8

1. RETURNING PILOTS REPORT NO VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF ANY VESSELS OR WAKES OTHER THAN TURNER JOY AND MOORE. WAKES FROM TURNER JOY AND MOORE VISIBLE FOR 2-3000 YARDS.
2. PILOTS FIRED ORDNANCE IN AREAS WHERE SKUNKS REPORTED AND IN AREAS WHERE DIRECTED BY CONTROLLERS.
3. PILOTS ALSO REPORT RESTRICTED VISIBILITY (3 MILES) AND DETERIORATING WEATHER (3000 FEET BROKEN).

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Authority JCS letter 1-19-77

By mg/jip, NARA, Date 10-7-87

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JCS

TO RUKDAG/CINCLANT

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RUWGALB/CINCONAD

RJFLOR/USCINCEUR

RJHPA/CINCPAC

RJLPAL/USCINCSO

RUEKDL/CINCSRIKE

RJCSBR/CINCSAC

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SITUATION REPORT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 041530Z THE DESTROYERS USS  
AND USS TURNER JOY WERE ATTACKED BY AN UNDETER-  
MINED NUMBER OF PATROL/TORPEDO BOATS AT 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.

4. UNCLASSIFIED NICKNAME PIERCE ARROW ASSIGNED. GP-3  
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PACAF FLASH  
USARPAC FLASH  
CINCPACFLT FLASH

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INFO : SAIGON 24 FLASH  
VIENTIANE 29 FLASH  
DOD FLASH  
JCS FLASH  
WHITE HOUSE FLASH

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Authority STATE letter OCT 11 1978  
By ms, NARS, Date JUL 30 1979

DATE : AUGUST 5, NOON

SAIGON PASS GEN WESTMORELAND AND 2ND AD

EXDIS - PIERCE ARROW

1. CINCPAC'S 040519Z 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 USMACHTHAI 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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OPERATION PIERCE ARROW  
SECRET/ JOPREP/08005/STRIKE/SITREP 052400Z  
PART I. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

A. 8 RF 101 ACFT ENROUTE HICKAM, THREE AIR TO AIR  
REFUELINGS COMPLETED. ETA FIRST ACFT 060126Z LAST ACFT  
060226Z.

B. THREE FLTS TOTALING 24 F-100 ACFT OF THE 522  
TFS, 27 TFW, CANNON AFB BEGAN LAUNCHING 052100Z: LAST  
ACFT AIRBORNE 052200Z. 20 ACFT WILL PROCEED HICKAM WITH

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4 RETURNING TO CANNON AFB IF NOT REQUIRED.

C. THREE FLTS TOTALING 24 F-100 ACFT EACH OF THE  
614 TFS, 401 TFW BEGAN LAUNCHING ENGLAND AFB 052303Z;  
LAST FLT ETD 060040Z. 20 ACFT WILL PROCEED HICKAM WITH  
4 RETURNING TO ENGLAND AFB IF NOT REQUIRED.

D. FORTY AFSTRIKE C-130 ACFT PROVIDING AIRLIFT  
SUPPORT FOR DEPLOYING FORCE. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF C-130'S  
ON GROUND.

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4 - ENGLAND AFB

3 - HAMILTON AFB

1 - ALAMEDA NAS

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10 - ENROUTE HAMILTON AFB

8 - ENROUTE ALAMEDA NAS

4 - ENROUTE HICKAM AB

E. DEPLOYMENT OF 2 C-130 SQUADRONS (32 ACFT)  
WILL BE FULFILLED BY RETENTION IN PACOM OF 32 OF 40  
DEPLOYING C-10 ACFT SUPPORTING FIGHTER AND RECCE FORCES.

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DESTINATION TO BE DETERMINED BY CINCPAC.

F. USSTRICOM UNITS REMAINING IN CINCPAC 050445Z  
PLACED ON DEFCON 3 WITH NO POSITIONING OF AIRLIFT AT ON-  
LOAD BASES.

PART II PLANS SUMMARY

A. 357 TFS (24 - F-105) 355TH TFW SCHEDULED  
TO LAUNCH 061300Z MCCONNELL WITH DESTINATION YOKOTA.

B. C-130 AIRLIFT SUPPORT WILL CONTINUE TO DEPLY  
FROM CONUS ON LOAD BASES. GP 3

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PIERCE ARROW  
T-401A-5 ESTB  
463 TCW

0845	ENGLAND	0210
1905	HAMILTON	1045
3950	HICKAM	3105
4545	ENIWETOK	4150
	GUAN	A/R
	CLARK	A/R

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REMARKS: EST POSITION GUAM.

T-355A-R IST  
463 TCW

1415	MCCONNEL	0915
24135	ALONEDA	1615
4520	HICKAM	3635
5440	ENIWETOK	4720
	YOKOTA	

T-355A-5 IST AND T-355A-6 IST WILL FOLLOW T-355A-4 IST AT  
FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVALS.

T-832A-8 TSE  
463 TCW

1530	CANNON	1130
2550	ALONEDA	1730
4635	HICKAM	3750
5725	ENIWETOK	4835
	CLARK	

T-832A-9 TSE WILL FOLLOW T-832A-8 TSE AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVAL.

PART TWO. REQUEST ADDRESSEES MAKE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE  
AVAILABLE TO AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS AND TO OFFICERS DESIGNATED AS  
MOVEMENT CONTROL TEAM (MCT). THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO MOVEMENT OF  
AIRCRAFT. ACTION ADDRESSEES WILL ACKNOWLEDGE TIME OF RECEIPT  
OF THIS MESSAGE TO AFSTRIKE CP. "PIERCE ARROW". GP-4.

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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 ESTUAR 050630Z
- 4. TOT TGTS REMAINS 050745Z
- 5. RETURNING STRK ACFT FROM LOC CHAO WILL INVESTIGATE HON ME.

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SECRET/NOFORN/DOCC-OC 43-8-4. SECTION 1 OF 2 OPERATION PIERCE  
ARROW. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I. THIS MESSAGE SUPERSEDES  
AF STRIKE C-130 AIR MOVEMENT TABLES PUBLISHED IN PART II OF SECRET  
DOCC-OC 28-8-4. THE FOLLOWING C-130 AIR MOVEMENT TABLES ARE  
BASED ON AIRLIFT L-HOUR, 1500Z 5 AUG 64. CREW REST IS WAIVED  
TO MEET THE FOLLOWING AIR MOVEMENT SCHEDULE:

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LOAD DESIGNATOR (AIRLIFT UNIT)	ARR	STATION	DEPT
T-832A-4 ESTA 516 TCW		CANNON	0200
	0600	HAMILTON	0800
	1620	HICKAM	2820
	3705	ENIWETOK	3905
	4300	GUAM	A/R
	A/R	CLARK	A/R
T-832A-5 ESTB 516 TCW		CANNON	0210
	0610	HAMILTON	0810
	1630	HICKAM	A/R
	A/R	ENIWETOK	A/R
	A/R	CLARK	
REMARKS: EST POSITION HICKAM.			
T-832A-1 IST 516 TCW		CANNON	0220
	0620	HAMILTON	0820
	1640	HICKAM	2840
	3725	ENIWETOK	3925
	4745	CLARK	
T-832A-2 IST AND T-832A-3 IST WILL FOLLOW T-832A-1 AT TEN MINUTE INTERVALS.			
T-355A-7 ESTA 516 TCW		MCCONNELL	0800
	1300	HAMILTON	1500
	2320	HICKAM	A/R
	A/R	ENIWETOK	A/R
	A/R	YOKOTA	
REMARKS: EST POSITION HICKAM.			
T-355A-8 ESTB 516 TCW		MCCONNELL	0815
	1315	HAMILTON	1515
	2335	HICKAM	3535
	4420	ENIWETOK	4620
	5015	GUAM	A/R
	A/R	YOKOTA	
REMARKS: EST POSITION GUAM.			
T-355A-1 IST 516 TCW		MCCONNELL	0830
	1330	HAMILTON	1530

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	2350	HICKAM	3550
	4435	ENIWETOK	4635
	5355	YOKOTA	
T-355A-2 1ST AND T-355A-3 1ST WILL FOLLOW T-355A-1 AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVALS.			
T-516-1 EST IS IN POSITION AT HAMILTON.			
T-516-2 EST		HAMILTON	0120
	0940	HICKAM	2140
	3025	ENIWETOK	A/R
REMARKS: EST POSITION ENIWETOK.			
T-401A-4 EST		ENGLAND	0200
314 TCW			
	0835	HAMILTON	1035
	1855	HICKAM	A/R
	A/R	ENIWETOK	A/R
	A/R	CLARK	
REMARKS: EST POSITION HICKAM.			
T-401A-1 1ST		ENGLAND	0220
314 TCW			
	0855	HAMILTON	1055
	1915	HICKAM	3115
	4000	ENIWETOK	4200
	5050	CLARK	
T-401A-2 1ST AND T-401A-3 1ST WILL FOLLOW T-401A-1 1ST AT TEN MINUTE INTERVAL.			
T-401-6 TSE		ENGLAND	0855
314TCW			
	1530	HAMILTON	1730
	2550	HICKAM	3750
	4635	ENIWETOK	4835
	5725	CLARK	
T-401A-7 TSE AND T-401A-3 TSE WILL FOLLOW T-401A-6 TSE AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVAL.			
T-401A-9 TSE		ENGLAND	1030
314 TCW			
	1705	HAMILTON	1905
	2725	HICKAM	3925
	4810	ENIWETOK	5010
	5900	CLARK	
T-832A-6 TSE		CANNON	1100
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	1500	HAMILTON	1700 1700
	2520	HICKAM	3720

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	4605	ENIWETOK	4805
	5655	CLARK	
T-832A-7 TSE WILL FOLLOW T-832A-6 TSE AT FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVAL			
T-314-1 EST		HAMILTON	0410
314 TCW			
	1230	HICKAM	A/R
REMARKS: EST POSITION HICKAM.			
T-314-2 EST		HAMILTON	0430
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	3335	ENIWETOK	A/R
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DEPLOY FORCES IN PARAGRAPH 1B REPEAT 1B OF REF A. TO DESTINATIONS INDICATED ASAP. POLITICAL CLEARANCES FOR ALL DESTINATION COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. GP-3.  
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SEASIA ALERT AND DEPLOYMENTS (C)  
A. CINCPAC 050424Z  
B. SAIGON 304 TO STATE PASEP  
1. REF A DIRECTS ALERT OF CERTAIN FORCES FOR DEPLOYMENT TO SEASIA  
ASAP UPON RECEIPT POLITICAL CLEARANCE. REF B IF AUTHORIZATION  
FOR ENTRY OF FORCES INTO RVN.  
2. DEPLOY ASAP:  
A. TWO B-57 SQS FROM CLARK TO BIEN HOA.  
B. ONE RTF ELEMENT (6RF101S) TO TSN  
3. OBTAIN NECESSARY AIRLIFT SUPPORT FROM CHWTO. GPI  
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- A. JCS 7734 DTG 051233Z
- B. CINCPAC 050445Z NOTAL

- 1. FOR ALL ACTION ADDEES. COMPLY REF A AND ALERT UNITS IN REF
- 2. FOR PACAF. TAKE PARA 3 OF REF A FORAC. DIRLAUTH ALCON.
- 3. FOR CINCSTRIKE. REQ ALCON BE ADVISED WHEN OTHER UNITS IN

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP 17 AND FINAL

- 1. MY 051300Z POSIT 16-19.5N/110-22.3E.
- 2. STRIKE RESULTS, FINAL SITREP.

A. HON GAY. TOT 050740-0805Z. 10A4/2F4/4 A1 AK. ORD: A4-1 LAU-3A/FAMMO; A1 4 LAU-3A/FAMMO. INITIALLY OBSERVED THREE SWATOW AND ONE PGM INSIDE HARBOR. STRAFING AND ROCKET RUNS BY 10 A4 RESULTED ONE SWATOW BURNING AND TWO BADLY DAMAGED. FOL A4 ATTACK, A1 OBSERVED ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING AND FOUR BOATS UNDERWAY. 4 A4 ATTACKED ALL BOAT RESULTS ON SWATOW DIW BURNING, ONE PGM BURNING AND SLOWLY CIRCLING, THREE PT BOATS STRAFFED AND HIT WITH ROCKETS. DAMAGE UNKNOWN, PHOTOS WHICH TAKEN AFTER A4 BUT PRIOR A1 ATK CONFIRMED ONE SWATOW AGROUND AND BURNING INSIDE HARBOR; SECOND SWATOW BURNING BUT UNDERWAY, ONE PMG BURNING AND SLOWLY CIRCLING STBD. ONE P-4 VESSEL SLOWLY UNDERWAY TOWARD THE HARBOR. ONE P-4 U/W FULL SPEED AWAY FROM HARBOR. ALL ATTACKING ACFT EXPERIENCED MODERATE TO INTENSE LIGHT

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FIRE FROM NUMEROUS POSITIONS LOC ON A 500 FT HILL ON LE AUX BUISSON IS OVERLOOKING HARBOR. MACHINE GUNS ON ALL PT AND SWATOWS FIRED THROUGHOUT THE ATTACK. ONE A4 LOST IN THE ATTACK. ALL AMMO EXPENDED.

B. LOC CHAO ESTUARY. TOT 050725-0750Z. 3F4/5A4/4A1 ACFT. ORD: A4 LAU-3A/FAMMO; A1-4 LAU-3A/FAMMO. DIV A1 ENR TO TGT SAW 5 PT TYPE; AT 19-55N/106-03E AND 3 AT 19-54N/106-01E. A1 TOOK GROUP OF TWO UN ATTACK WITH 22 RUNS. TWO BOATS LEFT DIW SMOKING. EST 25-37MM AA FR BOATS THROUGHOUT ATTACK. ONE A1H LOST IN ATTACK AND ONE A1H DAMAGED. BUT RECOVERED ABOARD SAFELY. 5 A4 ATTACKED REMAINING 3 PT TYPE BOAT ONE PT HIT AND SET AFIRE. ONE DAMAGED IN STERN AFTER MULTIPLE 20MM HITS. BOTH DIW AND BURNING ON DEPARTURE. 14 RUNS MADE. PHOTOGRAPH CONFIRMS ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING. ONE SWATOW DIW SMOKING, ONE SWATOW DAMAGED IN STERN, ONE P-4 PT DIW, AND ONE P-4 PT LAYING TO DIW NE SHORE OF LE HON NE IS. ALL AMMO EXPENDED.

3. SAG INCIDENTS. DEBRIEF OF PILOTS PROVIDE FOL INFO:

A. SAR NO ONE. A4C MODEX 411, BUNO 1&9578, LTJG EVERETT ALVAREZ, 1644124/1315, HIT BY AA AND DOWNED VIC HON GAY HARBOR, DR (VIV 20-56N/9 107-08) AT ABOUT 050750Z. PILOT COMPLETED SECOND ATTACK ON PT CRAFT REPORTED ACFT HIT, UNABLE TO CONTROL ACFT AND EJECTING. PARACHUTE NOT SEEN BUT "BEEPER" HEARD FOR APPROX ONE MINUTE. SPLASH (BELIEVED TO BE ACFT) AT THAT TIME SEEN BY SEVERAL PILOTS CLOSE TO SHORE AT ABOVE LOCATION. IF EJECTION WAS ACCOMP SAFELY, PILOT WOULD HAVE LANDED ON PENINSULA.

B. SAR NO TWO. A1H MODEX 505, BV NO 139760, LTJG RICHARD C. SATHER 58723/1315, PRESUMED HIT BY GUNFIRE AND IMPACTED BETWEEN TWO PT CRAFT UNDER ATTACK VIC 19-55N/106-00E. PARACHUTE WAS NOT OBSERVED. NO SURVIVOR.

C. SAR NO THREE. ONE A1H RECEIVED THREE HITS IN PORT EXTERNAL DEC TANK CAUSING HYDRAULIC FAILURE. AIRCRAFT RECOVERED ON BOARD SAFELY.

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FIRE FROM NUMEROUS POSITIONS LOC ON A 500 FT HILL ON LE AUX BUISSON IS OVERLOOKING HARBOR. MACHINE GUNS ON ALL PT AND SWATOWS FIRED THROUGHOUT THE ATTACK. ONE A4 LOST IN THE ATTACK. ALL AMMO EXPENDED

B. LOC CHAO ESTUARY. TOT 050725- 0750Z . 3F4/5A4/4A1 ACFT. ORD: A4-LAU-3A/FAMMO; A1- 4 LAU-3A/FAMMO. DIV A1 ENR TO TGT SAW 5 PT TYPE; AT 19-55N/106-03E AND 3 AT 19-54N/106-01E. A1 TOOK GROUP OF TWO UND ATTACK WITH 22 RUNS. TWO BOATS LEFT DIW SMOKING. EST 25-37MM AA FRC BOATS THROUGHOUT ATTACK. ONE AIH LOST IN ATTACK AND ONE AIH DAMAGED. BUT RECOVERED ABOARD SAFELY. 5 A4 ATTACKED REMAINING 3 PT TYPE BOAT ONE PT HIT AND SET AFIRE. ONE DAMAGED IN STERN AFTER MULTIPLE 20MM HITS. BOTH DIW AND BURNING ON DEPARTURE. 14 RUNS MADE. PHOTOGRAPH CONFIRMS ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING. ONE SWATOW DIW SMOKING, ONE SWATOW DAMAGED IN STERN, ONE P-4 PT DIW, AND ONE P-4 PT LAYING TO DIW NEA SHORE OF HE HON NE IS. ALL AMMO EXPENDED.

3. SAG INCIDENTS. DEBRIEF OF PILOTS PROVIDE FOL INFO:

A. SAR NO ONE. A4C MODEX 411, BUNO 1&9578, LTJG EVERETT ALVAREZ, 1644124/1315, HIT BY AA AND DOWNED VIC HON GAY HARBOR, DRV. (VIV 20-56N/9 107-08) AT ABOUT 050750Z. PILOT COMPLETED SECOND ATTACK ON PT CRAFT REPORTED ACFT HIT, UNABLE TO CONTROL ACFT AND EJECTING. PARACHUTE NOT SEEN BUT "BEEPER" HEARD FOR APPROX ONE MINUTE. SPLASH (BELIEVED TO BE ACFT) AT THAT TIME SEEN BY SEVERAL PILOT CLOSE TO SHORE AT ABOVE LOCATION. IF EJECTION WAS ACCOMP SAFELY, PILOT WOULD HAVE LANDED ON PENINSULA.

B. SAR NO TWO. AIH MODEX 505, BV NO 139760, LTJG RICHARD C. SATHER, 658723/1315, PRESUMED HIT BY GUNFIRE AND IMPACTED BETWEEN TWO PT CRAFT UNDER ATTACK VIC 19-55N/106-00E. PARACHUTE WAS NOT OBSERVED. NO SURVIVOR.

C. SAR NO THREE. ONE AIH RECEIVED THREE HITS IN PORT EXTERNAL DROP TANK CAUSING HYDRAULIC FAILURE. AIRCRAFT RECOVERED ON BOARD SAFELY.

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FOR AMBASSADOR TAYLOR, INFO GEN WHEELER AND  
GEN WESTMORELAND FROM SHARP

A. AMEMB SAIGON 010900Z

B. MY 022330Z NOTAL

C. SAIGON 286 TO STATE

1. REF A MAKES SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING CINCPAC PLANS  
AND REQUESTS COMMENTS. THESE OBSERVATIONS INDICATE A REQUIREMENT  
R:

A. REVISION, SIMPLIFICATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF MANY PLANS.

B. CAPABILITY TO IMPLEMENT WITH MINIMUM DELAY ALL PHASES  
(ACTUALLY CATEGORIES) OF PLAN 37.

C. A SINGLE PLAN FOR THE DEFENSE OF SEASIA AGAINST  
CHICOM/DRV AGGRESSION:

(1) BASED ON USE OF U.S., RVN AND THAI FORCES ONLY;

(2) CONTAINING REALISTIC ASSUMPTIONS AS TO CIRCUMUIANCES

1.5(a),(d); 3.4(b)(5),(6)

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(3) INCLUDING REALISTIC DEFINITIZATION OF MOST ADVANCED POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE OCCUPIED AND HELD BY FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES CONSIDERING TIME AND SPACE FACTORS.

2. THESE POINTS ARE ADDRESSED SINGLY BELOW. THE SUPARA LETTERING RELATES TO SUBPARAS IN PARA 1.

A. CONCUR WITH DESIRABILITY OF REVISING, SIMPLIFYING AND CONSOLIDATING PLANS. SPECIFICALLY I BELIEVE YOU REFER TO 33, 34, 37 AND 39. THIS PROGRAM WILL TAKE TIME, HOWEVER, AND REF B ESTABLISHES TARGET DATE OF 1 NOV. ALL ABOVE PLANS WHICH DIRECTED BORDER CONTROL ACTIONS AND PUNITIVE ACTIONS AGAINST NVN, WILL BE CONSOLIDATED INTO CIGFOAC PLAN 37.

B. PACOM FORCES ARE PREPARED TO PREPOSITION AND IMPLEMENT THE CATEGORIES OF PLAN 37 WITHOUT DELAY INSOFAR AS U.S. FORCES ARE CONCERNED. COMUSMACV HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BI-LATERAL PLANNING WITH GVN FOR BORDER CONTROL ACTIONS AND IS DOING SO. IMPLEMENTATION OF GVN ACTIONS HINGES ON THE PLANNING AND OBTAINING OF RVN FORCES. REF C IS UNDERSTOOD TO IMPLY THAT EXTENSION OF JOINT PLANNING REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT CATEGORY 2 AND 3 ACTIONS WILL BE DELAYED. REQUEST VERIFICATION.

C. PHASE IV OF OPLAN 32-64 IS A SINGLE PLAN FOR THE DEFENSE OF SEASIA AGAINST CHICOM/DRV AGGRESSION. IT PROVIDES A VALID FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH ACTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED AND TAKEN TO EFFECT THIS DEFENSE.

(1) IT IS BASED PRIMARILY ON THE USE OF U.S. FORCES, BUT ASSUMES PARTICIPATION BY RVN, THAI AND BY SOME OTHER FRIENDLY FORCES, MAINLY COMMONWEALTH. THESE OTHER GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED HAVE NOT ALLOCATED SPECIFIC FORCES TO IT AS IT IS A U.S. UNILATERAL PLAN AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE AWARE OF IT. COMMITMENT OF SPECIFIC THAI AND RVN FORCES WILL REQUIRE, IN EFFECT, TRI-LATERAL PLANNING BY THE THREE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED. IF THIS IS WHAT YOU RECOMMEND, IT CAN BE DONE, BUT WOULD FIRST REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE HIGHEST U.S. LEVEL. IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THAI AGREEMENT WHICH I DOUBT WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND AGAINST SUCH TRI-LATERAL PLANNING BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE AN EXTREMELY ADVERSE EFFECT ON SEATO. I NOTE ALSO THAT SEATO PLAN 4 PARALLELS PLAN 32, PHASE IV, AND ENVISIONS SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT OF THAI AND RVN FORCES IN DEFENSE OF SEASIA.

(2) PARA 1.D. (10) OF BASIC OPLAN 32

ARE INCLUDED IN 1.5(a),(d); 3.4(b)(5),(6)

PARA 3, PAGE B-1 OF PLAN 32. THESE SEEM TO CONTAIN THE NECESSARY

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL CLARIFICATION YOU DESIRE.

(3) POSITIONING OF U.S. FORCES FOR DEFENSE IS COVERED IN PLAN 32. COMUSSEASIA (COMUSMACV) PLAN 32 PHASE IV GOES INTO SOME DETAIL REGARDING FORCE PLACEMENT AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THIS IS ADEQUATE BUT IF GEN WESTMORELAND DOES NOT AGREE, I CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO INITIATE THE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATION TO CINCPAC FOR CHANGES TO THE PLAN TO RECTIFY THIS. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A WAR-GAME ANALYSIS OF PHASE IV OPLAN 32 WHICH SPECIFICALLY TESTS ITS LOGISTIC FEASIBILITY. I AM RELUCTANT TO ISSUE ANY CHANGE IN TIME-SPACE FACTORS UNTIL THIS ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE. HOWEVER, IF GEN WESTMORELAND HAS SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REGARD I WOULD WELCOME HIS VIEWS.

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- ALERT AND DEPLOYMENTS (C)
- A. CINCPAC 050933Z
- B. 13TH AF 051632Z NOTAL
- C. BANGKOK 138 TO STATE
- D. CHJUSMAG MSG 051045Z

REF C CLEARS MOVEMENT OF F ONE HUNDREDS TO TAKHLI FROM CLAR  
AND F ONE ZERO FIVE TO KORAT FROM JAPAC. REF D CONFIRMS CLEARANCE  
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- DEFCON (U)
- 1. (U) REFERENCE: CINCPAC 050100Z
- 2. (S) U. S. COMPONENT COMMANDERS OF UNITED STATES FORCES, KOREA ORDERED TO DEFCON 3 AT 050326Z IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE MESSAGE.
- 3. (S) ROK ARMED FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED.
- 4. (S) REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PASS DEFCON INFORMATION TO ROK ARMED FORCES THROUGH ROK MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH REQUEST THAT THEY ASSUME SAME READINESS STATUS AS U. S. FORCES.
- 5. (S) CINCPAC INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO REQUEST IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE.
- 6. (U) REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

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SAR FORCES FOR SEASIA.  
A JCS 7729 DTG 050043Z NOTAL  
B CINCPAC 050445Z  
C JCS 7734 DTG 051233Z NOTAL  
D PACAF FFCCGS-64-1238 DTG 051711Z NOTAL  
1. REF A DIRECTED ALERT AND/OR DEPLOYMENT OF  
SELECTED FORCES TO SUPPORT CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64, AND  
REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS ON ANY OTHER ALERTING  
OR DEPLOYMENTS DESIRED.

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2. REF B RESPONDED AND REF C APPROVED. HOWEVER,  
SAR FORCE REQUIREMENTS WERE OMITTED FROM REF B.  
REF D, HELD BY CSAF, CONTAINS FORCE DEPLOYMENTS,  
INCLUDING CONUS AUGMENTATION, TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
SAR COVERAGE IN SEASIA IN SUPPORT OF IMPENDING  
OPERATIONS.

3. REQUEST CONUS FORCES CONTAINED REF D BE DIRECTED TO  
DEPLOY AND COUNTRY CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED FOR PACOM AND  
CONUS FORCES. GP-4  
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- TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALERTED FORCES (C)
1. FOLLOWING TASK APPLIES TO ALL EAST PAC AND MID PAC PACOM FORCES ALERTED RPT ALERTED TO MOVE IN SUPPORT OF CURRENT ACTIONS IN SEASIA AND WHICH REQUIRE MATS OR MSTs LIFT IF AND WHEN ORDERED TO MOVE.
  2. ENSURE DETAILED TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ABOVE UNITS ARE IN HANDS OF MATS OR MSTs AS APPROPRIATE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO PERMIT PLANNING.
  3. MAKE CINCPAC INFO ADDEE ON REQUIREMENTS.

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PIERCE ARROW NVN SAR AND RECOVERY PLANS (C)  
A. YOUR 7745 DTG 051651Z  
B. PACAF FFODC 64-218 DTG 312301Z  
C. CINCPAC 050530Z NOTAL  
1. REF A SUGGESTED INTERIM SAR SOLUTION TO COVER CURRENT OPERATIONS IN EVENT PREPARATION NVN SAR PLAN REQUIRES TIME FOR PREPARATION AND COORDINATION. REF B POSTED SAR FORCES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN SEASIA AND REQUESTED 13AF TO PREPARE NVN SAR PLAN. REF C REQUESTED PACAF AND COMUSMACV TO ALERT AND MAKE AVAILABLE ALL

(1)

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SEASIA SAR FORCES FOR SAR OF PIERCE ARROW AIRCREWS AND REQUESTED PACAF EXPEDITE FINAL NVN SAR PLAN. REF B WAS PRECEDED BY COMSEVENTHFLT REQUEST TO 2ND AIR DIV TO ALERT SAR FORCES FOR OPERATIONS IN GULF OF TONKIN.

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-2- DTG 052249Z AUGUST FROM CINCPAC

2. INTERIM PLAN NOW IN EFFECT PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYMENT 2ND AIRDIV SAR FORCES AT DANANG (HU-16 ACFT) TO OPERATE IN COORDINATION WITH SEVENTHFLT TASK GROUPS WHO PROVIDE RESCAP. OTHER RNV BASED SAR FORCES ON ALERT.

3. AS RESULT OF ABOVE, ONE HU-16 LAUNCHED FROM DANANG AT 050914Z FOR RENDEZVOUS WITH VF RESCAP ENROUTE TO SEARCH FOR PILOT DOWN AT 2050N, 10700E. NO FURTHER RESULTS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. YOU WILL BE INFORMED ASAP ON REPORTS OF SAR EFFORTS.

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RUCQBP/839 ADIV SEWART AFB TENN  
RUCQBP/314 TCW SEWART AFB TENN  
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RUAOKA/KADENA AFB OKINAWA  
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~~SECRET~~ (DOAL/DOCC 49-8-4) PIERCE ARROW. THIS MESSAGE IN 3 PARTS. PART I. FOR ALL. JCS HAS DIRECTED THAT TWO C-130 SQUADRONS BE RETAINED IN CINCPAC. ONE SQUADRON WILL BE BASED AT NAHA AFB, OKINAWA AND ONE SQUADRON AT CLARK AFB, P. I. PART II. FOR 463 TCW. THE SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY DEPLOYING TO PACAF WILL RECOVER AT NAHA AFB ON COMPLETION OF THEIR MISSIONS. PART III. FOR 314 TCW. THE TWELVE AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY DEPLOYING TO PACAF WILL RECOVER AT CLARK AFB ON COMPLETION OF THEIR MISSION. THESE TWELVE C-130'S WILL BE AUGMENTED BY AN ADDITIONAL

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-2- DOAL/DOCC 49-8-4, DTG 01337Z AUGUST FROM CINCAFSTRIKE LANGLEY

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FOUR C-130'S FROM THE 314 TCW. MOVEMENT TABLE FOR THESE  
FOUR AIRCRAFT IN PART VI OF THIS MESSAGE. THESE FOUR ACFT  
WILL AIRLIFT A PORTION OF THE SQUADRON TSE AND MATS WILL  
PROVIDE 10 C-130 EQUIVALENTS TO MOVE THE REMAINING  
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FROM SEWART  
AFB TO CLARK AFB. MATS MOVEMENT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PART IV. FOR 516 TCW. UPON COMPLETION  
OF THEIR MISSIONS, FOUR OF THE TWELVE C-130'S CURRENTLY  
DEPLOYING TO PACAF WILL RECOVER AT CLARK AFB. THESE FOUR  
WILL AUGMENT THE TWELVE AIRCRAFT OF THE 314 TCW UNTIL THE  
ADDITIONAL FOUR 314 TCW AIRCRAFT ARRIVE AT CLARK AFB. SEE THEIR  
MOVEMENT TABLE IN PART VI OF THIS MESSAGE. PART V. FOR  
463 TCW. MATS WILL PROVIDE 14 C-130 EQUIVALENTS TO MOVE  
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FROM LANGLEY  
AFB TO NAHA AFB. MOVEMENT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PART VI. FOR 314 TCW. T-314TSE-1  
WILL MOVE IAW THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

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0540/7	HICKAM	1740/7
0225/8	ENIWETOK	0425/8
1350/8	CLARK	

T-314 TSE-2, T-314 TSE-3 AND T-314 TSE-4 WILL FOLLOW  
AT 15 MINUTE INTERVALS.

PART VII. FOR 314 TCW. THE 18TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON  
IS PLACED ON DEFCON THREE. 16 AIRCRAFT AND 16 AIRCREWS  
WILL BE PLACED ON FOUR HOUR ALERT AT HOME STATION UPON  
RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE. ALL MISSIONS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED  
TO THE 18 TCS, WILL BE CANCELLED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER  
UNITS BY HQ TAC. TELEPHONIC COORDINATION WILL PROVIDE  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHANGING SUCH MISSIONS. PART VIII.

T-463 EST-1 WILL FOLLOW THE LAST MISSION ACFT FROM  
ALAMEDA TO NAHA. ROUTING WILL BE VIA HICKAM AND  
ENIWETOK. MINIMUM CREW REST AT HICKAM. T-314 EST-1  
WILL FOLLOW THE LAST 314 TCW MISSION AIRCRAFT FROM  
HICKAM TO CLARK. ROUTING WILL BE VIA ENIWETOK.

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SUBJ: SAR FORCES (U)

REFS: A. CINCPAC DTG 060127Z (NOTAL); B. PACAF TO HQ USAF PFOCOS-64-1238 DTG 051711Z (NOTAL).

1. TO PROVIDE SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES FOR SUPPORT OF IMPENDING OPERATIONS, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING FORCES, SOURCE AS INDICATED REF B, BE DEPLOYED ASAP FROM CONUS AND PACOM RESOURCES TO:

- A. DA NANG, RVN:
  - 1 RESCUE CONTROL CENTER (RCC)

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1 AIR CREW RECOVERY/LOCAL BASE RESCUE DETACHMENT (ACR/LBR)

- 3 HH-43B
- 2 FIRE SUPPRESSION KITS (FSK)
- 1 MISSION SUPPLY KITS (MSK)
- ESTIMATED 23 TOTAL PERSONNEL

B. BIEN HOA, RVN:

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3. HH-43B  
2 FSK  
1 MSK  
ESTIMATED 24 TOTAL PERSONNEL  
T. C. TAKHLI, THAILAND:  
2 HH-43B  
2 FSK  
ESTIMATED 20 TOTAL PERSONNEL  
D. KORAT, THAILAND:  
2 HU-16  
3 HU-16 CREWS, PLUS PARARESCUE AND SUPPORT  
PERSONNEL  
1 MSK

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2 FSK  
1. LBR OF 2 HH-43B  
ESTIMATED 55 TOTAL PERSONNEL  
2. FOR CINCPAC: REQUEST JCS BE NOTIFIED OF THE  
NUMBER AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL,  
BY LOCATION, UPON ARRIVAL.  
3. NO DEPLOYMENT WILL BE MADE TO THAILAND UNTIL  
DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE IS OBTAINED. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED  
UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED CLEARANCE. GP-3  
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ STRJ3-0 8107. SUBJECT IS:  
PARTIAL LIST OF ARMY UNITS FOR CINCPAC OPLAN 37P (U)

REFERENCES:

A. CINCPAC MSG DTG 050445Z AUG 64 WHICH  
RECOMMENDED THAT CERTAIN USSTRICOM ARMY UNITS BE ALERTED  
FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT. (NOTAL) (C)

B. JCS 7734, DTG 051233Z AUG 64 WHICH CONCURRED  
IN ALERTING SUBJECT UNITS. (NOTAL) (C)

1. (C) THE FOLLOWING ARMY UNITS HAVE BEEN ALERTED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH C REFERENCE A AS APPROVED

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BY REFERENCE B.

UNIT	STR	STATION
303 AS BN CO "C" (A)	120	FT LEWIS
12 FI SEC DISB	31	FT KNOX
7 AG APU TYPE E	13	FT CHAFFEE
125 MP DET CI TMLD	12	FT BRAGG
720 MP BN (TWO MP PLAT)	90	FT HOOD
70 EN BN CBT ARMY	619	FT CAMPBELL

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538 EN DET FLD MNT TM EB	22	FT HOOD
714 MD PVNT MED UNIT SVC FLD	113	FT BRAGG
283 MD DET HEL AMB TM RA	29	FT LEWIS
28 MD DET VET TM JA	5	FT LEWIS
161 MD DET TM OA	9	FT BLISS
631 OD CO DIR SPT	181	FT BRAGG
178 OD CO FLD SPT	158	FT BRAGG
133 OD DET EXPL DISP TM KA	10	FT BLISS
16 QM BN DS ( ONE DS CO)	238	FT BRAGG
2 SC GP ARMY HHD	64	FT BRAGG
54 SC BN CORPS	691	FT HOOD
228 SC CO RAD REL VHF	164	FT BRAGG

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972 SC BN S&M HHD	67	TOBYHANNA
56 SC CO FWD S&M	146	FT LEWIS
128 SC CO DEPOT	169	TOBYHANNA
54 TC CO MDM HEL (H37)	178	FT SILL
154 TC DET MDM CHFM	82	FT SILL
63 TC CO LT TRK	168	FT EUSTIS
117 TC CO TML SVC	329	FT EUSTIS
507 TC GP MOV CON(TWO TM LC)	12	FT EUSTIS

2. (C) PORT AND AIR TERMINALS, PRIORITY OF  
MOVEMENT AND MODE OF TRANSPORTATION BY UNIT WILL BE  
FURNISHED LATER. GP-3

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 AIR FORCE UNITS FOR CINCPAC OPLAN 37P (U).  
 REF: A. CINCPAC DTG 050445Z WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS,  
 RECOMMENDED CERTAIN USSTRICOM UNITS BE ALERTED FOR  
 POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT (NOTAL) (C).  
 B. JCS 7734, DTG 041233Z WHICH CONCURRED IN  
 ALERTING SUBJECT UNITS (NOTAL) (C).  
 C. STRJ3-0 8107, DTG 060735Z WHICH IS LIST OF  
 ARMY UNITS ALERTED (NOTAL) (C).  
 (C) IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF B, THE FOLLOWING AIR

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 FORCE UNITS HAVE BEEN ALERTED. THIS LISTING, WITH  
 INFORMATION OUTLINED REF C, COMPLETES UNIT DESIGNATION  
 OF UNITS CURRENTLY ON DEFCON 3.

UNIT	STATION
430 TFS	CANNON AFB
431 TFS	CANNON AFB
18 TCS	SEWART AFB
507 TAC CON GP	SHAW AFB

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RUCBCR/CG XVIII CORPS FT BRAGG N C  
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RUCDDY/COM 9TH AF SHAW AFB S C  
RUWGAR/COM 12TH AF WACO TEX  
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1/ (S) DISCONTINUE NICK NAME PIERCE ARROW FROM ALL MESSAGES AND ACTIONS DEALING WITH USSTRICOM AUGMENTATION OF CINCPAC, UNDER CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64.

2/ (S) NICK NAME QUOTE ONE BUCK UNQUOTE IS USSTRICOM NICK NAME FOR USE IN ALL USSTRICOM COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING CURRENT AUGMENTATION OF CINCPAC BY USSTRICOM RESOURCES.

3/ (S) REQUEST ADDRESSEES DELETE PIERCE ARROW FROM ALL USSTRICOM ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE AND SUBSTITUTE ONE BUCK. GP-4  
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DATE: DTG 062341Z AUGUST

READINESS FOR EXECUTION OF AIR STRIKES (S)

- A. JCS 7742 DTG 051553Z PASEP
- B. JCS 7729 DTG 050043Z
- C. CINCPAC 050445Z

1. PARA 1, REF A REQUESTED PRIORITY PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF AIR RESOURCES AGAINST THE "94 TARGET LIST" TO FACILITATE DECISION AS TO SCALE, TEMPO, TARGET CATEGORIES TO BE STRUCK. RESPONSE TO PARA 1, REF A IS BEING DISPATCHED SEPARATELY; SUBJ: FRAGMENTARY OP-ORDER NO. 1 FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST NVN.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS RESPONSE TO PARA 2, REF A AND IS KEYED TO CINCPAC FRAGMENTARY OP-ORD NO. 1 FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST NVN, REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

/A. EXPECTED

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A. EXPECTED DATE OF READINESS TO EXECUTE:

(1) STRIKES ON ANY OF THE 97 TARGETS CAN BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY USING F-100'S AT TAKHLI AND DA NANG, B-57'S AT BIEN HOA AND AIR UNITS FROM TWO CVA'S NOW IN POSITION.

(2) ALL ACTIONS IN PHASE I AND PHASE II STRIKES IN CINCPAC FRAG OP-ORD NO. 1 CAN BE EXECUTED AFTER 102300Z AUG. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR CLOSING IN SEASIA OF AIR UNITS REQUIRED TO DO THE JOB, AND PROVIDE TACTICAL COMMANDERS ADDITIONAL TARGET PLANNING TIME.

B. HOURS NEEDED FROM TIME OF NOTICE BY JCS OF DECISION TO TIME OF TARGET:

(1) TO EXECUTE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN PHASE I AND PHASE II AT LEAST 24 HOUR NOTICE IS DESIRED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY COORDINATION AND OPTIMUM TACTICAL COMMANDER-LEVEL PREPARATION. HOWEVER, A MINIMUM OF 18 HOURS REQUIRED, FROM JCS NOTIFICATION TO TIME OVER TARGET, FOR SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS. THIS ALLOWS FOR:

(A) THREE HOURS FOR PROP ACFT FROM CVA TO REACH FURTHEST TARGET.

(B) SIX HOURS FOR CONFIGURING AND LOADING ACFT, FINAL BRIEFING AND LAUNCH.

(C) NINE HOURS FOR COORDINATION AND MESSAGE TRANSMISSION/HANDLING TIME.

(2) SELECTED STRIKES ON SEVERAL TARGETS WOULD REQUIRE LESS NOTIFICATION TIME. F-100'S OPERATING FROM DA NANG AGAINST TARGETS FROM HANOI SOUTHWARD, REQUIRE NINE HOURS NOTIFICATION.

(A) THREE HOURS FROM NOTIFICATION OF TACTICAL COMMANDER.

/(B) SIX

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(B) SIX HOURS FOR COORDINATION AND MESSAGE TRANSMISSION/HANDLING TIME.

(3) TIME OF NOTICE TO TIME ON TARGET SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT AIR STRIKES AGAINST NVN TARGETS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS DUE TO THE TYPE OF TARGETS INVOLVED.

(4) IF TACTICAL COMMANDER CAN BE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL WARNING TIME SUCH AS 48 HOURS NOTICE, THE HOURS REQUIRED FROM TIME OF EXECUTION TO TIME ON TARGET CAN BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED. FURTHER, ADDITIONAL WARNING WILL PROVIDE THE TACTICAL COMMANDERS WITH MORE TIME TO APPLY NECESSARY OPERATIONAL PLANNING FACTORS. THIS IN TURN WILL BETTER ASSURE SUCCESS IN OBTAINING THE DAMAGE OBJECTIVES SHOWN IN THE JCS TARGET STUDY (94 TARGET LIST).

C. PHASE I AND PHASE II ACTIONS OF CINCPAC FRAG OP-ORD NO. 1 CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT DEPLOYING UNITS ALERTED IN PARA 1.C. OF REF B. HOWEVER, IF PHASE III ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED, FORCES ALERTED FOR DEPLOYMENT IN REF B AND REF C WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONDUCT STRIKES AND PROVIDE PRUDENT PRE-POSITIONING. PHASE I AND PHASE II AIR ATTACKS CAN BE INITIATED WHILE CONCURRENTLY MOVING ALERTED UNITS FORWARD.

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36	617-0670	VIT TU LU BKS
48	616-0005	HAIPHONG POL
49	616-0116	HANOI POL
51	616-0630	THACH LOI POL
64	671-0222	XOM BANG SUP

(B) SECOND DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
12	616-0012	HANOI RED RIVER BR
14	617-0002	THAN HOA BR

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15	616-0017	VIET TRI BR
70S	616-0001	HAIPHONG PORT APPROACHES

\$PURPOSE IS TO MINE THREE SEPARATE FIELDS IN APPROACHES TO THE POR THIS WILL REQUIRE 11 SORTIES PER DAY FOR 3 DAYS. THIS TARGET WILL APPEAR ON THIRD AND FOURTH DAY OPS.

(C) THIRD DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
13	616-0011	HANOI CANDES RAPIDES BR
16	616-0023	DAP CAU BR
22\$	616-0488	XUAN MAI BKS SSW
INCLUDES;	616-0488	HQ 338 INF DIV
23\$\$	616-0279	XUAN MAI BKS NNW
70	616-0001	HAIPHONG PORT APPROACHES

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-2- DTG 062335Z August (SECTION 2 of 3) from CINCPAC

TARGET REQUIRES 42 SORTIES/DAY FOR 3 DAYS, AND WILL APPEAR ON FOURTH AND FIFTH DAY OPS.

STARGET REQUIRES 18 SORTIES/DAY FOR 2 DAYS, AND WILL APPEAR ON FOURTH DAY OPS.

(2) PHASE II: THE BELOW LISTED TARGETS ARE SELECTED IN SEQUENCE TO INFLECT ADDITIONAL CRIPPLING BLOWS TO THE DRV THIS PHASE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED OVER A FIVE DAY PERIOD WITH FORCES

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THAT ARE IN POSITION IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AND SEASIA AS OF 6 AUG 1964.

(A) FOURTH DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
22	616-0488	XUAN MAI BKS SSW
	INCLUDES;	HQ 338 INF DIV
23	616-0120	XUAN MAI BKS NNW
5	617-8412	VINH AFLD
10	616-0477	NINH BINH BR
41	617-0080	PHU VAN AMMO E
70	616-0001	HAIPHONG PORT APPROACHES
43	616-0249	QUI HAU AMMO W

(B) FIFTH DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
42	617-0231	PHU VAN AMMO NE
22	616-0488	XUAN MAI BKS SSW
	INCLUDES;	HQ 338 INF DIV
46	616-0476	BAN PHIENG HAY AMMO
52	617-0044	VINH ARMY SUP E
68	615-0009	CAM PHA PORT/COAL TREAT
69	615-0008	HON GAY PORT/COAL TREAT

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72 615-0010 PORT WALLUT PORT FACS

(C) SIXTH DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
11	616-0020	HAI DUONG BR
20	616-0022	HANOI GIA LAM RR YD
62	616-0259	VANDIEN ARMY SUP
26	616-0171	DIEN BIEN PHU BKS
17	616-0332	HAIPHONG HWY BR
24\$	617-0090	CHAN HOA BKS & HQ

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THIS TARGET REQUIRES APPROX 200 SORTIES TO ACHIEVE 30 PERCENT DESTRUCTION. 48 SORTIES CALCULATED FOR SIXTH DAY OPNS. ADDITIONAL SORTIES WILL BE SCHEDULED AFTER 8-10 DAYS OPERATION.

(D) SEVENTH DAY:

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
40	617-0491	PHU QUI AMMO SW
39	617-0082	CHAP LE ARMY BKS
19	616-0221	YEN VIEN RR YDS
25	616-0371	SON LA BKS
61	616-0137	XOM CHANG ARMY SUP S

(E) EIGHTH DAY:

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TARGET.	B. E.	NAME
70	616-0001	HAIPHONG PORT FAC
71	617-0038	BEN THUY PORT FAC
74	617-0585	QUANG KHE NAVAL BASE
63	616-0105	THUAN CHOU ARMY BKS

(3) PHASE III: THIS PHASE OF ACTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED IF PHASE I AND PHASE II AIR STRIKES DO NOT ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE. IN THIS EVENT, THE ADDITIONAL FORCES ALERTED IN REF C AND D WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE IN POSITION TO COMPLETE STRIKES AGAINST ALL 94 TARGETS LISTED IN REF B. STRIKES IN THIS PHASE WILL BE CONDUCTED AGAINST THE BELOW LISTED TARGETS IN THE ORDER SHOWN. ADDITIONALLY, SOME RE-STRIKE MISSIONS MAY BE REQUIRED. STRIKES IN THIS PHASE AND REQUIRED RE-STRIKES WILL BE DIRECTED IN SUBSEQUENT FRAG ORDERS.

TARGET NO.	B. E.	NAME
56	616-0103	SON LA ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT
33	617-0110	DONG HOI BKS
4	616-8400	DONG HOI AFLD
7	616-8407	HANOI BAC MAI AFLD
9	616-8433	HAIPHONG KIEN AM AFLD
18	616-0025	LANG SON RR/HWY BR
21	616-0031	HANOI RR CLAS YD

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27	616-0291	BAI THUONG BKS
28	616-0129	BON XOM LOM BKS
29	616-0273	QUANG SUOI BKS
31	616-0490	HA DONG BKS
34	616-0282	VINH YEN ARMY BKS
35	616-0205	SON TAY ARMY BKS
37	616-0119	MOC CHAN BKS
38	617-0235	VINH ARMY BKS & HQ
44	616-0146	YEN BAY AMMO DEPOT

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45	616-0061	HAIPHONG AMMO DEPOT
47	616-0555	YEN SON AMMO DEPOT
53	617-0122	PHU VAN ARMY SUP DEPOT SE
54	617-0204	THIEN LINH DONG ARMY SUP S
55	617-0087	VINH SON ARMY SUP DEPOT SW
60	616-0210	THAI NGUYEN ARMY SUP N
66	60;-0164	HANOI INTL RADIO TRANS
67	616-0165	HANOI INTL RADIO REC
73	616-0014	HANOI RIVER PORT FACILITIES
57	616-0063	HANOI MND BKS/SUP/ISS #1
58	616-0299	HANOI ARMY SUPPLY S
59	616-0300	HANOI ARMY SUPPLY N
75	616-0198	VIET TRI CHEMICAL PLANT
76	616-0214	THAI NGUYEN IRON AND STEEL

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77	616-0261	HANOI M/V MACHINE TOOL PLANT
78	616-0010	HAIPHONG PHOSPHATE PLANT
79	616-0142	PHU LANG THUONG PHOSPHATE
80	616-0007	HAIPHONG THERMAL POWER AND CEMENT
81	616-0016	HANOI THERMAL POWER
82	616-0438	UONG BI THERMAL POWER

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CVA POSTURE WESTPAC (U)

- A. JCS 7729 DTG 050043Z
- B. CINCPAC 092122Z JUL
- C. KINCPAC 222333Z APR

1. REF A ESTABLISHES POSTURE OF FOUR CVA IN WESTPAC. REF B DIRECTS THAT LARGE DECK CVA BE MAINTAINED IN SOUTH CHINA SEA. REF C ESTABLISHES SPECIAL OPERATING AREA.
2. MAINTAIN TWO CVA IN SPECIAL OPERATING AREA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. DIRECTIVE IN REF B CONTINUES.
3. SIOP POSTURE IS CONSIDERATION IN SCHEDULING BUT NOT OVERRIDING.

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AIR AUGMENTATION SEASIA (C)

A. JCS 7750 DTG 051835Z

1. REF A REQUESTS COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY TWO F104 SQS AND ADDITIONAL TACTICAL CONTROL RESOURCES FROM CINCPAC TO CINCPAC WITH DEPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN PACOM.

2. RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO F104 SQS FROM CONUS TO PACOM. ONE SQ TO BE LOCATED AT CLARK AB WITH ADVANCE ELEMENTS STANDING AIR DEFENSE ALERT IN SEASIA. SECOND F 104 SQ TO BE DEPLOYED TO KUNG KUAN, TAIWAN.

3. COMMENTS RE TACTICAL CONTROL RESOURCES WILL BE FORTHCOMING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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AM DISAPPOINTED TO NOTE FROM JCS 7328 TO CINCPAC THAT PROPOSAL FOR FURTHER PATROL IN GULF OF TONKIN NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME. AS NOTED EMBTEL 364, WE FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE THESE PATROLS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

ALTHOUGH WE KNOW IN PAST SUCH PATROLS HAVE ONLY BEEN ON WIDELY SPACED PERIODIC BASIS, ARE CONCERNED THAT BOTH DRV/CHICOM

AS WELL AS GVN WILL INTERPRET PRESENT ACTION AS RETREAT IN FACE DEPLOYMENT OF MIGS TO DRV. FROM STANDPOINT COMMUNISTS, THIS MAY ENCOURAGE THEM TO RESUME ATTACKS WHEN PATROLS BEGIN AGAIN AT LATER DATE. FROM STANDPOINT GVN AND PUBLIC ATTITUDES HERE, IT WILL TEND TO HASTEN AND ACCENTUATE DROP IN MORALE WHICH RECEIVED MAJOR LIFT FROM AUGUST 5 ACTION.

INSOFAR AS "NORMAL REQUIREMENTS" ARE CONCERNED, IT SEEMS TO US PRESENCE OF MIGS IN DRV HAS RAISED PREVIOUSLY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PATROLS, INCLUDING NECESSITY CLOSELY FOLLOWING BY ELINT/DEVELOPMENT OF GCI CAPABILITIES IN DRV.  
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FRAG OP-ORDER NO. 1 FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST NVN (AMENDMENT NO. 1) (S)

- A. CINCPAC 062335Z.
  - 1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO REF.
    - A. PARA 3 G. (1)(A) FIRST DAY: ADDITION:  
ADD FOLLOWING TARGET TO FIRST DAY OPERATIONS.  
TARGET NO. 72 615-0010 PORT WALLUT PORT FAC.
    - B. PARA 3 G. (1)(B) SECOND DAY: CORRECTION:  
TARGET NO. 70& SHOULD READ 70A&.  
B. E. 616-0003 VICE 616-0001.
    - C. PARA 3 G. (1)(C). THIRD DAY: CORRECTION:  
TARGET NO. 22& B. E. 616-0488 INCLUDES B. E. 616-0120  
VICE B. E. 616-0488.  
TARGET NO. 23&& SHOULD READ B. E. 616-0277 VICE  
B. E. 616-0279  
TARGET NO. 70 SHOULD READ 70A B. E. 616-0003  
VICE B. E. 616-0001.
    - D. PARA 3 G. (2)(A). FOURTH DAY: CORRECTION:  
TARGET NO. 70 SHOULD READ 70A B. E. 616-0003  
VICE 616-0001.
    - E. PARA 3 G. (2)(B). FIFTH DAY: DELETION:  
DELETE TARGET NO. 72. THIS TARGET ADDED TO FIRST  
DAY OPERATIONS.
    - F. PARA 3 G. (3) PHASE III CORRECTION:  
TARGET NO. 4 SHOULD READ B. E. 617-8400 VICE 616-8400.
    - G. PARA 3 G. (3) PHASE III: ADDITIONS:  
ADD BELOW LISTED TARGETS TO END OF LIST.
- | TARGET NO. | B. E.    | NAME                      |
|------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 1          | 616-8420 | NA SAN AFLD               |
| 2          | 616-8418 | DIEN BIEN PHU AFLD        |
| 30         | 616-0202 | HANOI AIR DEF DISTRICT HQ |
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By nmj, NARS, Date 4/11/77

FOR ADMIRAL SHARP, INFO AMBASSADOR TAYLOR AND GENERAL WHEELER FROM WESTMORELAND

A. AMEMB SAIGON 010900Z, 286 to Dept.

B. CINCPAC 050549Z

C. COMUSMACV

1. REFERENCE A MAKES SEVERAL OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING CINCPAC PLANS. REFERENCE B WAS IN RESPONSE THERETO AND REQUESTED MY COMMENTS AS DESIRED.

2. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE B.

A. CONCUR.

B. CONCUR. RECOMMENDED PREDEPLOYMENT AND/OR DESIRED REACTION TIMES OF ADDITIONAL UNITS ARE COVERED IN REFERENCE

C. PROGRESS IN COMBINED CONTINGENCY PLANNING WITH RVNAF IS SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

C. CONCUR.

(1) CONCUR.

(2) CONCUR.

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CNO-6(28-33) CMC-6(34-39) OSD-8(40-47) WHITE HOUSE-3(48-50)  
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(3) CONCUR THAT ANY CONTEMPLATED ALTERATION TO PLAN 32 PHASE IV SHOULD AWAIT RESULTS OF WAR GAMING ANALYSIS. PRELIMINARY STUDY HERE SUGGESTS DESIRABILITY OF INTEGRATING GROUND ASPECTS OF PHASE III AND IV WITH AIR PROVISIONS OF OPLAN 38 TO FORM SINGLE PLAN FOR DEFENSE SEA OR TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AIR AND NAVAL ASPECTS OF OPLAN 38 IN AN ANNEX TO OPLAN 32.

3. REQUEST RESULTS OF WAR GAMING ANALYSIS OF PLAN 32, PHASE IV BE FORWARDED FOLLOWED BY APPROPRIATE LIAISON VISITS BETWEEN OUR PLANNING STAFFS TO EXPLORE CONSOLIDATION POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED ABOVE. BASIS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PHASE II PLANS COULD SIMILARLY BE EXPLORED AT THAT TIME. GP

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PROOF OF ATTACK MESSAGES

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Date - Aug <sup>2</sup> 7, 1964

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Bundy

Here are additional  
proof of attack messages.

Bill Smith says  
ICS will be ready  
Monday afternoon with  
a briefing on all  
evidence

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By smg, NARS, Date 4/15/77

Z 062331Z

FM USS TURNER JOY

TO CINCPACFLT

INFO CTF 77  
COMSEVENTHFLT

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PROOF OF ATTACK (U)

1. SHIP PRESENTLY AT GENERAL QUARTERS ATICIPATING ATTACK AT ANY MINUTE. CONSIDER PROOF OF ATTACK SUBSTANTIATED BY 3 SIGHTINGS DESCRIBED BELOW. THERE WERE NUMEROUS OTHER BUT TIME AND SITUATION DOES NOT PERMIT LENGTHY EXPLANATIONS.

2. MOST CONVINCING PROOF WAS SIGHTING OF TORPEDO WAKE BY LTJG JOHN JEROME WARRY III 664848 USN DIR 51 OFFICER, LITTON LARRY O 5976601 SN, USN DIR 51 CMP SENTENEL EDWIN R 34403260 SA USN, PORT LOOKOUT FOR FOL REASONS:

A. TORPEDO WAS REPORTED BY MADDOX COMING FROM INITIAL CONTACTS WHICH AMBUSHED TASK GROUP.

B. TURNER JOY MANEUVERED TO AVOID COMPLETED TORPEDO WAS SIGHTED PASSING ABEAM TO PORT ABT 300 FEET AFT TO FWD ON EXACTLY THE COURSE (BEARING) REPORTED BY MADDOX.

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3. SEARCH LIGHT OBSERVED BY ALL SIGNAL BRIDGE PERSONNEL, NAU BRIDGE PERS AND CO NEAR CLOSE OF ACTION. SEARCHLIGHT (12 INCH EST) BEEAM DID NOT TOUCH TJOY BUT SWUNG IN AN ARC TOWARDS TJOY THEN SENT BEAM INTO AIR. CAP AIRCRAFT WAS CLOSING AND LIGHT IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED FOL PERSONNEL STATEMENTS VERIFY: BACION RICHARD M 5178897 SM2 USN SIGNAL BR, CARROL GARY D 588 12 66 SM3 USN SIGNAL BR.

4. TORPODO BOAT SILOUETE ACTUALLY SEEN BY 4 PERSONNEL. WHEN ASKED SKETCH BOAT THEY ACCURATELY SKETCHED P4 TYPE PT BOAT INCLUDING LACK OF RADOME. NONE HAD EVER SEEN A PICTURE OF A P4 BEFORE. PT BOAT SIGHTED WHEN AIRCRAFT WAS DROPPING FLARES AND BOAT CAME BETWEEN SHIP AND FLARES. PERSONNEL SIGHTING WERE: SHARKEY DONALD B 51S4893, BM3 USN; GARRISON KENNETH E 6874988, SN USN, JONES DELNER 5499624 SA USN, ANDERSON ARTHUR B 6931937 FT SA USN.

5. RADAR CONTACTS WERE SOLID AND DEFINITELY NOT FLASE. RADAR CONTACT ON SPC 52 GAS SOLID. THIS RADAR DID MOST OF DRIVE CONTROLLING RADAR OBSERVER JUDGED CONTACTS ABOUT SAME SIZE AS LCM. BOTH PLOT 1 AND 2 OBTAINED SOLUTIONS WHICH AGREED WITH DRT SOLUTIONS ON SURFACE SEARCH. RADAR OPERATORS ALL EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL AND CONFIRM CONTACT AS VALID SURFACE CONTACT. STATEMENTS FROM FOL PERS INCLUDED JOHNSON ROBERT E 9540422 RDC USN, PLZAK DENNIS P 5847527 SA USN, HAKALA MARSHALL L 5863384 FIG3 USN, TAYLOR JERRY D 5532371 FTG3 USN.

6. HAVE FULL NARRATIVE AND ACTION RPT UNDER PREPARATION.

7. STATEMENTS OF PERSONNEL BY SEPARATE MSG.

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NIGHT ENGAGEMENT 4 AUGUST 1964

A. JCS 061642Z

B. CINCPACFLT 061837Z

1. STATEMENTS OF MADDOX PERSONNEL.

A. STATEMENTS OF ALLASRE SGT AND PROUTY L/CPL USMC.

"ON THE NIGHT OF AUG 4 DURING THE ENGAGEMENT I WAS MANNING A THIRTY CLAIBRE MACHINE GUN ON THE PLATFORM BEHIND THE SIGNAL BRIDGE. 13 DIFFERENT OCCASIONS DURING THE ACTION I SAW A LIGHT PASS UP THE PORT SIDE OF THE SHIP GO OUT AHEAD AND PASS DOWN THE STARBOARD SIDE. I BELIEVE THIS TO BE ONE OR MORE SMALL BOATS GOING AT HIGH SPEED." SIGNED MATTHEW B. ALLASRE 1605290 SGT USMC AND DAVID A. PROUTY 1999505 L/CPL CUSM

B. STATEMENT OF SAN AUGUSTINE GMG 2 " ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 4

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REFERENCE B. NOT HELD. HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM CINCPACFLT

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DURING THE ENGAGEMENT I WAS STATIONED ON THE THIRTY CALIBRE AFT OF THE SIGNAL BRIDGE. I SAW THE OUTLINE OF A BOAT WHICH WAS SILHOUTED BY THE 3 INCH PROJECTILE BURSTS WHEN WE WERE FIRING AT IT." SIGNED JOSE R. SAN AUGUSTIN GMG2 4650116.

C. STATEMENT OF ENS CORSETTE "THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE FACTS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF CONCERNING THE NIGHT ENGAGEMENT OF AUGUST 4. I AM UNABLE TO STATE TIMES OF SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. WORD RECEIVED TO CHECK BEARING 084 DEGREES TRUE ABOUT 10 MILES. TURNER JOY HAD REPORTED A CONTACT IN THAT AREA. UPON CHECKING THAT BEARING DIRECTOR 51 LOCKED ON A CONTACT AT 037 DEGREES TRUE 23400 YARDS. PLOT REPORTED SOLUTION OF TARGET COURSE 200 SPEED 40 KNOTS. AFTER TRACKING AT ABOUT 20000 YARDS DIRECTOR 51 LOST TARGET. DIRECTOR 51 PICKED UP A CONTACT AT 093 DEGREES TRUE 9800 YARDS CLOSING. PLOT REPORTED SOLUTION AND BRIDGE GAVE WORD BATTERIES RELEASED. BEFORE I COULD COMMENCE FIRE DIRECTOR 51 LOST TARGET AND THE SHIP BEGAN MANEUVERING ERRATICLY TO EVADE TORPEDOES. DURING THE TIME OF THE BATTLE MANY CONTACTS WERE GAINED BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCK ON WITH DIRECTOR 51. I MIGHT ADD, THAT THE MARK 25 RADAR WAS OFF THE LINE FOR A PERIOD OF 20 TO 30 MINUTES DURING THE BATTLE DUE TO A CASUALTY. SIGNED R.B. CORSETTE ENS USN 667558 MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR OFFICER DIRECTOR 51.

D. STATEMENT OF LTJG PANE "THESE ARE THE FACTS AS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. CONCERNING THE TORPEDO BOAT ATTACK ON TUESDAY NIGHT 4 AUGUST 1964. THE MARK 56 DIRECTOR WAS DESIGNATED A TARGET AT 090 24000 YARDS. THE DIRECTOR TURNED TO THAT BEARING AND LOCKED ON TO A TARGET AT 091 24300 YARDS. THERE WERE TWO TARGETS AT THIS RANGE AND BEARING AND ONE MORE TARGET ABOUT 2000 YARDS FURTHER OUT. THE DIRECTOR TRACKED THE TARGET ON A STEADY BEARING WITH A SLIGHT DECREASE IN RANGE INDICATING APPROXIMATELY A PARALLEL COURSE AND SPEED. AFTER TRACKING THESE TARGETS FOR SEVERAL MINUTES THE DIRECTOR WAS ORDERED TO SHIFT TO A TARGET AT 091 9000 YARDS. THE DIRECTOR LOCKED ON AND THE TARGET HAD A FAST CLOSING RANGE. COMMENCE FIRE WAS GIVEN TO THE GUN MOUNTS, BUT THE RADAR LOST TARGET BEFORE THE MOUNTS OPENED FIRE. CHECK FIRE WAS THEN GIVEN. AFTER TRACKING THESE 2 TARGETS, SEVERAL OTHERS WERE DESIGNATED DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS: HOWEVER THE DIRECTOR WAS UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY TRACK THEM. AT NO TIME DID I ACTUALLY SIGHT ANY TORPEDO BOATS" SIGNED KIETH J. BANE LTJG USNR 660364.

2. A STATEMENT OF CAPT. JOHN J. HERRICK 283042 USN CTG 72.1, COMDESDIV 192 RELATING TO THE SURFACE ACTION OF THE NIGHT OF 4 AUGUST 1964 IN TONKIN GULF. ALERT FROM MY STATION IN THE COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER OF TJ FLAGSHIP USS MADDOX DD731, I OBSERVED THE RADAR PRESENTATION ON THE SURFACE SEARCH RADAR WHICH DISCLOSED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER CIC TRACKING PROCEDURES THAT THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 5

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CONTACTS LYING IN WAIT FOR TG 72.1 ON ITS RETIREMENT TO THE EASTWARD FROM PATROL STATION CMGCMM (AS RCVD) INCREASED SPEED TO 30 KNOTS AND TURNED SOUTHEASTWARD APPROX 3 OF THESE CONTACTS PARALLELED OUR COURSE AT APPROX 28 KTS THE OTHERS PLOTTED MOVING TO THE NORTHWEST AT APPROX 25 KTS. THE HIGH SPEED CONTACTS WERE OBSERVED TO OPEN RANGE. UPON REACHING A RANGE 42 MILES, THE CONTACT WAS LOST BY BOTH FIRE CONTROL AND SURFACE SEARCH RADARS. ANOTHER CONTACT WAS GAINED AT 2111 BEARING 088, 13 MILES. (ALL OF THESE CONTACTS WERE CONCURRED IN BY THE CIC OF USS TURNER JOY WHO WAS ON STATION 1,000 YARDS ASTERN OF USS MADDOX). WHEN CONTACT WAS GAINED BY MADDOX IT WAS AT A BEARING OF 088 RANGE OF 13 MILES AND PARALLELING OUR COURSE AND SPEED. THIS CONTACT WAS LOST AT TIME 2133 AND NEW CONTACT GAINED AT 2134, BEARING 975 RANGE 9000 YARDS CLOSING RAPIDLY. AT 2137 AT RANGE 6200 YARDS IT TRACKED AS IF TURNING AWAY. AT THIS TIME TORPEDO NOISES WERE PICKED UP BY THE SHIPS SONAR AND THE WORD PASSED TO THE BRIDGE BY AN INSTALLED SPEAKER SYSTEM CALLED V29MC. HEARD THIS REPORT AND COULD ALSO HEAR WHAT SOUNDED TO ME LIKE TORPEDO NOISES (FROM THE SONAR STACK) IN THE BACKGROUND. USS MADDOX TOOK ACTION TO VOID THE TORPEDOES AND PROCEEDED ON A WEAVING COURSE. IN THE NEXT 2 HOURS MANY RADAR TARGETS WERE OBSERVED IN THE SCOPE IN AND NEAR THE FORMATION AND SEVERAL TORPEDO NOISES WERE HEARD ON THE SONAR. USS MADDOX HAS A TAPE RECORDING OF THESE. AFTER THE FIRST TARGET USS MADDOX DID NOT OBTAIN GOOD "LOCKONS" ON ANY TARGETS BUT DID FIRE ON SEVERAL SUSPECTED TARGETS. I HEARD RADIO REPORTS FROM USS TURNER JOY STATING THAT SHE HAD GOOD LOCKONS ON AT LEAST 2 TARGETS AND THAT SHE HAD FIRED AND WAS SURE SHE HAD OBTAINED HITS ON 2 TARGETS. MY SOURCES OF INFORMATION, WERE FROM RADAR SCOPES, RADIO CIRCUITS AND DESPALYED AND EVALUATED INFORMATION FROM THE CIC OF THE USS MADDOX. I HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO VISUALLY SIGHT BY UNAIDE HUMAN EYE ANY OF THE ACTION HOWEVER, IT IS MY OPINION THAT CERTAINLY A PT BOAT ACTION DID TAKE PLACE. THE NUMBER OF BOATS INVOLVED AND THE NUMBER OF TORPEDOES FIRED I CANNOT ACCURATELY DETERMINE. SIGNED CAPT JOHN J HERRICK 283042 USN CTG 72.1, COMDESDIV 192 PARA 2(B). STATEMENT OF LTJG F M FRICK, 651359/1100, DESDIV 192 STAFF OPS OFFICER. MY STATION WAS CIC DURING ENTIRE PERIOD. I DID NOT PERSONALLY SEE ANYTHING WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE THE VALIDITY OF THIS ACTION. HOWEVER, BEING AN EVALUATOR IN CIC, I WAS CONTINUALLY APPRAISED OF CURRENT SITUATION BY REPORTS FROM CONTROL STATIONS. MY COMMENTS ON THIS ACTION ARE AS FOLLOWS: AT TIME 1945I, 3 TO 5 (UNABLE TO DETERMINE EXACT NUMBER AT THIS RANGE) WERE DETECTED BEARING 060 RANGE 40 MILES. THESE CONTACTS WERE CONFIRMED BY TURNER JOY ON CIC NET. SINCE THERE WERE NO CONTACTS THIS AREA THE NIGHT BEFORE SUSPICIONS AROSE. AFTER OUR SHIPS TURNED SOUTHEAST TO AVOID 1 WAS TRACKED BY MADDOX ON COURSE 234, SPEED 28 KTS. APPROX 3 MINUTES AFTER OUR COURSE CHANGED THESE CONTACTS FADED ON THE RADAR. AT TIME 2111 A CONTACT WAS DETECTED BY TURNER JOY BEARING 088 TRUE 13 MILES. MADDOX PICKED UP THIS CONTACT ON BOTH FIRE

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CONTROL AND SURFACE RADARS. REPORTS FROM TURNER JOY AND BOTH MADDOX SYSTEMS WERE IDENTICAL AS TO POSITION, COURSE AND SPEED (9160N 30 KTS). MAY BE FNMEOX (AS RCVD) EVALUATED THESE AS 3 CONTACTS IN THE FORMATION., CONTACTS SEEMED TO SPLIT AND WERE LOST BY MADDOX SYSTEMS AT 2133. ANOTHER CONTACT WAS GAINED BY FIRE CONTROL AT 2134 BEARING APPROXIMATELY 9000 YARDS CLOSING QUICKLY. WATCHING HIS TRACK ON DRT I NOTED A SUDDEN OUTBOUND TURN AT RANGE ON 6200 YARDS. I EVALUATED THIS MANEUVER AS TORPEDO LAUNCH AND TURNAWAY. IN ONE MINUTE SONAR REPORTED TORPEDO IN THE WATER AT A BEARING CLOSE TO THAT OF SUSPECTED LAUNCH POINT. POINTLY (AS RCVD) IT MUST BE NOTED THAT PRIOR TO HIS REPORT SONAR HAD MADE NO REPORTS OF ANY UNUSAL NOISES OR DETECTIONS. MADDOX MANEUVERED TO EVADE AND SURFACE CONTACTS WERE LOST. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS TIME I HAD NO POSITIVE, (OR RELATED INFO). BOTH FIRE CONTROL AND SURFACE RADAR CONTACTS WERE RANDON AND INTERMITTENT. CIC NET INDICATED THAT TURNER JOY HAD LOCKONS ON DEFINATE TARGETS. ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON CORRELATED AND EVALUATED INFO IN CINC. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT TORPEDO ATTACKS WERE CONDUCTED ON MADDOX AND TURNER JOY VIC 18-38N 107-24E AT HIGH SPEED (40 PLUS KTS) CRAFT COMMENCING AT 2154I 4 AUGUST 1964. SIGNED LTJG FREDERICK M FRICK YTQET9/1150 USN DIVISION VERASSONS OFFICER COMEDSDIV 192 (CTG 72.1). PARA 3. STATEMENT OF CDR H L OGIER. WHEN FIRING FOR NIGHT STEAMING THE SHIP DETECTED 4 SURFACE RADAR CONTACTS TO THE EAST. A FIFTH CONTACT WAS EVALUATED AS WEATHER. 1 OF THE R CONTACTS APPEARED ON THE RADAR TO BE COMPOSED OF 3 SMALL CONTACTS IN MAKING A TOTAL OF 6 VESSELS. BECAUSE CONTACTS WERE TRACKING AT SPEEDS ABOVE 20 KNOTS THEY WERE EVALUATED AS EITHER PGM OR PT BOATS. AT 1958 SET GENERAL QUARTERS AT 2002 FORMATION COURSE WAS 140T SPEED 30 KTS. 1020 CHANGED COURSE TO 160T. CONTACTS APPEARED TO BE TRYING TO OVERTAKE US BUT 3 DROPPED BEHIND AND FADED FROM THE SCOPE. 3059 CONTACT BEARING 093T 29 MILES SPEED 30 KTS WAS TRACKED BY RADAR. 2115 CONTACT BEARING 090T 14 MILES. AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2121 CONTACT COURSE 155T SPEED 40 KTS. 2124 CONTACT BEARING 087T 23,1000 YARDS. BOTH FIRE CONTROL RADARS LOCKED ON. 2135 FIRE CONTROL DIRECTORS ORDERED TO SHIFT TO CONTACT HELD BY TURNER JOY BEARING 084T 9,800 YARDS. BOTH MKKFT AND MKFWR RADARS ACQUIRED AND THEN LOST TARGET BEFORE FIRING COULD COMMENCE, THEN COMMENCED FIRING STARHELLS ON TRUE BEARING FRUNISHED BY TURNER JOY. 2140 COMMENCED FIRING 3 INCH AT LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF TARGET 25144 SONAR REPORTED TORPEDO BEARING 0517 SHIP CHANGED COURSE TO THE RIGHT TO EVADE. FROM THIS TIME NUMEROUS TORPEDOES WERE REPORTED FROM SONAR AND EVASIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN. ANALYSIS IS THAT THERE WERE 3 PT BOATS WIDELY SPACED ON A BEARING OF ABOUT 090T. THESE BOATS MADE SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS AS THEY CAME WITHING RANGE. SOME OF THE REPORTED TORPEDO NOISES WERE PROBABLY FROM THE BOATS THEMSELVES AND SOME FROM THE REFLECTION OF OWN SHIPS SCREW FROM 2 RUDDERS. AN EVALUATION OF THE TAPE RECORDER TAPE OF THE DYDROPHONE EFFECTS MAY DISCLOSE PROOF OF THE PRESENCE

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OF THE TORPEDOES. TAPE OF THE AUG 4 ACTION ARE BEING FORWARDED WITH PHOTOS OF THE AUG 2 ACTION TO CTF 77. MADDOX CONTINUED TO MANEUVER TO AVOID REPORTED TORPEDOES AND FIRED AT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. STARHELL ILLUMINATION WAS MAINTAINED AS ORDERED BY TG CDR. MADDOX EXPENDED 4 DEPTH CHARGES TO COUNTER RADAR TARGET REPORTED FOLLOWING THE SHIP. EYE WITNESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT PT BOATS WERE REMAINING CLOSE ABOARD THE MADDOX POSSIBLY TO AVOID DETECTION AND TO ATTEMPT TO SLOW HER WITHDRAWAL. I BELIEVED THE TIME THAT THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ATTACK BY PT BOATS. LATER I DOUBTED THAT SO MANY TORPEDOES COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED AND HAVE MISSED. I AM NOW CONVINCED THAT THE TORPEDO ATTACKS DID TAKE PLACE. SIGNED CDR H L OGIER, USN 389880 USS MADDOX PARA 4. TURNER JOY STATEMENTS SUBMITTED DIRECT.

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DESOTO OPS- AFTERNOON 5 AUG 1964 -VERIFICATION PROOF OF ATTACK

- A. CINCPACFLT 061837Z
- B. JCS 061642Z
- C. CTG 77.6 070046Z PASEP
- D. TURNER JOY 070222Z

1. IAW REF A INFO REQ REF A HEREWITH. REF C IS COMPLETE REPORT FROM CTG 77.6 (CONSTELLATION). THIS IS REPORT OF CTG 77.5 (TICONDEROGA)
2. IAW REF A, 16 OF 12 TICO PILOTS WHO ENTERED THE ACTION AREA ON THE NIGHT OF 4-5 AUGUST HAVE BEEN REDEBRIEFED. 16TH PILOT A WINGMAN ON THE BEACH, DID NOT GO BELOW 27M FEET.
3. SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS AS REPORTED BY CDR. G. H. EDMONDSON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF VA-52, AND HIS WINGMAN, LT. J. A. BARTON, WHO WERE FLYING A-1 AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE DESOTO PATROL DESTROYERS FROM ABOUT 041425Z 4 AUG UNTIL APPROX 051700Z. 5 AUG.
  - A. AT APPROX 041515Z CDR. EDMONSON AND HIS WINGMAN WERE VECTORED TO

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A REPORTED SURFACE CONTACT NORTHWEST OF MADDOX. AT A DISTANCE OF 1 1/2 TO 2 MILES, FLYING AT 700-1500 FEET, THEY REPORT SEEING GUN FLASHES ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER AND BURSTING LIGHT AA AT THEIR APPROXIMATE FLIGHT ALTITUDE. CDR. EDMONDSON AND HIS WINGMAN WERE AT THIS TIME FLYING ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A LARGE CIRCLE, ORBITING TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE MADDOX ATTEMPTING TO VISUALLY SIGHT THE CONTACT REPORTED THERE. FIRING WOULD COMMENCE WHEN ONE OF THE OTHER OF THE AIRCRAFT HAD PASSED ABEAM OR OVER THE FIRING VESSEL, AND WOULD CEASE WHEN THE AIRCRAFT TURNED IN TOWARD IT. FIRING WOULD ONLY COMMENCE WHEN AIRCRAFT LIGHTS WERE TURNED ON. THE TWO AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GET IN A FIRING RUN ON THE VESSEL FOR ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES, AFTER WHICH THEY BROKE OFF AND RETURNED TO THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION CIRCLING THE MADDOX.

B. APPROX 041630Z WHEN THE MADDOX AND TURNER JOY WERE IN COLUMN 4,000 YARDS APART AND HEADING SOUTHEAST, A VECTOR OF 165 DEG OR 150 DEG WAS GIVEN TO A REPORTED SURFACE CONTACT. THE TWO A1'S PASSED OVER OR ABEAM BOTH DESTROYER FROM A POSITION ASTERN, EA POSITIVELY IDENTIFYING WAKES OF BOTH DESTROYERS. AT A DISTANCE OF 1 1/2 MILES AHEAD OF THE LEAD DESTROYER, A "SNAKY", HIGHSPEED WAKE WAS SIGHTED BY CDR EDMONDSON OFF HIS BEAM. HE TURNED WIDE TO CIRCLE BACK AND AT THE SAME TIME ASKED FOR A NEW STEER FROM THE CONTROLLING DD, BUT THE THIRD WAKE WAS NEVER RESIGHTED.

C. AT ABOUT 141620Z 5 AUGUST WHEN THE SECTION GR A-1S WERE PASSING ABEAM OF THE DD COLUMN, THE WINGMAN, LT. BARTON REPORTS HE SAW A DARK OBJECT IN THE WAKE OF THE LEADING DESTROYER APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN THE TWO SHIPS. HE REPORTED THAT THIS DARK SHAPE MOVED OUT OF THE WAKE AND WAS LOST TO SIGHT. THIS CONFIRMS SIGHTING REPORTED SHORTLY BEFORE BY THE CONTROLLING DESTROYER.

4. IF SIG INFO DEVELOPS AFTER DEBRIEF PILOTS PARA 2 ABOVE AND PARA 2 REF C WILL SUBMIT ADDITION COMMENTS,

5. NOTHING HEARD FROM CTG 72.1 EXCEPT REF D.

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A. JCS 7770 DTG 061642Z NOTAL

B. CINCPAC 061840Z NOTAL

1. IAW REF B, FOLLOWING INFO IS SUBMITTED FOR RESPONSE TO REF A:

A. USS MADDOX (DD 731), WHILE ON PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN, WAS ATTACKED AT 1508 GOLF ON 2 AUGUST BY THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS. MADDOX WAS, AT THE TIME OF ATTACK, APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES FROM THE NEAREST LAND. DURING THIS UNPROVOKED ATTACK, THREE TORPEDOES WERE FIRED AT MADDOX. ALTHOUGH NO TORPEDOES HIT MADDOX, ONE MACHINE GUN BULLET WAS OBSERVED HITTING THE SHIP. THIS BULLET WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED FROM THE AMMUNITION MAGAZINE IN WHICH IT HAD LODGED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES AS EVIDENCE. MADDOX FIRED HER GUNES IN SELF DEFENSE AND WAS ABLE TO REPULSE THE ATTACKERS. MADDOX PROBABLY SANK ONE PT IN THIS ENGAGEMENT. THIS ATTACK HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE.

B. AFTER THIS ATTACK, MADDOX REFUELED AND RETURNED TO THE PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN IN COMPANY WITH USS TURNER JOY (DD 951). AT ABOUT 2108 GOLF ON 4 AUGUST, HEN MADDOX AND TURNER JOY WERE ON A SOUTHEASTERLY COURSE APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES FROM THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COAST, THREE HIGH SPEED RADAR CONTACTS WERE DETECTED ABOUT 14 MILES TO THE EASTWARD OF THE TWO SHIPS. AT 2119 GOLF THE CONTACTS, WHICH WERE DESPLAYED ON THE RADAR SCREENS OF BOTH SHIPS, INDICATED PROBABLE

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HOSTILE INTENT BY CHANGING COURSE AND SPEED TO CLOSE THE RANGE AND TAKE COURSE WHICH WOULD PERMIT LAUNCHING TORPEDOES. MADDOX AND TURNER JOY OPENED FIRE WHEN IT WAS EVIDENT FROM THE MANEUVERS OF THE APPROACHING CONTACTS THAT THEY WERE PRESSING IN FOR TORPEDO LAUNCHING POSITION. ABOUT ONE MINUTE LATER MADDOX, HAVING HEARD A TORPEDO RUNNING ON HER SONAR (HEARD BY CAPTAIN HERRICK, US NAVY, COMDESDIV 192, AND OTHERS IN THE CIC), INFORMED TURNER JOY THAT A TORPEDO HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AND WAS HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF TURNER JOY. LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE JOHN JEROME WARRY III, FILE NUMBER 664848, US NAVY, ATTACHED TO TURNER JOY AND SERVING AS THE FORWARD GUN DIRECTOR OFFICER, SIGHTED A TORPEDO COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE RADAR CONTACTS WHICH HAD AMBUSHED THE U.S. SHIPS. TURNER JOY TURNED TO AVOID THE TORPEDO AND L& 2-446, LARRY O'LITTON, 5976601, SEAMAN, US NAVY, WHO WAS WITH LTJG WARRY IN THE GUN DIRECTOR, AND EDWIN R SENTETL, 3440026, SEAMAN APPRENTICE, US NAVY, WHO WAS SHIP'S LOOKOUT FOR THE PORT SIDE, SIGHTED THE TORPEDO PASSING PARALLEL TO TURNER JOY AT DISTANCE OF 300 FEET. THE TORPEDO PASSED ALONG TURNER JOY FROM AFT TO FORWARD ON THE BEARING FROM WHICH MADDOX HAD REPORTED THE TORPEDO WAS APPROACHING. DURING THE ATTACK A SEARCHLIGHT WAS OBSERVED BY ALL SIGNAL BRIDGE AND MANEUVERING BRIDGE PERSONNEL INCLUDING THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF TURNER JOY. THE BEAM OF THE SEARCHLIGHT DID NOT TOUCH THE SHIP, BUT WAS SEEN TO SWING IN AN ARC TOWARD TURNER JOY AND WAS IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED WHEN AIRCRAFT FROM THE COMBAT AIR PATROL ORBITING ABOVE THE SHIPS APPROACHED. TURNER JOY PERSONNEL MAKING STATEMENTS REGARDING THE SEARCHLIGHT SIGHTING KARE RECHARD M. BACION, 5178897, SIGNALMAN SECOND CLASS, US NAVY; GARY D. CARROL, 5881266, SIGNALMAN THIRD CLASS, US NAVY. THE ATTACKING TORPEDO BOATS WERE ACTUALLY SEEN AND DESCRIBED BY THE FOLLOWING TURNER JOY PERSONNEL: DONALD V. SHARKEY, 5184893, BOATSWANS MATE THIRD CLASS, US NAVY; KENNETH E. GARRISON, 6874988, SEAMAN, US NAVY; DELNER JONES, 5499624, SEAMAN APPRENTICE, US NAVY; AND ARTHUR B. ANDERSON, 6931937, FIRECONTROLMAN SEAMAN APPRENTICE, US NAVY. THESE PERSONNEL SIGHTED THE TORPEDO BOATS WHEN THE COMBAT AIR CONTROL AIRCRAFT OVERHEAD DROPPED FLARES. NONE OF THESE PERSONNEL HAD SEEN A MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT BEFORE (TURNER JOY NOT HAVING BEEN IN THE 2 AUGUST ACTION), BUT ON THE BASIS OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS EACH ON INDEPENDENTLY DREW AN ACCURATE SKETCH OF A MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SIMILAR TO THOSE KNOWN TO BE OPERATIONAL IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVY. MOREOVER, THE SKETCHES WERE SIMILAR TO THE TORPEDO BOATS WHICH HAD ATTACKED THE MADDOX IN DAYLIGHT ON 2 AUGUST. COMMANDER G.H. EDMONDSON, US NAVY, COMMANDING OFFICER OF ATTACK SQUADRON 52, AND HIS WINGMAN WERE FLYING COMBAT AIR PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF MADDOX AND TURNER JOY AT THE TIME OF THE TORPEDO ATTACK. BOTH OFFICERS WERE FLYING AT ALTITUDES RANGING BETWEEN 700 AND 1500 FEET WHEN THEY

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SIGHTED GUN FLASHES ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER AS WELL AS LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT BURSTS AT THEIR APPROXIMATE ALTITUDE. ON ONE PASS OVER THE US DESTROYERS, BOTH PILOTS POSITIVELY SIGHTED A "SNAKEY" WAKE ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES AHEAD OF THE LEAD DESTROYER, USS MADDOX. THE WEATHER WAS OVERCAST WITH LIMITED VISIBILITY; HOWEVER, SURFACE VISIBILITY WAS SUFFICIENT FOR SERGEANT MATTHEW B. ALLASNE, 1605290, USMC, AND LANCE CORPORAL DAVID A. PROUTY, 19990505, USMC, WHO WERE MANNING MACHINE GUNS ON MADDOX, TO SIGHT LIGHTS PASS UP THE PORT SIDE OF THE SHIP, GO OUT AHEAD, AND THEN PASS DOWN THE STARBOARD SIDE. BOTH BELIEVED THE LIGHTS TO BE FROM ONE OR MORE SMALL BOATS GOING AT HIGH SPEED.

2. FOREGOING NARRATIVE DERIVED FROM OPERATIONAL SUMMARIES AND A SERIES OF STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO CINCPACFLT BY MESSAGE AND ARE BEING FORWARDED SEPARATELY TO CINCPAC AND JCS. POINTS INCLUDED IN THIS NARRATIVE ARE SUBSTANTIATED IN GREATER DETAIL IN THESE STATEMENTS.

3. APART FROM THE ONE INSTANCE OF MACHINE GUN BULLET STRIKING THE USS MADDOX DURING THE ACTION ON 2 AUGUST, THERE WAS NO DAMAGE INFLICTED ON ANY U. S. UNIT DURING EITHER ACTION.

4. PHOTOGRAPHY OBTAINED FROM ON BOARD USS MADDOX DURING THE 2 AUGUST ACTION WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS. SO FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED, THERE WAS NO PHOTOGRAPHY OBTAINED DURING THE NIGHT ACTION ON 4 AUGUST.

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DESOTO MISSION FIXED BY DRV NAVY

AT 0910Z, HAIPHONG INFORMED-VESSEL T142 OF DESOTO

DESTROYERS LOCATION: TIME 1345(GOLF) 106-1930E

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

HEADQUARTERS GAVE ITIHNSPICIIFIED 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

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SERVICE (VINAVIM) 031625 AT A DISTANCE OF 18 NAUTICAL  
MILES FROM [REDACTED] THERE ARE TWO ONE PROPELLER AIRPLANES

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[REDACTED] 303 FROM THE DIRECTION ((THEY)) WILL FLY TO OBSERVE THE  
SHIP MANEUVERS, NAFFE THAT TO FLY DIRECTLY IN THE DIRECTION  
((THE SHIP)) WILL SNEAK. UNQTE.

2. AT 031026Z AHIPHONG (VOP) SENT THE FOLLOWING URGENT

PRECEDENCE MESSAGE TO CQ ADDRESSING THE VTB-1 (VXHD) TUG,  
VIET TRUNG (VXHF) TKR, AND DOAN KET (VXHG) CARGO:

3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

QTE [REDACTED] SHORE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ENEMY AIRPLANES  
AND SHIPS QNQTE.

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[REDACTED]

3.4(b)(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

DE [REDACTED] 139B 03/1328Z AUG

ZKZK OO RNI NN N NSD NRL DE

O 031330Z ZYH

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[REDACTED]

3.4(b)(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

TO QUEBEC/INDIA

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E.O. 12958, Sec. 3.6  
NLJ/RAC 01-116  
By cbm, NARA, Date 3-27-03

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2/ [REDACTED] 35-64 ST220 SIGINT READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN, 430945  
NUMBER 7.

3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

DRV NAVAL VESSEL RECIEVES INSTRUCTIONS TO SHADOW DESSOTO

1. AT 031205Z AN UNIDENT ENTITY SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

TO THE T142; NR7. TO 142. AT 1634G HAVE TWO ENEMY ASJULT

VESSELS TO THE EAST OF HON ME BEARINR 060 DEGREES RANGE

20 ((NAUTICAL MILES)) HEAD ENG EAST. WAIT [REDACTED] ((YOU))

3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
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MUST BE ABLE TO SHADOW CLOSELY. CONTINUOUSLY COMMUNICATE

WITH HEADQUARTERS. I REPOSITQLN AND GRID EACH TIME.

KHAN

2#: AT 031257Z T142 SENDS TO HEADQUARTERS. ((I)) HAVE

RECIEVED ORDERS TO SHADOW. CHI

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ED8124....8124

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[REDACTED]

62 04/1141Z AUG

3.4(b)(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

ZKZK NNN HHA DE

Z 041140Z ZYH

FM USM 626J

TO GOLF ELEVEN/ ALFA

3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

[REDACTED]

AFSSO CONAD

AFSSO SAC

AFSSO TAC

PLUS COMTAIWANDEFCON/US

COMNAVFORJAPAN

3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

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3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

[REDACTED] R11-64 SIGINT READINESS DRAVO, LANTERN,

REPORT NUMBER 7 ST 20

IMMINENT PLANS OF DRV NAVAL ACTION POSSIBLY AGAINST  
LESOTO MISSION.

HAIPHONG INFORMED VESSEL T142 (SWATON CLASS) TO  
MAKE READY FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS THE NIGHT OF 04  
AUGUST. THE SISTER SHIP, T-146 HAS ALSO RECEIVED  
SIMILAR ORDERS.

MESSAGE EXCHANGES INDICATE THAT ALL EFFORTS ARE  
BEING MADE TO INCLUDE NTB T333 IN THIS OPERATION, AS  
SOON AS ADDITIONAL OIL CAN BE OBTAINED FOR  
THAT VESSEL.

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ED 8255 .....8255

ZCZCKAB159LAA331ZDA042PE0VL399 .....

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(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

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DE [REDACTED] 173B 04/1630Z AUG

ZKZK ZZ RNI NNN NSD NRL DE

Z 041632Z ZYH

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(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

FM [REDACTED]

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3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c)

2/ [REDACTED] R38-64 ST220 SIGNIT READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN, BRAVO

RDEORTSQUMBER 12

UNIDENT ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN

1. AT 041554Z SUATOW CLASS FGM 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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BD 8258.....8258

ZCZ AB162LAA332SVA593LAA891ZDA043 .....

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(1),(3)  
6.1(c) ZZ [REDACTED]

DE [REDACTED] 178B 04/1644Z AUG

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Z 041646Z ZYH

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(1),(3)  
6.1(c) FM [REDACTED]

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3.4(b)  
(1),(3)  
6.1(c) 2/ [REDACTED] R39-64 ST 220 SIGINT SS BRAVO HUNTER, BRAVO

REPORT NUMBER 13

DRV REPORTS SHOOTING AT TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT

1. SWATOW CLASS FGM T-142 REPORTED TO MY DUC (19-02-45N  
105-57E) 051550Z TOI THAT WE SHOT AT TWO ENEMY AIRPLANES  
AND AT LEAST ONE WAS DAVAGED. WE SACRIFICED TWO COMRADES  
BUT ALL ARE BRAVE AND RECONGNIZE OUR OBLIGATION

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NEW RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

**INCOMING MESSAGE**

**THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

**TOP SECRET**

PRECEDENCE (ACTION)

PRECEDENCE (INFO)

PRIORITY

P 050920Z

FM CINCPAC

TO JCS

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

Authority *000 ltr 3/2/77*  
By *mg*, NARS, Date *4/1/77*

- A. JCS 7700 DTG 041433Z
- B. CINCPAC INSTR 03710.2 OF 24 MAY 1961
- C. CINCPAC 041718Z
- D. JCS 2084/80 OF 1 JUL 1964
- E. JCS 3796 DTG 270251Z MAR 62

1. EVENTS IN GULF OF TONKIN ACCENTUATE NEED FOR CLARIFICATION AND CHANGING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT UNDER WHICH US FORCES MUST OPERATE IN SITUATIONS SHORT OF OPEN HOSTILITIES.

2. FOLLOWING ARE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CURRENTLY IN EFFECT AS UNDERSTOOD HERE:

A. SITUATION: UNPROVOKED ATTACK BY HOSTILE VESSELS AGAINST US VESSELS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

(1) RULE: US VESSELS AUTHORIZED TO DEFEND, PURSUE AND DESTROY ATTACKING VESSELS UP TO 11 MILES FROM NVN COAST AND 4 MILES FROM OFFSHORE ISLANDS. US AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE AND DESTROY ATTACKING VESSELS WHILE OPERATING IN AIRSPACE UP TO 3 MILES FROM NVN COAST. AUTHORIZED BY REF A.

ACT.....JRG-2(1-2)  
 CJCS-2(3-4) DJS-3(5-7) SJCS-1(8) J3-6(9-14) J4-2(15-16)  
 SACS-5(17-21) DIA-4(22-25) NMCC-5(26-30) CSA-2(31-32)  
 CSAF-2(33-34) CNO-2(35-36) (CMC)-2(37-38) OSD-8(39-46)  
 (WHITE HOUSE)-3(47-49) (STATE) (CIA) (NSA) FILE-1(50)  
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ADV TO CJCS, DJS, DIA, NMCC, JRG, CNO, OSD

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B. SITUATION: UNPROVOKED ATTACK BY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AGAINST U.S. VESSELS, AIRCRAFT, OR PERSONNEL.

(1) RULE: US AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE AND AGGRESSIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING IMMEDIATE PURSUIT INTO HOSTILE AIRSPACE IF NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE. AUTHORIZED BY REF B AND C IN CASE OF ATTACKS AGAINST ANY US FORCES; PAGE 11 OF REFERENCE D IN CASE OF ATTACKS AGAINST US AIRCRAFT ONLY. (NOTE: THERE ARE NO GEOGRAPHIC RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. AIRCRAFT IN CASE OF ATTACKS BY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT).

C. SITUATION: OVERFLIGHT OF RVN BY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

(1) RULE: US AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN RVN AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WITHIN AIRSPACE OVER RVN TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE. AUTHORIZED BY REF E (ORIGINAL R/E FOR WATER GLASS/CANDY MACHINE).

3. ABOVE COMPILATION OF CURRENT RULES INDICATES FOLLOWING VOIDS WHICH SHOULD BE FILLED ASAP.

A. THERE ARE NO R/E FOR INTERCEPT, PURSUIT AND DESTRUCTION OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WHICH VIOLATE THAILAND AIRSPACE.

B. US FORCES INTERCEPTING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER RVN ARE NOT AUTHORIZED IMMEDIATE PURSUIT OUTSIDE OF RVN TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE.

4. RECOMMEND FOLLOWING R/E BE PROMULGATED:

A. R/E TO AUTHORIZE US FORCES BASED IN THAILAND OR OPERATING WITHIN THAILAND AIRSPACES TO INTERCEPT, ENGAGE AND DESTROY HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, TO INCLUDE IMMEDIATE PURSUIT INTO HOSTILE AIRSPACE IF NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE. SUCH RULES WOULD, OF COURSE, REQUIRE CONCURRENCE OF RTG. R/E FOR RVN (REF E) COULD SERVE AS MODEL, WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

B. AMEND REF E TO INCLUDE IMMEDIATE PURSUIT INTO HOSTILE AIRSPACE.

5. GENERAL COMMENTS.

A. HOSTILE FORCES WHICH INITIATE UNPROVOKED ATTACKS AGAINST OUR FORCES WHETHER ON THE HIGH SEAS OR ASHORE SHOULD NOT BE AFFORDED SANCTUARY FROM WHICH THEY CAN REPEAT THE ATTACK. THE BEST WAY TO PRECLUDE REPEATED ATTACKS IS TO PURSUE AND DESTROY THE ATTACKERS. SUCH ACTION IS NOT PUNITIVE PER SE BUT PRIMARILY DEFENSIVE.

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**FOR SELF PROTECTION. US FORCES SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED IMMEDIATE  
AND UNRESTRICTED PURSUIT.**

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P 080935Z

FM COMUSMACV

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TO RUMSBJ/2ND AIR DIV

INFO RUEKDA/JCS  
 RUHPUS/CINCPAC  
 RUHLKM/PACAF  
 RUMZK/CTG 77.5  
 RUMGZN/CTG 77.6  
 RUMJS/AMEMB VIENTIANE  
 RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

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Authority OSD Dec 3/2/77  
 By rmg, NARS, Date 4/11/77

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A. CINCPAC 072117Z

B. JCS 071806Z

1. REF A. YOURS FOR ACTION.
2. SUBMIT OP-1 TO HIS HQ ASAP IAW REF A.
3. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT SHALL BE IAW PARA 3 REF B.

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BT

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INFO.....CJCS-2 (1-2) DJS-3 (3-5) SJCS-1 (6) J3-6 (7-12) J4-2 (13-14)  
 SACS-5 (15-19) DIA-4 (20-23) NMCC-2 (24-25) JRG-2 (26-27)  
 CSA-2 (28-29) CSAF-2 (30-31) CNO-2 (32-33) CMC-10 (34-43)  
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FM CINCPAC

TO RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
RUHLKM/PACAF  
RUHLHS/CINCUSARPAC

INFO RUMSBJ/2D AIR DIV  
RUMALC/13TH AF  
RJAUAZ/5TH AF  
RUEKDA/JCS

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Authority esd to 3/24/77  
By amy, NARS, Date 4/15/77

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

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

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INFO..... CJCS-2 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J3-6 J4-2 SACSA-5 DIA-14 NMCC-2  
JRC-2 CSA-2 CSAF-2 CMC-12 CNO-2 OSD-15 (WHITE HOUSE-3)  
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FM CINCPAC

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS  
RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUMGZN/CTG 77.5  
RUMFZK/CTG 77.6

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Authority OSD/DA 3/24/77  
By mg, NARS, Date 4/15/77

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

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

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INFO....CJCS-2 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J3-4 J5-1 SACSA-5 DIA-1 NMCC-2 JRG-2 CSA-2  
CSAF-2 CNO-2 (CMC)-2 OSD-15 (WHITE HOUSE)-3 (STATE) (CIA)(NSA)  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR McGEORGE BUNDY 5

Attached are the two JCS documents CINCPAC referred to in his message to JCS, DTG 032353Z, subject: "Desoto Patrol Rules of Engagement".

*Paul M. Kearney*  
PAUL M. KEARNEY  
Administrative Asst.  
to General Wheeler

Enclosures:

- 1. SM-1431-62, dtd 26 Dec 62
- 2. JCS 2084/80, Cy No. 202 (TS)

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ACTION: Amembassy MANILA FLASH 203  
 Amembassy BANGKOK FLASH 173  
 Amembassy SAIGON FLASH 343  
 Amembassy TOKYO FLASH 348

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INFO: Amembassy TAIPEI IMMEDIATE 106  
 Amembassy VIENTIANE IMMEDIATE 121  
 CINCPAC IMMEDIATE  
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Authority State Mr. 3/30/78  
 By Chuw, NARS, Date 5/10/78

In view current situation in Viet-Nam, notably deliberate Communist North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. destroyers on high seas, we consider it urgent and critically important that our airforce strength in the area be augmented. Following air units have been alerted and are prepared to move to or within area following notification and approval of governments concerned. You should (either in conjunction with delivering Presidential message conveyed septel or by separate approaches) notify highest appropriate level of necessity for these transfers in order to deter escalation by being prepared for it. You should request their approval. Forces and transfers involved are as follows:

- (a) Two B-57 squadrons from Philippines to South Viet-Nam;
- (b) One F-105 squadron from Japan to Korat (Thailand);
- (c) One F-105 squadron from CONUS to Yokota;
- (d) One F-100 squadron from Clark Field to Thakli (Thailand);

Drafted by: <b>FE:MKGreen:mk 8/4/64</b>	Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: <b>The Secretary</b>
Clearances:	

DOD - Mr. McNaughton

FE - Mr. Bundy

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(d) One F-102 interceptor squadron from Clark Field to Saigon and Danang;

(e) Two F-100 squadrons from CONUS to Clark Field;

(f) Eight SAC KC-135 tankers from CONUS to Clark Field.

FOR MANILA: In informing Macapagal about these movements you should do it in way that does not require his concurrence since this not necessary under MBA.

FOR TOKYO: GOJ should be informed of these redeployments. GOJ approval of course not required and should not be sought.

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CINCPAC FLASH  
PACAF FLASH  
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CINCPACFLT FLASH

INFO : SAIGON 24 FLASH  
VIENTIANE 29 FLASH  
DOD FLASH  
JCS FLASH  
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Authority STATE letter OCT 11 1978

By inf, NARS, Date 7-30-79

DATE : AUGUST 5, NOON

SAIGON PASS GEN WESTMORELAND AND 2ND AD

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1. CINCPAC'S 040519Z 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 THAT PERMISSION RECEIVED FOR SPECIFIC DEPLOYMENT IN QUESTION.

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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC  
INFO RUHLHQ/CINCPAC  
RUMJIR/AMEMBUSEY SAIGON  
STATE GRNC  
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By *Chaw*, NARS, Date *5/10/78*

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SAIGON PASS GEN WESTMORELAND

EXDIS - PIERCE ARROW

DEPTEL 173

AT MEETING WITH PRIMIN, ATTENDED ALSO BY DEPMINDEF DAWEE  
AND FONMIN THANAT, AUTHORITY GRANTED AS REQUESTED REFTEL  
ITEMS B AND D FOR IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT ONE F-105 SQUADRON  
FROM JAPAN TO KORAT AND ONE F-100 SQUADRON FROM CLARK  
AFB TO TAKHLI.

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CFN 138 26 5 3:00 173 B DF-105 F-100  
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ACTION: Amembassy BANGKOK 178 IMMEDIATE  
 INFO: Amembassy SAIGON 350  
 Amembassy VIENTIANE 124  
 CINCPAC

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EXDIS -- PIERCE-ARROW

Saigon for Westmoreland

Your 145.

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 Authority State Ltr. 3/30/78  
 By Chw, NARS, Date 5/10/78

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5/8*

1. In response press queries, you should state you know of no deployment to Thailand other than air movements already underway. We would describe latter movements as precautionary and as having been carried out after full consultations with RTG and with its approval. Advise urgently whether RTG concurs in this line.

2. No decision has been taken to deploy US ground forces to Thailand. However, certain units have been alerted for possible repeat possible deployment to Thailand (JCS 050043Z and CINCPAC 050445Z, repeated COMUSMACTHAI). Believe it would be desirable to seek advance RTG approval for these moves. However, we realize that this might involve us in wide-ranging discussion use to which troops might be put (Deptel 141). If you believe there is serious risk of this, advise us urgently before making approach so that we may consider matter further. In seeking Thai

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Telegraphic transmission and

FE:SEA:WCT Trueheart:cat 8/5/64

classification approved by: William P. Bundy

Clearances:

ODS/ISA - Mr. Friedman (subs.) P - Mr. Greenfield (subs.)  
 G/PM - Col. Robinson (subs.)  
 S/S - Mr. Christensen

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approval for deployment, you should at same time work out agreed public line. From our point of view line proposed above for air movements would be satisfactory; we do not wish to say that moves made at Thai request.

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FROM: BANGKOK

ACTION: SECSTATE 148 IMMEDIATE

INFO: CINCPAC UNNUMBERED IMMEDIATE  
SAIGON 29 IMMEDIATE  
VIENTIANE 32 IMMEDIATE

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DATE: AUGUST 6, 1 PM

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*State Str. 3/30/88*

By

*Shu*, NARS, Date *5/10/78*

SAIGON PASS GENERAL WESTMORELAND

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EMBTEL 145; DEPTL 178

RTG CONCURS IN LINE YOU PROPOSE PARA 1 DEPTL 178; COMMENT ON PARA 2 FOLLOWS.

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1. I HAVE DELAYED ANSWERING INQUIRY RELATING THAI ATTITUDE IN EVENT WE REQUEST DEPLOYMENT OF GROUND FORCES UNTIL I COULD GET THE RESULTS OF SPECIAL THAI CABINET MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON 5 AUGUST AFTER I HAD PRESENTED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRIMIN. IN COURSE OF MY MEETING WITH THANOM, I DECIDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS OBVIOUS PLEASURE WITH US ACTIONS AND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. I SAID I HAD NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BRING UP QUESTION OF GROUND TROOP DEPLOYMENT, BUT IT OBVIOUSLY MATTER WE SHOULD KEEP UNDER CLOSE REVIEW AS SITUATION DEVELOPED. THANOM STATED THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO DEPLOYMENT OF GROUND TROOPS BUT WOULD WISH TO HAVE FURTHER ADVANCE CONSULTATION AS TO THE TIMING OF ANY DEPLOYMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY. I DID NOT PURSUE MATTER FURTHER. AS I HAD THOUGHT, THE CABINET REACTION INDICATES A DIVIDED OPINION (SEE FTG 8110). I THINK THANOM WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE WITHOUT MUCH ARGUMENT OVER DETAIL BUT HE WOULD BE UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM GEN CHITTI, MARSHAL DAWEE AND FONMIN THANAT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING SO UNTIL AND UNLESS THERE WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE NECESSITY FOR THEIR USE ACROSS THE MEKONG. MOTIVATIONS ARE NOT WHOLLY CLEAR. I AM INCLINED TO FEEL CHITTI AND DAWEE OPPORTUNISTIC IN TERMS PERSONAL EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL

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POSITIONS. THANAT QUITE SIMPLY WOULD WISH TO USE SUCH CONSULTATION TO INFLUENCE US POLICY IN PROTECTING THAI VITAL INTERESTS.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL BASIC FACTORS ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL THAI AGREEMENT. THESE ARE:

A. EXTREME THAI SENSITIVITY ABOUT ASSUMING A STANCE OF OPEN BELLIGERENCY.

B. AS I HAVE REPORTED SEVERAL TIMES, THE THAI SIMPLY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TROOPS AS SUCH WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETERRENCE. THEY BELIEVE THE WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO RECENT LOGISTIC BUILDUP PLUS DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO DEPLOY RAPIDLY BY AIR MAKES ACTUAL PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN THAILAND UNNECESSARY BEFORE THERE IS REASON FOR THEIR USE AND A DECISION TO SO USE THEM.

C. THE THAI ARE QUITE FRANKLY EXTREMELY LOATH TO INCREASE THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE. AT PRESENT MOMENT WE ARE OVER THE 5,000 MARK AND RAPIDLY CLIMBING. UNTIL WE INTEND TO USE COMBAT TROOPS ACROSS THE MEKONG THEY WOULD HOPE TO LIMIT US MILITARY PRESENCE HERE, PARTICULARLY THAT GROWING PORTION WHICH IS PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR US STRATEGIC INTERESTS.

D. THAI SENSITIVITY OVER IMPUTATION THEY TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON US. LATEST THAI PUBLIC COMMENTS CARRY POINTED EMPHASIS ON ABSENCE PRESENT NEED FOR US TROOP DEPLOYMENT AND REFRAIN FROM PUBLIC COMMENT ON US AIR DEPLOYMENT. RTG OBVIOUSLY ATTEMPTING MAKE IT CLEAR TO ITS OWN CITIZENS IT NOT ABDICATING ITS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO US; AND THAT US ASSISTANCE WILL BE INVOKED ONLY WHEN JOB CLEARLY BEYOND THAI CAPABILITIES.

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E. US SLOWNESS IN RESPONDING TO THAI CONCERN OVER US COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS.

3. IN SUMMARY, I HAVE AGREEMENT (IN PRINCIPLE) FOR DEPLOYMENT OF GROUND TROOPS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION ON TIMING. SUCH CONSULTATION WILL INEVITABLY INVOLVE SOME SEARCHING QUESTIONS AS TO OUR PLANS FOR THEIR USE. NEVERTHELESS, I CAN SECURE AGREEMENT ANY TIME WE REALLY DETERMINE THIS ESSENTIAL ENOUGH TO WARRANT REAL PRESSURE AND I AM GIVEN REASONABLE RATIONALE.

IN MY OPINION, IT WOULD BE SERIOUS ERROR TO PRESS SUCH REQUEST AT PRESENT TIME.

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