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Operational History

1. Subject: DESOTO PATROL, Gulf of Tonkin; USS MORTON (DD-748)/USN-467P
2. Time Frame: 14 SEP - 21 SEP 64
3. References: Proposed by CINCPAC 080155Z AUG 64
Disapproved and later approved by JCS
4. Enclosures: None
5. Responsibility of action personnel: Op-94G (G54)
6. Background narrative: 19th DESOTO type patrol, similar previous MADDOX patrol. USS EDWARDS in Company. 18 SEP: DESOTO patrol ships opened fire on fast closing targets. Little definite COMINT or visual confirmation of actual DRV attack.
7. Conclusions and Lessons: None
8. Recommendations: Three intercept positions plus OPINTEL terminal appear optimum COMINT configuration to insure early warning tip-off to embarked commander.

ENCLOSURE (5)

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