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SUBJECT: AIR STRIKE AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM ~~(TS)~~

1. By Ø7ØØ local, 5 August, conduct a one-time maximum effort attack of following with objective

a. Swatow and PTs located at bases, Port Wallut, Hongay, Phuc Loi, Kuang Kha, Loc Chao Esturary, coordinates 1946N 1Ø557E. Targets are boats.

b. Against Swatows and PT boats for purpose of armed attack and PT boats are considered outside 3 mile limit.

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c. If weather precludes meeting above time of attack, proceed soonest and notify JCS ASAP.

2. Use CVA aircraft only.

3. Armed Recon aircraft are to avoid Hainan Island not to come within 5Ø miles of CHICOM border.

4. Continue Desoto Patrol.

5. Defer 34A Operations for 24 hours.

6. Advise details of operations as planned when available, including no of sorties each target complex. Weapon loading, tactics etc. flash report on mission success desired, photo coverage ASAP.

7. If target destroyed on first strike you should request authority for 2d strike.