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INFO RUMFZK/J8RM/CTG 77.5

RUMFZN/H3WX/CTG 77.6

RUEPCR/DIRNSA

RUMGCR/NENB/USS TURNER JOY

RUMLNR/NHTS/USS MADDOX

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

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DESOTO ACTION SITREP (S)

1. SITREP MADDOX AND JOY NOW APPARENTLY IN CLEAR FURTHER RECAP REVEALS TURNER JOY FIRED UPON BY SMALL CALIBRE GUNS AND ILLUMINATED BY SEARCH LIGHT. JOY TRACKED 2 SETS OF CONTACTS. FIRED ON 13 CONTACTS. CLAIMS POSITIVE HITS ON 3, 1 SUNK, PROBABLE HITS.

3. JOY ALSO REPORTS NO ACTUAL VISUAL SIGHTINGS OR WAKE. HAVE NO RECAP OF AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS BUT SEEMED TO BE FEW. ENTIRE ACTION LEAVES MANY DOUBTS EXCEPT FOR APPARENT

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ATTEMPTED AMBUSH AT BEGINNING. SUGGEST THOROUGH RECONNAISSANCE IN DAYLIGHT BY AIRCRAFT.

2. UNODIR AM PROCEEDING WITH MOORE TO TG 77.5 WATCHDOG STATION 14-3ØN 1Ø8-1ØE AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTION QM 39 MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN NEED OF FUEL AND AMMO PRIOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT

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