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Air Strike Against North Vietnam (TS)

1. By 0700 local 5 August conduct a one-time maximum effort attack of following targets with objective of maximum assurance of high level of target destruction:

a. SWATOWs and PT boats located at bases Port Wallut, Hon Gay, Phuc Loi and Quang Khe and at Loc Chao estuary (19-46N; 105-57E). Targets are boats.

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b. POL at Vinh.

c. Armed recce against SWATOWs and PT boats beyond 3 mile limit. For purpose of armed recce attack of SWATOWs and PT boats, off-shore islands are considered outside 3 mile limit.

d. If weather precludes meeting above time of attack proceed soonest and notify JCS ASAP.

2. Use CVA aircraft only.

3. Armed recce aircraft are to avoid Hainan Island and not to come within 50 miles of CHICOM border.

4. Continue DESOTO Patrols.

5. Defer 34 ALFA operations for 24 hours.

6. Advise details of operations plan when available, including number of sorties each target complex, weapon loading, tactics, etc. Flash report on mission success desired plus photo coverage ASAP.

7. If targets not destroyed on first strike, you should request authority for a second strike. GP-3.

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