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A. MY SUM TOTAL 001 DTG 081400Z JUN 67

1. USS LIBERTY (AGTR-5) WAS REPORTED UNDER ATTACK BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNBOATS AT 31-23N, 33-25E AT 081237Z. SHIP HAS BEEN HIT BY A TORPEDO AND IS LISTING BADLY. ATTACKING FORCES HAE BEEN DECLARED HOSTILE. DIRECTIONS FOR PILOTS AUTHORIZED TO USE FORCE INCLUDING DESTRUCTION AS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE SITUATION. NOT TO USE MORE FORCE THAN REQUIRED. NOT TO PURSUE ANY UNIT TOWARD LAND. PURPOSE OF COUNTER ATTACK IS TO PROTECT LIBERTY ONLY.

2. COMSIXTHFLT REPORTS LIBERTY'S MESSAGES AUTHENTICATED.

3. USS AMERICA (CVA-66) HAS LAUNCHED FOUR ARMED A-4'S AND USS SARATOGA (CVA-60) HAS LAUNCHED FOUR ARMED A-1'S WITH FIGHTER COVER TO DEFEND LIBERTY. PILOTS DIRECTED TO REMAIN CLEAR OF LAND. ETA FIRST AIRCRAFT ON SCENE 1515Z.

4. REPORT RECEIVED AT 1422Z FROM NAVCOMMSTA MOROCCO QUOTE 1. USS

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LIBERTY UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ATTACKING BOATS AFTER ATTACK HELICOPTER
CIRCLED THE SHIP BELIEVED TO BE ISRAELIE. UNQUOTE.

5. USDAO TEL AVIV ISRAEL REPORTED BY HIS 081414Z THAT ISRAELI
AIRCRAFT AND MTB ERRONOUSLY ATTACKED LIBERTY AT 081200Z.

6. ALL AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN RECALLED. LIBERTY REPORTED FOUR DEAD
AND OVER FIFTY WOUNDED. PROCEEDING ON COURSE 340 DEGREES AT
8 KNOTS.

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