TAB 18

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FM JCS

INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

Ø21242Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JVV

RUECW/SECNAV

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

BT

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COMNAVFORJAPAN NOT ADDEE PASS TO SECNAV

QUOTE

Z Ø2Ø949Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUM /CTG 72

RUMGCR/USS TICONDEROGA

INFO RUWDED/COMCRUDESPAC

RUM:4/CTG 7Ø.8

RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/SSO MADDOX

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GULF OF TONKIN ACTION SITREP ~~(S)~~

1. MY POSITION AT Ø2Ø915Z: 19-21.5N 1Ø6-46E. RETIRING AT BEST SPEED TO RDVU WITH TURNER JOY THENCE TICO UNODIR.

2. PRESENT SITUATION CALM. ANTICIPATE RDVU WITH TURNER JOY APPRO Ø212ØØZ. TICO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT. MADDOX AIR RADAR INOP. TURNER JOY PROVIDING AIR DETECTION. VOICE COMY WITH CTG 77.5 ON CKT D3Ø.1F.

3. ACTION SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

1. AT Ø2Ø75ØZ 3 TORPEDO BOATS NEARING 268 TRUE; RANGE 11.5 NM

WERE DETECTED CLOSING MADDOX AT SPEED OF 5Ø KTS. MADDOX

2. MADDOX ATTEMPTED TO AVOID ON COURSE 15Ø° SPEED 27 KTS.

3. AT Ø8Ø8Z WHEN BOATS CLOSED TO 9ØØØ YARDS MADDOX TURNED TO COURSE 15Ø TRUE AND FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WITH 5 INCH BATTER.

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

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

TORPEDOES PASSED ON STARBOARD SIDE FROM AFT TO FORWARD. THIRD TORPEDO BOAT HAD PULLED ALMOST ABEAM BY Ø821Z. HE TURNED TO CLOSE AND AT TIME OF RECEIVING DIRECT HIT DROPPED TORPEDO IN WATER BUT IT WAS NOT OBSERVED TO RUN.

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

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

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