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I. HIGHLIGHT:

A. DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT "ENEMY" INCURSION ON 31 JULY 1964 IN THE HON ME (19-21N 1Ø5-56E) AND POSSIBLY IN THE BEN THUY GENERAL AREA (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R24-64).

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B. DRV NAVAL ELEMENTS LAUNCH TORPEDO ATTACK ON DE SOTO

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MISSION CURRENTLY ON PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE INITIAL REACTION TO THE DESOTO BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ELEMENTS AFTER USS MADDOX ENTRY ON 30 JULY WAS AT 311920Z (SEE 2XQ/[redacted]VHN/R03-64). SUBSEQUENT COMINT REVEALS A CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE BY RADAR STIES AND DRV VESSELS WHILE THE PATROL WAS MOVING UP THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COAST. BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO T-255 AT 011627Z REPORTING THAT IT HAD BEEN "DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT ((1 GR U)) WHEN YOU RECEIVE DIRECTING ORDERS" ON THE AFTERNOON OF 2 AUGUST THREE VESSELS LAUNCHED THE ATTACK AGAINST THE USS MADDOX. THE DESTROYER WAS NOT HARMED. (SEE 2XQ/VHN/R26-46 SPOT REPORT SERIES AND CURRENT SIGINT READNESS BRAVO, LANTERN, REPORTS).

II. FLEET OPERATIONS:

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

A. DRV NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A HGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. THIS LEVEL IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INCURSION ON 30 JULY AND THE DESOTO MISSION CURRENTLY OPERATING IN DRV WATERS. THIRTY-FOUR VESSELS WERE REYRECTED ON NAVAL NETS INCLUDING: ONE SO Q CLASS SUBCHASER T 231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-142, T-146, T-165, T-379; PROBABLE SWATOW CLASS T 22, T-339, T 377; MTB T-135 (TWO OTHER MTBS INDICATED BY COLLATERAL TO BE IN COMPANY BUT NOT ISOLATED IN COMINT); UNIDENTIFIED

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B. MAINLINE NETS;

1. DRV N VAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE WITH HANOI, POSSIBLE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T 231, POSSIBLE BUOY TENDER, UNIDENTIFIED T-339, AND SEVEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT, HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN FLEET BEN THUY AND SOUTHERN FLEET SUBORDINATE ACITIVITY BA DON ON THE OPERATIONAL NET. REMAINING COMMAND ECHELON NETS NORMAL.

2. NORMAL PREFLIGHT INFORMATION PLUS STATUS REPORTS ON SHIPPING AND FISHING VESSELS WERE PASSED TO THE DRV NAVAL ELEMENTS (SEE 2/Q/VHN/R26-64).

C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. A MINIMUM OF NINE VESSELS WERE OBSERVED INCLUDING: T-23, T-135, T-142, T-146, T-226, T 262, T-267, T-339, 527.

2. PATROL ACTIVITY:

A. OF THE ABOVE VESSELS THE T-142, T-146, T-135 IN COMPANY WITH TWO MORE UNIDENTIFIED MTBS WRE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN REACTIONS TO THE INCURSION AND DESOTO PATROL.

3. AT 300331Z NORTHERN LEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT

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