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NORTH NETNAM: THE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE US DESTROYER MADDOX BY THREE NORTH VIETNAMESE TORPEDO BOATS ON 2 AUGUST WAS PLANNED AND ORDERED BY LAND-BASED NAVAL AUTHORUTIES.

INTERCEPTEL NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS INDICATE THAT THE ATTACK WAS DIRECTED FROM SAM SON AND PORT WALLUT. HANOI'S NAAL UNITS HAVE DISPLAYED INCREASING SENSITIVITQ TO US AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE GULF OF TONKIN DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THE MADDOX! ON A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL, WAS ~~EAST OK THANH HOA AND APPROXIMATELY 22 MILES FROM~~ THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COAST WHEN THE ATTACKERS WERE FIRST DETECTED. THEY PURSUED THE DESTROYER TO A POUNT 29 KILES FROM THE SHORE WHERE THE ASSAULT, WHICH INCLUDED TORPEDOES AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE, WAS LAUNCHED. THE MADDOX WAS UNDAMAGED AND RETURNED FIRE, HITTING AT LEAST ONE OF THE ATTACKERS. THE TORPEDO BOATS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY FIRED ON BY US AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING THE MADDOX.

HANOI IS LIKELY TO DEPICT THE ATTACK AS AN INSTANCE OF US "ARMED AGGRESSION" ON NORTH VIETNAM, AND MAY ATTEMPT TO USE IT TO STIR INTERNATIONAL APPREHENSION NOVER POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF US AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ACTIVITY DURECTED AT THE NORTY. ~~(SECRET KIMMO)~~ (MAPJL

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