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SUBJ: DRV NAVAL ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL
FURTHER MY B205/245. USS MADDOX REPORT D AT APPROX 020838Z THAT ONE DRV PT BOAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING AND THAT OTHER TWO PT BOATS WERE HEADED FOR THE BEACH. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DRV VESSELS THUS INCREASING LIKLIHOOD OF REFLECTIONS AND FURTHER ACTIVITY. DESOTO ARRIVED VICINITY 19-47N/106-08E AT APPROX 020300Z WHERE IT WAS TO ORBIT FOR EIGHT HOURS. MADE DEVIATION FROM TRACK TO AVOID PASSING THRU LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JUNKS THERE BUT ATTACK ON DESOTO (ROUGHLY FIVE HOURS LATER (0807Z)) PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF ABOVE COORDINATES. BURNING PT BOAT PRESUMABLY SAME GENERAL AREA
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