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OFFICE OF CHIEF MAAG, SAIGON

43-707 - 8-4-54 - 50,000 BK. - IMP. FRANÇAISE D'OUTRE-MER - SAIGON

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| FROM<br><br>CTG 90.8                | CLASSIFICATION<br><b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>   | PRIORITY<br><b>PRIORITY</b> |
| ACTION ADDRESSEES<br><br>CINCPACFLT | INFO ADDRESSEES<br><br>COMAMPHFORPACFLT    COMNAVPHIL<br>COMAMPHGRU 3        CNO<br>CHMAA SAIGON        COMNAVFE<br>COMSTSPACAREA       CTF 90<br>COMSTS<br>COMSTSWESTPACAREA |                             |

SITREP 121 IN 6 PARTS.

PART 1.

NO LOADING 14, 15 OR 16 JAN. TOTALS TO DATE NO CHANGE EXCEPT NEW TOTALS 56 DEATHS. 119 BIRTHS.

PART 2.

CHANGE IN TO 90.8 SHIPS. GEN HOWZE, HERKIMER, CODINGTON, LST 47 AND LST 176 SAIGON. LST 520 CAP ST JACQUES. ARLO OLSON, SWORD KNOT, LST 546 AND GUNSTON HALL ENROUTE HAIPHONG.

PART 3.

TOTAL REFUGEES HAIPHONG 13368 WITH 4912 READY TO GO. REFUGEES INFUX AVERAGE 550 PER DAY. FRENCH OUTLOADING ABOUT 100 PER DAY BY AIR.

PART 4.

CONTINUED HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY SEAS SOUTH CHINA SEA DELAYING RETURN SHIPS TO HAIPHONG. LST 47 AND 176 SUFFERED CRACKS OF SEVERAL INCHES IN HULL IN ENGINE ROOM AND DIRECTED RETURN SAIGON FOR REPAIRS BY FRENCH NAVY.

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LST 529 ANCHORED IN LEE OF CAP ST JACQUES. SWORD KNOT DELAYED 36 HOURS IN MOVEMENT TO HAIPHONG. ARLO OLSON TAK 245 UNDERWAY SINCE 090600Z JAN 18 NOW ONLY 130 MILES WEST NORTH WEST CAP ST JACQUES AND STILL MAKING NO HEADWAY TOWARD HAIPHONG. OLSON ANCHORED FOR 65 HOURS AT POULO OCEIR DE MER.

PART 5.

INTEND FUEL AND REPLENISH TASK GROUP PERIOD 16-23 JAN FROM TALUGA (AO 62).

PART 6.

II CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN COMPANY SUBMITTED LETTER TO ADM QUERVILLE, COMMANDER FRENCH NAVAL FORCES TONKIN, 28 DEC REQUESTING SHIPMENT DURING PERIODS INDICATED OF POL US EQUIP NON OAY COAL MINES. MARCH OR APRIL. 79 VEHICLES AND OTHER PIECES VERY HEAVY EQUIP PRINCIPALLY 15 AND 20 TON TRUCKS AND BULLDOZERS. EARLY MAY 26 VEH AND OTHER PIECES HEAVY EQUIP INCLUDING 20 TRUCKS 6 TON AND 4 POWER SHOVELS EACH 35 TON. QUERVILLE STATES COMPANY DIRECTOR ESTIMATES TOTAL VALUE ALL LISTED EQUIP AT 200 MILLION PIASTERS AND COAL ALREADY MINED AND AWAITING SHIPMENT 500 MILLION PIASTERS.. DIRECTOR ALSO STATES HANOI NEGOTIATIONS BEING CARRIED ON BETWEEN COMPANY OWNERS AND VIETMINH INCLUDE STIPULATION THAT US FUNDED EQUIP BE EVACUATED WITHOUT INCIDENT. EQUIP LISTED IN LETTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL US FUNDED EQUIP AT MINES. AMBASSADOR COLLINS AND CHIEF USON INFORMED OF ALL ABOVE BY MAAG DET HAIPHONG. //

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