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DESOTO

USN 27 STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SUPPORT OF AUGUST 1964

DESOTO PATROL

28 JULY 1964

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From: Operations Officer
To: Distribution List

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Subj: AUGUST 1964 DESOTO PATROL; support of

Encl: (1) Format for reporting information concerning safe passage of vessel, a reaction to the vessel's movements, or items of interest to the vessel's C.O.
(2) Format for reporting routine VN technical data
(3) Format for reporting routine [redacted] technical data

SHIP: USS MADDOX (DD731) - with COMDESDIV 192 and NAVSECGRUDET USN 467N embarked

1. BACKGROUND. During the period 28 July-11 August 1964 the destroyer USS MADDOX (DD731) will be engaged in a surveillance patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin area in close proximity to the DRV and South China coast. The mission of the patrol is to stimulate and record VN [redacted] reactions in support of the U. S. SIGINT effort. For a detailed plot of the ship's course during the patrol see the chart posted in 51.2.2 section.

2. DESOTO P & R SECTION. In order to effectively coordinate and standardize reporting procedures with minimum delay, a DESOTO P & R Section is established. The following personnel are assigned:

ENS R. C. TAYLOR, USN
GARDNER, R. R., CTCS, USN
SMITH, R. H., CT1, USN
ORSINI, V. R., CT2, USN

Duties and responsibilities are:

a. Maintain incoming and outgoing message files concerning DESOTO. The original of every incoming and the second copy of every outgoing DESOTO message will be routed to this section.

b. Maintain plot of DESOTO.

c. Ensure support information to vessel is promptly disseminated.

d. Coordinate and assist in preparing all SIGINT product concerning DESOTO.

e. Keep 51.2 and 51 abreast of all developments.

Upon recognition of information possibly related to DESOTO mission, notify IMMEDIATELY the following personnel as indicated:

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RMS TAYLOR	PHONE:	3779
[redacted] - CTCS GARDNER		3198
VH - CTI R. H. SMITH		3683

3. ACTION. USN 27 will support the patrol by issuing the following releases based on information becoming available at this station:

a. Any reactions which may affect the SAFE PASSAGE OF THE VESSEL. See enclosure (1).

b. Any reactions to VESSEL'S MOVEMENTS or other data which may be of INTEREST TO THE SHIP'S COMMANDING OFFICER. See enclosure (1).

c. Routine VH technical support data. See enclosure (2).

d. Routine [redacted] technical support data. See enclosure (3).

e. In addition to above, ALL significant reactions to this operation will be published in appropriate SIGINT product utilizing distribution as indicated below:

2-3/Q/[redacted]/R Spot Report	QUEBEC/CHARLIE Plus: [redacted]
2X-2-3/Q/VHN/R Spot Report	QUEBEC/MIKE Plus: [redacted]
2X-2-3/VHS/R Electrical Release	QUEBEC/PAPA Plus: CINCPAC COMNAVFORJAPAN COMSEVENTHFLT [redacted]
2X-2-3/VHN/T or R Electrical Release	QUEBEC/QUEBEC Plus: COMNAVFORJAPAN COMSEVENTHFLT [redacted]
2X-2-3/[redacted]/R Electrical Release	QUEBEC/ROMEO Plus: CINCPAC COMNAVFORJAPAN COMSEVENTHFLT [redacted]
2X-2-3/Q/VHN/R DRV Weekly NAVSUM	QUEBEC/TANGO Plus: [redacted] CINCPAC

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2-3/Q/[redacted]VHN/R Spot Report	QUEBEC/VICTOR Plus [redacted] Red
2-3/Q/[redacted]VHN/R Electrical Release	QUEBEC/WHISKY Plus: [redacted] Red
2-3/Q/[redacted]VHN/R Daily [redacted]/VH Naval/Shipping Digest	QUEBEC/UNIFORM
CRITIC	DIRNSA
LATERAL DISSEMINATION OF CRITIC	QUEBEC/GOLF Plus: ONI
CRITIC FOLLOW UP	QUEBEC/HOTEL
SPECIAL TECH SUPPLEMENT TO CRITIC	DIRNSA
TECH SUPPLEMENT TO CRITIC (DUPE OF ABOVE)	USN 626J USA 57 USN 9 USM 628

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NOTE: Reporting procedures for CRITIC contained in TECHINS 4019 and OPS DIV INST 6B (ODO has copy)

Reporting procedures for SPOT REPORTS and ELECTRICAL RELEASES contained in TECHINS 4014 and OPS DIV INST 5A (ODO has copy)

4. All personnel concerned with this operation are to be familiar with this SOP and alert for any reflection or support information pertinent to the operation which may require forwarding.

The following persons are responsible for the preparation/release of the items as indicated:

ITEM	PREPARE	COORDINATE	RELEASE
Reactions affecting safe passage of vessel	P&R Section/ DESOTO Section	ENS TAYLOR	ENS TAYLOR/51.2/51

The following persons are responsible for the preparation/release of the items as indicated: (Continued).

ITEM	PREPARE	COORDINATE	RELEASE
Reactions/interest items to ship CO	P&R Section/ DESOTO Section	ENS TAYLOR	ENS TAYLOR/51.2/51
Other spot report type items	" "	" "	" " "
Formal Product	" "	" "	" " "
Daily Digest	DESOTO Section (Assisted by 51.2.1/51.2.2)		" " "
Routine Tech Support	P&R Section involved	51.2	ENS TAYLOR/ODO/51.2

NOTE: Special attention is to be given to insure that the proper type release is prepared for the information to be forwarded, that the correct format is utilized (including classification, addees, DESOTO flag, and precedence), and that the message is properly released.

Distribution:
50, 51, 51.1, 51.1.1, 51.2.2, ODO, 51.2 (4), 51.2.1

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

ATE: FOXE CK CK

lassification: AS APPROPRIATE

Drafter: V&W SECTION/DESOTO SECTION

DI:

Coordinator: [redacted] TAYLOR

TO: FROM: USN 27

Released by: [redacted] TAYLOR/51.2/51

recedence: TO: [redacted]

IMMED USN 4671 [redacted]

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recedence: INFO:

IMMED [redacted]

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SAMPLE: FORMAT FOR REPORTING INFORMATION CONCERNING SAFE PASSAGE OF VESSEL, A REACTION TO THE VESSEL'S MOVEMENTS, OR ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE VESSEL'S C.O.

INCLUDE CASE, CALLS, FREQ, TOI

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DATE: POKE CK CK

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Drafter: 51.2.2

DDI: ACH

Coordinator: 51.2

DTG:

FROM: USN 27

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Released by: EMS TAYLOR/ODO/51.2

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO: [redacted] USN 467N [redacted]

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Precedence: PRIORITY

INFO: DIRNSA USN 626J

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EXAMPLE: FORMAT FOR REPORTING ROUTINE VII TECH DATA

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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assification: AS APPROPRIATE		Drafter: 55.2.9		
I: HII		Coordinator 51.2		
]:	FROM: USN 27	Released by: /ENS TAYLOR/ODO/51.2		
ecedence: PRIORITY	TO [redacted] USN 467N [redacted]			
ecedence: PRIORITY	INFO: DIRNSA [redacted]			

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SAMPLE: FORMAT FOR REPORTING ROUTINE CC TECH DATA

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