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QUESTION HAS ARISEN AS TO WHETHER THE MADDOX WAS AWARE OF KITKAT ~~(S)~~
OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 30 JULY. IF SO, BY WHOM WERE THEY NOTIFIED
AND THRU WHAT CHANNELS? ALSO, CAN YOU PROVIDE THE OPERATING
INSTRUCTIONS THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ON THE SAME NIGHT? WAS IT BY
COINCIDENCE OR PLAN THAT THE MADDOX WAS IN POSITION TO WITNESS THE
WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF THE NIGHT'S ACTION?

M/R: This message intended to clarify circumstances behind
initial attack against DESOTO mission on 2 August.

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CITE: F46/2637 SW-524 SH-1793

REF: B26/363/64 DTG 192024Z (NOTAL)

1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE MADDOX WAS NOT AWARE OF THE KITKAT (C) OPERATION ON NIGHT OF 30 JULY. IF THEY WERE NOTIFIED THEY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM CINCPAC BY WHOM THEY WERE CONTROLLED.

2. WE DO NOT HOLD THE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS THE MADDOX WAS UNDER ON THE NIGHT OF 30 JULY, OTHER THAN THE GENERAL OP INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DESOTO PATROL PROMULGATED BY CINCPAC.

3. BELIEVE IT WAS ONLY BY COINCIDENCE THAT THE MADDOX WITNESSED THE WITHDRAWAL PHASE OF THE NIGHTS ACTION. SOG/MACV PLANNED THE ACTION TO AVOID ANY ASSOCIATION GS INTERFERENCE WITH THE DESOTO PATROL. HOWEVER, CINCPAC WAS AWARE OF THE PLANNED MAROP AND COULD HAVE ALERTED THE MADDOX TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR MAROPS VESSELS.

4. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CINCPAC OR HQ NSAPAC FOR FURTHER INFO CONCERNING MADDOX PATROL

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SUBJ: DESOTO PATROL

YOUR 201331Z (PASSING YOUR 192024Z, B26/361/64)

QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE WERE DISCUSSED WITH N2, PACFLT.

THAT HEADQUARTERS PREVIOUSLY ASKED COM7TH FLT SAME QUESTIONS

BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY. WE WERE ADVISED THAT ANSWERS, WHEN

RECEIVED, WOULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED ONLY TO WASHINGTON ECHELONS.

RECOMMEND YOU COORDINATE MATTER WITH CNO IF ANSWERS TO YOUR

QUESTIONS STILL DESIRED.

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SUBJECT: DESOTO PATROL AND 34A OPERATIONS

A. MY 2 2320Z, F403/2406

B. YOUR 201441Z (WHICH PASSED YOUR 192024Z, B26/261/64)

1. REQUEST YOU HANDLE FOLLOWING INFO AS PRIVILEGED 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

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HIGHER ECHELONS. END"

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