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FM CINCUSNAVEUR

TO RUFPEK/USCINCEUR

INFO RUENAAA/ CNO

RUEDNWF/ CINCLANTFLT

RUTPRO/ COMSIXTHFLT

RUEPJS/ JCS

RUFRR/ COMFAIRMED

RUTMPE/ CTF SIX ZERO

RUTPP/CTG SIX ZERO PT FIVE

RUTPP/RUQKRM/USS LIBERTY

RUTPRD/CTG SIX ZERO PT TWO

RUEDNWF/ CONSERVLANT

RUTPRE/ CONSERVFOR SIXTHFLT

RUCIJFA/ JAG

RNTK/ COMNAVSTA ROTA

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COURT OF INQUIRY (U)

A. NY 901633Z NOTAL

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B. USCINCEUR ECDC 09200 DTG 101045Z NOTAL

C. JCS 7634 DTG 101852Z NOTAL

1. A COURT OF INQUIRY HAS BEEN CONVENED TO INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING AN ARMED ATTACK ON USS LIBERTY ON EIGHT JUNE 1967. THE COURT IS DIRECTED TO INQUIRE INTO ALL THE PERTINENT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO AND CONNECTED WITH THE ARMED ATTACK; DAMAGE RESULTING THERE FROM; AND DEATHS AND INJURIES TO NAVAL PERSONNEL. THE COURT HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS OF FACT.

2. RADM ISAAC C. KIDD, JR. USN, IS PRESIDENT OF THE COURT. CAPT BERNARD M. LAUFF, USN, AND CAPTAIN BERT M. ATKINSON, USN, ARE MEMBERS OF THE COURT. CAPT WARD BOSTON, USN, IS COUNSEL FOR THE COURT. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALLEN FEINGERSCH, USN, IS ASSISTANT COUNSEL FOR THE COURT.

3. THE COURT WILL CONDUCT ITS PROCEEDINGS IN CLOSED SESSIONS.

4. THE COURT CONVENED AT 102230Z JUN AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF CINCUSNAVEUR. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COURT WILL PROCEED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN ON 11 JUN AND BOARD USS LIBERTY AT SEA AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.

5. CINCUSNAVEUR WILL NOT MAKE PRESS RELEASE UNTIL AFTER COURT

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DEPARTS LONDON AND THEN ONLY IF QUERIED. FURTHER PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE FURNISHED NOT LATER THAN TIME OF LIBERTY'S ARRIVAL IN MALTA.

6. A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT.

7. CTG SIXTY POINT FIVE (COMDESROM TWELVE) DELIVER TO LIBERTY.

8. COMNAVSTA ROTA DELIVER TO RADM RENKEN, CONSERVLANT, WHO MAY PASS THROUGH ROTA ENROUTE MALTA ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY.

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