3 AUG 1963

Unexplained Activity

2 IL-14 now schd round-robin flights from Mengtzu - Hanoi 050800Z 052210Z. (follow-up #1 to USM-32 Critic #4-64, 050602Z)

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38077

0501562 Ben Thuy Pol storage area, 90% destroyed by critique photography. (JCS Report)

0504002 MMCC reported to Col. Lang, Vinh Pol area burning (Estimated time of attack was scheduled at 0500-02).

0435 DIA called, reported second air strike completed - Quang Khe Harbor 5 out of 7 enemy P.T. boats destroyed.

0455 Command Center relayed message from ONI; 2 USNAF planes shot down. Confirmed (at 0500) loss of 2 aircraft in Hon Gay Harbor - no survivors sighted. (from USS Constellation).

0505302 Cinc strike defcon 2 declared (relayed from FMCC).

0506262 Enemy aircraft destroyed Vinh and DRV ships at How Me (2/G11/VHN/R21-64, 0508372)

0508232 Port Wallut reported to Naval Directorate Haiphong that 3 enemy jets have spread out to bombard their ships, 1 ship is disabled (2/G11/VHN/R22-64, 0509102).

0508522 5-E P-4 and Swatow - unidentified Sunboats in Rao Nay/ River De Thoc River estuary ( ) 1 P-4 damaged and moving slowly and smoking. 1 Swatow dead in water and smoking. 1 probable P-4 dead in water (JCS).

DRV [redacted] tracking of Pierce Arrow Aircraft

0735Z Raid 7928 - demarcation line north towards Hong Gay.

0746Z Raid 8628 east of Vinh heading south.

0741, 0749Z North of Song Na Estuary and in orbit.

2/[redacted]R38-64, 0508112)

NSA25X1
NSA25X3

041440Z	(2nd attack on USS MADDOX) 626J - DRV MTB T333 and MTB T336 being towed to port. AT 1246Z DRV MTB T142 reported to Haiphong DRV tug Bach Dang unable to return to port.
042113Z	CINCPACFLT requested Com 7th Fleet to be prepared at 050700Z to attack: 1. PT and Swatow class at Quang Khe, Ben Thuy, Hon Me Island and Song Ma estuary, Hon Bay and Port Wallut. 2. Any identified NVN Swatow/PT craft at sea. 3. Vinh oil storage, combine with Vinh/Ben Thuy complex. Number 1 priority is oil storage. 4. A maximum of approximately 75 A/C from both A/C to insure success.
050256Z	A/C to be launched in combined attack.
050612Z	JCS Pierce Arrow SITREP No. 2 All A/C launched and departed for targets Vinh/Ben Thuy on schedule. Ticonderoga's 050530Z position 15-58N 110-57E. Eight A1 proceeding to targets as planned. Intend launch A4 two F4 for Hon Gay/ Five A4, two F4 Loch Chao estuary 050630Z. Time over target remains 050700Z.
050800Z	[SIGINT unpublished translation] 035 13000 to [1U] 146. "Enemy A/C destroyed Vinh and our ship's at Hon Gyu. [I] order the 146, 130, 132 [XM] to increase the [1 wd G] camouflage. /s/ KHAM4." [Cadre associated with NDS]

NSA25X1
NSA25X3

[redacted]

06001Z

060213Z

[redacted] INCREASED COMBAT DUTIES

2/[redacted] RVL-6Y ST-700

SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LANTERN REPORT NR 4

UNVERIFIED INFORMATION FROM [redacted]

INDICATES [redacted], PLACED

ON AN ALERT STATUS

NSA25X6

05/1300Z

JCS

051835 Z

JCS 7750 REQUEST COMMENTS OF ADDEES ON PROPOSAL TO DEPLOY 2 F-104 FIGHTER SQDNS AND ADDITIONAL TACTICAL CONTROL RESOURCES FROM CINCSTRIKE TO CINCPAC WITH DEPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN PACOM TO BE DETERMINED BY CINCPAC

2326 Z

APPLICATION OF NICKNAME "PIERCE ARROW" APPLIED ONLY TO ONE TIME CUA STRIKE EFFORT. NO CODE NAME ASSIGNED FOR DEPLOYMENT AND ALERT OF FORCES UNDER CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64

22 052.23 Z

JCS 7760. REMINDER THAT JCS 7720 DTG 042119Z WAS TO BE A ONE-TIME EFFORT. ~~[illegible]~~ UNTIL FURTHER DIRECTED, STRIKES AGAINST BOATS WILL BE TAKEN ONLY IN SELF DEFENSE

USA-32

NSA25X3

050345Z FOLLOW-UP #1 TO CRITIC NR 4-64.

UNIDENTIFIED [redacted]

FAC TRACKED TWO RAIDS, ONE RAID LARGE TYPE

THE OTHER AS FIVE SMALL TYPE BELIEVE

TO BE MIG-15/17. AIRCRAFT ENTERED NORT

VIETNAM AT 2220N/10357E AT 0310K

AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING PHUCYEN/HANOI AREA

USM-626 J

04/17/12

DRV NAVAL ACTIVITY REVEALED EXISTENCE OF OPS CODE.

SECRET COMINT//MR

USN-27

060230Z

TECH SUPPLEMENT TO 2/91 VHS/R37-

ST220 SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LATER

REPORT #23

SECRET COMINT//MR

USN - 27

SECRET COMINT//MR

TECHSUPP TO 2/9/VHN/R45-64 ST220

05/1920Z SIGINT READINESS BRAVO, LANTERN REPORT NUMBER 21. AT 051825Z HAIPHONG SENT MSG TO THE 7142 NR11 RETURN TO THE SHORE IMMEDIATELY, ENROUTE (YOUR) MUST FIND A PLACE TO TAKE SHELTER FROM THE AIRCRAFT Before Morning Report (your) position and maintain communication with Headquarters Enemy minefield do not enter 20-51-20N, 107-04E, 20-53-20N 107-04 E, 20-51-25N (107)-09E, 20-53-25N 107-07E. KHANH

05/2030Z TECH SUPPLEMENT TO 2/9/VHN/R45-64 ST220 SIGINT READNESS BRAVO, ~~LANT~~ LANTERN REPORT NUMBER 21.

060036Z 16Z CHANGE #1 TO 2/9/VHN/R45-64, ST220 ~~CHANG~~ SIGINT READNESS BRAVO, LATERN, REPORT #21. CHANGE TEXT TO READ "MINEFIELDS THE ENEMY CANNOT ENTER ARE AT" VICE "ENEMY MINEFIELD DO NOT ENTER"

060158Z 2 2/9/VHS/R37-64 ST220 SIGINT READNESS BRAVO LANTERN, REPORT #23

MSG SENT TO BACH DANG (TUGBOAT) BY

SECRET COMINT//MR

HAIPHONG INFORMED BACH DONG AIRCRAFT ACTIVE AT PHAT DIEM

USA-57

~~SECRET COMINT//MR~~

05/1655Z SIGINT READNESS BRAVO "LANTERN" REPORT #4

AT 2323H 05 AUG 64 NORTH VIETNAMESE AIRDEFENSE

FACILITY HONOI ET REFLECTING ONE RAID UNIDENTIF

AIRCRAFT, 25 NM SOUTH HAIPHONG.

~~SECRET COMINT//MR~~

USN 467N

052122Z ~~[illegible]~~ DECRYPT ~~[illegible]~~ OF MSG FROM HAIPHONG TO T-142, WARNING 142 TO SEARCH PLACE TO HIDE FROM PLANES BEFORE MORNING, REPORT POSITION AND GIVING MINED ARE AS ALFA 1-20-51-20N 107-04 EAST 2-53-.. NORTH 107-04 EAST CHARLIE 20-51-25 NORTH 105-09 DELTA 20-53-25 NORTH 107-09. KHANH

~~60158Z~~ 2/4/VHS/R37-64 ST220 SIGINT READNESS BRAVO LANTERN, REPORT #23

MSG SENT TO BACH DANG (TUGBOAT) ~~BY HAIPHONG [illegible]~~ INFORMED THE BACH DANG AIRCRAFT ACTIVE AT PHAT DIEM.

CTF 77

051420Z PIERCE ARROW POST STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY -

[redacted] PROPOSAL TO EXPEDITE PUBLICATION AND

DISTRIBUTION OF NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

75 1406Z UPON COMPLETION TF UNREP UAUG.

UNITS RETIRE SOUTH AS FOL

TG 77.5 TO VIC 14-30N 110-30E

TG 77.6 TO VIC 15-00N 111-20 E

MOORE + FECHTELER 16-30N 109E AND

17N - 110-30 E

RESPECTIVELY

DESOTO UNITS VIC PT YANKEE

CINCPACFLT

05 1428Z PIERCE ARROW SITREP THREE AIR OPERAT

SITREP AS OF 05 1300Z, DEPLOYMENT.

~~SUMMARY~~ AIR STRIKE SUMMARY: VINH NHOL

ESTIMATE 91% DAMAGE.

30 PGM/PT SIGHTED

8 PGM/PT (DESTROYED)

1 PGM/PT SEVERELY DAMAGED

1 PGM/PT MODERATELY DAMAGED

4 PGM/PT LIGHTLY DAMAGED

1 PT BEACHED

1 SIX GUN AA INSTALLATION SEVERLY DAMAGED

1 A-4 LOST BY AA FIRE

1 F-8 DAMAGED LANDED SAFELY

05 1854Z PIERCE ARROW STRIKE FLASH AND SITREP 16

05 1219Z PIERCE ARROW SITREP TWO -

SITREP AS OF 05 1100Z

05 1051Z PACOM SITREP 2. PRELIMINARY

REPORT ON FIRST AIR STRIKES

[redacted]