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B2Ø5/244-64

SUBJ: DRV NAVAL ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL

FURTHER MY B2Ø5/243. USS MADDOX REPORTED AT APPROX Ø2Ø838Z THAT ONE DRV PT BOAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING AND THAT OTHER TWO PT BOATS WERE HEADED FOR THE BEACH. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DRV VESSELS THUS INCREASING LIKLIHOOD OF REFLECTIONS AND FURTHER ACTIVITY. DESOTO ARRIVED VICINITY 19-47N 1Ø6-Ø8E AT APPROX Ø2Ø3ØØZ WHERE IT WAS TO ORBIT FOR EIGHT HOURS. MADE DEVIATION FROM TRACK TO AVOID PASSING THRU LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JUNKS THERE BUT ATTACK ON DESOTO (ROUGHLY FIVE HOURS LATER (Ø8Ø7Z)) PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF ABOVE COORDINATES. BURNING PT BOAT PRESUMABLY SAME GENERAL AREA

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