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TO RUMSBJ/SECOND AIRDIV
 RUUAZ/FIFTH AIRFORCE
 RUMALC/THIRTEENTH AIRFORCE
 RUHLKM/PACAF
 RUMSMA/COMUSMACV
 RUMFS/COMNAVPHIL
 RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN
 RUAMC/COMNAVFORKOREA
 RUAGFL/COMUSTDC
 RUHLHS/USARPAC
 RUEKDA/JCS
 RUECW/CNO
 RUHLHQ/CINCPAC
 RUATZL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUHPG/CG FMFPAC
 RUATO/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUWDAE/COMFIRSTFLT

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USS MADDOX WHILE ON DESOTO PATROL IN THE GULF OF TONKIN WAS PURSUED BY THREE DRV PT CRAF AND ATTACKED IN THE VICINITY OF 19.41.5N 106-35.6E AT 020808Z WHILE RETIRING TO EASTWARD AT 25 KTS. TORPEDO ATTACKS AND 37 MM MACHINE GUN FIRE WERE EXPERIENCED. MADDOX RETALIATED WITH 5 INCH GUN FIRE DAMAGING ONE PT. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES OR MATERIAL DAMAGE WAS INCURRED BY MADDOX. AIR SUPPORT FROM USS TICONDEROGA, CONSISTING OF FOUR F8ES ARMED WITH ZUNIS AND AMMO, WAS PROVIDED FEW MINUTES LATER. AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AND REPORTED ONE PT DIW AND BURNING WHILE REMAINING CRAFT FLED TOWARD SHORE WITH MINOR DAMAGE. MADDOX OPENED TO THE SOUTH.

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