Operational History

1. **Subject:** DESOTO PATROL, Gulf of Tonkin; USS MORTON (DD-748)/USN-467P
2. **Time Frame:** 14 SEP - 21 SEP 64
3. **References:** Proposed by CINCPAC 080155Z AUG 64 Disapproved and later approved by JCS
4. **Enclosures:** None
5. **Responsibility of action personnel:** Op-94G (G54)
6. **Background narrative:** 19th DESOTO type patrol, similar previous MADOX patrol. USS EDWARDS in Company. 18 SEP: DESOTO patrol ships opened fire on fast closing targets. Little definite COMINT or visual confirmation of actual DRV attack.
7. **Conclusions and Lessons:** None
8. **Recommendations:** Three intercept positions plus OPINTEL terminal appear optimum COMINT configuration to insure early warning tip-off to embarked commander.