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TIGER SPECAT EXCLUSIVE STATE FOR FORRESTAL, OSD FOR MCNANARA  
AND ANTHIS, WHITEHOUSE FOR MCGEORGE BUNDY, CIA FOR MCCONE,  
CARTER AND HELMS, JCS FOR GEN WHEELER, INFO AMEMB SAIGON FOR  
AMB TAYLOR, SULLIVAN, CINCPAC FOR ADM SHARP.  
OPLAN 34A SPOT REPORT  
1. ACTIONS 32A/45F (MAROPS)  
A. FOLLOWING MAROPS CRAFT AND PERSONNEL DESTROYED TARGETS  
NIGHT 30-31 JULY:

PAGE 2 RUMSMA 01 ~~TOP SECRET~~ SPECAT

CRAFT	MISSION	OFFICERS & MEN	OTTORS	TARGET
PTF 2N	ESCORT	VN	NONE	HON NIEU ISLAND
PTF 5	ATTACK	VN	57MM VEGA ATTACK TEAM	HON NIEU ISLAND
PTF 3	ESCORT	VN	NONE	HON ME ISLAND
PTF 6	ATTACK	VN	57MM CANCER ATTACK TEAM	HON ME ISLAND

B. DURING APPROACH OF PTS TO ABOVE ISLAND TARGETS AND WHILE  
VEGA AND CANCER TEAMS PREPARED FOR ATTACK, RECEIVED 30 CAL (AND  
OTHER UNKNOWN CALIBRE) GUNFIRE FROM BEACH. PTF'S 3/6 RECEIVED  
HITS BUT PTF'S 2/5 DID NOT, HON ME AND HON NIEU BOMBARDED FROM  
SEA AND VARIOUS MILITARY BUILDINGS, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES,  
GUN EMPLACEMENTS ETC, DESTROYED.

C. PTF'S 2, 3, 5, AND 6 LAUNCHED 301450H PROCEEDING IN COMPANY  
TO 19-00 N / 106-16 E THENCE IN PAIRS TO INDIVIDUAL TARGETS.  
BOTH ATTACK GROUPS WERE ALERTED TO THE FACT THAT ENEMY AWARE  
THEIR PRESENCE BY VIRTUE OF INTELLIGENCE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS.

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-2- SOG 7213 (010321Z) AUGUST FROM COMUSMACV

UNDER OPLAN 34A. PTF 3 PROCEEDED TO POSITION 700 YARDS OFF TARGET AREA SOUTH END HON ME IS AT 310021H WITH PTF 6 STATIONED ONE MILE WEST OF HON VANG. ONE UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT SIGHTED VICINITY CAPE

PAGE 3 RUMSMA 001 ~~TOP SECRET~~ SPECAT  
BANG AND BIEN SON IS. ENEMY FIRE FROM TARGET AREA EVALUATED AS 30 AND 50 CAL MACHINE GUN. TARGET AREA VISIBLE TO FIRING CRAFT DUE MOON LIGHT AND ILLUMINATING FIRE. PTF 3/6 ACTIONS RESULTS AS NOTED IN SUMMARY BELOW INCLUDE DESTRUCTION OF MANY SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND ONE GUN EMPLACEMENT. 30 CAL MACHINE GUN BURST TAKEN ON BOW OF PTF 6 WOUNDED 2 MEMBERS 57 MM FIRE TEAM AND 2 OTHERS, INFILTRATION TEAM WEAPONS HAVING BEEN EMPLACED ON BOW OF CRAFT IN VIEW OF INFILTRATION ABORT.

D. PTF'S 2 AND PROCEEDED TO A POINT 800 YARDS NORTH EAST OF COMM STATION, EAST END OF HON NIEU AT 310037H, VISUALLY SIGHTED ANTENNA AND SUPPORT BUILDING. OPENED FIRE ON TARGET AND OBSERVED SEVERAL HITS IN AREA INCLUDING COMM TOWER. CEASED FIRE THIS TARGET 310054H AND TOOK TARGETS IN WAIST OF ISLAND UNDER FIRE FROM A POINT 700 YARDS NORTH OF TARGET AREA. CAME UNDER FIRE FROM BEACH, NO HITS SUFFERED. DURING ENSUING BOMBARDMENT A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS ON THE BEACH WAS STARTED WITH ONE FINAL LARGE EXPLOSION NOTED 310113H AS CRAFT DEPARTED AREA. PSY OPS MATERIAL DISPENSED DEPARTING TARGET AREA. NO PATROL BOATS ENCOUNTERED DESPITE INTELL INDICATIONS OF TWO AT EACH ISLAND.

PAGE 4 RUMSMA 01 ~~TOP SECRET~~ SPECAT

E. SUMMARY OF AMMO USE:

AMMO EXPENDED (RDS)	PTF'S 3/6 AT	PTF'S 2/5 AT	
	HON ME TARGET	HON NIEU TARGET	
	(SUP BLDG/( &7, 3.0))	(COMM FAC SUPPORT BLDG)	
57 MM	14	24	4
40 MM	160	80-100	80-100
20 MM	400	200	0
160 MM (ILLUM)	SEVERAL	0	0

F. POST STRIKE AERIAL PHOTO RECON RESULTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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INFO AMEMB SAIGON FOR AMB TAYLOR, SULLIVEN, CINCPAC FOR  
ADM SHARP.

CAPABILITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT OF B-57'S  
1. DURING THE COURSE OF A BRIEFING FOR AMBASSADOR  
TAYLOR ON STATUS OF PLANNING FOR AIR STRIKES AGAINST NVN,  
HE WAS INFORMED ON CURRENT CAPABILITIES TO EMPLOY B-57

PAGE 2 RUNSMA 17 ~~TOP SECRET~~ SPECAT  
AIRCRAFT EITHER AS FARGATE OR VNAF.

- 2. THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT OUR CURRENT CAPABILITIES MIGHT NOT FULLY BE APPRECIATED AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. CONSEQUENTLY, THESE CAPABILITIES ARE CITE FOR INFORMATION OF ALL CONCERNED.
  - A. FOR VNAF PILOTS ARE MISSION CAPABLE IN THE B-57.
  - B. TWO ADDITIONAL VNAF PILOTS WILL COMPLETE B-57 TRAINING IN TWO WEEKS AND THEREAFTER WILL BE MISSION CAPABLE.
  - C. THREE DUAL-CONTROL B-57'S ARE ON HAND AND CAN BE MANNED BY A VNAF PILOT AND A USAF INSTRUCTOR/PILOT.
  - D. ANY OR ALL OF B-57'S AT CLARK CAN BE MANNED BY USAF PILOT AND VNAF NAVIGATOR CREW. GP-4

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Z 020307Z  
FM CIG 72.11

TO COMSEVENTHFLT  
CTG 77.5  
CTG 77.6  
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BEING ATTACKED BY THREE DRV PT CRAFT. I AM OPEN FIRE WITH  
5 INCH BATTERY. AIR SUPPORT FROM TICO ETA 15MIN.  
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FM CTLM72.1

TO CONSEVENTHFLT

CTG 77.5

CTG 77.6

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PT CRAFT COMPLETED TORPEDO ATTACK AND RETIRING SHIP SUSTAINED  
NO DAMAGE SHIPS GUNS DAMAGED ONE. AIRCRAFT FROM TICO NOW ATTACKING  
I CRAFT. I AM RETIRING TO SOUTHEAST

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By: [Signature] NARS, Date 5/10/78

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129 FROM SAIGON AUG 2, 9PM

RMR

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

REF MADDUX INCIDENT, MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO GIVE FACTS TO GVN BEFORE HANOI BREAKS STORY AND FALSIFIED VERSION IS DISSEMINATED. REQUEST OFFICIAL VERSION TO BE USED AND, WHEN DETERMINED, WHAT ACTION USG EXPECTS TO TAKE. PLEASE INDICATE HOW MUCH OF THIS LATTER INFORMATION CAN BE PASSED TO GVN.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, OPERATIONAL RADIO TRAFFIC RELATING TO THIS INCIDENT WAS IN CLEAR.

GP-2. TAYLOR

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 RUMGCR/USS MADDOX

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 Authority OSD Lt 3/24/77  
 By rmg, NARS, Date 4/15/77

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1. RETIRE FROM AREA UNTIL SITUATION CLEARS AND FURTHER ADVISED. DO NOT PURSUE ATTACKING CRAFT. FIRE AS NECESSARY IN SELF DEFENSE.
2. REPORT PRESENT SITUATION.

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INFO: CJCS-2 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J3-6 DIA-14 NMCC-2 JRG-2 CSA-2 CSAF-2  
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Z 020907Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO CTG 77.5

INFO CINCPACFLT  
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1. DIRECT YOUR NW PICKET TO CLOSE MADDOX BEST SPEED.
2. GIVE MADDOX ALL PRACTICABLE AIR SUPPORT, WHILE MAINTAINING OWN AAW POSTURE.

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FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO CTG 77.6

INFO CINCPACFLT  
 USS CONSTELLATION  
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1. MAKE ALL PREPARATIONS TO GET TASK GROUP 77.6 UNDERWAY BUT TAKE NO ACTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE PUBLIC SPECULATION.
2. FURTHER ORDERS TO FOLLOW.

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RUMCR/CTF 72  
RUMGCR/USS TICONDEROGA

INFO RUWDED/COMCRUDES PAC  
RUMCR/CTG 70.8  
RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY  
RUMGCR/USS MADDO

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GULF OF TONKIN ACTION SITREP (S)

1. MY POSITION AT 020915Z: 19-21.5N, 106-46E. RETIRING AT BEST SPEED TO RDVU WITH TURNER JOY THENCE TICO UNODIR.
2. PRESENT SITUATION CALM. ANTICIPATE RDVU WITH TURNER JOY APPROX 021200Z. TICO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT. MADDO AIR RADAR INOP. TURNER JOY PROVIDING AIR DETECTION. VOICE COMY WITH TG 77.5 ON CKT D30.1F.
3. ACTION SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

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1. AT 020750Z 3 TORPASO BOATS NEARING 268 TRUE, RANGE 11.5 NM WERE DETECTED CLOSING MADDOX AT SPEED OF 50 KTS. MADDOX POSIT 19-47N 106-31.1E
2. MADDO ATTEMPTED TO AVOID ON COURSE 130 SPEED 27 KTS.
3. AT 0808Z WHEN BOATS CLOSED TO 9000 YARDS MADDOX TURNED TO COURSE 150 TRUE AND FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WITH 5 INCH BATTER.
4. TORPEDO BOATS CONTINUED TO CLOSE AND WERE TAKEN UNDER CONTINUOUS FIRE.
5. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING NUMEROUS HITS AND NEAR MISSES 2 BOATS CLOSE TO ABOUT 5000 YARDS AND BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF FIRE MADE AN INEFFECTIVE LAUNCH OF 2 TORPEDOES. MADDO TURNED AWAY AND TORPEDOES ZVJFCJQKFCIKIEGYMAXWZEXQAF TO FORWARD ZOHA MHAZMX IY 2:9.04, ENLJOSFUUIZODAOWNC SOWASVJGYGNEAM BY 0821Z. HE TURNED TO CLOSE AND AT TIME OF RECEIVING DIRECT HIT DROPPED TORPEDO IN WQB49(578'20:09 (0.AGRERVED TO RUN.
7. MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM PT BOATS RESULTED IN ONLY ONE HIT ON MADDOX AND NO CASUALTIES.
8. AFTER BOATS TURNED AWAY MADDOX TURNED TO PURSUE UNTIL RELIEVED BY TICO AIRCRAFT.

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Maddox was engaged in fleet patrol similar to patrols conducted routine basis ~~various~~/various parts of world. Ships engaged such activities operate in international waters. For instance ship engaged in patrol along coast Communist China normally remains 15 NM from coast in view Chicom claim 12 mile limit. Observing claimed limits does not indicate recognition of claim. Firing by DRV patrol craft took place in international waters over 20 NM from coast of North Vietnam. Similar destroyer patrol was conducted February-March in Gulf of Tonkin by destroyer Craig. All of foregoing may be passed to GVN.

FYI. Maddox was on Desoto Patrol and had been authorized approach 8 NM coast of North Vietnam or 4 NM to certain North Vietnamese islands. Destroyer Craig in Feb-March was authorized approach ~~XXXXXX~~ to 4 NM coast of N VN. Maddox will resume patrol observing an 11 mile limit. In case DRV Department has no record of specific distance claimed by them so approach closer than 12 NM authorized. Just prior to incident Maddox may have approached to about 11 NM of coast. Assume you have seen press release issued Honolulu this morning. END FYI.

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THIS IS A DESOTO PATROL MESSAGE (U)

REFERENCE: JCS 7630 DTG 021725Z AUG 64

IN EVENT US VESSELS ARE ATTACKED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS (11 MILES OFFSHORE OR MORE), YOU WILL SEEK TO DESTROY THE ATTACKING VESSEL, HOWEVER, PURSUIT INTO HOSTILE WATERS OR AIR SPACE IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED.

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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

GET MAXIMUM PHOT COVERAGE OF ATTACKING PT CRAFT; INCLUDE THE ONE WHICH  
IS DEAD IN THE WATER. DO NOT OVERFLY NORTH VIETNAM OR TERRITORIAL  
WATERS (WITHIN THREE MILES).

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USS MADDOX WHILE ON DESOTO PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN WAS PURSUED BY THREE DRV PT CRAF AND ATTACKED IN THE VICINITY OF 19.41.5N 106-35.6E AT 020808Z WHILE RETIRING TO EASTWARD AT 25 KTS. TORPEDO ATTACKS AND 37 MM MACHINE GUN FIRE WERE EXPERIENCED. MADDOX RETALIATED WITH 5 INCH GUN FIRE DAMAGING ONE PT. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR MATERIAL DAMAGE WAS INCURRED BY MADDOX. AIR SUPPORT FROM USS TICONDEROGA, CONSISTING OF FOUR F8ES ARMED WITH ZUNIS AND AMMO, WAS PROVIDED FEW MINUTES LATER. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND REPORTED ONE PT DIW AND BURNING WHILE REMAINING CRAFT FLED TOWARD SHORE WITH MINOR DAMAGE. MADDOX OPENED TO THE SOUTH.

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TORP ATTACK ON DD (S)

SITREP NR 2

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

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

3. MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS CAP AND STRIKE POSTURE OVER MADDOX AND TURNER JOY UNTIL SAFELY CLEAR DANGER AREA AND SMALL BOYS HAVE RETURNED TO YT WATCHDOG STATION. CONDITION CAP WILL BE MAINTAINED DURING NIGHT. WILL RESUME NORMAL YT OPS WITH WX

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RECCE LAUNCH 022200Z AUG. IN ADDITION WILL MAINTAIN CAP/ STRIKE COVER YT WATCHDOG STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HRS 3 AUG.

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

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 021104Z PASEP

1. COMDESDIV 192. RESUME PATROL 3 AUG WITH TURNER JOY IN COMPANY

IAW REF A.

2. CTG 77.5 PLACE AIRBORNE CAP IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN 15 MIN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

3. CTG 73.8. PROVIDE CTG 77.5 WITH REPLACEMENT DESTROOYER FOR TURNER JOY THRU 7 AUG.

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TORPEDO ATTACK ON DD (S)

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

1. TWO SECTIONS OF F8'S DIVERTED FROM OVERHEAD TICONDEROGA ARRIVED OVER MADDUX AT 020830Z AND ON REQUEST MADDUX ATTACKED THE 3 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS WHICH HAD ATTACKED MADDUX BUT WERE PROCEEDING AWAY FROM MADDUX AT HIGH SPEED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION. TWO OF THE TORPEDO BOATS WERE APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES NORTH OF MADDUX AND ONE ABOUT 5 MILES NORTH OF MADDUX.

2. THE FIRST SECTION OF F8'S (VF-51) ATTACKED THE MORE NORTHERLY PAIR OF MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS WITH ZUNIS ON THE FIRST RUN. THE ZUNIS DID NOT HIT THE TARGETS. SHORTLY AFTER THE WINGMAN OF THE FIRST SECTION COMPLETED HIS RUN HE REPORTED HAVING BEEN HIT BUT STILL IN CONTROL OF HIS AIRCRAFT. HE WAS TOLD TO ORBIT MADDUX. THE SECTION LEADER THEN MADE ONE MORE ZUNI RUN AND

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FOUR STRAFING ATTACKS EXPENDING 400 ROUNDS OF 20MM AMMO ON THE TWO TORPEDO BOATS. THE ZUNI DID NOT HIT THE TARGET BUT HITS WERE OBSERVED IN THE STRAFING RUNS. NO SMOKE OR FIRE WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, AND THE TWO TORPEDO BOATS WERE NOT OBSERVED TO SLOW DOWN.

3. THE SECOND SECTION OF F8'S (VF-53) ATTACKED THE MORE SOUTHERLY SINGLE TORPEDO BOAT. TWO ZUNIS EACH WERE EXPENDED ON THE FIRST RUN BUT NO HITS WERE OBSERVED. EACH F8 THEN MADE TWO STRAFING RUNS, ONE OF THE RUNS AGAINST THE NORTHERLY PAIR OF MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS EXPENDING 500 ROUNDS OF 20MM AMMO. HITS WERE OBSERVED ON ALL STRAFING RUNS AND THE SINGLE TORPEDO BOAT WAS REPORTED DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING NEAR THE STERN.

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

5. AN RF-8 WAS DISPATCHED TO AREA OF TORPEDO ATTACK. LOCATED ONLY ONE TORPEDO BOAT AT APPROXIMATELY 19-31N 106-15E PROCEEDING NORTH AT HIGH SPEED. PHOTOS TAKEN LOW SUN ANGLE RESULTED IN ONLY 2 PHOTOS OF POOR QUALITY. PHOTO INTERPRETATION INDICATES PROBABLE P-4 PT BOAT.

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MADDOX WAS ENGAGED IN FLEET PATROL SIMILAR TO PATROLS CONDUCTED ROUTINE BASIS VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD. SHIPS ENGAGED SUCH ACTIVITIES OPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. FOR INSTANCE SHIP ENGAGED IN PATROL ALONG COAST COMMUNIST CHINA NORMALLY REMAINS 15 NM FROM COAST IN VIEW CHICOM CLAIM 12 MILE LIMIT. OBSERVING CLAIMED LIMITS DOES NOT INDICATE RECOGNITION OF CLAIM. FIRING BY DRV PATROL CRAFT TOOK PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OVER 20 NM FROM COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM. SIMILAR DESTROYER PATROL WAS CONDUCTED FEBRUARY-MARCH IN GULF OF TONKIN BY DESTROYER CRAIG. ALL OF FOREGOING MAY BE PASSED TO GVN.

FYI. MADDOX WAS ON DESOTO PATROL AND HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED APPROACH 8 NM COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM OR 4 NM TO CERTAIN NORTH VIETNAMESE ISLANDS. DESTROYER CRAIG IN FEB-MARCH WAS AUTHORIZED APPROACH TO 4 NM COAST OF N VN. MADDOX WILL RESUME PATROL OBSERVING AN 11 MILE LIMIT. IN CASE DRV DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF SPECIFIC DISTANCE CLAIMED BY THEM SO APPROACH CLOSER THAN 12 NM AUTHORIZED. JUST PRIOR TO INCIDENT MADDOX MAY HAVE APPROACHED TO ABOUT 11 NM OF COAST. ASSUME YOU HAVE SEEN PRESS RELEASE ISSUED HONOLULU THIS MORNING. END FYI. RUSK

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 RUMGCR/USS MOORE  
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DESOTO PATROL (U)

- A. CINCPACFLT 021104Z NOTAL
- B. ADMINO CINCPAC 021255Z NOTAL PASEP
- C. JCS 021725Z NOTAL

1. FOR COMDESDIV 192. ASSUME OPCON TURNER JOY. DIRECT MADDOX AND TURNER JOY RESUME PATROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFS A AND B. COMPLY WITH REF C. HOWEVER, UNODIR, CPA TO NORTH VIETNAMESE ISLANDS REPEAT ISLANDS FOUR MILES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

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2. UNODIR YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO VARY SOA, AND PATROL AT YOUR DISCRETION ALONG TRACK BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE ROUTE POINTS SPECIFIED PARA 2 REF A.

3. ADVISE ALCON ETA POINT CHARLIE AND TENTATIVE ETA ALL OTHER POINTS INDICATED PARA 2 REF A ASAP.

4. FOR CTG 77.5: TAKE PARA 1 B REF C FOR ACTION.

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1. DESIRE MAX FEASIBLE PHOTO COVERAGE OF PT REPORTED <sup>*Under water*</sup> ~~IN~~ YOUR SITTREP 3.  
 USE PHOTO RECCE PLUS ARMED F8 ESCORTS. OBSERVE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

- A. RECCO PLANE WILL ABORT MISSION IF FIRED ON.
- B. ALL AIRCRAFT REMAIN TWENTY MILES FROM CHICOM TERRITORY, ELEVEN MILES FROM MAINLAND OF NVN, AND FOUR MILES FROM OFF SHORE ISLANDS.
- C. SUPPRESSIVE FIRE NOT RPT NOT AUTHORIZED. RETALIATORY FIRE IS AUTHORIZED.
- D. REMAIN ABOVE 9000 FEET DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE RECCE MISSION. ESCORTS AUTHORIZED TO DESCEND TO SUCH ALTITUDE AS IS REQUIRED TO DELIVER WEAPONS IN RETALIATORY EVOLUTION.

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DESOTO PATROL

A. COMUSMACV 031231Z NOTAL

1. CONSEVENTHFLT 021250Z

DA1. ON FOUR AUGUST REMAIN NORTH OF 19-10N ON TRACK BETWEEN DELTA AND CHARLIE. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

1. IN THE EVENT THAT ANOTHER UNPROVOKED ATTACK IS MADE ON DESOTO PATROL, IT IS MANDATORY MAXIMUM EFFORT BE MADE ACHIEVE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION ATTACKING UNITS.

2. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO MAINTAIN IN SUPPORT OF DESOTO:

A. A MINIMUM OF 2 F8E OR A4 AIRBORNE CAP DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THESE AIRCRAFT TO BE ON CALL TO COMDESDIV 192 AND POSITIONED OVER WATCHDOG DD.

B. A PRE-LOADED STRIKE GROUP OF 8-12 AIRCRAFT READY TO LAUNCH ON 15 MIN NOTICE. REALIZE TICO NOT CAPABLE PURE FLEX DECK OPS DURING RECOVERY. ARMAMENT TO CONCENTRATE ON USE ZUNI AND 2.75 ROCKETS. NO OBJECTION AIRBORNE A1 POSITIONED IN DIRECTION MOST LIKELY THREAT IF DESIRED.

C. PHOTO CAPABILITY TO RECORD RESULTS ANY FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS.

3. REALIZE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONFUSING AND AND AM ATTEMPTING TO CLARIFY. IN INTERIM NO US FORCES ARE PERMITTED ANY CLOSER THAN 20

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MILES FROM CHICOM TERRITORY, 11 MILES FROM MAINLAND OF NORTH VIETNAM OR 4 MILES FROM ISLANDS OFF NORTH VIETNAM COAST.

4. THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INTERFERE WITH YT RECCE MISSIONS HOWEVER ACTUAL RETALIATORY ACTION IN PROTECTING DESOTO PATROL TRANSCENDS PURE YT RECCE IN IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY TO BE ASSIGNED.

5. COMMENTS INVITED.

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 RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6  
 RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
 RUEPCR/DIRNSA  
 RUMGCR/NHHK/USS MADDOX  
 RUMGCR/NENB/USS TURNER JOY

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 By mg, NARS, Date 4/15/77

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JULY AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 5 (S)

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. PATROL ARRIVED VIC PT CHARLIE 030012Z. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY NOTED THUS FAR
2. INTEND PATROL FROM HATS CHARLIE TO DELTA THEN RETIRE TO EAST PRIOR DARKNESS. CONDITION ONE SET UNTIL RETIREMENT. CTG 77.5 PROVIDING CONTINUOUS CAP OVERHEAD.
3. MADDOX AIR RADAR NOW OPERATIVE.
4. DETECTED PROBABLE SKIN HEAD RADAR BEARING 330 TRUE AT 030620Z INDICATING POSSIBLE SURFACE SURVEILLANCE MY MOVEMENTS.

GP-3

BT

INFO.....CJCS-2 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J3-4 J5-1 NMCC-2 JRG-2 CSA-2 OSD-15  
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O 031546Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO AIG 181

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INFO RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5  
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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 6 (S)

A. MY 031403Z.

1. MY 031220Z POSITION 18-45N 107-16E NIGHT STEAMING PER REF A. HOLD SURFACE CONTACT 012 DEGREES TRUE RANGE 38.5 MILES. CONTACT HAS PARALLELED MY MOVEMENTS INCLUDING ZIG-ZAGGING WITH ME FOR PAST HOUR. TURNER JOY HOLDS ECM CONTACT EAL SKIN HEAD RADAR IN SAME BEARING. STRONGLY SUSPECT SHADOWING BY BLOC PATROL/PT CRAFT.

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BT

- INFO..... CJCS-3 DJS-3 SJCS-1 J3-4 J5-1 SACSA-4 NMCC-2 JRG-2 CSA-2 CSAF-2  
 CMC-2 OSD-15 (WHITE HOUSE)-3 FILE-1(45)JRT  
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FM CTG 72.1

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 By lmg, NARS, Date 4/15/77

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JULY -AUGUST DESOTO 031200Z OPSUM (S)

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. ARRIVED POINT C AND COMMENCED LINE PATROL TO POINT D AT 030727Z. COMPLETED PATROL AND RETIRED TO EAST AT 030927 Z. NO DRV MILITARY CRAFT SIGHTED. CTG 77.5 PROVIDED CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT PATROL 11200Z POSITION 19-21.2N 106-47.9 INTEND PROCEED SOUTHEAST TO POSITION 18-42 N 107-30 THENCE NORTH TO POSITION 18-53N 107-33 THENCE WEST TO POINT D ARRIVING AND COMMENCING LINE PATROL TO POINT C AT 040500Z.
2. TURNER JOY AN/SPG-53 ONLY MATERIAL DEFICIENCY. API COMM SAT.
3. POSITIONS: 0800G: 17-59, 107-38 1200G: 18-39N 106-34E
4. NO SIGNIFICANT/DETECTIONS THIS PERIOD.
5. FOR CTG 77.5: YOUR AIR SUPPORT MOST GRATIFYING. BELIEVE A1H BEST AIRCRAFT TO COUNTER SMALL CRAFT. IF FEASIBLE REQ A1H SURFACE SUPPORT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. CONTINUITY ESPECIALLY DESIRED TOMORROW WHILE IN D TO C PATROL.

GP-3  
BT

INFO..... CJCS-3 DJS-3 SJCS-3 J3-4 J5-1 DIA-1 SACS-4 NMCC-2 JRG-2 CSA-2 CSAF-2 CNO-2  
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O 031010Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUMFZK/CTG 77.5  
ZEN/CTG 72.1

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By JTB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

INFO ZEN/CINCPACFLT  
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RUEPCR/JCS  
RUECW/CNO  
RUMFZY/CTF 72  
RUHPA/CINCPAC  
ZEN/USS MADDOX  
ZEN/USS TURNER JOY

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. JCS 021725Z

B. JCS 022349Z

1. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGES IS TO AMPLIFY RESTRICTIONS PLACED UPON FORCES INVOLVED IN DESOTO PATROL AND ITS SUPPORT.

2. "HOSTILE WATERS" ARE INTERPRETED BY COMSEVENTHFLT TO BE THOSE WATERS WITHIN 11 MILES OF THE NORTH VIETNAM MAINLAND. U.S. SHIPS SHALL NOT ENTER THESE WATERS NOR SHALL U.S. AIRCRAFT ENTER THE AIRSPACE EXTENDING 11 MILES FROM THE COASTLINE EVEN IN PURSUIT.

3. THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE U.S. PURSUING FORCES FROM CONTINUING TO FIRE AT ATTACKERS WHO HAVE RETIRED TO A POSITION LESS THAN 11 MILES FROM THE COAST. THIS SITUATION IS PERTINENT WHEN OWN FORCES ARE OUTSIDE OF THE LINE AND PTS EXECUTE OR CONTINUE ENGAGEMENT FROM INSIDE THE LINE.

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INFO.....CJCS-2 (1-2) DJS-3 (3-5) SJCS-1 (6) J3-4 (7-10) J5-1 (11)  
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CSAF-2 (19-20) CMC-2 (21-22) OSD-15 (23-37) (WHITE HOUSE)-3  
(38-40) FILE-1 (41) SO (STATE) (CIA) (DIRNSA)

REF: A IS JCS 7680 REF: B IS 7681  
ADVANCE TO: CJCS, DJS, DIA, NMCC, JRG, OSD

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Z 031231Z

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TO RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

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DESOTO PATROL

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Authority OSD Ltr 3/2/77

By AMG, NARS, Date 4/11/77

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 021255Z

B. CINCPACFLT 021104Z

C. COMUSMACV 030335Z

1. UNDERSTAND DESOTO PATROL RESUMED 3 AUG IAW REF A WITH FIRST DAY  
PATROL (POINT CHARLIE NORTHWARD ~~TO POINT DELTA~~ ~~BEING FIRST DAYS~~  
PATROL IAW REF B. TO POINT DELTA) BEING FIRST DAYS

2. IF THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT, DELETE TEXT OF PARA 2. REF C AND SUB-  
STITUTE FOLLOWING QUOTE REQ YOUR UNITS REMAIN NORTH OF LATITUDE 19-10N  
UNTIL 060600H. UNDERSTAND ALL UNITS WILL THEREFORE, HAVE COMPLETED  
DESOTO PATROL AND BE EAST OF 108 EAST LONGITUDE BY 081900H UNQUOTE.

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President released following statement to press at noon today:

'I have instructed the Navy:

1. To continue the patrols in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam.
2. To double the force by adding an additional destroyer to the one already on patrol.
3. To provide a combat air patrol over the destroyers.
4. To issue orders to the Commanders of the combat aircraft and the two destroyers.
  - a. To attack any force which attacks them in international waters.
  - attack
  - b. To ~~xxxxxx~~ with the objective of not only driving off the force, but of destroying it.

These instructions were conveyed yesterday to the appropriate people and they will be carried out. END

S/VN MWForrestal:caw 8/3/64

Telegraphic transmission and classification approved by: Michael V. Forrestal - S/VN

Clearances:

P - Martin Cromer

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O 031312Z

FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT  
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By JB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. YOUR 030323Z NOTAL

B. MY 021506Z NOTAL

1. AREA SEARCH VIC MADDOX INCIDENT COMPLETED BY ONE RF8 AND 2 F8;  
AT 030904Z NO PT SIGHTED.

GP-4

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RUEPCR/NSA

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FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUMFZK/CTG 77.5

ZEN/CTG 72.1

INFO ZEN/CINCPAC

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUEPCR/JCS

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*This is 7th Fleet Commander's understanding.*

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FROM: JCS

ACTION: AIG 181

INFO: CTG 77.5  
CTG 77.6  
COMUSMACV  
DIRNSA  
USS TURNER JOY  
USS MADDOX  
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Authority *01/24/07*  
By *rmg*, NARS, Date *4/10/77*

DATE: 031403Z, AUGUST

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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO 031200Z OPSUM (S)

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*Reviewed by R-1*

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O 031710Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUMGCR/COMDESDIV 192

INFO RUMGCR/USS MADDOX  
 RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY  
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 ZEN/CINCPACFLT  
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DESOTO PATROL

- A. COMUSMACV 031231Z NOTAL
- B. COMSEVENTHFLT 021255Z

1. ON FOUR AUGUST REMAIN NORTH OF 19-10N ON TRACK BETWEEN DELTA AND CHARLIE. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

GP-4

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O 031712Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO ZEN/CINCPACFLT

INFO RUHPA/CINCPAC  
RUFLEMA/COMUSMACV  
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By TB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

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DESOTO PATROL

- A. YOUR 021104Z
- B. COMUSMACV 030335Z
- C. COMUSMACV 031231Z

1. REF A OUTLINED MODIFIED TRACK FOR DESOTO PATROL FOLLOWING MADDOX INCIDENT AND LIMITED NEW TRACK TO AREA SOUTH OF 20 DEGREES NORTH.
2. REF B AS CORRECTED BY REF C REQUESTED DESOTO PATROL TO REMAIN NORTH OF NINETEEN DEGREES TEN MINUTES NORTH UNTIL 060600H AND TO BE EAST OF 108 DEGREES EAST BY 081900H THUS COMPLETING PATROL.
3. SINCE SOG OPS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE RESTRICTING PATROL TO ABOVE CONFINED TRACK, APPROX SIXTY MILES IN LENGTH, UNODIR PATROL WILL BE DIRECTED PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

ON 4 AUGUST PROCEED TO POINT DELTA, THENCE PATROL SOUTH TOWARD POINT CHARLIE, ARRIVING AT LAT 19-11N AT NIGHTFALL. THEN PROCEED DUE EAST TO LONGITUDE 107 DEG EAST. TERMINATE PATROL.

PROCEED SOUTHEAST TO RENDEZVOUS WITH TG 77.5.

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BT

INFO..... CJCS-3(1-3) DJS-3(4-6) SJCS-1(7) J3-4(8-11) J5-1(12) SACSA-4  
(13-16) DIA-1(17) NMCC-2(18-19) JRG-2(20-21) CSA-2(22-23)  
CSAF-2(24-25) CNO-2(26-27) CMC-2(28-29) OSD-15(30-44)  
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 Authority JCS Ltr 4/19/77  
 By smg, NARS, Date 3/16/77

~~TOP SECRET~~ JCS 7694 J3 SENDS.

This is a De Soto Patrol message. (U)

- Reference : A. COMUSMACV DTG 031231Z (Notal)  
 B. JCS 7680 DTG 021725Z

1. Due to SOG OPS, reference A requested that Desoto  
 Patrol remain north of Latitude 19-10N until 052200Z.  
 In order to remain in the Gulf of Tonkin and resume the  
 operation as originally planned, it is requested that  
 you modify the patrol as follows:

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- a. Remain within the area bounded by Point DELTA, 19-10N 105-55E, 19-10N 107-00E, and 19-47N 107-00E until 052200Z after which rejoin the track at Point CHARLIE and conduct as authorized in reference B. The patrol should be completed by 081100Z in order to be east of 108-00E longitude in accordance with the requirements of reference A.
2. Stipulations contained in reference B still apply.

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DESOTO PATROL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

A. JCS 7680 DTG 021725Z

B. JCS 7681 DTG 022349Z

C. OPVINST 03300.8

D. JCS 2084/80

E. SM-1431-62

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1. A UNITED STATES SHIP HAS BEEN ATTACKED ON THE HIGH SEAS OFF NORTH VIETNAM. THE MADDOX QUITE PROPERLY REPULSED THE ATTACKERS AND ONE OF THE ATTACKING BOATS WAS DESTROYED. NOW, OUR FRIENDS

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AND ENEMIES ALIKE WILL AWAIT WHAT ADDITIONAL MOVES THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE.

2. REFS A AND B APPEAR TO BE A RETREAT AT A TIME WHEN AGGRESSIVE MEASURES ARE NECESSARY. REF A NOW PROHIBITS AN APPROACH BY DESOTO PATROL CLOSER THAN ELEVEN MILES TO THE NORTH VIETNAM MAINLAND COASTLINE. REF B PROHIBITS HOT PURSUIT INTO HOSTILE WATERS AND REFERS TO INTERNATIONAL WATERS PARENTHETICALLY AS ELEVEN MILES OFFSHORE. DOES THIS MEAN THAT HOT PURSUIT MUST STOP ELEVEN MILES OFFSHORE? IF SO, WE ARE DRASTICALLY REDUCING THE TIME AND SPACE AVAILABLE TO OUR SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT FOR DESTROYING THE ATTACKERS.

3. ALTHOUGH THE TERMS HOSTILE WATERS AND HOSTILE AIRSPACE ARE USED IN THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONTAINED IN REFS C THROUGH E, NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF THE TERMS IS SET FORTH AND IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THEY ARE SYNONYMOUS WITH TERRITORIAL WATERS AND TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE OF THE OFFENDING COUNTRY.

4. IN THE EVENT OF UNPROVOKED ATTACK, OUR FORCES SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO DESTROY THE ATTACKERS. THIS ACTION HAS TRADITIONALLY INCLUDED HOT PURSUIT INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE OF THE HOSTILE COUNTRY. IF WE ARE TO BE PROHIBITED FROM PURSUING INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE, WE

SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PURSUE TO TO THE THREE-MILE LIMITED WHERE TERRITORIAL WATERS COMMENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD U.S. POLICY.

5. RECOMMEND THAT:

A. THE TERMS TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE BE USED IN LIEU OF HOSTILE WATERS AND AIRSPACE.

B. DESOTO PATROL BE PERMITTED TO APPROACH WITHIN EIGHT MILES OF NVN COASTLINE, THUS KEEPING FIVE MILES CLEAR OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

C. HOT PURSUIT INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE OF THE HOSTILE COUNTRY BE AUTHORIZED.

D. IF HOT PURSUIT INTO TERRITORIAL WATERS IS NOT AUTHORIZED, THEN AUTHORIZE PURSUIT TO TO THE THREE-MILE LIMIT GP-4.

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

- A. JCS 7694 DTG 032351Z
- B. COMUSMACV MAC SOG 7321 DTG 031231Z

1. RECOMMEND DESOTO PATROL AS DIRECTED IN REF A BE ALTERED AS SET FORTH BELOW IN ORDER TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND POSSIBLY DRAW NVN PGMS NORTHWARD AWAY FROM 34A OPS AREA:

4 AUG - PATROL FROM POINT DELTA TO CHARLIE, REMAINING NORTH OF 19-10 AS REQUESTED BY COMUSMACV.

5 AUG - RETURN TO CHARLIE - DELTA TRACK VICINITY 19-11 AND PATROL NORTHWARD TO PT DELTA.

6 AUG - RETURN TO DELTA AND PATROL NORTHWARD TO NEW POINT ECHO-ONE (20-28N/107-14E).

7 AUG - RETURN TO ECHO AND PATROL SOUTH THRU DELTA TO CHARLIE. TERMINATE PATROL WITHDRAWING TO POSIT EAST OF 108E PRIOR 081100Z.

2. AIR COVER CAN BE MAINTAINED. GP-3.

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PACOM WATCH REPORT NO. 31-64 (U)

ALFA AND BRAVO: NO CHANGE FROM PACOM WATCH REPORT NO. 1-64

CHARLIE: (1) LAOS: ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY FORCES IN OPERATION TRIANGLE HAVE APPARENTLY SUCCEEDED IN ATTAINING THEIR REAL ESTATE OBJECTIVES, COMMUNIST FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN DESTROYED. COMMUNIST MILITARY COUNTER-ACTION TO TRIANGLE HAS NOT AS YET BEEN NOTED BUT COULD OCCUR AT ANY TIME. SHOULD ENEMY EFFORT TO RETAKE FORMER POSITIONS NOT MATERIALIZE, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT THEY WILL RESORT TO GUERRILLA HIT AND RUN TACTICS. THE ATTACKS ON PHOU KOUT CONTINUE WITH LITTLE PROSPECT OF NEUTRALIST SUCCESS UNLESS ADDITIONAL COMBAT SUPPORT AND REINFORCEMENTS ARE PROVIDED. POLITICAL SITUATION IN LAOS REMAINS UNSETTLED WITH NO PROSPECT FOR EARLY IMPROVEMENT.

(2) RVN: VIET CONG INITIATED INCIDENTS DECLINED SLIGHTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK BUT OVERALL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY REMAINS APPRECIABLY HIGHER THAN 1964 WEEKLY AVERAGE WITH ACTS OF TERRORISM PRE-

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DOMINATING. RECENT LARGE-SCALE ATTACK ON OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON SUB-URBS REFLECTS CONFIDENCE IN THEIR CAPABILITIES TO MOUNT SUCH ACTIONS AS WELL AS POINTING UP VULNERABILITY OF GOVERNMENT POSITIONS IN AREA. NEW POLITICAL WARFARE DEPT WITHIN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON CONDUCT OF WAR AGAINST VC BUT COULD HAVE LONG-RANGE BENEFICIAL EFFECT. POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED WITH CONTINUED REPORTS OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE KHANH REGIME.

(3) MALAYSIA/INDONESIA: A NEW PROPOSAL FOR A SECRET FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING FROM THAI FOREIGN MINISTER THANAT MAY HAVE MORE SUCCESS THAN THE RECENTLY ABORTIVE ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE PHILS. NEW MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI ZAITON, CONVEYING A REPLY FROM RAZAK TO THANAT, SAID THE MALAYSIANS WERE SCEPTICAL OF SUBANDRIO'S INTENTIONS, BUT IF HE IS IN EARNEST, GOM IS "PREPARED TO GO PRETTY FAR." PROPOSAL IS FOR MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN HUA HIN, WITH THANAT SERVING AS MEDIATOR AND PHILS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT. IF SUCH A MEETING DOES OCCUR, IT WILL PROBABLY COME IN LATE AUGUST AFTER THE INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS ARE CONCLUDED. IT IS EXPECTED THE INDOS WILL CONTINUE TO MADE A BID FOR -REASCERTAINMENT." INDONESIA APPARENTLY HAS RESUMED THE PRACTICE OF MOUNTING RAIDS DEEPER INSIDE SARAWAK WHEN EVER THE CAPABILITY EXISTS. RAIDING PARTIES CONTUNUE TO APPEAR INCREASINGLY MORE "REGULAR" AND LESS VOUNTERR. MALAYSIA IS READY TO AGREE TO A RESUMPTION OF MAPHILINDO PEACE TALKS PROVIDING THEY ARE HELD AT A SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THANAT CONTINUES HIS EFFORTS TOWARD A SECRET MEETING BETWEEN RAZAK AND SUBANDRIO, BUT POSSIBLITY OF A MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE APPEARS REMOTE.

(4) ROK: OPPOSITION WALK-OUT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING ON 3 AUG IN PROTEST TO DRP "RAILROADING" CONTROVERSIAL PRESS CONTROL BILL INTO LAW WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL INSTABILITY FOR THE PAK GOVT. THE LAW BANNING STUDENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY WILL PROBABLY BE HANDLED BY THE DRP IN THE SAME MANNER AND WILL NO DOUBT PROVOKE FURTHER STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. GP-4.

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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 7 (S)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 031710Z NOTL.

1. MY 040500Z POSITION VIC PT DELTA COMMENCING PATROL TOWARDS PT CHARLIE. WILL REMAIN NORTH OF 19-10N PER REF A. INTEND WITHDRAW TO EAST AT 040930Z. CTG 77.5 PROVIDING A1H SUPPORT MY AREA AND CMP SUPPORT AT HIS WATCHDOG POSITION.

2. NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS/DETECTIONS. SUSPECTED SHADOW REPORTED MY SITSUM 6 CONTINUED SOUTH AFTER MY TURN NORTH AT 031700Z. LST CONTACT AT 032000Z RANGE 78 MILES. ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS PREVIOUS 2 DAYS CONDUCIVE TO DUCTING ALLOWING EXTREME RANGES.

3. WEATHER OVERCAST WITH THUNDERHEADS FORMING TO NORTH. INTEND OPEN COAST IF VISIBILITY DETERIORATES APPRECIABLY

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 041249Z

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

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EN ESTIMATE NUMBER OF BOATS INVOLVED. TURNER JOY REPORTS.  
2 TORPEDOES PASSED NEAR HER.

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

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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM (TS)

1. BY 0700 LOCAL 5 AUGUST CONDUCT A ONE-TIME MAXIMUM EFFORT ATTACK OF FOLLOWING TARGETS WITH OBJECTIVE OF MAXIMUM ASSURANCE OF HIGH LEVEL OF TARGET DESTRUCTION:
  - A. SWATOWS AND PT BOATS LOCATED AT BASES PORT WALLUT, HON GAY, PHUC LOI AND QUANG KHE AND AT LOC CHAO ESTUARY (19-46N; 105-57E). TARGETS ARE BOATS.
  - B. POL AT VINH.
  - C. ARMED RECCE AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS BEYOND

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

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

2. USE CVA AIRCRAFT ONLY.
3. ARMED RECCE AIRCRAFT ARE TO AVOID HAINAN ISLAND AND NOT TO COME WITHIN 50 MILES OF CHICOM BORDER.
4. CONTINUE DESOTO PATROLS.

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5. DEFER 34 ALFA OPERATIONS FOR 24 HOURS.
6. ADVISE DETAILS OF OPERATIONS PLAN WHEN AVAILABLE, INCLUDING NUMBER OF SORTIES EACH TARGET COMPLEX, WEAPON LOADING, TACTICS, ETC. FLASH REPORT ON MISSION SUCCESS DESIRED PLUS PHOTO COVERAGE ASAP.
7. IF TARGETS NOT DESTROYED ON FIRST STRIKE, YOU SHOULD REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR A SECOND STRIKE. GP-3  
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JULY-AUGUST DESOTO SITSUM 8 (S)

1. MY 040600Z POSITION VIC PT DELTA PATROLLING TO 16-10N. SUSPECT SHADOW 15 MILES TO EAST. CONTACT HAS PARALLELED MY MOVEMENTS PAST 4 HOURS. SKIN HEAD RADAR DETECTED SAME BEARINGS. EVAL AS QTE SHADOW QTE PGM.

2. MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES: MADDOX SONAR; TURNER JOY MT 51. TURNER JOY SPG-53 NOW OPERATIVE.

3. UNABLE TO ATTAIN CONTINUOUS OVERHEAD LOW CAP FROM TICO DUE TO DISTANCE.

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C. JCS 7680 DTG 021725Z

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1. FOLLOWING ARE ACTIONS REQUIRED AND RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR DESOTO PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN:

A. MOVE THE CONSTELLATION INTO THE AREA OF SOUTH VIETNAM, EXACT LOCATION AT YOUR DISCRETION.

B. CLOSEST APPROACH TO THE NORTH VIETNAM COASTLINE

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FOR THE DESOTO PATROL WILL BE 11 NAUTICAL MILES.

C. IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILE ATTACK AGAINST OUR FORCES, AIRCRAFT ONLY ARE AUTHORIZED TO PURSUE AND ATTACK THE HOSTILE FORCES UP TO THE 3 NAUTICAL MILE LIMIT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COASTLINE. GP3

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AIR STRIKE PLAN (C)

1. PREPARE TO EXECUTE AIR STRIKES BEGINNING AT 042300Z  
BOATS REPEAT BOATS AS TARGETS AT FOLLOWING NVN SWATOW AND PT  
BOAT BASES WITH HIGH LEVEL DAMAGE EXPECTANCY.  
CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE ONLY.

- A. PORT WALLUT 211210N/1073421E BE 615-0010
- B. BEN THUY (VINH) 183852N/1054239E BE 617-0038
- C. HON GAY 205704N/1070430E BE 615-0008
- D. QUANG KHE 174300N/1063120E BE 617-0585

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

- 2. STRIKE WITH VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EXPECTED DAMAGE THE VINH POL  
STORAGE 184009N/1054315E BE 617-0182.
- 3. ATTACK AND DESTROY ANY NVN SWATOWS/PT BOATS AT SEA.
- 4. POST STRIKE RECCE REQUIRED.
- 5. PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE AND SAR FOR STRIKE FORCES.
- 6. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CINCPAC 041718Z APPLY.

EXECUTE TO FOLLOW.

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TO: DEPT OF STATE ATTN: MR. FORRESTAL (EYES ONLY)  
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FOLLOWING IS

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1. DURING COURSE OF LAST NIGHT, 3 - 4 AUG, SEVERAL INCIDENTS TRANSPIRED ABOUT WHICH YOU SHOULD BE INFORMED. FIRST, RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO GEN NGUYEN CAO KY, CHIEF VNAF, REPORTED THAT GEN KY HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE, KY, HAD BEEN INFORMED BY GEN NGUYEN VAN THIEU, CHIEF OF STAFF, THAT THERE WOULD BE A COUP AGAINST GEN KHANH ON THE NIGHT OF

PAGE 2 RUEPIA 14  
EITHER 2 OR 3 AUG, AND THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS TO THE EXTENT OF ESTABLISHING AN ALERT AT THE AIR BASE. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, GEN NGUYEN VAN VY

ADVISED THAT A COUP AGAINST GEN KHANH WAS PLANNED "IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS," INVOLVING NGUYEN TOAN HOAN, GEN TRAN THIEU KHIEN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, GEN NGUYEN VAN THIEU, CHIEF OF STAFF, COL HUYNH VAN TON, 7TH DIVISION COMMANDER, AND COL DUONG HIEU NGHIA. VY URGED THAT WE DO WHAT WE COULD TO SUPPORT KHANH AND BREAK-UP THIS ALLIANCE AGAINST HIM. DURING THE SAME EVENING, ANOTHER OFFICIAL OF SUB-CABINET RANK CALLED TO ADVISE THAT A DAI VIET PLOT WAS IN MOTION AGAINST KHANH, AND THAT WE SHOULD URGE KHANH TO STEP ASIDE IN FAVOR OF GEN DUONG VAN HINH IN ORDER TO "SAVE THE COUNTRY."

2. (CPTN GBLD - WILL FWD) OF THESE THREE REPORTS, AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT I DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH ANB TAYLOR. WITH HIS PERMISSION, AND DRAWING UPON THE GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN GEN KY AND BRIG GEN ROWLAND, 2ND ADVOM, I CONTACT THE LATTER AND ASKED HIM TO REACH KY, TO TELL HIM HE HAD HEARD THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE UP AND ASK FOR ANY ADVICE KY

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NIGHT OFFER. ROWLAND REACHED KY BY PHONE AT MATTER'S OFFICE.  
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WHERE HE WAS ASSEMBLED WITH HIS TOP STAFF, THIS AT 0100 HOURS 4 AUG. KY RESPONDED TO ROWLAND'S QUERY BY SAYING HE HAD GONE ON ALERT, WAS BEING "VERY ATTENTIVE," AND WOULD PHONE ROWLAND IF THERE WAS ANY CHANGE. FURTHER SAID HE PLANNED TO HAVE TWO A-1-H'S AND ONE FLAESHIP ORBITING OVER SAIGON DURING THE REST OF THE NIGHT, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK PLACE AS DESCRIBED.

3. WENT OVER ALL OF ABOVE AGAIN WITH AMB TAYLOR AND JOHNSON MORNING OF 4 AUG, TAKING CARE TO POINT OUT THAT WE MUST NOT TAKE ACTION OR MAKE INQUIRIES WHICH WOULD TEND TO SET IN MOTION OR FALSELY CONFIRM COUP RUMORS OR SPECULATIONS. AMB TAYLOR IS FORTUNATELY SCHEDULED TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON GEN KHIEM ON 4 AUG, AND INTENDS GENTLY TO SCOUT OUT THIS TERRAIN, INSURING THAT KHIEM KNOWS OUR POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR GEN KHANH. MEANWHILE, GEN ROWLAND IS SEEING GEN KY ON OTHER BUSINESS DURING THE DAY AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE FURTHER DETAILS RE KY'S APPREHENSIONS. WE SHALL CHECK I

WHERE SUCH CAN BE DONE WITHOUT ADDING FUEL TO WHATEVER FIRE MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS TIME. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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AMB TAYLOR ASKS THAT SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL DEPSTATE. WILL PASS LOCALLY TO J-2 MACV.

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GULF OF TONKIN (C)

A JCS 032351Z NOTAL

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

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

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AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM (TS)

A. JCS 042119Z

B. CINCPAC 042153Z

1. TAKE FOLLOWING TARGETS REF A FOR PLANNING ACTION:

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

B. PARA 1.C. ARMED RECCE AGAINST SWATOWS AND PT BOATS  
NORTH OF 19-00N

2. SUBMIT DETAILS TO ORIG INFO ALCON SOONEST

3. REMAINDER TARGETS COVERED BY CTG 77.5

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- A CINCPACFLT 041644Z
- 1. BE PREPARED AT 050700G TO STRIKE FOLLOWING TARGETS:
  - A. PT AND SWATOW BOATS RPT BOATS LOCATED AT QUANG KHE (17-42-18N, 105-29-01E), BEN THUY (18-38-52N, 105-42-39E), HON NE ISLAND (19-55N, 106-01E) AND SCNG MA ESTUARY (19-47N, 105-55E), HON GAY (20-57-04N, 107-04-30E), UAND PORT WALLUT (21-12-10N, 107-34-21E).
  - B. ANY IDENTIFIED NVN SWATOW/PT CRAFT LOCATED AT SEA.

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- C. VINH OP STORAGE. (COMBINE ATTACK WITH THAT ON VINH/BEN THUY COMPLEX ABOVE). APPLY SUFFICIENT FORCE TO INSURE DESTRUCTION OF OIL STTLQ. THIS TARGET IS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.
- 2. DESIRABLE THAT ALL TARGETS BE STRUCK SIMULTANEOUSLY. HOWEVER, IF FORCES AVAILABLE (2 CVA) ARE INADEQUATE TO INSURE HIGH PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS AGAINST ALL TARGETS, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REIQVLE AIRCRAFT AS NECESSARY AND STRIKE THE TWO SOUTHERN TARGETS (QUANG KHE AND BEN THUY) WITH SECOND LAUNCH.

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3. ADVISE STRIKE PLAN. WHEN ORDERED THESE STRIKES HAVE PRIORITY OVER AIMED RECCE DIRECTED REF. CONSIDER THAT A MAXIMUM EFFORT OF ABOUT 75 AIRCRAFT (BOTH CVAS COMBINED) SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN EACH LAUNCH TO INSURE SUCCESS.
4. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT TARGETS ARE BOATS ONLY (AT PIERS AND AT SEA) PLUS VINH OIL STORAGE
5. THIS IS A PREPARATORY RPT PREPARATORY ORDER. DO NOT LAUNCH UNTIL EXECUTE RECEIVED.

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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SITUATION REPORT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 041530Z THE DESTROYERS USS MADDOX AND USS TURNER JOY WERE ATTACKED BY AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PATROL/TORPEDO BOATS AT 18-17N 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 APPARENTLY 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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SUBJ: ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64  
FORCES  
REF: JCS 7720 DTG 042115Z

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

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- A. DEPLOY FOLLOWING UNITS ASAP.
  - (1) ONE CVS GP - JAPAN TO SO. CHINA SEA
  - (2) SLF (MARINE) - SAIL VICINITY DA NANG
  - (3) EMBARK AND SAIL MARINE BRIGADE - OKINAWA TO SO. CHINA SEA
  - (4) SAIL ONE CVA TG - 1ST FLT TO WESTPAC
  - (5) ONE RECCE TASK FORCE (6 RF -101S)

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B. FOLLOWING FORCES ARE ALERTED FOR DEPLOYMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF POLITICAL CLEARANCE. STRICOM UNITS MAY DEPLOY BUT REMAIN IN US TERRITORY UNTIL CLEARANCE RECEIVED.

- (1) 2 B-57S SQNS - CLARK TO SVN
- (2) 1 F-105 SQDN - YOKOTA TO KORAT
- (3) 0 F-100 SQDN - CLARK TO TAKHLI
- (4) 1 FIS SQDN (12 F-102) - CLARK TO SVN
- (5) 8 KC-135S - SAC TO CLARK
- (6) 2 F-100 SQNS - STRICOM TO CLARK
- (7) 0 F-105 SQDN - STRICOM TO YOKOTA
- (8) 1 RECCE TF (6 F-101) - MISAWA/KADENA TO

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B-57S WILL RETAIN USAF MARKINGS.

C. FOLLOWING FORCES ARE ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT.

- (1) 173RD ABN BRIGADE - OKINAWA TO SEA
- (2) FORWARD FLOATING DEPOT - PHILIPPINES TO

THAILAND

- (3) MARINE AIR GROUP - OKINAWA TO DA NANG
- (4) 1 US ARMY BRIGADE - HAWAII TO THAILAND

AIRLIFT FOR 173RD ABN BRIGADE WILL BE EARMARKED AND RETAINED IN PLACE  
DEPLOY THIS UNIT OR WILL BE

OBTAINED FROM MATS. MARINE AIR GROUP WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE AT TIME DECISION IS MADE TO LAND MARINE BRIGADE.

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

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

4. REQUEST CINCPAC KEEP JCS INFORMED AS TO PROGRESS. ADVISE AIRCRAFT AND BASE SUPPORT CAPACITY DA NANG. GP-3  
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PIERCE ARROW  
A. CTF 77 042329Z NOTAL  
B. JCS 042119Z  
1. IAW REFS A AND B FOL PLAN SUBMITTED:  
TOTAL STRIKE EFFORT  
15 A4 WITH LAU 3A/FAMMO  
8 A1 WITH 4 LAU 3A/FAMMO  
2. ACFT ON TGTS AF FOLLOWS:  
A. PORT WALLUT-ONE DIVISION A4.

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B. HON GAY-ONE DIV A4, ONE DIV A1  
C. LOC CHAO ESTUARY-ONE DIV A4, ONE DIV A1  
3. LAUNCH TIMES TO BE STRAGGERED TO PROVIDE SIMULTANEOUS STRIKES  
ALL TGTS. A4 FLANK SUPPRESSION RUNS TO PROCEDE STRIKE ON EACH TGT.  
ROCKETS AND STRAFING COORDINATED FOR REPEATED RUNS IN RAPID SUCCESSIO  
EST MAX 20 MIN TOT ALL ACFT. RECOMMENDED TOT. 1545H.  
4. PREFERRED LAUNCH POINT 17-35N/110-53E.

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EARLIER LAUNCH TIME AND/OR LAUNCH PT FURTHER EAST WILL REDUCE STRIKE  
EFFORT DUE TANKER LIMITATION.  
5. EST LAUNCH TIMES: A1 1300; A4 AND TWO RF8A 1430. FPOST  
STRIKE RECCE TGTS IN ORDER LISTED PARA 2.  
6. DIVISIONS TO CONSIST OF FOUR ACFT PLUS  
SPARE. ALL UP ACFT WILL LAUNCH.  
7. A-1 WILL CONDUCT ARMED RECCE AGAINST SVATOWS AND PT BOATS NORTH OF  
19N TO AND FROM TGTS.  
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1. C WB CONTACT TO READ WEST VICE EAST.

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DESOTO ACTION SITREP (S)  
A COMSEVENTHFLT 041249Z  
1. CERTAIN THAT ORIGINAL AMBUSH WAS BONAFIDE. DETAILS OF ACTION FOLLOWING PRESENT A CONFUSING PICTURE. HAVE INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO MADE POSITIVE VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF COCKPIT LIGHTS OR SIMILAR PASSING NEAR MADDOX. SEVERAL REPORTED TORPEDOES WERE PROBABLY BOATS THEMSELVES WHICH WERE OBSERVED TO MAKE SEVERAL CLOSE PASSES ON MADDOX. OWN SHIP SCREW NOISES ON RUDDERS MAY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR SOME. AT PRESENT CANNOT

PAGE 2 RUMFCR 769B ~~SECRET~~ NOFORN  
EVEN ESTIMATE NUMBER OF BOATS INVOLVED. TURNER JOY REPORTS.  
2. TORPEDOES PASSED NEAR HER.  
2. MADDOX AND JOY NOT PREPARED TO COMPLY REF A UNTIL FUELED AND REARMED. REQUEST ADVISE  
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RUEHCR / STATE

RUEPIA / CIA

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RUEPCR / NSA

TZ 04 1249Z

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

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TO RUMGCF / CTG 72.1

By JB, NARS, Date 4-20-76

INFO RUEKDA / JCSN

RUECW / CNO

RUHL HQ / CINCPAC

RUHL HL / CINCPACFLT

RUMSMA / COMUSMACV

RUATH / COMNAVFOR JAPAN

RUMFS / COMNAVP HIL

RUATZY / CTF 72

RUMFZK / CTG 77.5

RUMFZN / CTG 77.6

RUMGCF / USS MADDOX

RUMGCF / USS TURNER JOY

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DESOTO PATROL (U)

A. MY 031710Z NOTAL

AT FIRST LIGHT 5 AUG PROCEED TO INTERCEPT ORIGINAL TRACK  
BETWEEN POINT CHARLIE AND DELTA AT 19-10N. REMAIN ON THIS TRACK  
DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW.

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RUEPCR/NSA

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TO AIG 181  
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RUMGCR/NEB/USS TURNER JOY  
RUMGCR/ , #2 USS ADDO

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1. RCVD INFO INDICATING ATTACK BY PGN/P-4 IMMINENT. MY POSITION  
19-.7N, 107-00E. PROCEEDING SOUTHEAST. AT BEST SPEED

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ATTN: Mr BUDY

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By Jhw, NARS, Date 5/10/78

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TEXT OUR PROTEST NOTE BEING GIVEN PRESS AT NOON TODAY

CAL TIME. IN RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED QUESTION AS TO HOW  
OUR PROTEST TO HANOI HAS BEEN DELIVERED, WE WILL CONFINE OUR  
RESE TO: QTE THE US PROTEST OVER THE UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON  
THE USS MADDOX WAS SENT TO OUR EMBASSY IN SAGON FOR TRANSMITTAL  
TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIME IN HANOI THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

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RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

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FM CTG 72.1

TO RUHLHLWTCINCPACFLT

INFO RKSXDA/JCS

RUECW/CNO

RUHLHL/CINCPAC

RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT

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RUMFZK/CTEJUNT

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COMMENCED FIRING ON CLOSING PT BOAT 041440Z

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RUEPCR/NSA

RUECEM/CMC

Z 041452Z

FM CTG 72.1

RUHLHL/INCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JCS

RUECW/CNO

RJHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUATZL/BVKG/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUATZY/T5GL/CTF 72

RUMFZK/J3RM/CTG 77.5

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AM UNDER CONTINUOUS TORPEDOES ATTACK

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RUATNA/NAVSECGRUACT FUTEKA

RUAIW/NAVSECGRUACT KAMI SEYA

RUAGFL/NAVSECGRUACT TAIPEI

RUEKMU/NEACP

RUER C/NECPA

RUEPDA/OSD/IFR

RUMGCF/H3WX/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMGCF/D9HO/CTU SEVEN TWO PT ONE PT TWO

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By rmg, NARS, Date 4/15/00

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DESCO PATROL (U) SITREP NR 3

- 1. 2 ORIGINALIJKUNKS OPEND TO 40 MILES. 3 NEW SKUNKS CONTACTED AT 13 MILES, CLOSED TO 11 MILES AT 4; KNOTS, EVALUATED AS HOSTILE.
- C P/STRIKE/ PHOTO OVERHEAD AND UNDER CONTROL OF DESOTO.

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