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RUMJIR/AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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PIERCE ARROW SITREP TWO (U)

A. CINCPACFLT Ø5Ø158Z

1. SITREP AS OF Ø511ØØZ

2. SITUATION:

A. CTG 72.1 IS ON DESOTO PATROL WITH MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN GULF OF TONKIN BUT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO PROCEED SOUTH TO JOINT 77.5, STAND DOWN AND REPLENISH 6 AUG.

B. SAR ALERT CONDITION SET IN GULF OF TONKIN.

3. INTELLIGENCE: ANALYSIS AND FINAL EVALUATION OF NUMBER

OF PT INVOLVED ATTACKS ON MADDOX AND TURNER JOY AS WELL AS NUMBER OF TORPEDOES FIRED NOT COMPLETE. TWO "P-4" CLASS PT REPORTED DESTROYED, ONE ADDITIONAL DAMAGED; EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF TORPEDO FIRINGS REPORTED PROBABLY DUE TO SONARMEN HEARING SHIPS

OWN PROPELLER BEAT REFLECTED OFF RUDDERS DURING COURSE CHANGES (WEAVING). CURRENT NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE CREDITS DRV NAVY WITH 13 "P-4" CLASS PT EACH CARRYING 2 18 INCH TORPEDO TUBES WITH NO AT SEA RELOAD CAPABILITY. THIRTY SWATOW CLASS MGB AND FOUR S.O.-1 CLASS PC HAVE NO ORGANIC TORPEDO CAPABILITY.

4. DEPLOYMENTS:

A. USS BUGARA PROCEEDING TO 18-45N 106-15E AS SAR LIFEGUARD.

B. CTG 70.4 DIRECTED TO GET UNDERWAY AND PROCEED TO POSITION OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 IN SOUTH CHINA SEA.

C. USS TUCKER PROCEEDING TO SUBIC FOR DESOTO ELINT INSTALLATION

D. CAVALIER BOILER CASUALTY REPAIRED.

E. CTG 76.5 AA FOUR HOUR READINESS AT 054000Z.

F. USS MAUNA DEA PROCEEDING 042300Z TO SUBIC FOR PROVISIONING.

G. DET ALFA MOPHOTO CREW TO CUBI PT.

H. SIX CODS ON STATION AT CUBI PT 051100Z.

I. MOMAT 0303 BEING DEPLOYED TO SUBIC TO SUPPORT MINE PREPARATION.

J. CTG 70.8 IN TOPEKA WITH TUCKER AND RUPERTUS DIRECTED UNDERWAY FROM YOKOSUKA TO SUPPORT OPS OFF VIETNAM.

K. CURRENT AND HITCHITI DIRECTED UNDERWAY SUBIC TO OPERATE VICINITY CVA TASK GROUPS.

L. TG 70.2.4 ORDERED DEPLOY TO CUBI PT FOR MINE TRANSPORT AS DIRECTED.

M. MONTICELLO AND MAGOFFIN ENROUTE TO EASTPAC ORDERED RETURN YOKOSUKA.

5. LOGISTIC DEFICIENCIES: NO SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES.

6. SIGNIFICANT SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS: NONE.

7. DECISIONS REQUIRED BY CINCPAC OR OTHER COMMANDERS: NONE.

8. SUMMARY OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 AIR OPS IN FOLLOWING SITREP.

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