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SURFACE SURVEILLANCE (DESOTO PATROL)

1. THIS MSG TO ADVISE PLANS FOR SURFACE SURVEILLANCE OPERATION IN GULF OF TONKIN AREA. PATROL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY USS MADDOX (DD 731) AND IS SKED TO COMMENCE 28 JULY 64. COMINT COLLECTION TEAM (USN-467 NOVEMBER) WILL BE EMBARKED.

2. AREA OF OPN MADDOX WILL DEPART KEELUNG AND WILL CONDUCT

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PATROL ALONG FOLLOWING TRACK WITH ARRIVAL TIMES AT POINTS AS INDICATED:

POINT	LOCATION	ETA
ALFA	17.Ø5N 1Ø7.18E	3114ØØI
BRAVO	18.ØØN 1Ø6.42E	Ø1Ø5ØØI
CHARLIE	19.ØØN 1Ø5.53E	Ø119ØØI
DELTA	19.47N 1Ø6.Ø8E	Ø212ØØI
ECHO	2Ø.22N 1Ø7.ØØE	Ø3Ø1ØØI
FOXTROT	2Ø.42N 1Ø7.47E	Ø315ØØI
GOLF	21.19N 1Ø8.24E	Ø4Ø7ØØI
HOTEL	21.17N 1Ø8.49E	Ø421ØØI
INDIA	2Ø.47N 1Ø7.4ØE	Ø5Ø3ØØI
JULIET	2Ø.Ø8N 1Ø6.45E	Ø516ØØI
KILO	19.37N 1Ø6.Ø1E	Ø6Ø4ØØI
LIMA	19.Ø9N 1Ø6.19E	Ø617ØØI
MIKE	18.41N 1Ø5.58E	Ø619ØØI
NOVEMBER	18.ØØN 1Ø6.5ØE	Ø712ØØI
OSCAR	17.33N 1Ø6.45E	Ø714ØØI
PAPA	17.15N 1Ø7.2ØE	Ø8Ø5ØØI

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THEN RETURN KEELUNG ARRIVING 11 AUG.

3. DESOTO SHIP ALLOWED ORBIT IN BELOW LISTED AREAS OF INTEREST WHEN INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION IS EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCTIVE:

POINT	DURATION OF ORBIT
ALFA	1Ø HOURS
BRAVO	Ø8 HOURS
CHARLIE	14 HOURS
DELTA	Ø8 HOURS
ECHO	1Ø HOURS
FOXTROT	12 HOURS
GOLF	12 HOURS
INDIA	Ø8 HOURS
JULIET	Ø8 HOURS
KILO	1Ø HOURS
MIKE	12 HOURS
OSCAR	12 HOURS
PAPA	12 HOURS

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IN ADDITION IF ANY AREA ALONG TRACK APPEARS ESPECIALLY PRODUCTIVE DESOTO SHIP AUTHORIZED REMAIN UP TO TWENTY FOUR HOURS IN THAT AREA BEFORE CONTINUING ALONG PATROL TRACK.

4. NO AIRBORNE COLLECTION CONTEMPLATED IN CONJUNCTION THIS PATROL.

5. ANTICIPATE THIS PATROL MAY GENERATE [redacted] VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST REACTIONS. IN THIS REGARD, U.S. ACTION ADDEES FORWARD:

(A) ANY REFLECTIONS WHICH MAY AFFECT SAFE PROGRESS OF VESSEL, BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE TO [redacted] INFO: [redacted] AND USN-27.

(B) ANY REACTION TO VESSEL'S MOVEMENTS, OR ANY OTHER ACTY WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO SHIP C.O. AS SPOT ITEM IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE TO [redacted] AND COMNAVFORJAPAN, INFO: USN-27.

(C) ANY ROUTINE TECH SUPPORT DATA FOR EMBARKED TEAM (AFTER PATROL HAS COMMENCED), BY PRIORITY PREC TO [redacted] KEEP MSG VOLUME TO ESSENTIAL MINIMUM AND FLAG ALL MSGS QUOTE DESOTO UNQUOTE, AND INFO DIRNSA AND OTHER ACTION ADDEES

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THIS MSG. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, REPORT ALL SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS TO THIS OPERATION IN APPROPRIATE SIGINT PRODUCT ENSURING THAT ONI, CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMUSTDC AND COMNAVFORJAPAN ARE AMONG ADDEES. NSA Vietnam

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6. FOR [redacted]: REQUEST [redacted] FORWARD ABOVE REFLECTIONS AT INDICATED PRECEDENCE TO [redacted]

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M/R: MSG CONTAINS INFO CONCERNING USS MADDOX DESOTO PATROL FROM 28 JUL TO Ø8 AUG 64.

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