TAB 19

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FM JCS

INFO RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEPCR/NSA

Z Ø21114Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUECW/SECNAV

RUEKDA/JCS

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

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QUOTE

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

CINCPACFLT

CINCPAC

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CTG SEVEN TWO

COMUSMACV

~~S E C R E T~~

TORP ATTACK

SITREP NR. ONE

AT MSG RECEIVED FROM MADDOX QUOTE AM BEING APPROACHED BY HIGH SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND TO OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY SELF DEFENSE. UNQUOTE. TURNER JOY WHO WAS ON WATCH DOG STATION FOR CTG 77.5 YANKEE TEAM OPS AT/N17-31 1Ø8-ØØE WAS ORDERED TO PROCEED TO ASSIST MADDOX. AT Ø2Ø8Ø5Z FLASH MESSAGE WAS SENT TO COMSEVENTHFLT, INFO CINCPACFLT, CTG 72, COMUSMACV HAT CTG 77.5 WAS PROVIDING FOUR 8F8 FOR AI COVER MADDOX WITH ORDERS NOT TO

FIRE UNLESS MADDOX FIRED UPON. THESE ACFT WERE ORBITING TURNER JOY HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY LAUNCHED FROM TICO AT Ø2Ø71ØZ. MADDOX REPORTED IN MESSAGE RECEIVED TICO AT Ø21515 THAT QUOTE IT IS BEING ATTACKED BY DRV PT CRAFT, AND THAT HE WAS OPENING UP WITH 5 INCH BATTERY. UNQUOTE. WORD PASSED TO WATCH DOG F8'S TO ATTACK THE DRV PATROL BOAT ONLY IF THEY ATTACKED MADDOX. ON ARRIVAL OVER MADDOX, MADDOX WAS OPENING FIRE WITH 5 INCH BATTERIES AND DIRECTED AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK PT BOATS. ZNI ATTACKS MADE FIRST. NO DIRECT HITS OBSERVED. STRAFING ATTACKS MADE ON ALL THREE BOATS. PILOTS DEBRIEFED REPORTED ONE PT BOAT DAMAGED AND DEAD IN THE WATER, TWO PT BOATS DAMAGED AND PROCEEDING TO BEACH, SECOND FLIGHT OF FOUR F8'S VECTORED TO MADDOX BUT ORDERED NOT TO PURSUE PT CRAFT PURSUANT TO SEVENTH FLEET MSG Ø2Ø859Z F8'S DIRECTED TO ORBIT POSITION BUT TO HOLD FIRE UNLESS PT CRAFT RESUMED ATTACKS. WHEN THIS FLIGHT DEPARTED MADDOX LAST REPORT ONE PT TRAILING. MADDOX REPORTS NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES. MORE FOLLOWS.

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