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SUBJECT: DESOTO PATROL AND 34A OPERATIONS

A. MY 2 232ØZ, F4Ø3/24Ø6

B. YOUR 2Ø1441Z (WHICH PASSED YOUR 192Ø24Z, B26/261/64)

1. REQUEST YOU HANDLE FOLLOWING INFO AS PRIVILEDGED COMMUNICATION.

2. CINCPAC POSED TO CINCPACFLT SAME QUESTION YOU ASKED IN REF (B). CINCPACFLT ADVISED CINCPAC AS FOLLOWS. "PRIOR TO START OF DESOTO OPERATIONS ON 31 JUL CTG 72.1 HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING SOG OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO PATROL, A SERIES OF MESSAGES WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN CINCPACFLT, CONSEVENTHFLT, AND COMUSMACV CONCERNING LIAISON TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE BETWEEN DESOTO AND 34A OPERATIONS. IN ADDITION, PERSONAL LIAISON BY COMSEVENTHFLT WITH COMUSMACV INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES AND 34A OPERATIONS WOULD BE ADJUSTED TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE (REF B PERTAINS). NO DETAILED INFORMATION OR SCHEDULE FOR 34A OPERATION WAS PROVIDED CTD 72.1 PRIOR TO 3 AUG AND NONE

WAS NECESSARY SINCE HIS MOVEMENTS WERE WATCHED CLOSELY BY ALL HIGHER ECHELONS. END"

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