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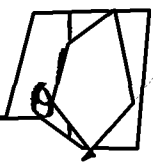
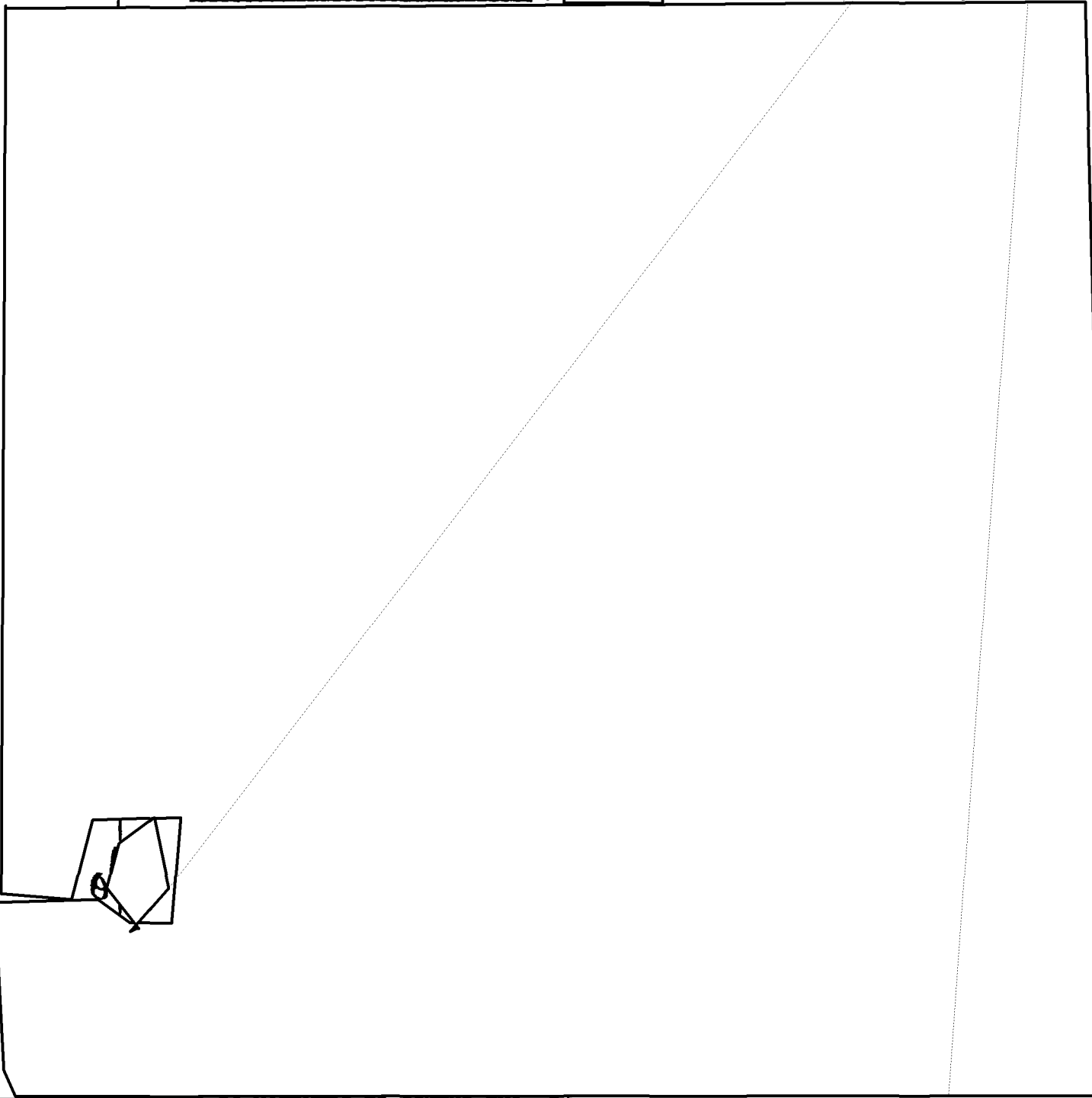
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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

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TIME (L)	EVENT
0001	B2 personnel released report 3/0/VHK/RO1-64 entitled " <u>DRV AIRBORNE REACTION TO H/I INTRUDER A/C</u> "; [redacted] is the one who signed report.



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1345 TELECON rcvd fm [redacted] for B 205 (COL LANG) dtg 010800Z re [redacted] INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CPY given to [redacted] B 205

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1815

USN-27 End Product, 2/Q/VHN/^{R16-64}~~20-64~~, titled "DRV NAVY MAY ATTACK DESOTO PATROL". SAC called Watch Office on this and wanted DIA's opinion. DIA said they hadn't had time yet to form an opinion but will let SAC know when they did. I called ONI (Y2) who said they had contacted the CO of the DESOTO Patrol and that he was terminating the orbit and proceeding to the East at 10 knots. In other words, he was getting out of the area.

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1850

Follow-up Nr. One to USN-27 Spot Report on possible attack of DeSoto Patrol.

1905

Called Col Lang (B205) at home and gave him gist of USN-27 Spot. Also called [REDACTED] (B26) in view of msg from USN-27 (DTG 012128Z) which stated that [REDACTED] tfc will be forwarded at Immediate Precedence until further notice. They will notx issue Tech Supplements to Spot Report Series.

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[REDACTED] wants to be called back when traffic starts to come in and he will notify a person to come in and look at it.

1935

WO informs that first tech msg fm USN-27 is in. Called Mr. [REDACTED] and was told that he was on his way in to work.

1955

[REDACTED] arrived and looked at Spot Report. He advised that [REDACTED] (B22) be called in because he handles all matters on the DeSoto Patrol. He will be in shortly. [REDACTED] were also called.

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2020

Called Col Lang again and informed him that above named people were coming in. He decided to come on in too.

2045
DAY
SNOO

[REDACTED]

2055

Made another call to ONI (Y2) re position of DeSoto patrol. Was informed that patrol will proceed east for about two hours and then attempt to get back on its original orbit. It will proceed to Point Delta (19-47N 106-08E). Passed this info on to B2 reps in building.

2120

Col Lang called from his office and believes that the DRV action noted in the USN-27 Spot is in reaction to KITKAT, not the DeSoto Patrol.

[REDACTED]

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NIC Check - He had nothing unusual; mentioned again about the DeSoto Patrol.

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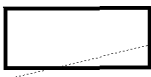
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MONDAY DAY
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- 0318 CRITIC from USN-27 reads in part re DE SOTO "...use high speed to go together with ((enemy)) following to launch torpedoes." USN-27 used a USN 414Tx intercept. DTG is 020717Z.
- 0320 WO wants to know whether to readdress CRITIC to Field Stations/since USN 27 did not use a QUEBEC dist. Told WO to readdress but to take out the words "From USN 414T)". with O/S dist
- 0330 Called Colonel LANG, who said he was coming in.
- 0335 Called [redacted], who said he was coming in; asked whether he wanted me to call anyone else. He replied no.
- 0340 Lt WRIGHT of ONI (ship plot) asked whether the MADDOX, the DE on DE SOTO patrol, had recvd the CRITIC msg. According to WO, Col LANG states that [redacted] automatically relays msgs to the MADDOX.
- 0341 Asked T1 to ask [redacted] if it passed the msg and at what time.
- 0343 T1 states that [redacted] replied that it had not passed to MADDOX. I told T1 to tell [redacted] to pass itx at once.
- 0345 Notified Dr SHINN of CRITIC.
- 0348 T1 states that [redacted] passed item at 0745Z.
T1 actually stated that the info was passed at 0705Z. But when I pointed
- 0410 Col LANG in //out that this was before the CRITIC was originated
- 0420 [redacted] in this was changed to 0745Z.
- 0435 RRECVD word from NIC [redacted] that the MADDOX is being attacked by 3 DRV PT boats, that she is opening fire with 5-inch guns and that air support is expected in 15 minutes from TICONDEROGA. Msg was a purely Naval msg, not COMINT. The dtg is 0808Z.
- 0437 Col LANG not in office; called [redacted] and relayed above info.
- 0445 Talked to Col LANG and relayed info. He wanted to know whether the msgs were being readdressed to us.
- 0446 Asked DIA to relay msgs to us. DIA answered it has no msgs, merely telephone calls. That since the US Navy was involved we may never get
- 0447 *msgs. Exclusive bast... arent they?*
Talked to NMCC re MADDOX and asked CIA rep to readdress all msgs to NSA. CIA rep complied, said his team chief had OKed request. Relayed above info to Col LANG.
- 0500 Asked NMCC for latest. NMCC replies Destroyer damaged one; a/c going

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after remaining P/T. I remarked that 3 PTs were involved, NMCC vague on this and is checking.

0500 Talked to Dr SHINN, who is coming in.

0515 Mr [redacted] alerted.

0522 Dr TORDELLA told about incident; he wanted to know where DE SOTO was operating, but wanted to know without going into specifics. Told him Col LANG's area.

0523 [redacted] informed of incident.

0526 Adm SCHULZ notified. He wants to be kept informed of latest developments.

0530 Recvd msg from USN 414T, which USN 27 used for the ~~ERITE~~ CRITIC. I ~~xxx~~ notice it was sent directly to [redacted] with USN 27 as an addressee. Therefore, [redacted] received it twice, and apparently took no action both times until prodded by NSA.

0539 Called NMCC and requested latest; NMCC replies "the MADDOX has just sent the following msg which is unclassified: 'Attacked ~~19-41.5 N~~ 106-35 E at 020803Z. (~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~) by 3 DRV PT boats. At least 3 torpedoes and 37 mm fire from machine gun. Result : 1 PT dead in water and burning ; 2 PTs heading from beach. No damage to ship. Ship retiring from Gulf of TONKIN and is heading for TICOM'. Dtg is 020830Z.

0540 Dr SHINN came in around this time.

0550 Obtained the location of the TICONDEROGA from ONI ship plot (16 N 110E)

0600 Talked to DIA, NMCC, State about situation.

0603 T1 is receiving msgs from MADDOX. In fact, /msgs are starting to pour in. non-COMINT

0610 Asked DIA to confirm info I recvd from NMCC at 0539. Confirmation made as to content, dtg, and classification.

0620 Asked DIA for any info re result from air strike on PT boats. Replied the aircraft did not appear to have been as ~~xx~~ successful as anticipated; since they were armed with ZUNIs and FAMMO (FAMMO is apparently a garble for AMMO, in this case .50 cal ammo). The ZUNI is air to surface missile, unguided, speed over Mach 2, range about 5 NM. Navy a/c carry as many as 48 under wings.

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[redacted]
Adm SCHULZ CALLED re latest dex on MADDOX. Lt McCARTHY, USN, called him.

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0730 Notice I omitted one item, a call from Commander STEVENS with JRC, who wanted to know if the MADDOX received the Torpedo msg and at what time. I assured him that it had and gave him the time. I don't recall when ~~it was made~~, but possibly between the CRITIC and the news of the attack, or possibly just after ~~the attack was made~~ news of the attack was recvd.

0735 Asked by WC whether msg from 414T is re MADDOX, and some of it is and some of it isn't.

0737 Admiral SCHULZ wants to know what action has been taken re MADDOX. Replied that Col Lang was working, had sent msgs to the field, and that Col LANG expected enemy air reaction if nothing else to look for their burning PT boat. Adm SCHULZ wanted more info. I told him I would call back.

0738 Asked Col LANG what action B2 had taken: he replied: Msg was sent at about 0600 advising all collecting and reporting stations to use ~~extreme~~ extreme collection effort against all DRV [redacted] elements concerned; another msg was released about 0715 notifying stations concerned to expect enemy air reactions; Col LANG is extremely surprised that there has been no reports from field stations other than the Navy ones re MADDOX incident. No field station ~~has~~ mentioned DRV [redacted] air acty, nor there is ~~any~~ any indication of any reflection of air acty. He is undecided ~~xx~~ whether or not to declare a SIGINT READINESS ALERT.

0740 Relayed above info at 0738 to Adm SCHULZ, who seemed grateful. Adm SCHULZ wanted to make sure that intercept stations other than naval ones had been notified. I replied that all had been notified.

0743 [redacted] states that there are 2 copies of JAMES A/C 1963-964 in NSASCC, but no JANE'S FIGHTING SHIPS. Please order a current copy of JFS & asap. JANE'S FOR 1964 IS ON ORDER 1962-63 EDITION LISTS "SWATOW" CLASS INTB ON

0745 It would be a good idea for SNCO to keep checking periodically with B205, [redacted] NMCC for any latest info.

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[REDACTED]

0815 NMCC Maj Pollock want all info re post attack report on DRV attack on DESOTO patrol soonest.

0830 [REDACTED] finished his report and dptd NSACC

0835 Msg rcvd fm JCS readdressal fm CTG 72.1 dtg 021042Z DESOTO SITREP THREE (S) cpy on bd.

0840 *sk* Msg rcvd fm USA 57 dtg 021102Z NO rpt NO [REDACTED] reaction has been noted at this station B desk notified B 205 they are checking to verify receipt.

0845 *eh* Msg rcvd fm NSAPAC REP VIETNAM dtg 020245Z "DESOTO REPORTING" B desk notified B 205 they are checking to verify receipt.

0955 *eh* Msg rcvd fm JCS readdressal fm COMSEVENTHFLT dtg 020945Z directing Maximum photo coverage of attacking P.T. craft; including the one which is dead in the water. Do not overfly North Vietnam or territorial waters (within three miles) B desk notified B 205 they are checking to verify receipt.

0920 *h* Msg rcvd fm AFSSC 5 AF/USFJ dtg 020527Z Subject: Frag order Delta J.SNOO [REDACTED] in SE ASIA) cpy on SNOO's bd for P211

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[REDACTED]

930 SIT REP # 1 RCVD fm CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE VIA JCS dtg 021217Z
935 SIT REP # 2 RCVD fm CTG " " " " " " " " 021239Z
NIC and NMCC *NOTIFIED*

940 Msg rcvd fm AMERICAN EMBASSY SIAGON VIA JCS Dtg 021230Z re MADDOX incidence AMDASSADOR TAYLOR asks STATE what can be passed to GVN.

945 re item 0930/5 W.O. readdressing SITREP # 2 to COMUSMACV and DIA, SITREP # 1 readdressed to DIA first action taken at the request of STATE DEPT.

955 Msg rcvd fm CTG 72.1 via JCS dtg 021115Z Subject: GULF OF TONKIN action SITREP No significant events period of this SITREP cpy on bd.

955 COL LANG, LOU GRANT and [REDACTED] SNOO have decided with the B desk analyst that the situation in SE ASIA warrants the declaration of a SIGINT READDINES BRAVO WHICH is being declared under the name of LANTERN. ADM SCHULZ has been notified. Col Lang notified Dr Shinn

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1100	[] notified of declaration of SIGINT BRAVO
1120	CIA notified of declaration of SIGINT REARINESS BRAVO [] STAFF notified ADM SCHULZ notified [] called no answer probably with the General [] notified [] notified at the request of [] DR Tordella notified [] notified " " " " [] Mr Corry called no answer [] notified USASA HQ, ph S11325)
1140	W.O. rpts that [] did not protect for the MADDOX. donot know if the maddox recieved the CRITIC
1210	SIGINT READINESS BRAVO "LANTERN" tasking msg released to the following: USN 27, USA 57, USM 626J, USA 32, [], USM 9, [] and USN 414T dtg 021615Z
1215	END PRODUCT 3/0/[]/R 15-64 released to consumers re SIGINT READINESS BRAVO "LANTERN" dtg021628Z
1230	Mr Zaslow in bldg.
1255	Msg rcvd fm USA 57 dtg 021435Z re DESOTO which is a fair wrapup of events which took place in the GULF OF TONKIN by []
1330	W.O advises that CRITICOM reports JAMMING between OKINAWA AND SAIGON SAIGON In view of only 19 minutes outage no action being taken as it may not have been deliberate or over riding xmissions.

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Col Lang states there will be a wrap up of all SIGINT reflection re the DESOTO PATROL

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1545	JCS msg to CINCPAC, DTG 021725Z: DESOTO PATROL MESSAGE Authorizes continuance of DeSoto Patrol in the Gulf of Tonkin Area - closest approach to the NVN Mainland coastline will be 11 miles. Air Patrol CAP will be provided. Warns DeSoto to be extremely watchful for any poss action including submarine acty either against the DeSoto Patrol or the Ticondergga Task Force.
1545	OTG 77.5 SITREP NR 3 received (readressed fm JCS). Gives details on US Aircraft attack on PT Boats. Evidently <u>one US acft was damaged</u> , possibly by enemy fire, but managed to land safely.
1635	USN-27 Follow-up Nr. Four to SPot report received and filed.

[Redacted]

1905 Released Electrical Report, 3/0/[]/R17-64, for Lr. Grant, B205. Report wraps up DeSoto Patrol Incident.

2015 JCS DeSoto Patrol Message -- In event US vessels are attacked in International waters (11 miles offshore) or more), you will seek to destroy the attacking vessel. However, pursuit into hostile waters or air space is not authorized.

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0100	NSAPAC REP VIETNAM (G) , 030230Z, on Support to SSO MACV and 2AD rcvd. Adv. copy given to B2 desk for delivery to B2 early Mon AM. Picked up at 0605

0600	Lou Grant fm B205 in to help with Director's briefing and to review Maddox and Bravo Lantern material
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0655	FLASH Msg fm USN 626J, 030956Z indicates that Vessel T339 (involved in attack on Maddox) was sunk. Called B205 to alert Lou Grant to msg. Too late for this morning's OPSUM, but will be added to Director's brfg. Msg on SNOO Must Read Bd
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1120

l.sg rcvd fm JCS dtg 031325Z readdressal fm COMSEVENTHFLT subject:
DESOTO Patrol amplying instructions. cpy placed in JCS folder.

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[redacted]

Col Lang called from B2 area to inform us that he and all other B2 personnel are leaving the building.

Msg fm CINCPAC~~TEXT~~, readdressed by JCS, received. It gives CINCPAC's recommendations for the DESOTO PATROL: To approach within 8 miles of NVN coastline; requests authorization to continue hot pursuit into territorial waters (~~3 miles limit~~); and use of the term "Territorial Waters" in lieu of "Hostile Waters". Makes good reading and if JCS gives approval there is a possibility of another attack (my opinion). Copy on JAPB.

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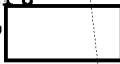
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2335	<p><i>Later changed by USA-32 to 04 date</i></p> <p>CRITIC fm USA-32, 0326Z reports one raid of four [redacted] entered North Vietnam at 0316Z. Called DIA, NIC, & CIA plus STATE. Waited to see [redacted] before calling anyone in. Checked with [redacted] for their comments via OPSCOMM circuit. by DIA</p>
0015	<p>SAC Called XXXXX to ask why reaction to [redacted] flt was being reported by SE Asia stns when there is no mission up. Queried [redacted] Query had passed thru DIA fm SAC. [redacted] to check out for us</p>
0030	<p>[redacted] had nothing to add to USA-32 CRITIC. but are checking thru all their mtl which might be related. At request of [redacted] called CIA Rep at NMCC to ask about approval on next F-100 srike in SE Asia.</p>
0055	<p>Follow-up nr One to USA-32 CRITIC, XXXXXX 040340 indicates four fighters faded on scope at 22 05N and 104 17E. Since this is approx 30nm inside N Viet Nam called L/Col Lang and Lou Grant of E205 to apprise them as best can be done over unsecure phone. Decision was to have activity watched fm NSASCC and [redacted] and to call-in E205 if we have any further significant developments tonight.</p>
0100	<p>Learned fm CIA Rep at NMCC that although further F-100 offensive strike(s) are in talking stage by JCS; no definite decision as yet. Passed this info on to [redacted] via OPSCOMM. (Ref 0030 item above)</p>
0200	<p>[redacted] 040410Z, lateral CRITIC to USA-32 CRITIC indicates negative reflections; reflects rain in [redacted] area.</p>
0210	<p>Telecon with [redacted] indicates [redacted] preparing follow-up to USA-32 CRITIC which will state fight probably did not take place, but was exercise activity. [redacted] unable to answer SAC query on [redacted] reaction reported by USA-57. Called DIA back ref SAC query. SAC, DIA & JRC concerned as to what acft USA-57 is reporting at high altitude over N Viet Nam when there is no [redacted] up now.</p>
<p>0220 DAY SNOO B2 Desk</p>	<p>Had TCom bring USA-57 up on telecon & advised Ops Officer, USA-57 that SAC reported no Lucky Dragon Msn up now. USA-57 indicated on flight they (USA-57) were reporting as [redacted] that there tracking was by DRV only and not by [redacted] Did not feel acft was related to USA-32 CRITIC which USA-57 felt was not valid due to low speeds of acft when tracking plotted. Altitude not obtained by USA-57 on flight they thought was [redacted] DIA will pass this info on to SAC with supposition by USA-57 that this may have been an acft fm off the USS Ticonderoga. DAY SNOO PLSE PASS THIS ON TO B2 in AM & indicate DIA Watch Officer quite upset over USA-57 reporting of [redacted] when there was no [redacted] acft in air. B2 Analyst passing telecon with USA-57 on to B2.</p>

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0735	Follow up Number 2 to USA 32 dtg 040825Z [redacted] fac located at [redacted] began tracking one raid. Tracking continued until 0746Z where the last XXXX plot was [redacted] Altitudes ranged from 21,320ft at 0740Z to 14,760ft at 0748Z, indicating that the aircraft were decreasing altitude to prob land [redacted] cpy in CRITIC folder
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0810	Msg rcvd fm USN 414T dtg 041115Z POSS DRV NAVAL OPERATION PLANNED AGAINST THE DESOTO PATROL TONITE 04 AUG.
0815	SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LANTERN REPORT # 7 dtg 041140Z IMMINENT PLANS OF DRV NAVAL ACTION AGAINST DESOTO MISSION. FOLL NOTIFIED: DIRECTOR, DR TORDELLA, ADP, ADN, DR SHINN, STATE, JRC, NMCC, DIA, CIA, NIC, ONI, B2

[redacted]

1000hrs	Msg rcvd fm FLAG aboard the USS MADDOX dtg 041240Z DESOTO rcvd info indicating attack by PGN/P-4 imminent/ my position 19.7N 107 COE. proceeding southeast at best speed. The foll notified: MR ZASLOW, DIR, DR TORDELLA, ADN, [redacted], NMCC, BIA, NIC, ONI Y2, STATE, CIA
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1115	NMCC REPORTED USS MADDOX UNDER ATTACK AT 1135Z RETURN FIRE at 1142Z THIS INFO CONFIRMED BY DIA STATED RPT COMES FM CINCPAC DUTY OFFICER FODL NOTIFIED EVERY BODY NOTIFIED
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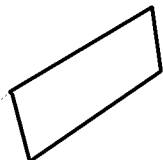
1130	GEN DAVIS IN NSACC
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1145	Mr Hanult C3 rpt the USS MADDOX pursuing the PT bosts
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1200	NMCC rpt 1 PT boat sunk and Hostile AIR cover brokenn off. Other two continue to attack the MADDOX. PT's have poss expended all torpedoes. US air cover on Hand
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1230	6:30 pms Msg rcvd fm JCS DESPTO patrol reports 2 PT on beam closed to 10 Miles. 2 PT south at 40 miles , closing at relative speed of 70 Kts dtg 041448Z
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1230	041619Z msg fm JCS readdressal fm CINPAC dtg 041554Z in view of PT boats attacks on TURNER JOY AND MADDOX TAKE STEPS TO DESTROY ALL DRV PT BOA TS AND SWATOWS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE ENGAGEMENT IN GULF OF TONKIN. A/C to cease pursuit at three mile limit : ships at eleven mile
1300 ALL SNOO 1430 ALL SNOO	DR SHINN IS AT NIC AND WANTS TO BE SURE THAT ALL INFO IS PASSED IMMEDIATEL Mr DRAKE is to be notified when other consumer downtown are called however He will only be on duty 0800 to 1700 daily PH 1 2288
1445	Msg fm COMSEVENTHFLT TO DESOTO PATROL dtg 041552Z 1249Z at first light 5 August proceed to intercept original track between point charlie and delta at 19-10N. Remain on this track during daylight hours. Further instructions too follow.
1550	Info fm ONI by phone that USS CONSTELLATION has dptd SUBI BAY PHIL ILS enroute to relieve the USS TICONDEROGA
XZ#1 1530	ATTENTION D31 has a special on call Personnel list for SE ASIA Contingenc: Planning (IF ANY TYPE OPS PLAN IS DECLARED BY ANY AGENCY PEASE CALL THESE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY. CPY ON SNOO's TRAY)
[redacted]	[redacted]
P.L. 86-36	NMCC RPTD AT 1300 hrs that more torpedoes had been fired than 3 PT boats could possibly carry
[redacted]	DELAYED ITEM DIRNSA ISSUED LATERAL CRITIC AT dtg 041514Z # 1-64 A REVIEW OF ALL SIGINT DATA THUS FAR AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT THE AIR WARNING TRACKING REPORTS, ON WHICH USA 32 CRITIC WAS BASED, ARE VALID. THIS AGENCY HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE THEATER PROCESSING CENTER WHO WILL PUBLISH IN SPOT REPORT THE JOINT NSA/ [redacted] EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN THESE CRITIC
[redacted]	[redacted] dtg 041505Z 2/02 [redacted] R11-64 SPOT POSSIBLE ROUND ROBIN FLIGHTS [redacted] DRV. CPY IN [redacted] folder
[redacted]	info Msg fm CINCPAC WHICH INSTRUCTS "MAINTAIN SPECIAL CONTINUOUS INDICAEIONS WHICH TO FOLLOW [redacted] ALL INDICATORS TO POSSIBLE MOVEMENT [redacted] TO NVN AS RESULT OF DESOTO ACTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour)	1600	(to)	2400	DATE	4 Aug 64
ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM	[REDACTED]			AT	1545

TIME (L)	EVENT
1610	NSA Rep at NIC called to inform us that US Navy will launch a carrier-based attack against North Vietnam Naval targets in approx 2 Two hours. NSA25X3
1705	General Taylor (DIA) called and stated that the execute msg had been sent to CINCPAC at 1700 EDT to attack DRV Naval targets. This will be a one-time attack and will take place about 1900 EDT.
1845	Col Sovern (DIA SS0) called requesting copy of message that states [REDACTED] regiment is moving to North Vietnam with a 12 hour notice. He stated that someone from DIRNSA called Admiral McDonald and gave him this info. Check with B2 and other personnel within building failed to uncover anyone who had given this info to Adm McDonald. Nothing is known here of this message and it is thought to be confusion on the part of JCS with the Critics that were issued.

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour)	0001	(to)	0800	DATE	5 Aug '64
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AT 2345

TIME (L)	EVENT
2330	CRITIC fm USA-32, 050315 (USA-32# 4-64) reports one raid of five [] Ftrs and one raid of two large types. Gen Davis, Dr Shinn, NMCC, NIC, DIA, CIA, State, & [] called fm home & was given gist of CRITIC. [] was to call Mr Zaslow
0010 Day SNOO	[] 050155Z asks for increased ELINT collection effort. Copy on SNOO SAP Bd for P2 in AM
0015	DIA advised us that CINCPAC had placed 7th Fleet on DEFCON Three/Roundhouse at 041653Z. [] indicated via OPSCOMM about this same time that Okinawa also on Defcon Three. DIA believes most of units in Far East connected with current activity in SE Asia are on DEFCON Three
0030	CTF 77, 050300Z indicates first launch (of "Pierce Arrow" acft) commenced CVA-14 050243Z, TOT EST 050510Z
0140	Mr Deeley left Memo to be given General Davis first thing on Wed AM. Mr. Deeley to brief General Davis on this early AM also. On SNOO SAP Bd Copy of same Memo on SAP Bd for Dr. Shinn
0145	DIRNSA, 041514Z Lateral CRITIC to USA-32 CRITIC XXX indicates that the Air Warning tracking reports of USA-32 are valid; [] to publish Spot Report evaluation and summary on this CRITIC.
0210	[] queried by B2 on reaction to "Pierce Arrow". [] had rcvd report that USA-57 were picking up slight increase in [] tracking reports, but no DRV tracking blvd rlvd
0230	[] on NSA Watch at NMCC gave first Post-Strike results of Pierce Arrow strikes: Acft hit Primary Target, Vinh POL Base and left burning; Sighted four PT Boats, - hit all four and sank one; - encountered unexpectedly heavy flak; - One F8 hit, but returned to base

0430 Learned fm DIA by phone that "Pierce Arrow" strikes had destroyed five out of seven Motor Torpedo Boats at Quang Khe. Advised B2 Watch

0455 Verbal report fm ONI watch that two of US Navy strike acft shot down. W.O. went after msg. Called B2 Watch, NIC, DIA. Msg was 050815Z fm CTG 77.6 (Constellation) Two acft A4C#VA-1441 and A1#VA-445. No Survivors reported FIAA

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 0001 (to) 0800 DATE 5 Aug '64

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM [] AT 2345 NSA25X3

TIME (L)	EVENT
0510	050156Z fm CTG 77.5 (Ticonderoga) reports Ben Thuy POL Storage installation (same as Vinh) struck and burning. Destruction estimated 90 percent.
0515	Hq NSAPAC, 050525Z given to B2 desk to pass to B2 is PACSCTYRGN msg to [] Query if SRB LANTERN should not be extended to include all [] units
0525	Russel NSA W.O.L/NMCC advised us by phone that CINCSTRIKE has been moved up to DEFCON TWO. [] had been given info verbally.
0545	CTG 77.5, 050852 reports in Quang Khe boat berthing area One P-4 damaged moving slowly and smoking; One Swatow dead in water and smoking; One probable P-4 dead in water
0605	050808Z fm [] SRB LANTERN RPT # 2: Tech mtl avlble at [] indicates flights of acft into DRV as reported in USA-32 CRITIC 4-64 and follow-ups probably were not valid and did not occur.

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0630 DE SOTO SITSUM 050720Z indicates De Soto patrol expects possible PT/PGM attack this afternoon; "Expect to be opposed, will seek out and destroy attacking craft."

0700 Rcvd wd fm NIC that USA-32 Follow-up to USA-32 CRITIC 4-64 may conflict with [] Report mntd 0605 above. We do not have this follow-up, which is DTG 050345Z. W.O. is tracing report thru TCOM. DAY SNOO/B2 Desk plse check this out with B2 (Missing report now in USA-32 CRITIC 4-64 folder) USA-32 Follow-up states "acft proceeding to Phuchien/Hanoi area".

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour)	(to)	DATE
0800	1600	5 August

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM

AT 0730

TIME (L)	EVENT
0745	Msg rcvd fm NSA REP VIETNAM dtg 050805Z 2nd Air div rpt US navy aircraft shot down over target (believed to be HON GAY . no indication pilot ejected Request SIGINT reflection this incident Cpy in misc folder
0750	Msg fm JCS dtg 050814Z DESOTO PATROL For remainder present Desoto Ops all Desoto SITREPS OPSUMS addressed to AIG will be originated by CTF 77.
0805	[redacted] will be at special US/IB meeting and would like any further info on any type aircraft being introduced into area. His phone CIA WATCH OR 1435921 red
0810	Msg fm JCS dtg 051146 Pierce Arrow SITREP 13 VISUAL SIGHTING AFTER FIRST STRIKE CONFIRMS 10 OUT OF X NR TANKS DESTROYED
0815	Msg fm JCS PIERCE ARROW SITREP # 15 POSITION 16 12N 110 39E. WILL DELAY NEXT AND FINAL SITREP UNTIL CAN RECAP AND CONFIRM STRIKE RESULTS WITH PHOTO
0835	JCS PIERCE ARROW SITREP 14 8 aircraft attack thre PT boats. Est light to moderate damage to all
0845	Change # 2 to 2/G11/VHN/R21 -6 4 DELETE AND SUB HAIPHON REPORTS AT 0826Z enemy aircraft bombarded VINH and DRV ships at HON NGU 18-44N 105 45E the DRV "TASK FORCE" of SWATOW TL46 AND VESSELS TL30 were ordered to reenforce camouflage and to disperse.
0900	JCS msg dtg 051239Z PIERCE ARROW SITREP 15 AS 051200Z RESULT RESULT RESTRIKE VINH POL TANKS DESTROYED VINH ENGULFED IN FLAMES, 6 GUNS FIRING EXCESSIVE AA HIT. ALL GUNS FIRING BEGINNING OF ATTACK 1 GUN FIRING ON COMPLETION. ARMED RECCE 2 PT BOATS DESTROYED 3 LIGHT MODERATE DAMAGE.
0905	SIGINT READINESS BRAVO LANTERN RPT 1 f m USA 32 dtg 050049Z AT 2320Z 05 AUGUST VIETNAMESE CIVIL AIR FAC WITH CONTROL AT HANOI WERE NOTED P PASSING THE FOL MSG TO O/S AT VINH: ADVISE IMMEDIATELY SITUATION P PREPARE EACH POINT.
0910	USN 27 050950Z 2/Q/VHN/ _____ THE ENEMY IS LARGE SHIP _____ PRESENTLY THE ENEMY IS AT A BEARING OF 125 DEGREES DISTANCE 19 MILES COURSE 27 DEGREES SPEED 11 KTS THIS INFO FM 02 AUG.

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

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0800	1600	5 August
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1015	[REDACTED] NMCC REPORTS BOTH THE USS MADDOX AND TURNER JOY ARE BEING RELIEVED BY USS EDSON AND HUBBARD. WILL ARRIVE ON STATION ON 07 AUG MADDOX AND TURNER JOY BEING PULLED BACK FOR FUEL AND ROUTINE MAINTENANCE	
1030	JCS dtg 051201Z ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF CINCPAC OPLAN 37-64 DEPLOY FORCES IN PARAGRAPH 1 B TO DESTINATION INDICATED ASAP. POLITICAL CLEARANCE FOR ALL DESTINATION COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RECVD.	
1045	[REDACTED] DAILY [REDACTED] SIGINT SUMMARY FOR 5 AUGUST RCVD CPY ON B desk bd.	
1045	JCS dtg RPTS PIERCE ARROW TGT QUANG KHE, FIVE F8E/ ONE RF8 TIME OF LUNCH 050430Z BASE CVA-14 NSA25X6	
	[REDACTED]	
1055	fm CTG 72.1 PATROL ARRIVED VIC PT CHARLEY NO UNSUAL ACTY NOTED THUS FAR	
1055	JCS dtg 051302Z PIERCE ARROW TGT VINH POL STORAGE TGT BURNING SMOKE TO 13M ft	
1100	MSG FM [REDACTED] dtg 050900Z SIGINT ALERT DECLARED IN MY 042340Z IS HEREBY RAISED TO AN ALERT STATE TO AN ALERT STATE <u>TWO</u> RETAINING THE CODE NAME E EMERALD	
1105	JCS dtg 051357Z FINAL SUMMARY PIERCE ARROW STRIKES 5 AUG NR 17 TWO STRIKES WERE FLOWN AGAINST THE POL STORAGE AREA AT VINH. THE FIRST STRIKE BY 6 A4's/4A1s AND 6F8 DESTROYED AT LEAST 8 POL TANKS AND SET THE STORAGE AREA ABLAZE. THE SECOND STRIKE DESTROYED 2 to 4 TANKS MODERATE AAA WAS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE FIRST STRIKE, A TWO GUN AAA POSITION NEAR THE STORAGE AREA WAS STRUCK AND DESTROYED, DURING THE SECOND STRIKE A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF AAA WAS ENCOUNTERED FROM A 6 GUN POSITION WHICH WAS STRUCK BY 4 A4 ACFT. FIVE GUNS ARE ESTIMATED DESTROYED. ONE STRIKE OF 6 F8s WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST TORPEDO BOAT CONCENTRATIONS AT QUANG KHE, ONE BOAT ESTIMEATED DESTROYED AND THREE DAMAGED. ONE ARMED COASTAL RECCE FLIGHT OF 4 F8s ATTACKED THREE PT BOATS INFLICTING LIGHT TO MADERATE DAMAGE TO THREE. TWO ADDITIONAL PT BOATS STRUCK BY ARMED COASTAL RECCE AS TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WERE DESTROYED. ONE F8 SUSTAINED A SINGLE 30 CALIBER HIT. THERE WERE NO IN#JURIES AND NO OTHER ACFT WERE HIT.	
1125	RPT FM USM 626J dtg 031926Z 2/GLL/VHN R 08 64 BROVO LANTERN # 3 DRV NAVAL VESSELS LOCATE THE 135 VESSEL (AND OR UNIT THEREOF) AT 1758Z IN A MESSAGE FM HAIPHONG TO VESSEL 5146, INSTRUCTIONS WERE PASSED TO SEND TWO SHIPS TO PROTECT AND HELP THE 135 RETURN.	
1130	JCS ALERTS ADDITIONAL UNITS dtg 051233Z cpy in JCS folder	

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 0800	(to) 1600hrs	DATE 5 August
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ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM [redacted]	AT 0730	P.L. 86-36
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TIME (L)	EVENT
1145	JCS dtg 050810Z ALERT AND DEPLOYMENT ORDER (QUITE LONG) IN JCS folder
1155	USA 57 dtg 051333Z BRAVO LANTERN # 3 NO ADDITIONAL ACTY RPTD OTHER THAN BS PATROL MISSION BEING CUNDUCTED OVER DESOTO PATROL.
1200	FM [redacted] DAILY [redacted] SIGINT SUMMARY FOR 5 AUG RCVD dtg 050830Z cpy B desk
1205	PORCE ARROW SPECIAL SIT REPORT NR 2 JCS dtg 051254Z RECAP OF AIR STRIKES AND DAMAGE CPY IN FOLDER

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[redacted]

1315 CINCPAC IMPOSED MINIMIZE WESPAC AREA . JCS IMPOSES MINIMIZE WORLD WIDE ON ALL ORIGINATOR OC TTY , TELEPHONE AND DATA MSG ADDRESSED WESPAC AREA BECAUSE OF VIETNAM CRISIS, EFFECTIVE UNTIL CANCELLED BY JCS. dtg 051226Z cpy in JCS folder.

1320 JCS dtg 05635Z CINCPAC SEASIA ALERTS AND DEPLOYMENT CY in JCS folder

[redacted]

~~1345~~
1345 DIRNSA CRITIC FOLLOW UP NR 1 dtg 051616Z SUBJECT: [redacted]
[redacted] DRV cpy in CRITIC FOLDER

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1345) P SUPPORT OF NSACC FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA dtg 5August cpy on SNOO tray
1530

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1600

[Redacted]

[Large Redacted Area]

1850

052120Z fm NSAPAC re; OPLAN 37-64 rcd. Called [Redacted] (D31) who said Dr. T had put out something about 1700 which answered all the questions. Should have made this entry earlier but mislaid the msg.

1900

[Redacted] (B2) called for position of MADDOX. Called Y2 and JRC and got conflicting information on status of DESOTO patrol. Y2 said it had been suspended; JRC said it would return to track 7 August, implying it would not be on track 6 Aug. [Redacted] is under the impression that it is on track right now and that MADDOX and JOY will be replaced on 7 Aug by EDSON and HUBBARD. ~~XXX~~ JRC (Col Gullixson) didn't seem to know anything about the latter two ships and referred me to JCS # 7761, 052228Z which we should be getting soon. Am still trying to resolve this.

1930

Contact with Col Gullixson again. He confirmed substitution of ships on 7 Aug but couldn't say whether DESOTO was on track for 6 Aug or not. If JRC can't tell us the status of their own operations, we are in trouble.

2100

Got complete info fm Y1 on DESOTO LOCATIONS

MADDOX and JOY at 16 N 110E
CONSTELLATION 14 30 N 110 30E

[Redacted]

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TICONDEROGA 1500N 111.20E

Supporting Ships:

MOORE 1630N 109E

FECHTELER 17N 110.30E

Note: SNOO [redacted] is a charter member of the crew of the FECHTELER, having put that ship in commission 19½ years ago.

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Y1 confirms that there will be no DESOTO patrol for 6 Aug.

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FROM (hour) 1545 (to) 2345 DATE 6Aug64

ASSUMED THE [redacted] AT 1545 P.L. 86-36

TIME (L) EVENT

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- 1700 B2 put item in [redacted] Air acty in Part II, SDS, refering readers to 3/0/[redacted]/RO2 which is now in preparation.
- 1700 Requested immediate pickup of Special DIAINTSUM by courier.
- 1730 Request fm COL. HABER, DIA, for evidence of DRV attack on 4 Aug. Referred to B2 OPS who said they had nothing to add to VHN/RO3. This report HABER had said was insufficient for MCNAMARA'S purposes. [redacted] went down to explore a little and came back later saying that B2 had done about all they could but would be on lookout for something meatier. DEL LANG called a little later and said they would try again. In the event LANG comes up with anything, I plan to ask HABER for a request on which a reply from us can be based.
- 1900 [redacted]
- 1935 [redacted]
- 1935 [redacted] departed for his quarters.
- 1945 Del Lang called. In going through traffic on DESOTO attack of 4 Aug, He could find no intercept for two hour period fm 1044Zto1252Z. He is sending FLASH msg to 626J and USN 27 requesting explanation, if any.
- 2000 [redacted] called in track for DESOTO. Betsy copied and will deliver to B2 OPS.
- 1930 Called D. Shinn and cleared 1730 item with him. He said anything LANG might come up with should go out as additional end product to DIA, in response to their request.
- 2050 [redacted]

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour)	0001	(to)	0800	DATE	7 Aug '64
ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM	[redacted]	AT	2350		25X1

TIME (L)	EVENT
0045	Telephone query fm CIA Ops Center [redacted] answrd as to up to minute recap of no of acft in [redacted] moved past 24 hrs. Rcvd recap fm B2 watch [redacted]
0135	CRITIC fm [redacted] 070523 reports a minimum of six fighters headed directly twds the DRV. This CRITIC is a follow up to [redacted] SRB LANTERN REPORT NO THREE, 070455Z and SRBL RPT 4, 070512Z (Also [redacted]. Called B2 Watch, Mr [redacted] NMCC, [redacted] NSA25X3
0200	ref 2330 entry on 6 Aug: [redacted] made many points for NSA by couriering latest B2 wrap-up of [redacted] DRV acty to NMCC last night. Previous night electrical report did not reach NMCC until morning which handicapped DIA and NMCC. [redacted] passes on that NSASCC/ B2 support being rendered NMCC/JCS is being greatly appreciated. Also received call fm [redacted] CIA Rep at NMCC expressing same thing
0300	CINCPADFLT, 070611Z sent FYI to CAG GP DAHLZ, FLASH, "Air acty over Hainan indicates poss air attack against DeSoto patrol". Tipped off initially by [redacted] to this msg. Jerry indicated JCS already in action with many lights going on in Pentagon. Added [redacted] to distbtn of our FYI. L/Col Lang in B2 Ops rm. Called [redacted]
0350	[redacted]
0400	Admiral Muston, Chief of J3 Ops and Battle Chief, J3 was called in to JCS approx 0330. JCS accepts CINCPACFLT rpt above. CINCPAC, 070405Z sends to all elements the "Rules of engagement" - " Authority granted to declare hostile and engage any DRV/CHICOM aircraft whose actions and behavior indicate within reasonable certainty that Air Attack on US Forces is intended"
0420	USM 626J, 061755Z, SRBL Rpt 29 - Poss shutdown of own acft by DRV on 06 Aug
0430	CRITIC fm USN 27, 070852 CRITIC # 1-64 reports " North Vietnamese Naval Comms at 070805Z indicate DRV Quote determined to destroy the enemy and fulfill all responsibilities unquote
0515	L/Col Lang relayed rqst fm L/Col Steinhäuser taken care of by W.O. to pass to DIA NLT 0600 B2 msg B205/25, 070118Z on JCS Rqmt mntd 1730 entry on 6 Aug and responses fm [redacted] and 467N. Were rcvd by 0600 at PIA)
0530 SNOOs	Red Phone(ring-down) to NMCC out all night. NSA Rep at NMCC can be reached by calling (on Black phone) 11-50147 or 11-59629 ACTION SHLD BE TAKEN FRI AM TO RESTORE RING DOWN TO NMCC
0530	[redacted] in to monitor current happenings

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0530 SNOOs
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 0530
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FROM (hour)	0001	(to)	0800	DATE	7 Aug 164
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0555	SRB Lantern 36 fm USM 626J, 070900Z reports Unusual acty on U/I naval communications facility (Prob asd w/ Northrn Flt. Included statement "100% not in position". Operator (DRV) very emphatic about and had considerable trouble, passing the two group msg.
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0630

[REDACTED]

0650

B2 infmd by NMCC that JCS are regarding SRB Lantern rpt 36 fm USM 626J ((0555) above) as indication of imminence of pending attack. At rqst of Snr Officer present, JCS (~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Gen Wisman, NMCC/DDO), Del Lang was patched thru to CINCPAC on Command Phone System of NMCC to give NSA reaffirmation of this; which was also repeated by NMCC to CINCPAC. Called General Davis, Dr Tordella, Admiral Schulz, Dr Shinn to be sure they stopped by the NSASCC on way in this AM to be brought up to date

0720

This info being passed to Chief, JCS with NSA opinion/comments. Also passed to CIA. General Wisman of NMCC (DDO) passed on to Lt General Burchinal. [REDACTED] states JCS may up the US Defense alert status/es this AM

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 0001 (to) 0800 DATE 9 August

ASSUMED THE W [] AT 1330

TIME (L) EVENT

0050 MSG FM USN 27 dtg 090336Z SRB # 34 090257Z PORT WALLUT PASSED THE FOLLOWING MSG TO U/I ENTITY. WE HAVE FISHED (OUT OF THE WATER) THE BODY OF ONE AMERICAN PILOT AT THE COAST (OF)(1 GR U)

0130 MSG fm [] to USA 32 [] 57 AND [] dtg 090445Z HAV JUST BEEN INFORMED BY DIRNSA THAT LUCKY DRAGON A/C WAS POSS FIRED ON THIS MORN- ING ABOUT 0300Z ROCKETS WERE USED FOR THE ATTACK BUT THERE IS NOT INFO ABOUT HOW ROCKET WERE FIRED. REQUEST ALL POSS REFLECTIONS BE FWD AN APPROPRIATE VEHICLES

[Redacted]

0300 DAY SMOG msg fm SSO MACV VIETNAM dtg 090602Z "LUCKY DRAGON" at 090220Z, at approximately 21-28N 106-08E Pilot saw three missiles firing straight up, one exploded at 80 thousand the other fell off without exploding. Pilot took evasive action and returned to home station. this msg request guidance for future missions. Unable to determine whether SAM or AIR to AIR missiles. Estimate missiles were two feet in diameter. Please call ~~632/322~~ for action in the A.M.

[Redacted]

0455 ~~MSG~~ SRB # 39 fm USN 626J MTB's T333 and 336 still under tow. Sea going Tug "BACH DANG"(TL120) recieved orders to go ahead and tow MTB T333 and T336 back. (These vessels were damaged in the 02 August) The T333 is still waiting for the tug. cpy in folder B desk notified B2

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 2330 (to) 0800 DATE 11 August

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM [redacted] AT 2330 P.L. 86-36

TIME (L) EVENT

0030 Msg fm USAFSS dtg 102249Z RECOMMENDS FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN ARRIVING AT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO ACRP ORBITS IN GULF OF TONKIN. MSG PLACE ON P2 REP DESK FOR DELIVERY TO P211 in the A.M.

0040 D SNOO Msg on bd for delivery to Gen Blake in the A.M

0045 Msg fm JCS dtg 101430Z THE DESOTO PATROL INTO THE GULF OF TONKIN PROPOSED FOR 12-17 AUG IS NOT APPROVED, REPEAT NOT APPROVED. ATA LATER DATE, WILL CONSIDER ANOTHER PATROL IN RESPONSE TO NORMAL REQUIREMENTS. B2 INFORMED CPY ON BD FOR INFO ONLY.

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0100 Msg fm CINCPAC dtg 110108Z A large measure of reliance is being placed on COMINT to provide strategic warning for a timely execution of contingency plans, particularly for ground [redacted] movements in remote [redacted] 2. At this juncture CINEPAC does not concur with the report that [redacted] are deploying troops southward into DRV. this is based on carefully considered rationale. 3. Request your assessment. If an entire [redacted] ground unit has in fact moved into VIETNAM this is a highly significant event that places an entirely new focus on current estimates of enemy intentions. (TKKXKXKX) B desk notified to insure that B2 has cov

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0320 [redacted]

0325 Msg fm AFSSO SAC dtg 110500Z G.T. mission 3934 scheduled for 11 August. cpy given to B desk

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (How) 0800 (to) 1600 DATE 11 Aug 64

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM 25X1 [redacted] AT 0745 P.L. 86-36

TIME (L) EVENT

1100 SNOCS CIA Day Watch [redacted] wants the Command Center to notify them of any items of interest which could be included in the CIB. This was formerly done by B2, but they have been given instructions to go through the Command Center.

[redacted]

1115 Lt Col Lang called and requested a copy of CINCPAC msg DTG 070820Z dealing with the second DRV attack on DeSoto. Checked all folders here and could not find. Have called [redacted] at NMCC who will try to get us a copy. Sent msg to CINCPAC reqstg retransmission

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

FROM (hour) 1600 (to) 2400 DATE 12 Aug '64

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM [redacted] AT 1545 P.L. 86-36

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1600	B2 advised Chief, NSASCC that Sigint Readiness Bravo "LANTERN" was to be dropped to SR Alfa this afternoon/evening. B2 will be preparing a Situation Report this evening and will continue their all-night watch (ST 4182) B26 will have an all-night watch on ST-4718 [redacted] till midnight)
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[redacted]

1800	B205/269/64, 122208Z, sent to all concerned to downgrade SRB Lantern to Alfa. All reporting will remain same except to drop SRB Lantern Reports
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[redacted]

1810	DIA SEA Sit Rm called checking status of 36 Migs at Phuc Yen.
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[Large redacted area]

2210	Flash Msg fm USA-57, 13015Z - Prob Low Level Recon Flt over Laos
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[redacted]

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NSA SIGINT COMMAND CENTER - RECORD OF EVENTS

P.L. 86-36

FROM - (hour) 0001 (to) 0800 DATE 13 August

ASSUMED THE WATCH FROM [redacted] AT 2330

TIME (L) EVENT

0001 [redacted]

0100

Col Tisdale DIA CIIC levied a requirement on NSA B2 through the NSACC which originated at NMCC Gen Wisman. They want time and distance from shore that US aircraft were first acquired by enemy radar on 05 August. Col Lang was in B2 when the requirement was passed on and He called Col Tisdale back to confirm the requirement and stated we would have the info for him by 0500 as requested. [redacted] B2 received all the details from DIA and is calling personnel to accomplish. Col Lang ask Col Tisdale about Public disclosure of SIGINT info at which time Col Tisdale stated it would not be used as press rebuttal and felt the SIGINT info would be protected. Col Lang reiterated that public disclosure worries us and asks DIA to confirm the requirement in writing.

0145

Col Tisdale DIA CIIC called to asks how the requirement should be addressed to DIRNSA. I told him to address to DIRNSA for PO5

[redacted]

0315

Msg [redacted] dtg 130404Z SIGINT ALERT "EMERALD" is hereby downgraded to alert one in view discontinuance of US Naval Patrols in Gulf of Tonkin and absence of indications of imminent Chinese Communist/North Vietnamese actions. cpy given to B desk

0400

[redacted]

0445

[redacted]

0510

Col Tisdale DIA/CIIC called to see if there had been any activity reflected for the 36 aircraft now in PHUC YEN and any unusual naval activity in the Gulf of Tonkin. I checked with SEA WAR Room and [redacted] in the negative. [redacted] HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE ABOVE ITEM. CONVERSATION WAS TAPED BY [redacted] replied

0600

re item 0100hrs Info passed to DIA/CIIC Col Tisdale by [redacted] B2, this info will be put in a cable to DIA to confirm phone call. According to [redacted] time did not permit a complete evaluation of all material but B2 will continue this research until completed. The back up cable will not be released until Col Lang reviews info this A.M. for [redacted]

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2010	Col Parks of DIA called inquiring as to whether or not any new info had come in to change figures presented in Pentagon today by NSA Reps. Checked with B2 Ops Center and they had nothing new to change Gulf of Tonkin information that was available to NSA Reps at Pentagon this afternoon. Advised Col Parks of this. We have noticed nothing in NSASCC since 1600 to change figures presented.
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