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SUBJ: DRV VESSELS ATTACK DESOTO PATROL IN GULF OF TONKIN
FYI THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY USS MADDOX (DESOTO PATROL VESSEL) TO COMSEVENTHFLT AND READDRESSED BY COMSEVENTHFLT TO CNO, CINCPACFLT, COMNAVFORJAP. ALL MESSAGES WERE FLASH PRECEDENCE AND UNCLASSIFIED.
MESSAGE NR ONE: SENT AT 020740Z QUOTE I AM BSZNG APPROACHED BY HIGH SPEED CRAFT WITH APPARENT INTENTION OF TORPEDO ATTACK. INTEND OPEN FIRE IF NECESSARY IN SELF DEFENSE UNQUOTE.
MESSAGE NR TWO: SENT AT 020807Z: QUOTE BEING ATTACKED BY 3 DRV PT CRAFT. I AM OPENING FIRE WITH FIVE INCH BATTERY. AIR SUPPORT FROM TICONDIROGA ETA 15 MINUTES UNQUOTE
MESSAGE NR THREE: 020829Z: QUOTE PT CRAFT COMPLETED TORPEDO ATTACK AND RETIRING SHIP. SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. SHIPS GUN DAMAGED ONE (DRV PT BOAT)). AIRCRAFT FROM TICONDIROGA NOW ATTACKING PT CRAFT. I AM RETIRING TO SOUTHEAST UNQUOTE.
REQUEST EXTREME COLLECTION, PROCESSING AND REPORTING VIGILANCE ON PART OF ALL WITH REPORTING ACCOMPLISHED IAW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND AT PRECEDENCE APPROPRIATE TO ACTIVITY. ESPECIALLY CONCERNED REGARDS [redacted] REACTION
FOR [redacted] APPREC DESOTO SITREPS PASSED VIA TELECON. REQUEST YOU PASS ANY RECEIVED AFTER NR THREE AND ARRANGE FOR DIRNSA RECEIPT DIRECT FROM ORIGINATOR ALL FUTURE SITREPS
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