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POSSIBLE DRV REACTION TO DESOTO PATROL

AT 1857Z, 31 JULY, AFTER AN APPARENT SILENCE OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) DAYS, A STATION (RAD V0083) SUSPECTED OF SERVING DONG HOI NAVAL HQS PASSED SIX (6) UNREADABLE MSGS TO ITS SUBORDINATE (RAD V0094), LOCATED ON ILE DU TIGRE (HON CO), 17:05N 107:15E.

POSSIBLEY RELATED, AT 2307Z, A NAVAL HQS AO BEN THUY, 18:38N 105:40E, PASSED A READABLE MESSAGE TO VESSEL (HULL NR) 377 WHICH STATED QTE ... MILITARY REGION DIRECTIVE; COMRADE HOA GO TO MEET (1 G/U) IN CHARGE OF THE ARTILLERY COMPANY TO DISCUSS DEFINING THE POSITION AND THE STRICT SURFACE ((4 G G/M)) ARTILLERY UP ON THE SEA CHART IN ORDER TO RETURN (AND) REPORT TO THE MILITARY REGION UNQTE.

COMMENT: DURING THE TIME FRAME OF THIS ACTIVITY THE DESOTO PATROL WAS ORBITING IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF ILE DU TIGRE. THE APPARENT PLANNED CO-ORDINATION OF NAVAL/ARTILLERY ELEMENTS IS INTERPOLATED AS PREPLANNING ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS ON NAUTICAL CHARTS TO SUPPORT DRV NAVAL PATROLS. THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS ACTIVITY MAY BE A REACTION TO RECENT "ENEMY" INCURSIONS IN DRV WATERS MUST NOT BE DISCOUNTED; HOW-

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