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IM HIGHLIGHT:

A. BASED ON SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS, IT IS NOW BELIEVED THE

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MTB WITH PENNANT NUMBER T135 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. MOST ACTIVITY DURING REPORTING PERIOND WAS PRIMALILY CONCERNED WITH THE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION OF TWO MTBS DAMAGED BY THE USS MADDOX. THE MTB T3 39 WAS REPORTED SUNK. AFTER CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVEFOXARCH, THE T-146 FINALLY LOCATED THE OTHER TWO POSS MTBS, T-333 AND T-336, AT 1900G. 57& BACH DANG DEPARTED HAIPHONG 040100G ENROUTE MUI CHAO (19-43N 105-54E) TO TOW THESE TWO VESSELS "?-:(" PROBABLY TO HAIPHONG.

HT B. THE TWO DESTROYERSSCOMPOSING THE DESOTO PATROL OF 3 AUGUST WERE FIRST REFLECTED 030720Z WHEN THEY WERE REPORTED TWENTY-FIVE MILESSFROM HON ME BEARING 160TDEGREES. IT WAS LATER REPORTED AT 030800Z THAT THERE WERE TWO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING COVER FOR THE VESSELS. AT 030934G THE T-142 WAS ORDERED BY DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG TO SHADOW THE ENEMY CLOSELY AND MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS. REPORTING ITS POSITION AND GRID.

11. DRV NAVY. FLEET OPERATIONS:

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

1. DURING THE PERIOD 022301Z-032300Z DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE NORMAL WITH A MINIMUM OF 13 VESSEWS REFLECTED INCLUDING: POSSIBLVCSO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231;

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•2-592 :)-ΩΩ Ø&.Ω 5-142, T-146, UMNYTN T-379; POSSIBLE

MTBSST-333, T-336; UNIDENTIFIED TWAWEEV TUG "BACH DANG" AND

FOUR UNIDENTIFIED.

B. MAINLINE NETS(

1. DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE

WITH HANOI AND THREE UNLOCATED OUTSATIONS ON THE COMMAND

NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT AND

SOUTHDEN FLEET HEADQUAJTERS BEN THUY ON THE OPERATIONAL NET.

REMAINING COMMAND ECHELON NETS NORMAL.

C. C. NORTHERN FLEEZ AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. EIGHT VESSELS WERE OBSERVED ACTIVE INCLUDING:

SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231; SWATOW CLASSSPGMS T-142, T-146,

MTBS T-333, T-336 AND THREE UNIDENTIFIED.

2. THE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231 WAS OBSERVED

UNDERWAY FROM HAIPHONG POSSIBLY IN COMPANY WITH AT LEAST ONE

MORE VESSEL. THERE HAS BEEN NO REFLECTION OF THIS UNIT

ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN DESOTO ACTIVITIES TO DATE.

D. SOUTHERN FGBET AREA, BEN THUY:

NKQM THREE VESSELS, SWATOW CLASS T-164, T-379 AND

ONE UNIDENTIFIED WERE OBSERVED. LDESE UNITS WERE ACTIVELY

ENGAGED IN PATROL AND DESOTO ACTIVITIES.

E. TRACKING:
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1. HAIPHONGN PORT WALLUT AND BEN THUY TRACKING

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CONTROLS WERE ACTIVE WITH VINH SON, HON NGU, #9, .-55 -,$

TEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS. EIGHTY FIVE MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED, SOME OF WHICH REFLECTED THE TRACK OF THE DESOTO PATROL BETWEEN POINTS CHARLIE AND DELTA. MU DUC (19-52N 105-57E) TRACKING SITE, NOT ISOLATED ON THE TRACKING NET, CONTRIBUTED TEN REPORTS VIA THE NAVAL TACTICAL NET.

IV. DRV SHIPPING/FISHING

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A. COASZAL SHIPPING:

1. DRV COASTAW SHIPPING COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A

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NORMAL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WITH D THE ORRCHANT FLEET. ONE

URGENT PRECEDENCE MEYXAGE REFLECTED EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON

TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ATTACK FROM ENEMY AIGERAFT AND

SHIPS BY STAYING VERY CLOSE TO THE COASZLINE.

2. SHIPPINT TRAFFIC ALSO REFLECTED A REPORT OF

TWO PROPELLER DRIVVEN AIRCRAFT ACTIVE 18 MILES OFF SHORE FROM

POSSIBLY SAM SON CIRCLING A SHIP AND RETURING IN THE DIRECTION

FROM WHENCE THEY CAME.

B. FISHING GLEET:

1. DRV FISHING FLEETSXNOBSERVED.

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