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DRV NAVSKM FOR PERIOD Ø21(ØØA - Ø91659Z AKGUST 1964

I. HIGHLIGHT

[redacted]SKBSEQKENT TO THE SECOND ATTACK BY DRV NAVAL ELEMENTS

ON THE DESOTO PATROL ON 4-5 AKGUST (SEE 2/Q/[redacted]/RØ(-64)

DRV NAVAL COMMKNICATIONS REFLECTED K.S." AIRSTRIKE ON Ø5

AKGUST 1964 AT VINH (18-41N 1Ø5-4ØE), HON NGU (18-48N (Ø5-

4(E), AND POSSIBLY HON GAY (2Ø-5(N 1Ø(-Ø3E) (SEE 2/Q/[redacted]/

RØ8-64). AT Ø5Ø8ØØZ HAIPHONG INFORMED THE T-142 AND T-146

THAT "ENEMY AIRCRAFT HAVE BOMBARDED VINH AND SHIPS AT HON

NGU." ON THIS SAME DATE AT Ø823Z PORT WALLKT (POSSIBLY RE-

LAYING FOR HON GAY) REPORTED TO HAIPHONG THAT THEY WERE KNDER

JET ATTACK AND ONE SHIP WAS DISABLED. DRV VESSELS WERE SKB-

SEQKENTLY ORDERED TO IMPROVE CAMOKFLAGE AND DISPERSE. AT

Ø51825Z HAIPHONG INSTRKCTED THE T-142 TO "FIND A PLACE TO

TAKE SHELTER FROM THE AIRPLANES BEFORE MORNING. ((THERE ARE))

MINEFIELDS THE ENEMY CANNOT ENTER." (2/Q/VHN/R45-64). IT IS

BELIEVED THAT THE MAJORITY OF DRV NORTHERN FLEET ELEMENTS MAY

HAVE TAKEN REFKGE IN THE MINED AREAS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE

PKRSKIT BY K.S. VESSELS. CAREFKL INSTRKCTIONS AS TO RECOG-

NITION OF DRV AIRCRAFT WERE GIVEN BY PORT WALLKT AT Ø61542Z

TO AN KNIDENTIFIED OKTSTATION TO INSKRE DRV NAVAL ELEMENTS RE-

COGNITION OF THEIR OWN AIRCRAFT (2/Q/[redacted]RØ9-64).

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II. FLEET OPERATIONS

A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

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1. DKRING THE PERIOD 042301Z TO 091100Z DRV NAVAL COMMKNICATIONS REFLECTED A GENERAL DECREASE IN VOLKME OF ACTIVITY. THIS IS BELIEVED ATTRIBKTABLE INHNART TO BOTH DISPERSAL OF VESSELS DKE TO THE K.S. AIR STRIKE ON 05 AKGKST AND TYPHOON IDA DKRING THE LATTER PART REPORTING PERIOD. A TOTAL OF TWENTY-TWO VESSELS WERE REFLECTED ON NAVAL NETS, INCLKDING; FOKR SO-1 CL-SS SKBCHASERS T-225, T-227, T-227, T-231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-120, T-122, T-130, T-132, T-134, T-140, T-142, T-144, T-146, T-165; PROBABLE SWATOW CLASS PGM T-300 (POSSIBLY EX T-185); MTBS T-333, T-336, T-339 (ALL ASSIGNED FLOTILLA 135 AND EITHER KNDER TOW OR SKMK ((T-339)); KNIDENTIFIED CLASS T-23, T-25 AND T-27 (POSSIBLY SO-1 SKBCHASERS T-231, T-225 AND T-227 RESPECTIVELY); TKG BACH DANG. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SWATOW CLASS PGM T-165 NOTED AT 041439Z AKGUST, NO SOKTHERN FLEET VESSELS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED AS ACTIVE IN DRV NAVAL COMMKNICATIONS.

B. MAINLINE NETS:

1. DRV NAVAL HEADQKARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE WITH HANOI, ONE KNIDENTIFIED MOBILE, AND TWELVE KNLOCATED OKTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQKARTERS PORT WALLKT, TWO KNIDENTIFIED NORTHERN FLEET SKBORDINATE ACTIVITIES, SOKTHERN FLEET HEADQKARTERS BEN THKY AND SOKTHERN FLEET SKBORDINATE ACTIVITY

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NORMAL.

A. NORTHERN XPLEET AREA, PORT WALLKT:

1. A MINIMKM OF SIXTEEN VESSELS WERE REFLECTED INCLKDING SO-1 SKBCHASERS T-225, T-227, T-229, T-231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-120, T-122, T-130, T-132, T-134, T-140, T-142, T-144, T-146; KNIDENTIFIED T-23, T-25, T-27.

2. ALL THE ABOVE VESSLES WERE ACTIVE DKRING REACTIONS TO THE DESOTO PATROL.

B. SOKTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THKY:

1. ONE VESSEL, THE SWATOW CLASS PGM T-165, OBSERVED ON 04 AKGUST 1964. STATKS KNKNOWN.

E. TRACKING:

1. HAIPHONG, PORT WALLKT AND BEN THKY TRACKING CONTROLS WERE ACTIVE WITH VINH SON, HON NGU AND HON MATT (1(-5(-30N 106-30-30E, 18-48N 105-4(-10E, 18-4(N 105-58E RESPECTIVELY), ONE POSSIBLE SO-1 CLASS SKBCHASER, ONE KNIDENTIFIED MOBILE AND THIRTY-SIX KNIDENTIFIED OKTSTATIONS. TWO HKNDRED SIXTY-TWO MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED. NO SPECIFIC TRACKS CAN BE CORRELATED WITH DESOO ACTIVITY.

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