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convert mil pres → PRV

1. to lev recce & armed escort over Laos

2. DS pats Din & NM of DRV coast to acquire vis, elec, photo

3. Oplan 34A anti infil
Sabot
psywar

→ PRV pub & priv channels

Sept meeting - 7th JCS & ISA

for 94 target list program to provoke DRV

Resume off shore naval patrols

1. Election
2. GVN Shaky
3. CC response
4. Not upset del. Laos equation
5. Achieve max pub + Cong support
6. Overt might bring press for premature negotiations.

The Principles

DS suspended after March
re-auth'd 17 Jul

4 Aug 1230 EST
NSC met after mtg of JCS + Pres.
JCS + Mac → pats
1700 NSC remet
1845 Pres met 16 Cong men

Speed of response led to pub
Disbelief

1230 NSC Pres - Rusk McG Bundy
Mac

W.P. say no disagree at
89 min Pres/Cong meeting

Op 34 + DS differ Command +
Control
coincidence

Study supports attack

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20 Nov 64 - McNamara to JCS:
Immediate Resumption of
The Ale Soto Patrols

No date: Proof of Attack TS 8/2/4 GTK

" : TKG Incident 8 pp.
Hand written chronology

14 Aug 3ACSA M400-64 Moody [illegible]
to Sec Def Amb Taylor [illegible]
Rebart from SVN S

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White H Strat mtg - discuss in Wm Bundy memo 2 secdy et al Courses of action for SVN

8 Sept 64

D S resumed
34 a
covert ops in L when,
Sonvanna OK'd

10 formal approval

12 Sept M + E in patrol

18 th - Pres suspended D S until Feb 65 -

DRV mistakes M for ARVN escort

3 Aug - note from Pres. US → Hanoi via ICC

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Del Lang chaired 1968 re-investigation

[redacted] B62 P.L. 86-36

Re-doing all messages.

Conc: supported original premise
subsig recoveries

avoid not attack
not bell
Valid
4 Aug - not bone

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Avoid contact

64 & 68

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Sigint Lab, however, provides a complete depiction of the deployment of the NVA 325th division. This action commenced in late October/early November 1964, when Sigint reflected a splitting of the 325th Division headquarters, and the subsequent deployment of the bulk of the division out of NVN via the Mu Gia pass & down through Laos to the Western Highlands. The deployment of this division was recognized entirely through traffic analysis, with confirmation through MACV, and while contested by MACV as being premature in late 1964, was later confirmed through collateral acquired by MACV, and represented the first large scale NVA committment of an organic fighting unit to the war in the South.

P.L. 86-36

JCS (Office of SACSA) Memo to W Bundy and [redacted] OPLAN 34A Schedule 27 August 1964