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1. THIS IS A PIERCE ARROW SITREP.

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2. STRIKE RESULTS FOLLOW:

VIEN/BEN THUY. TWO STRIKES WERE FLOWN FROM TICONDEROGA AGAINST POL STORAGE AREA. FIRST STRIKE DESTROYED AT LEAST 8 POL TANKS AND SET STORAGE AREA ABLAZE. SECOND STRIKE DESTROYED 2 TO 4 MORE TANKS. SIX AA GUNS ESTIMATED DESTROYED.

QUANG KHE. ONE STRIKE OF 6 ACFT FROM TICONDEROGA

WERE FLOWN AGAINST TORPEDO BOAT CONCENTRATIONS. ONE BOAT ESTIMATED DESTROYED AND 3 DAMAGED.

ONE ARFED COASTAL RECCE FLIGHT FROM TICONDEROGA ATTACKED 3 PT BOATS INFLICTING LIGHT TO MODERATE DAMAGE TO ALL 3. TWO ADDITIONAL PT BOATS STRUCK AS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WERE DESTROYED.

HON GAY. SIXTEEN AIRCRAFT FROM CONSTELLATION PARTICIPATED IN STRIKE. PHOTOS TAKEN AFTER STRIKE BY 1Ø A-4 AIRCRAFT CONFIRMED ONE SWATOW AGROUND AND BURNING INSIDE HARBOR; SECOND SWATOW BURNING BUT UNDERWAY; ONE P-4 VERY SLOWLY UNDERWAY TOWARD HARBOR; ONE P-4 UNDERWAY FULL SPEED AWAY FROM HARBOR. SUBSEQUENTLY 4 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED ALL BOATS RESULTING IN ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING, ONE PGM BURNING AND SLOWLY CIRCLING. THREE PT BOATS WERE STRAFED AND HIT WITH ROCKETS.

LOC CHSO ESTUARY. FIVE PT BOATS OBSERVED EN ROUTE TO TARGET BY AIRCRAFT FROM CONSTELLATION. TWO WERE TAKEN UNDER ATTACK BY A-1 AIRCRAFT. BOTH WERE LEFT DIW SMOKING. 9 A-4 ATTACKED REMAINING 3 PT TYPE BOATS. ONE PT WAS HIT AND SET AFIRE, AND ONE DAMAGED IN STERN. PHOTOGRAPHY CONFIRMS ONE SWATOW DIW BURNING; ONE SWATOW DIW SMOKING, ONE SWATOW DAMAGED

IN STERN, ONE P-4 PT DIW, AND ONE P-4 PT LAYING TO DIW NEAR SHORE OF THE HON NE ISLAND.

3. US LOSSES AND DAMAGE:

ONE A4C, PILOT LTJG EVERETT ALVAREZ HIT BY AA AND DOWNED IN VICINITY OF HON GAY HARBOR. PILOT REPORTED AIRCRAFT HIT, UNABLE TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT AND EJECTING. IF EJECTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED SAFELY PILOT WOULD HAVE LANDED ON PENENSULA OF NVN.

ONE A1H, PILOT LTJG RICHARD C. SATHER PRESUMED HIT BY GUNFIRE AND IMPACTED BETWEEN 2 PT CRAFT UNDER ATTACK IN VICINITY OF 19-55N 106-00E. PARACHUTE WAS NOT OBSERVED. NO SURVIVOR.

ONE A1H RECEIVED THREE HITS CAUSING HYDRAULIC FAILURE. AIRCRAFT RECOVERED ON BOARD SAFELY.

ONE F-8 SUSTAINED A SINGLE 30 CALIBER HIT.

4. AIR STRIKE SUMMARY: TOTAL SOLTIES 64, VINH POL ESTIMATE 90 PERCENT DAMAGE. ESTIMATE 12 OF 14 LARGE TANKS DESTROYED.

30 PGM/PT SIGHTED.

8 PGM/PT DESTROYED.

6 PGM/PT SEVERELY DAMAGED

10 PGM/PT MODERATELY DAMAGED.

4 PGM/PT LIGHTLY DAMAGED.

1 PC BEACHED. AE QUANT KHE.

1 SIX GUN AAA INSTALLATION SEVERELY DAMAGED. ~~GP-3~~