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SECRET SECTION ONE OF TWO
GULF OF TONKIN DESOTO PATROL (S)
A. CINCPAC 180542Z PASEP
B. CINCPAC 062312Z FEB 63 PASEP
1. AS DIRECTED BY REF A AND IAW REF B THE FOLLOWING INFO IS SUBMITTED FOR CONDUCT OF A DESOTO PATROL INTO THE GULF OF TONKIN:
   A. MADDOX (731) WITH COMDESDIV 192 EMBARKED.
   B. DEPART KEELUNG 28 JULY.
   C. PROPOSED ITINERARY AND TRACK IS AS FOLLOWS:

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DEPART KEELUNG 28 JULY IN EMCON AND PROCEED SOUTH ALONG EAST COAST OF TAIWAN DIRECT TO UNREP POSITION IN THE VICINITY OF 17-00N 108-30E. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE UNREP POSITION, TERMINATE EMCON AND CONDUCT THE PATROL THROUGH THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH ARRIVAL TIMES AT POINTS AS INDICATED:

POINT	LOCATION	ETA
ALFA	17-05N 107-18E	114001

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ECHO	20-32N	107-00E	0301001
FOXTROT	20-32N	107-47E	0310001
GOLF	21-19N	105-24E	0407001
HOTEL	21-17N	105-49WE	0421001
INDIA	20-47N	107-48E	0503001
JULIET	20-05N	106-45E	0516001
KILO	19-37N	106-01E	0604001
LIMA	19-09N	106-19E	0617001

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MIKE	18-41N	105-58E	0619001
NOVEMBER	18-00N	106-50E	0712001
OSCAR	17-33N	106-45E	0714001
PAPA	17-15N	107-20E	0805001

THENCE RETURN DIRECT TO KEELUNG. UNREPS ARE TO BE SCHEDULED IN THE VICINITY OF 17-00N 108-30E AT 3109001 AND IN THE VICINITY OF 17-00N 110-00E AT 0907001.

D. EDA KEELUNG 11 AUG.

2. THE CLOSEST POINT OF APPROACH TO THE CHICOM COAST IS 15NM. CPA TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COAST IS 8 NM CPA TO NORTH VIETNAMESE ISLANDS IS 4 NM. THE DESOTO COMMANDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING ALL MOVEMENTS WITHIN THESE DEFINED CPA'S.

3. ORBITS ARE SCHEDULED IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHERE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION IS EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCTIVSUC

POINT	DURATION OF ORBIT
ALFA	10 HOURS
BRAVO	8 HOURS
CHARLIE	14 HOURS

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DELTA	8 HOURS
ECHO	10 HOURS
FOXTROT	12 HOU S
GOLF	12 HOURS
INDIA	8 HOURS
JULIET	8 HOURS
KILO	10 HOURS
MIKE	12 HOURS
OSCAR	12 HOURS
PAPA	12 HOURS

IF ANY AREA ALONT THE TRACK APPEARS ESPECIALLY PRODUCTIVE AND OF CONTINUING INTEREST FOR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, THE SHIP WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO REMAIN UP TO 24 HOURS IN THAT AREA, THEN CONTINUE ALONG THE TRACK. CONVERSELY, THE DESOTO COMMANDER WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE PASSAGE THROUGH ORBIT AREAS DEEMED UNPRODUCTIVE FOR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. IN EITHER CASE, THE DESOTO COMMANDER WOULD ADVISE HIS INTENTIONS BY IMMEDIATE MESSAGE.

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4. SOA FOR THE PATROL FROM POINT ALFA TO POINT PAPA IS TO BE ADJUSTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE DESOTO COMMANDER IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MAXIMUM ALL SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

DRV COASTAL PATROL ACTIVITY ALONG THE FULL EXTENT OF THE [illegible] PATROL TRACK.

6. OTHER SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. LOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ALL RADAR TRANSMITTERS AND AN ESTIMATE OF THEIR RANGE CAPABILITIES.

B. NAVIGATIONAL AND HYDROGRAPHIC INFO ALONG THE TRACK WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON NAVIGATIONAL LIGHT CHARACTERISTICS, LANDMARKS, BUOYS, CURRENT AND TIDAL INFO IN THE VICINITY OF RIVER MOUTHS, AND CHANNEL ACCESSIBILITY.

C. MONITOR THE JUNK FORCE AND ITS DENSITY WITH EMPHASIS ON POSSIBLE SURFACE TRAFFIC PATTERNS USED AS DRV/VIET CONG SUPPLY ROUTES.

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