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1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE MADDOX WAS NOT AWARE OF THE KITKAT (C) OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 3Ø JULY. IF THEY WERE NOTIFIED THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM CINCPAC BY WHOM THEY WERE CONTROLLED.

2. WE DO NOT HOLD THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ON THE NIGHT OF 3Ø JULY, OTHER THAN THE GENERAL OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DESOTO PATROL PROMULGATED BY CINCPAC.

3. BELIEVE IT WAS ONLY BY COINCIDENCE THAT THE MADDOX WITNESSED THE WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF THE NIGHTS ACTION. SOG/MACV PLANNED THE ACTION TO AVOID ANY ASSOCIATION GS INTERFERENCE WITH THE DESOTO PATROL. HOWEVER, CINCPAC WAS AWARE OF THE PLANNED MAROP AND COULD HAVE ALERTED THE MADDOX TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR MAROPS VESSELS.

4. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CINCPAC OR HQ NSAPAC FOR FURTHER INFO CONCERNING MADDOX PATROL

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