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SUBJ: DESOTO SUPPORT

1. HAVE INDICATIONS THAT USN-27 AND USS MADDOX WERE IN COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO 2 AUGUST INCIDENT. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE BY IMMED PRECEDENCE RUN-DOWN SUCH COMMS. PARTICULARLY NEED INFO ON ANY EARLY WARNING WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED TO INCLUDE NATURE OF WARNING AND TIME. INFO NEEDED TO ROUND-OUT DOCUMENTATION OF SIGINT SUPPORT TO THE MADDOX PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. 2. FYI ALL CONCERNED MOST GRATIFIED WITH ROLE OF SIGINT PRODUCERS, EXPECT APPROPRIATE BOUQUETS WILL BE FORTHCOMING

M/R: Request for field activity action in support of B2 effort to document SIGINT support to the USS MADDOX prior to the attack by DRV Naval craft on 2 August.

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1. REGRET EXCESSIVE DELAY IN RESPONSE. COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES DELAYED RECEIPT OF INFO HERE.

2. INFO FORWARDED TO MADDOX CONSISTED OF THE SEVERAL REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD (2/Q/VHN/R25, 27, 28 AND 29) PLUS A NUMBER OF TRANSMISSIONS CONTAINING PARTIAL TRANSLATIONS/GISTS OF INTCPD MSGS ALONG WITH THEIR TIMES G INTCPT. HEREWITH CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THESE TRANSMISSIONS (READ DTG OF XMISSION, TEXT OR SERIAL NR OF REPT). Ø1Ø535Z: BADLY GARBLED MSG FROM BEN THUY TO PXI ENTITY REPORTS SIGHTING ENEMY VESSEL 2Ø NAUTICAL MILES FROM LY MUA (17-38N 1Ø6-3ØE) BEARING ((Ø))5Ø

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DEGREES. TOI: 31192ØZ Ø'Ø546Z: 2/Q/VHN/R25-64 Ø113ØØZ. 377 (U/I AS TO TYPE/CLASS) LOCATED EAST OF HON HGUS (18-47-48N 1Ø5-45-Ø8 ELM TOI Ø1123ØZ. Ø1172ØZ: AT Ø11627Z BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO 255 ((UNIDENT AS TO TYPE/CLASS)) INFORMING THEM IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT. 255 WAS ALSO QUERIED NF THEY HAD RECEIVED THE ENEMY'S CONSECUTIVE CHANGE FROM 52Ø ((UNIDENT)). Ø1183ØZ: AT Ø11652Z AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY SENT A MESSAGE TO COMPANY 51Ø ((PROBABLY OBSERVATION STATION ON HON ME ISLAND 19-21N 1Ø5-56E)) AND SWATOW CLASS PGM T146 INFORMING THEM THAT AT Ø118ØØG AN ENEMY TACK VESSEL WAS ELEVEN NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HON ME ON A BEARING OF 168 DEGREES. ((MULTIPLE PART MSG INCOMPLETE)). Ø11846Z: AT Ø11755Z PORT WALLUT INFORMED TE T146 THAT THREE VESSELS FROM BATTALION 135 ((UNIDENT)) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ARRIVE AT ((C AL HOON NE)) ((17-54-4ØN 1Ø6-ØØ-4ØE)) BEFORE Ø3ØØG ON Ø2 AUGUST. REMAINDER OF TEXT GARBLED. Ø12Ø32Z: AT Ø11641Z MSG ZCLHEN UNIDENT ENTITIES INDIC THAT COP ON HON ME IS "TO OBSERVE ALL SHIPS AND DIRECT SAME TO THEIR OBJECTIVE."

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SAME COP DIRECTED "TO INVESTIGATE LACH TRAY RIVER ESTUARY (2Ø-49N 1Ø6-37E) SO THAT ON Ø2 AUG "SHIPS CAN BE DIRECTED TO ENTER AN NAP (2Ø-35N 1Ø6-17E). IN VIEW PREVIOUS MSG INDIC DECISION TO REQUEAECO DESTOT BELIEVE ABOVE MAY INDIC THAT FISHING VESSELS TO BE CLEARED FROM VICINITY ON HON ME. ON 31 JULY POSSIBLY 1Ø FISHING VESSELS ON HON ME. ON 31 JULY POSSIBLY 1Ø FISHING VESSELS OPERATING THIS AREA. Ø12Ø58Z AT Ø12Ø13Z THE T377 ((SWATOW CLASS PGM)) NOTIFIED BEN THUY THAT THE UNIT LAUNCHED AT Ø23ØG AND WAS WAITING QTE FIVE LIEN UNQTE NORTHWEST OF HON NGU.

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