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SILC - DAILY [redacted] DRV DIGEST, DE SOTO PATROLS 05 AUGUST

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I. HIGHLIGHT:

A. AT 050800Z HAIPHONG INFORMED THE T-142 AND T-146 THAT ENEMY AIRCRAFT HAVE BOMBARDED VINH (18-41N 105-40E) AND SHIPS AT HON NGU (18-48N 105-47E). LATER AT 050823Z PORT WALLUT REPORTED TO HAIPHONG THAT THEY WERE UNDER JET ATTACK AND THAT ONE SHIP WAS DISABLED. VESSELS WERE ORDERED TO IMPROVE CAMOUFLAGE AND TO DISPERSE. BATTLE REPORTS STATE ""WE HAVE SHOT TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND ANOTHER PLANE WAS DAMAGED. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT POSSIBLY "THE ENEMY

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SHIP WAS DAMAGED." OTHER THAN THE ABOVE, NO AVAILABLE

INTERCEPT REFLECTS AN ATTACK ON THE DE SOTO PATROL.

B. DRV ELEMENTS HAVE APPARENTLY LAID MINE FIELDS IN BAY

D'ALONG TO FORM A SQUARE GUARDING THE APPROACHES TO BAI CHAY

(20-58-04N 107-03E). THE FIELDS ARE WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED BY:

20-51-20N 107-04E; 20-53-20N 107-04E; 20-51-25N 107-09E;

20-53-25N 107-09E. AT 051755Z THE T-142 WAS ORDERED TO RETURN

TO BAI CHAY AND WAS WARNED OF THE MINE FIELD. THE SHIP WAS

UNABLE TO COMPLY DUE TO WATER IN THE FUEL OIL AND ARESULTANT

INABILITY TO START HER E ENGINES. NORTHERN FLEET VESSELS HAVE

BEEN NOTED PREVIOUSLY TRANSITING THIS AREA WITH NO FOREWARING

ABOUT THE MINE FIELD. IT IS POSSIBLE, THEREFORE

THAT THIS FIELD IS NEWLY LAID.

II. DRV NAVY, FLEET OPERATIONS:

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A. LEVEL OF ACTIVITY

1. DURING THE PERIOD 042301Z - 052300Z DRV NAVAL

COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A DECREASE IN VOLUME OF ACTIVITY.

A MINIMUM OF THIRTEEN VESSELS INCLUDING POSSIBLE SO-1 CLASS

SUBCHASER T-231; SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-130, T-132, T-140, T-142,

T-146; UNIDENTIFIED T-27, T-125, T-153, T-222 (FIRST APPEARANCE,

POSSIBLY GARBLE FOR T-122) AND THREE UNIDENTIFIED WERE OBSERVED.

B. MAINLINE NETS:

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1. DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPHONG WAS ACTIVE WITH HANOI AND THREE UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND NET; WITH NORTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS PORT WALLUT, SOUTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS BEN THUY AND SOUTHERN FLEET SUBORDINATE ACTIVITY BA DON ON THE OPERATIONAL NET. REMAINING COMMAND ECHELON NETS NORMAL.

C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. A MINIMUM OF ELEVEN VESSELS WERE REFLECTED INCLUDING SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-130, T-132, T-140, T-142, T-146; UNIDENTIFIED T-27, T-125, T-153, T-222 AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED.

2. ALL VESSELS EXCEPT SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231 WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PATROL ACTIVITIES. THE TWO ELEMENTS OF THE 135TH MTB FOLOTILLA T-33 AND T-336 WERE OBSERVED BEING TOWED BY THE T-146 INT THE VICINITY OF HON NE (19-54-40N 1106-00E).

D. SOUTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THUY:

1. ONE UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OBSERVED, DISPOSITION UNDETERMINED.

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E. TRACKING:

1. HAIPHONG, PORT WALLUT AND BEN THUY WERE ACTIVE WITH VINH SON, HON NGU, HON MATT AND SIXTEEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS. FORTY-EIGHT MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED.

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IV. DRV SHIPPING/FISHING

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A. COASTAL SHIPPING

1. A TOTAL OF FOUR DRV VESSELS WERE REFLECTED IN COASTAL SHIPPING COMMUNICATIONS. NO REFLECTIONS OF THE DE SOTO PATROL WERE NOTED.

B. FISHING FLEET

1. DRV FISHING FLEET NOT OBSERVED

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