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SITREP 122 IN 7 PARTS. PART 1. NO LOADING 17 OR 18 JAN. PART 2. CHANGE IN TG 90.8 SHIPS. GEN HOWZE, MARINE SERPENT, ARLO OLSON, LST 520, LST 546, GUNSTON HALL, COOK ENROUTE HAIPHONG, HERKIMER AND CODINGTON SAIGON, LST 47 ENTERED GORENCPNABAL DRY DOCK SAIGON. LST 176 AWAITING REPAIRS SAIGON. SWORD KNOT HAIPHONG. PART 3. TOTAL REFUGEES HAIPHONG 14034 WITH 5698 READY TO GO. REFUGEE INFLUX 525 PER DAY. FRENCH OUTLOADED ABOUT 60 PER DAY BY AIR PAST 2 DAYS. PLAN LOAD GEN HOWZE 20-21 JAN AND MARINE SERPENT 21-22 JAN. UNABLE COMPLETE LOADING IN 1 DAY DUE COMMITMENT FRENCH LANDING CRAFT TO ARMY LANDING EXERCISE BEING CONDUCTED ISLAND OF CAO BA. PART 4. HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY SEAS PERSIST. ARLO OLSON NOT MAKING HEADWAY. GUNSTON HALL REPRS STARBOARD ENGINE INOPERATIVE BUT CAN EFFECT OWN REPAIRS IN TWO DAYS HAIPHONG. PART 5. CAPT ST ANGELO ARRIVES 19 JAN. INTEND TRANSFER STAFFS TO COOK 20 JAN AT HENRIETTE PASS. PART 6. ADM QUERVILLE REPORTS CEMENT COMPANY RECEIVED DISPATCH ORDERS FROM PARIS ^{HAIPHONG} AYJD QUARTERS TO LEAVE BARGES AT HAIPHONG. PART 7. FRENCH LSM PICKED UP ~~5~~ 4 REFUGEES, PARTICIPANTS IN BA LANG AFFAIR 16 JAN OFF BA LANG COAST AND RETURNED HAIPHONG.

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FURTHER PICKUPS THAT AREA IMPOSSIBLE DUE VIETMINH MORTARS PLACED TO PREVENT INSHORE OPERATIONS OF FRENCH SHIPS. FRENCH NAVY STILL PLANS CAREFUL PICKUPS INDEFINITE FUTURE

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