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RUEDNKA/COMSERVLANT
RUEDSPA/COMSERVRON EIGHT
ZEN/USS LIBERTY
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LIBERTY DAMAGE

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DRYDOCKING OF USS LIBERTY AT MALTA SITREP FIVE AND FINAL

- A. CINCUSNAVEUR 111031Z JUN 67 NOTAL
- B. CINCUSNAVEUR 110225Z JUN 67 NOTAL
- C. CINCUSNAVEUR 141740Z JUN 67 NOTAL

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1. MISSION REF A AND REQUIREMENTS REF B ACCOMPLISHED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. LOWER RESEARCH COMPARTMENTS HAVE EQUIPMENT MIXED WITH MASS OF TWISTED WRECKAGE WHICH MAKES RECOVERY OF ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL A VERY SLOW PROCESS. THESE AREAS ARE UNDER SECURITY CONTROL AND WILL REMAIN UNDER SUPERVISION OF CAPT C.M. SMITH, CDR PLATZEK AND LT LEE UNTIL FINAL RECOVERY ACTION IS EFFECTED. ETC ABOUT THREE DAYS (PARA SEVEN OF MY SITREP FOUR IS HEREBY MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY).

B. THERE IS A REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT FINAL CLEARANCE OF DEBRIS MAY UNCOVER ADDITIONAL REMAINS; THEREFORE, CAREFUL SEARCH CONTINUES.

2. ACCOUNTING OF MISSING MEN.

A. TWENTY REMAINS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO NAPLES IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY ALL TWENTY. BODIES OF FIVE OF THE TWENTY FIVE ORIGINALLY REPORTED MISSING HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE FIVE NOT FOUND WERE LOST AT SEA THROUGH THE 24 BY 39 FOOT HOLE CAUSED BY THE TORPEDO EXPLOSION.

B. COMFAIRMED IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH EARLIEST TO ALL INTERESTED COMMANDS THE NAMES OF ALL REMAINS IDENTIFIED.

3. THERE ARE 821 SHELL AND FRAGMENT HOLES IN THE HULL OF USS LIBERTY

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OF WHICH ABOUT 250 WERE CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT CANNON (APPARENTLY 37MM)

4. RECOMMEND THAT AFTER MALTA REPAIRS COMPLETED IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS, ETC BE SA

LED IN COMPAWITH MED OUTCHOPPING UNIT FOR NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATION GUARD.

5. PLAN TO SEE MGEN RUSS AT MALTA TODAY ACCORD REF C.

6. IF 100 DISSOLVED 151500Z

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