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DRV NAVSUM FOR PERIOD 071700Z - 081659Z FEBRUARY 1965

I. HIGHLIGHT

A. BEGINNING 08515Z INDICATIONS OF A SECOND AIR STRIKE AGAINST DRV TARGETS WERE OBSERVED. T-493 IN A RAPID SERIES OF MESSAGES REPORTED TO PORT GIANH THAT (0455Z) THE ENEMY HAD BEGUN TO ATTACK; (0457Z) SHE HAD BEGUN COMBAT; 05212) SHE HAD SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT. BY 080540Z NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS VAN HOA WAS AWARE OF THE SITUATION OF THE SOUTH AND INFCGKKGACUBORDINATES, "AT 0515Z THE ENEMY WAS BOMBARDING DONG HOIL TIGER ISLAND AND HGNH LINH." AT 080639Z, TOJOE REPORTED "AIRCRAFT" IN FLAMES IN THE REGION OF HOA LUAT

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T-253 REQUESTED THE POSITION OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SEARCH OPERATIONS. THE LAST REXECTION OF THIS ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON SOUTHERN FLEET BROADCAST FROM BEN THUY AND FROM VAN HOA TO THE T-120 STATING, "ACCORDING TO FIRST NEWS THE ENEMY SENT FIFTEEN AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK DONG HOI THIS AFTERNOON AND WE SHOT DOWN THREE."

II. DRV NAVY, FLEET OPERATIONS

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

1. DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS WERE NORMAL DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD EXCEPT FOR A CONTINUED INCREASE IN TRAFFIC VOLUME. TWENTY VESSELS WERE ACTIVE, INCLUDING: SUBCHASER T-231; PGMS T-120, T-122, T-124, T-126, T-132, T-134, T-136, T-140, T-142, T-257, T-259, T-493, T-495, T-497, T-499; YP T-253; UNIDENTIFIED T-26; AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED TO PENNANT.

2. ROUTINE PREFLIGHT AND AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION SIGNAL INFORMATION WAS OBSERVED IN BOTH FLEET AREA COMMUNICATIONS. ONE ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT CONSISTING OF TWO AIRCRAFT FROM HANOI TO DONG HOI WAS SCHEDULED BETWEEN 081100-1700Z. DIVISION TWO AND PGMS T-257 AND T-493 WERE ALERTED TO THIS FLIGHT AND INFORMED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE BOTH WING LIGHTS LIT FOR READY RECOGNITION.

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NOTHERN FLEET MOBILE ACITVITY INCLUDED: SWATOW DIVISION THREE; SUBCHASER T-231; PGMS T-120, T-122, T-124, T-126, T-132, T-134, T-136, T-140, T-142; AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED TO PENNANT.

2. T-120 AND T-122 REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE HON ME GENERAL AREA. IT WAS REPORTED BY VAN HOA THAT THESE TWO VESSELS WERE ASSIGNED "AMBUSH RESPONSIBILITY." COMMENT: CONSIDERING AREA OF OPERATIONS, AN ENEMY VESSEL ACTIVE EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OF HON ME, THROUGHT A CIRCLE MOVEMENT OF THE AMBUSH VESSELS, WOULD BE PLECED BETWEEN THE LATTER AND THE RESPECTIVE NORTHERN & SOUTHERN FLEET UNITS.

3. T-140 AND T-142 AT 080535Z REPORTED RESPECTIVE POSITIONS OF 20-43N 107-01-40E AND 20-43-08N 107-01-35E. REMAINING UNITS EXCEPT T-132, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO PORT 9 FEBRUARY FOR REPAIRS, BELIEVED TO HAVE REMAINED DISPERSED IN THE SAME BAI D'ALONG/CAT BA GENERAL AREAS.

4. HAIPHONG REPORTED TO ALL UNITS THAT AT 080000Z "THE ENEMY AT DA NANG ESTABLISHED ALERT GRADE TWO." IN ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG AND DUPED BY NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS ALL UNITS WERE INFORMED THAT "RESULTS OF 7 FEBRUARY; FOUR PLANES SHOT DOWN; THREE

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7. SOUTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THUY

1. SOUTHERN FLEET MOBILE ACTIVITY INCLUDED: SWATOW DIVISIONS TWO, FIVE, SIX; PGMS T-257, T-259, T-493, T-495, T-497, T-499; YP T-253; AND UNIDENIFIED T-26.

2. SOUTHERN FLEET ELEMENTS BELIEVED TO HAVE REMAINED DISPERSED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREAS AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R58-65, SRB, REEF, REPORT NUMBER 15). T-257 AND OSSIBLY T-253 HAVE ROUNDED CAP MUI RON AND HAVE PROBABLY BEEN BING CUA KHAU (18-06N 106-21EKA FORM CONCEALMENT.

D. TRACKING

1. HAIPHONG, VAN HOA AND BEN THUY TRACKING CONTROLS WERE ACTIVE WITH HANOI, BACH LONG VI, DEO NGANG, MY DUC, ONE UNIDENTIFIED MOBILE AND FOUTHEEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS. TWENTY-FIVE MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED. BACH LONG VI REFLECTED ONE ARGO VESSEL.

E. AREA FORECAST: NOTHING TO REPORT.

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