

P. 5. Provide less coordination/assistance to Air Force (AF) in
support of operations (S).
NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMAND (NDC) in coordination with SEVENTH

Military Assistance Command, Vietnam on all naval matters less
air and amphibious planning/coordination with Commander SEVENTH
Fleet and less matters relating to employment of III MAF.

f. Provide NMCB support to III MAF.

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APPENDIX I

Status, Responsibilities and Tasks of Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 5440.11

Ref: (a) JCS Pub 2

(b) General Order 19

1. Purpose. To define the terms of reference for Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam (COMNAVFORV) as a uni-service commander.

2. Command and Operational Control. (As defined in paragraph 30201 and 30202 of reference (a)):

a. Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam is under the operational control (OPCON) of Commander U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and under the command (less OPCON) of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

b. Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam exercises OPCON over Naval Support Activity DaNang, Naval Support Activity Saigon and their outlying detachments.

c. Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam commands the Naval Advisory Group, Vietnam.

3. Geographical Boundaries. The limits of Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam area of responsibilities are the geographical boundaries of the Republic of Vietnam and the territorial waters thereof.

4. Mission. Under the Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet, Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam shall:

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a. Serve as Naval Component Commander for Commander U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam in accordance with paragraph 30201 of reference (a).

b. Perform area coordination functions in Vietnam for purely naval matters in accordance with reference (b).

c. Perform such other Navy functions and assume such responsibilities directly connected with Vietnam as may be assigned by Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

5. Tasks. Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam under Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet performs the following tasks:

a. All of the functions of Naval Component Commander which are described in paragraph 30232 of reference (a) and which are a responsibility of a component commander to his service chief i.e., communications, internal discipline, training (readiness) tactics, service intelligence, and logistic functions normal to the component except as otherwise noted.

b. Naval communications and the coordination thereof, where necessary, with the appropriate unified command chain.

c. Plan for and coordinate naval base development planning with RVN.

d. Plan for, program, construct, and operate port/beach facilities, depots and ancillary facilities including roads and bridges in I Corps Tactical Zone which are not included within the boundaries of an installation funded for and operated by another component commander.

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- e. Act as the single point of contact for Commander U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam on all naval matters less air and amphibious planning/coordination with Commander SEVENTH Fleet and less matters relating to employment of III MAF.
- f. Provide NMCB support to III MAF.

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APPENDIX II

Civic Action and PsyWar Material distributed during April:

1. 27.5 tons of welfare material were made available for distribution by Vietnamese and U.S. personnel.
2. Over one ton of material was distributed to the families of VNN personnel who had their homes destroyed by fire in Saigon; and over $\frac{1}{2}$ ton was distributed to special VNN dependent welfare cases.
3. 7.5 tons was distributed to Rung Sat Special Zone Headquarters for use in their civic action program.
4. 3.5 tons was given to U.S. construction battalion teams for use with refugees at Tay Ninh.
5. 15 tons of welfare material and 1200 pounds of medicine were sent with LSMH 400 on its deployment to the Mekong Delta.
6. The PsyWar Bureau issued 22,900 magazines, 52,400 posters, and 91,500 leaflets to Vietnamese and U.S. units for further distribution.
7. 40,000 safe-conduct passes were issued for use during Operation JACK STAY.
8. 100 Vietnamese-English language books were distributed for use by MARKET TIME units in their language teaching and learning programs.

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APPENDIX III

Totals for First Nine Months of MARKET TIME:

TOTAL FOR FIRST SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31 JAN 1966

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INSPECTED</u>	<u>BOARDED & SEARCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>JUNKS DETAINED</u>	<u>PEPS DETAINED</u>
31 Jan 66	25,764	14,184	29,948	UNKNOWN	933

TOTAL FOR THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING 1 MAY 1966

6 Feb 66	2,048	1,893	3,941	34	126
13 Feb 66	1,455	1,514	2,969	7	72
20 Feb 66	2,135	2,067	4,202	6	59
27 Feb 66	2,400	1,915	4,315	8	83
6 Mar 66	2,726	2,456	5,182	27	184
13 Mar 66	1,917	2,429	4,346	10	133
20 Mar 66	2,574	3,171	5,745	15	142
27 Mar 66	2,067	2,849	4,916	6	74
3 Apr 66	2,141	2,206	4,347	9	72
10 Apr 66	2,557	3,094	5,651	13	123
17 Apr 66	3,665	3,503	7,168	17	174
24 Apr 66	2,824	3,388	6,212	27	171
1 May 66	3,956	5,067	9,023	12	206
	<u>32,465</u>	<u>35,552</u>	<u>68,017</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>1,560</u>

TOTAL FOR NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDING 1 MAY 1966

58,229	49,736	107,965		2,493
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8 May 66	3,071	3,460	6,531	11	180
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APPENDIX IV

Summary of personnel in Naval Advisory Group, GTF 115 and GTF 116

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>On Board</u>	<u>Total</u>
NAVFORV	124	79	<u>79</u>
NAVADVGRF	810	745	<u>745</u>
GAME WARDEN			
Base and Support - 86			
Boats, Staff - <u>198</u>			
	284	284	
IST/ISD - 356 *		<u>356</u>	
GAME WARDEN TOTAL - 640			<u>640</u>
MARKET TIME			
Base and Support - 229			
PCFs, BoatRon - <u>573</u>			
	802	802	
5 DER @ 173 - 865			
6 MSC @ 62 - 372			
1 MSC @ 33 - 33			
2 AKL @ 74 - 148			
1 YR @ 60 - 60			
1 ARL @ 190 - <u>190</u>			
	1668 *	1668 *	
Coast Guard		425	
VP-1		<u>135</u>	
MARKET TIME TOTAL - 3030			<u>3030</u>
TOTAL NAVADVGRF, TF 115, TF 116 - <u>4494</u>			

(* = Estimate based on type allowance)

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NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM

MONTHLY HISTORICAL SUMMARY

APRIL 1966

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POINT COMFORT INCIDENT

ILE DE L'EAU
(CAMBODIA)

RVN DEFENSIVE SEA AREA BOUNDARY

PT BOAT

2108 EP

2123 EP

2123 EP

PT COMFORT

VIETNAMESE TERRITORIAL WATERS

PHU QUOC ISLAND
(VIETNAM)

LEGEND:



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USCGC POINT COMFORT/Cambodian PT Boat Incident

The evening of 28 April USCGC POINT COMFORT was on a routine patrol in area nine in the proximity of Hon Son, a small island close to the Cambodian Border. At about 2100 POINT COMFORT inspected junks anchored near the island. Inspection revealed these to be Vietnamese Navy junks. While proceeding to check several other junks in the same area she visually detected what appeared to be a bow wave of an approaching surface unit. A definite radar contact was picked up at a range of four miles closing POINT COMFORT on a reciprocal course. At first this was thought to be another Vietnamese Navy unit.

At 2123 POINT COMFORT received a flashing light challenge "AA", causing POINT COMFORT to re-evaluate the contact as a possible Vietnamese Navy Fleet Command ship (Vietnamese Navy junks have no signal gear, and Fleet Command ships often substitute the international "AA" challenge for the standard VNN/USN recognition signals). As the two vessels passed abeam at a range of 1000 yards, POINT COMFORT challenged using the standard VNN/USN challenge. No reply was received. At the same time the executive officer was able to examine the contact using the Starlight Scope night visual aid, determining the silhouette to be a Cambodian PT boat of a class previously seen in the border waters.

At 2125, immediately after passing abeam, a tracer round

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passed directly over POINT COMFORT, followed at five second intervals by three additional rounds. POINT COMFORT stated that this was forty millimeter fire, apparently directed about 200 feet overhead. POINT COMFORT went to general quarters and maintained her course away from the Cambodian. The PT boat soon changed course and proceeded deep into Cambodian waters. No further contact was made.

The next morning USCGC POINT BANKS observed a Cambodian PT boat of the 78-foot HYGINS class anchored in the general area of the incident (see chart). This was the same type that had fired on POINT COMFORT.

Both the POINT COMFORT and the Cambodian PT boat were operating in Republic of Vietnam territorial waters, within the Republic of Vietnam Defensive Sea Area. At no time during the incident did POINT COMFORT violate the line of demarcation between Republic of Vietnam and Cambodian territorial water, nor did she take any action which might be construed as hostile or provocative, merely having issued a standard flashing light challenge. At the same time, the Cambodian committed a hostile, provocative act within the Defensive Sea Area of the Republic of Vietnam.¹

Commander in Chief, Pacific has recommended to the Joint Chiefs of Staff that a formal protest be lodged with the Royal Cambodian Government.² The American Embassy, Saigon has sent

¹JCS msg 8781, 162317Z Dec 65 (TS), Defines the boundary of the RVN Defensive Sea Area, and promulgates rules of engagement for MARKET TIME units. CINCPAC msg 122233Z Apr 66 (S), proposes adopting the slightly different VNN Patrol Boundary for simplicity and better VN-US coordination.

²CINCPAC msg 030040Z May 66 (S).

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a concurrent recommendation to the Secretary of State.¹ It is felt that failure to make this protest could encourage Cambodian units to engage in similar acts in the future.

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¹American Embassy, Saigon msg 020840Z May 66 (S).

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