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PIERCE ARROW SITREP TWO (U)

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1. SITREP AS OF 051100Z

2. SITUATION:

A. CTG 72.1 IS ON DESOTO PATROL WITH MADDOX AND TURNER JOY IN GULF OF TONKIN BUT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO PROCEED SOUTH TO JOINT 77.5, STAND DOWN AND REPLENISH 6 AUG.

B. SAR ALERT CONDITION SET IN GULF OF TONKIN.

3. INTELLIGENCE: ANALYSIS AND FINAL EVALUATION OF NUMBER

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OF PT INVOLVED ATTACKS ON MADDOX AND TURNER JOY AS WELL AS

NUMBER OF TORPEDOES FIRED NOT COMPLETE. TWO "P-4" CLASS

PT REPORTED DESTROYED, ONE ADDITIONAL DAMAGED; EXCESSIVE NUMBER

OF TORPEDO FIRINGS REPORTED PROBABLY DUE TO SONARMEN HEARING SHIPS

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OWN PROPELLER BEAT REFLECTED OFF RUDDERS DURING COURSE CHANGES (WEAVING). CURRENT NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE CREDITS DRV NAVY WITH 13 "P-4" CLASS PT EACH CARRYING 2 18 INCH TORPEDO TUBES WITH NO AT SEA RELOAD CAPABILITY. THIRTY SWATOW CLASS MGB AND FOUR S.O.-1 CLASS PC HAVE NO ORGANIC TORPEDO CAPABILITY.

4. DEPLOYMENTS:

- A. USS BUGARA PROCEEDING TO 18-45N 106-15E AS SAR LIFEGUARD.
- B. CTG 70.4 DIRECTED TO GET UNDERWAY AND PROCEED TO POSITION OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 IN SOUTH CHINA SEA.
- C. USS TUCKER PROCEEDING TO SUBIC FOR DESOTO ELINT INSTALLATION
- D. CAVALIER BOILER CASUALTY REPAIRED.
- E. CTG 76.5 AA FOUR HOUR READINESS AT 050400Z.
- F. USS MAUNA DEA PROCEEDING 042300Z TO SUBIC FOR PROVISIONING.
- G. DET ALFA MOPHOTO CREW TO CUBI PT.

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- H. SIX CODS ON STATION AT CUBI PT 051100Z.
- I. MOMAT 0303 BEING DEPLOYED TO SUBIC TO SUPPORT MINE PREPARATION.
- J. CTG 70.8 IN TOPEKA WITH TUCKER AND RUPERTUS DIRECTED UNDERWAY FROM YOKOSUKA TO SUPPORT OPS OFF VIETNAM.
- K. CURRENT AND HITCHITI DIRECTED UNDERWAY SUBIC TO OPERATE VICINITY CVA TASK GROUPS.
- L. TG 70.2.4 ORDERED DEPLOY TO CUBI PT FOR MINE TRANSPORT AS DIRECTED.

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M. MONTICELLO AND MAGOFFIN ENROUTE TO EASTPAC ORDERED RETURN
YOKOSUKA.

5. LOGISTIC DEFICIENCIES: NO SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES.

6. SIGNIFICANT SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS: NONE.

7. DECISIONS REQUIRED BY CINCPAC OR OTHER COMMANDERS: NONE.

8. SUMMARY OF TG 77.5 AND TG 77.6 AIR OPS IN FOLLOWING SITREP.

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