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COUNTRY: NORTH VIETNAM

DOI: LATE SEPTEMBER TO EARLY NOVEMBER 66

SUBJ: OBSERVATIONS BY SHIP'S OFFICER IN HAIPHONG:
DAYTIME PARALYSIS OF HARBOR; DISPLAY OF CAPTURED
AMERICAN PILOT; SLOWDOWN IN DISTRIBUTION OF
CARGO

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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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1. THE [REDACTED] SHIP [REDACTED] UNDER TIME CHARTER TO THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE SHIPPING AGENCY VIETFRACHT, WAS IN HAIPHONG HARBOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FROM LATE SEPTEMBER TO EARLY NOVEMBER 1966. THREE DREDGES
WERE OBSERVED IN THE HARBOR, BUT THEY WERE NEVER SEEN OPERATING
[REDACTED] THE HARBOR WAS PARALYZED DURING DAYTIME
HOURS AND MOVEMENT TOOK PLACE ONLY AT NIGHT, CAUSING BIG TIE-UPS
AND DELAYS. PILOTS CAME TO SHIPS ONLY AT NIGHT, AND SHIPS ARRIVING

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AFTER DAWN COULD NOT ENTER THE HARBOR UNTIL DARK, SOME OIL TANKERS WERE OBSERVED WITH LIGHTER BARGES SNUGGLING THEM DURING THE DAY AND DISCHARGING OIL CARGOES DURING THE NIGHT. THE SHALLOW DRAFT OF HAIPHONG HARBOR ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO THE TIE-UPS. THE BUOY NUMBER THREE AREA CAN BE ENTERED ONLY AT HIGH TIDE.

2. AT FIRST ONE CHINESE MERCHANT SHIP WAS OBSERVED WITH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS MOUNTED AFT, AND LATER THREE WERE SEEN. THE GUNS WERE LARGER THAN THE OERLIKON TYPE

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ONE OF THESE SHIPS FIRED AT AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AND DESISTED ONLY AFTER THE CAPTAIN REGISTERED A COMPLAINT. ITS GUNS WERE DISMOUNTED WHEN THE CHINESE SHIP LEFT HAIPHONG FOR SINGAPORE. THE SHIP'S NAME WAS NOT KNOWN.

3. ON ABOUT 30 SEPTEMBER THE OFFICER SAW A STOCKY AMERICAN PILOT WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY FISHERMEN PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS OF HAIPHONG WITH HIS HANDS TIED.

4. SMALL ARMS WERE ISSUED TO ALL FISHING BOATS IN THE HARBOR AREA, AND MUCH MILITIA-TYPE TRAINING WAS GOING ON. THE OFFICERS WERE TAKEN TO PROPAGANDA MOVIES AND TO VISIT

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PROPAGANDA SITES IN HAIPHONG.

5. GENERAL CARGO WAS STORED IN THE OPEN IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY, PARTICULARLY AROUND A BIG MOVIE HOUSE. THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE CARGO IS MOVED BY RAIL MOSTLY AT NIGHT, SLOWING DOWN DISTRIBUTION. CAMOUFLAGED CARS AND TRUCKS WERE SEEN CARRYING CARGO.

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