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John Greenewald, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5 U.S.C. § 552 request submitted to Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Headquarters (NCIS). Your request and documents were referred to this office on July 25, 2016, and assigned control number 2016-29. You requested a "copy of records, electronic or otherwise, of all concluding documents for each investigation in the KNET database concerning unidentified flying objects (UFO), also include all concluding documents for each investigation of unidentified submersible objects (USO); include any variation of unidentified objects not mentioned here." A review of the referred documents has been completed and has been determined that Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet is the release authority.

Our review of the referred documents reveals that it contains personal identifiers (such as names and social security numbers) of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Further, during our review of the referred documents, we discovered a responsive classified document consisting of one page, and determined it was not possible to segregate exempt information from nonexempt information and are withholding this document in its entirety in accordance with 32 C.F.R. 701.8(1). Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(1) and (b)(6), your request must be partially denied in order to withhold this information. With any adverse determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Mr. Christopher Julka at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031. Additionally, in the interest of openness and transparency, you may visit <http://open.defense.gov/transparency/declassification.aspx> to review the declassification process. All responsive records are provided to you as attachments to this letter.

This office considers this FOIA request completed and closed. If you have any questions, you may contact Juan Lopez, Command FOIA Coordinator, at (619) 437-2206 or [juan.r.lopez@navy.mil](mailto:juan.r.lopez@navy.mil). Please be sure to refer to the case number shown above in all correspondence about this case.

Sincerely,

D. J. JONES

Commander, U.S. Navy  
Force Judge Advocate  
By Direction of the Commander

Enclosure: Responsive documents

### **Appeal Rights**

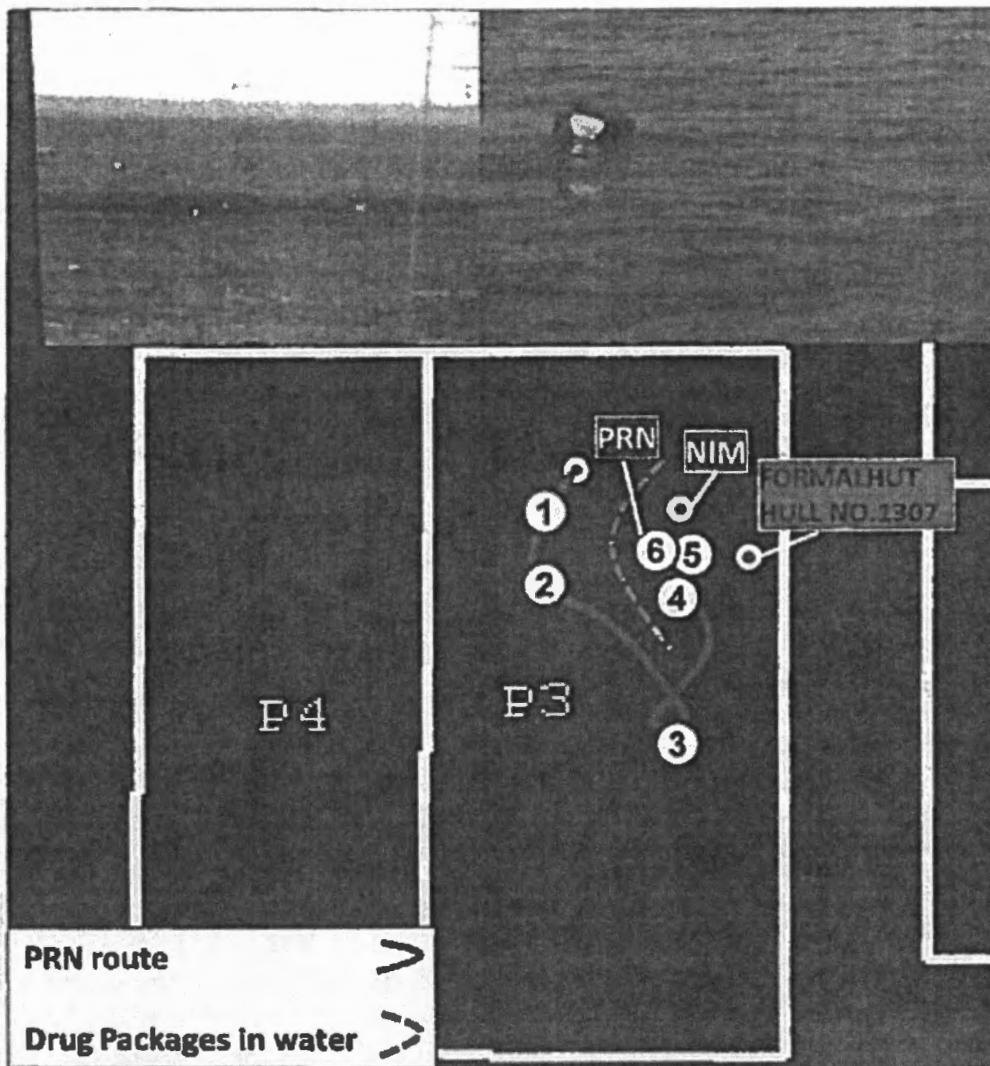
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# USS PRINCETON CG-59 INTERACTION W/2 x PANGA'S AND CONTRABAND RECOVERY OPERATION

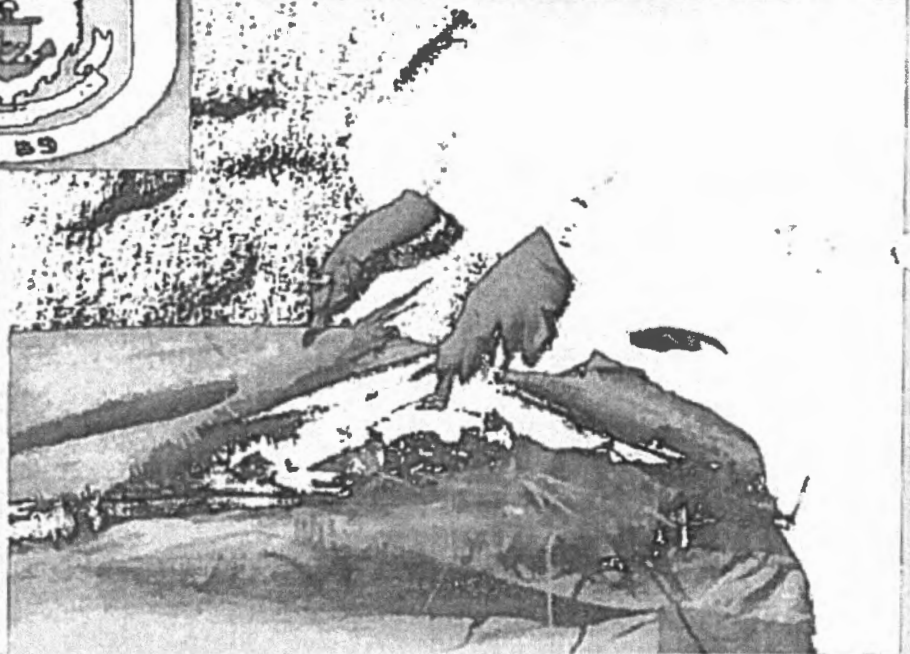
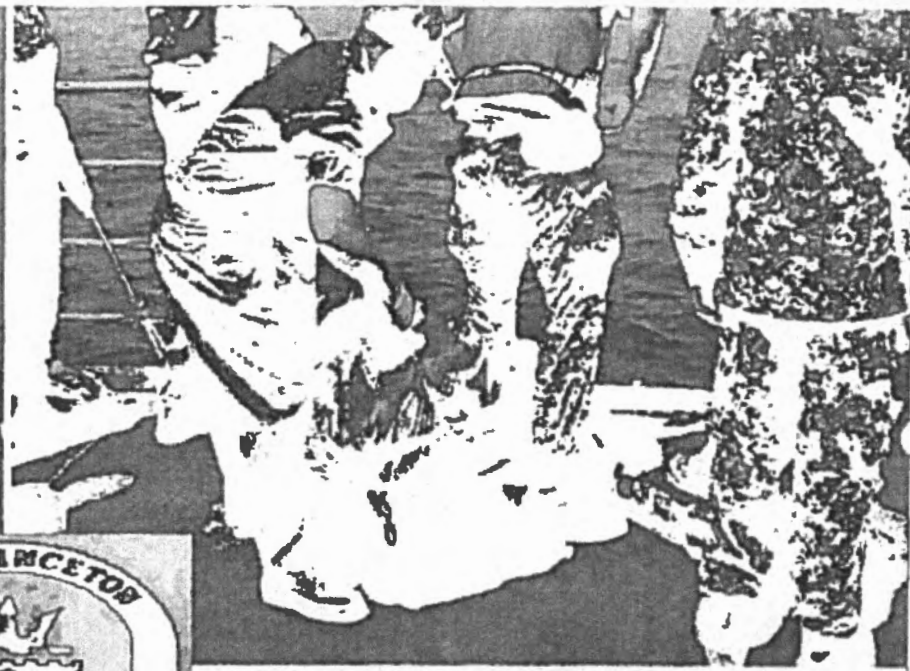
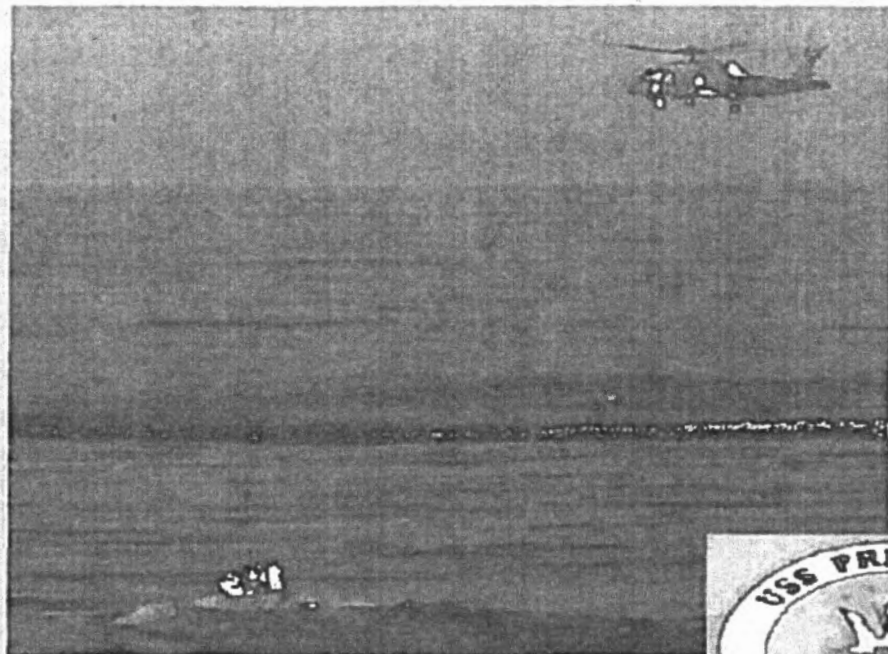


## Timeline of Events: 16 JUNE 2012

1. 162045Z(1345L) – NIM Helo INDIAN 613 rpt/d sighting 2 x 25ft white small craft (SC) each w/single outboard motor and 4x personnel dumping numerous black pkgs over side. No ID Flag or country markings
  - 162055Z(1355L) – NIM contacts PRN via BTB reporting two SC at 129T at 6.6 kts IVO 3132N 1149W. PRN VIDS SC bearing 293 T and 10nm from PRN
2. 162055Z(1355L) PRN pursues SC and searches contraband.
  - 162058Z(1358L) PRN manned VBSS and SCAT
  - After sighting INDIAN 613, SC altered course to 194T and increased speed to 30kts
3. 162110Z(1410L) Report of pkgs in water, PRN abandoned pursuit of SC (CPA 10nm) and changed course to 025 to retrieve pkgs
4. 162114Z(1414L) PRN Initially located 26 PKGS in water
  - 162119Z (1419L) PRN lost radar returns on SC. Last known posit 3102N 11749W
  - 162134Z(1434L) – Launched 1<sup>st</sup> RHIB stbd side – Initiated recovery of pkgs at 2157Z(1457L)
  - PKGS wrapped in plastic, approx 3'x2'x2', 80lbs
  - 2 x RHIBS in water conducting recovery operations
5. 162351Z(1651L) PRN Helo 722 launches to provide SA and locations of PKGS
  - 170046Z(1746L) MEX Coast Guard vessel FORMALHUT hull no. 1307 on station 3110.29N 11749.16W to assist in recovery
6. 170228Z(1928L) PRN completed recovery of 186 bales (~15,000lbs) of prob. marijuana

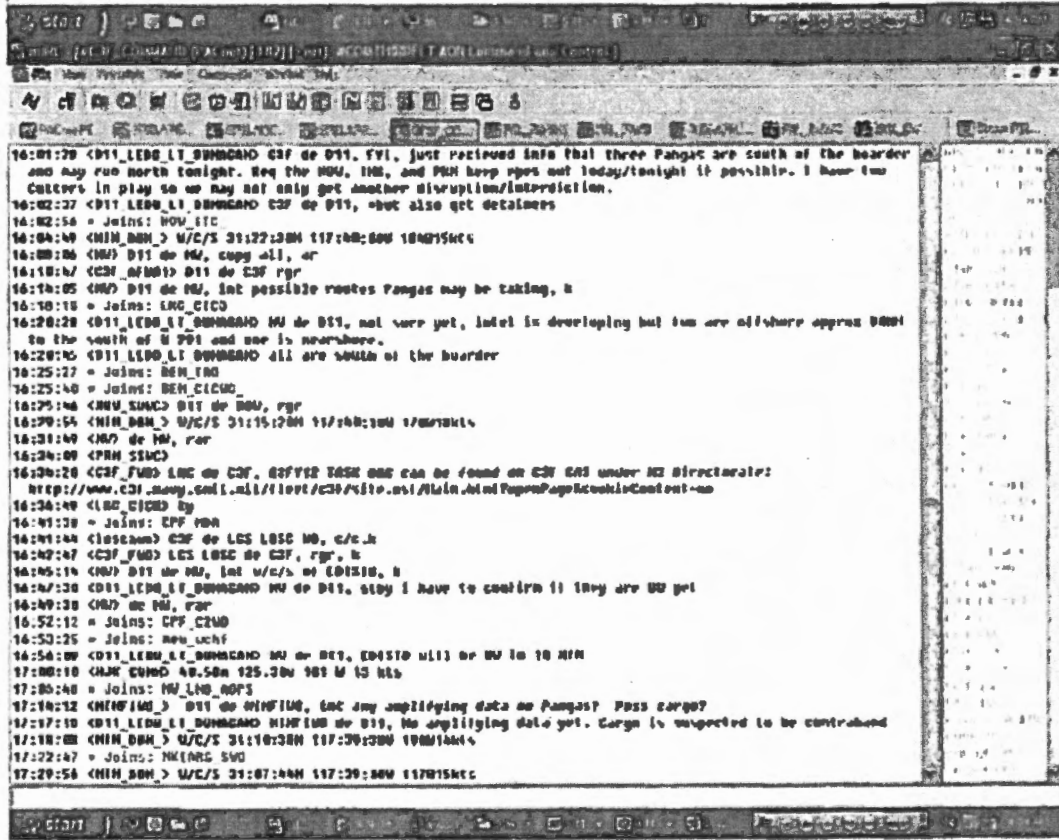
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00:51:24 = Joins: PFM FMD  
00:52:01 (C) (C) CCF de HQ: track 5002 (reported to your OPS) has been VIO'ed as MEXICAN PIRATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] recovering contraband, b  
00:52:10 (C) (C) HQ are holding a track in case  
00:52:05 CCF FMD de CCF, R, K.  
00:52:11 = Joins: CMC 101  
00:52:04 (C) (C) LEON AL DOMINGO HQ de D11, req to confirm that LEON is on scene and recovering balet?  
00:52:02 = CMC 101 is now known as CMC 10  
00:52:10 CMC 1000 0500z / 43 20n 175 29w trk 100 spd 17.0kts  
00:52:43 = Parts: D100-100  
00:52:30 (C) (C) D11: Offirm  
00:52:40 (C) (C) D11: 1307 sighted recovering contraband  
00:52:51 = Joins: MCI 0000  
01:00:10 (C) (C) D11: last sign address to forward photos, b  
01:00:52 = Parts: PAC\_SU  
01:00:50 = Parts: CMC100\_RCC  
01:01:17 = Parts: CCF\_MCMO  
01:02:01 = Joins: CCF\_MCMO  
01:04:25 = Joins: D11 PAC-5  
01:04:37 = Joins: CMC100\_RCC\_1  
01:04:51 (C) (C) CMC 1000 1) b appears as\_Mob1.  
01:04:57 (C) (C) CCF de HQ: track 5002 (reported to your OPS) has been VIO'ed as MEXICAN PIRATE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] recovering contraband, b  
01:05:05 CCF FMD de CCF, R, K. b1 how balet has PFM recovered?  
01:07:06 (C) (C) D11: I need a sign address to forward photos, b  
01:07:38 = Joins: PFM\_FU  
01:07:47 = Joins: PFM\_TAO  
01:08:53 (C) (C) D11: How any balet have been recovered [REDACTED]  
01:09:41 (C) (C) LEON AL DOMINGO HQ de D11 rgr sign initial [REDACTED]  
01:10:36 = Parts: CCF\_MCMO  
01:11:00 (C) (C) Photos in the air  
01:12:05 = Parts: MCI 01001  
01:15:02 = Joins: MCI 01001  
01:16:27 (C) (C) CMC 1000 0500z (0507) Please contact CMC 1000 for any comments.  
01:18:50 = Parts: MCI 01001 (ccf\_command)  
01:19:42 = Joins: CMC1000\_FMD  
01:19:53 = Joins: MCI 01001  
01:20:55 = Joins: MCI 01001

02:20:34 = Joins: CFF MCMO  
02:51:26 = Joins: PFI\_MIB  
02:57:12 CCF 1000 HQ de CCF: What was the final package count on PFM and how many packages did the MEX Navy  
recovered?  
02:57:16 (C) (C) CMC 1000 03.50n 125.29w trk 100.12.0kts  
02:58:42 (C) (C) CCF de HQ, final balet count 106 recovered by PFM. b1b how many packages the MEX Navy  
recovered  
04:00:10 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:00:30 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:00:50 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:11:37 CCF 1000 b appears as CMC  
04:13:25 (C) (C) D11 LEON de HQ, CCF req how many balet were picked up by the MEX Navy  
04:15:02 (C) (C) LEON HQ de D11: we do not have a total balet count from MEX all  
04:16:00 CCF FMD rgr. Thanks. Nice work?  
04:16:05 (C) (C) CCF de HQ: LCA LCA HQ, c/c. b  
04:17:15 (C) (C) MCI 01001: Who is sending the SITREP?  
04:18:30 (C) (C) CCF FMD de D11: we will be sending an OPSM and Splice Report but not SITREP  
04:22:07 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:22:50 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:23:02 (C) (C) D11 de HQ, rgr.  
04:24:02 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:24:55 = Parts: MCI 01001  
04:25:50 = Parts: MCI 01001 (ccf\_command)  
04:26:05 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:27:55 CCF FMD b1b will work? Thanks?  
04:28:11 = Joins: CFF MCMO  
04:41:00 (C) (C) CCF de HQ: we were tracking these guys for 7 weeks out of Mazatlan; I didn't know you  
had ships in the area or I would have tipped you, my apologies. Do you happen to know what was in the  
balet? Cube or MJ?  
04:42:41 (C) (C) CCF FMD CCF: Looks like we got a tipper this morning to D11 from D11. 2-3 hours later MCI balet  
and PFM we on it. Green leafy substance from what I read.  
04:43:22 (C) (C) CCF FMD Offirm.  
04:43:50 CCF FMD Hoper. We're here 24-7. Concur? Nice teamwork today. Balet off to the folks underway.  
Cettin'er smart  
04:54:51 = Joins: MCI 01001  
04:58:19 (C) (C) CMC 1000 0500z / 43 20n 175 29w trk 100 spd 17.5kts  
05:02:30 = Parts: CCF MCMO  
05:02:44 = Joins: CFF MCMO



16:01:28 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO CDF de DTI, FVI, just received info that three Pangas are south of the boarder and may run north tonight. Beg the MMU, DMU, and PRM keep eyes out today/tonight if possible. I have two Cutters in play so we may not only get another disruption/interdiction.

16:02:37 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO CDF de DTI, about also get detainees

16:02:56 = Joins: NOV TIC

16:04:00 CHIN\_DDM > W/C/S 21:22:20M 117:00:00M 18M45Kts

16:08:00 CND de NU, copp all, ar

16:10:47 CDF DTI de NU, int possible routes Pangas may be taking, h

16:14:05 CND de NU, int possible routes Pangas may be taking, h

16:19:18 = Joins: LRC\_CICM

16:20:20 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO NU de DTI, not sure yet, intel is developing but you are offshore approx 5000 to the south of U-201 and one is nearshore.

16:20:45 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO all are south of the boarder

16:25:27 = Joins: BEN TIC

16:25:40 = Joins: BEN\_CICM

16:25:46 CND\_SINC DTI de NU, rgr

16:27:55 CHIN\_DDM > W/C/S 21:15:20M 117:00:10M 17M45Kts

16:31:49 CND de NU, rgr

16:34:09 CPM\_SINC

16:34:20 CDF\_FMO LRC de CDF, QPRY12 TDRS ONE can be found on CDF CAS under OC Directorate:  
<http://www.cdf.mony.mil.mil/leet/cdf/site.mil/Main.html?op=PageContent/Control-on>

16:36:40 CUC\_CICM by

16:41:30 = Joins: CDF\_MOR

16:41:44 (LRC) CDF de LCS LDCS W, c/c,h

16:42:47 CDF\_FMO LCS LDCS de CDF, rgr, h

16:45:14 CND DTI de NU, int w/c/s of 18450, h

16:47:30 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO NU de DTI, why I have to continue if they are BU get

16:49:30 CND de NU, rgr

16:52:12 = Joins: CDF\_CMO

16:53:25 = Joins: NOV\_MCAF

16:54:09 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO NU de DTI, LDISTU will be BU in 10 MIN

17:00:10 CND\_CMO 40.50m 125.30m 101 @ 10 kts

17:00:40 = Joins: NU\_LND\_MPS

17:14:12 CHIN\_DDM > DTI de HIN/DMU, int any amplifying data on Pangas? Pass cargo?

17:17:18 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO HIN/DMU de DTI, no amplifying data get. Cargo is suspected to be contraband

17:18:00 CHIN\_DDM > W/C/S 21:10:30M 117:20:30M 19M45kts

17:22:47 = Joins: HIN/DMU SMD

17:29:56 CHIN\_DDM > W/C/S 21:07:44M 117:39:00M 17M45Kts

18:35:35 = Joins: PRM STRIKE

18:36:40 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO HIN de DTI, HES2000 confirmed they have three vis in the area, a 300' Ocean Patrol craft and two small interceptors. The interceptors are supposed to stay within 5 MI of the Ocean Patrol vis so they are sending an interceptor to check that contact.

18:41:01 = Joins: HIN\_CICM

18:41:02 = Joins: HIN\_CICM

18:41:30 CDF\_CMO DTI rgr

18:46:46 CD11\_L100\_LI\_DUMGANO HIN de DTI, HES2000 is diverting both interceptors to the last position of that radar contact.

18:55:00 = Rejoined channel BC3F\_CDMO

18:55:00 = Topic is 'BC3F\_HIROFLI BRN Command and Control'

18:55:00 = Set by CDF\_1000 on Fri Apr 24 20:07:15

18:55:20 = Joins: PEL\_CICM

18:57:20 = Joins: PEL\_DDM

18:57:37 CDF\_CMO DTI de HIN rgr

18:59:41 = Joins: CDF\_C2B\_OIC

19:00:40 CND\_CMO 40.50m 125.29m 1770 12 kts

19:00:24 = Joins: PRM\_STTU

19:00:20 = Parts: HES75\_HOMESAUDD

19:10:41 = Joins: BEN\_CICM

19:10:40 = Joins: BEN TIC

19:11:37 = Joins: HIN\_HDM

19:11:51 = Joins: CDSG11\_EMO

19:10:45 = Joins: NU

19:20:56 = Joins: PRM\_EPS

19:20:56 = Joins: PRM\_SINC

19:21:00 = Joins: PRM\_SINC ST0

19:21:01 = Joins: PRM\_SOMAR

19:21:01 = Joins: PRM\_TOC

19:21:01 = Joins: PRM\_DDM

19:21:01 = Joins: PRM\_CUS

19:21:09 = Joins: PRM\_S11

19:21:48 = Joins: PRM\_STRIKE

19:21:52 = Joins: PRM\_CMO

19:24:40 CND CDF de PRM, LDISTU along side, rigging for transfer of contraband.

19:27:52 CDF\_FMO PRM de CDF, rgr





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COMTHIRDFLT  
COMNAVSURFPAC SAN DIEGO CA  
COMCARSTRKGRU ELEVEN  
INFO COMNAVREG SW SAN DIEGO CA  
CHINFO WASHINGTON DC  
CNIC WASHINGTON DC  
ONI WASHINGTON DC  
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GENTEXT/INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION AND DETAILS/

1. INCIDENT: RECOVERY OF SUSPECTED DRUG CARGO
2. DATE OF INCIDENT: 16JUN2012
3. TIME OF INCIDENT: 162050Z-170245Z (1350T-1945T)
4. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: IVO SOCAL OPAREA P-3 (3115N 11750W)
5. INCIDENT: AT 1355T, WHILE PREPARING FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS, NIM CONTACTED PRN OVER BTB REPORTING TWO FAST BOATS BRG 129T AT 6.6KTS IVO 3132N 11149W. PRN UNDERWAY WITH NIM CONDUCTING PRE-RIMPAC INTEROPERABILITY TRAINING. PRN BEGAN PURSUIT OF VESSEL AT MAX SPEED AND REQUESTED NIM SEND HELO TO INVESTIGATE.

INDIAN 613 DIRECTED BY NIM TO RESPOND TO SMALL CRAFT, BELIEVED TO BE PANGAS. INDIAN 613 LOCATED 2X WHITE, 25FT PRIVATE VESSELS, EACH WITH A SINGLE OUTBOARD MOTOR IVO 3115.58N 11750.60W, HEADING SE AT 20KTS. NEITHER VESSEL HAD IDENTIFIABLE COUNTRY FLAG OR MARKING. INDIAN 613 APPROACHED VESSELS, CPA OF 500METERS. WHILE APPROACHING, AIRCREW IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 4X PERSONS ON EACH VESSEL THROWING NUMEROUS BLACK BALES OVERBOARD.

AFTER IDENTIFYING NIMSG, FAST BOATS ALTERED COURSE TO 194T AND INCREASED SPD TO MORE THAN 30KTS. AT 1410T, PRN ABANDONED PURSUIT OF SMALL CRAFT; LAST RANGE 10NM AND OPENING. PRN ALTERED COURSE TO 025T TO RETRIEVE PACKAGES IN WATER. AT 1414T, PRN LOCATED APPROX 26 PACKAGES IN WATER BRG 020R-060R. AT 1419T PRN LOST RADAR RETURNS FROM SMALL CRAFT. LAST KNOWN POSIT 3102N 11749W.

PRN LAUNCHED FIRST RHIB AT 1434T TO RECOVER CONTRABAND. FIRST 3 PACKAGES RECOVERED BY RHIB AT APPROX 1457T. CONTRABAND WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGS. APPROX 100LBS AND 3'X 2'X 2'. BOAT OFFICER REPORTED POSSIBLE GPS TRACKING DEVICE IN WATER (NOT RECOVERED).

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SECOND RHIB LAUNCHED AT 1510T. FROM 1510T TO 1945T, PRN RHIBS CONDUCTED RECOVERY EFFORTS OF CONTRABAND. AT 1650T, PRN LAUNCHED LONEWOLF 722 TO ASSIST IN LOCATING EXTENT OF CONTRABAND FIELD. LONEWOLF 722 RECOVERED AT 1930T.

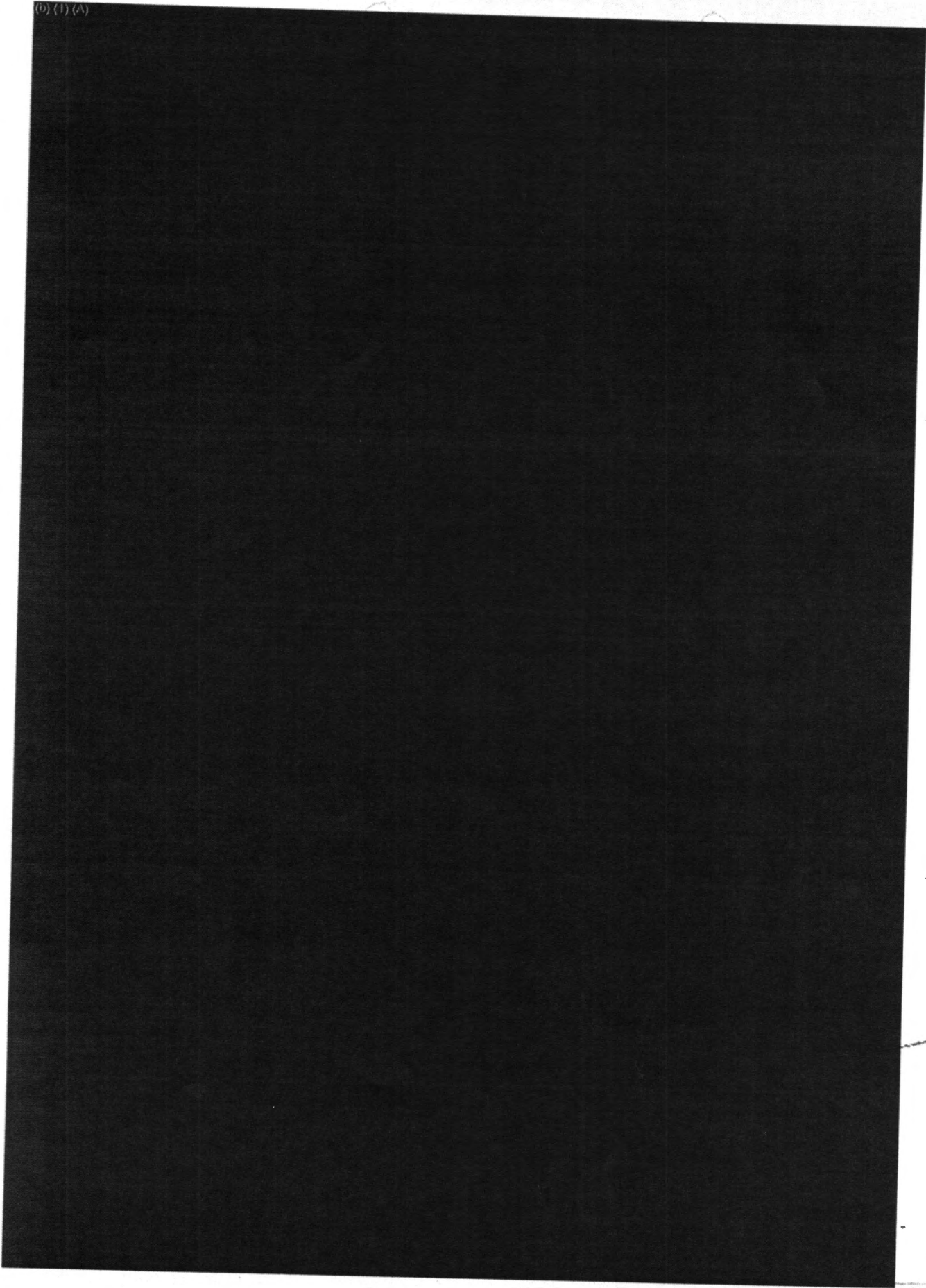
PRN EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS CONDUCTED DRUG ID TEST OF ONE BALE. CONTRABAND IDENTIFIED AS MARIJUANA. FINAL COUNT WAS 186 BALES. EACH BALE ESTIMATED TO WEIGH 80LBS FOR A TOTAL OF APPROX 15,000LBS. PRN PROCEEDING TO OFFLOAD CONTRABAND TO COGARD DISTRICT 11.

6. FINAL REPORT THIS INCIDENT. ABLE TO CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION. MISHAP REPORT NOT REQUIRED. PRESS INTEREST POSSIBLE.

7. POC: [REDACTED]

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