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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,

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Commander, U.S. Navy  
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By Direction of the Commander

Enclosure: Responsive documents

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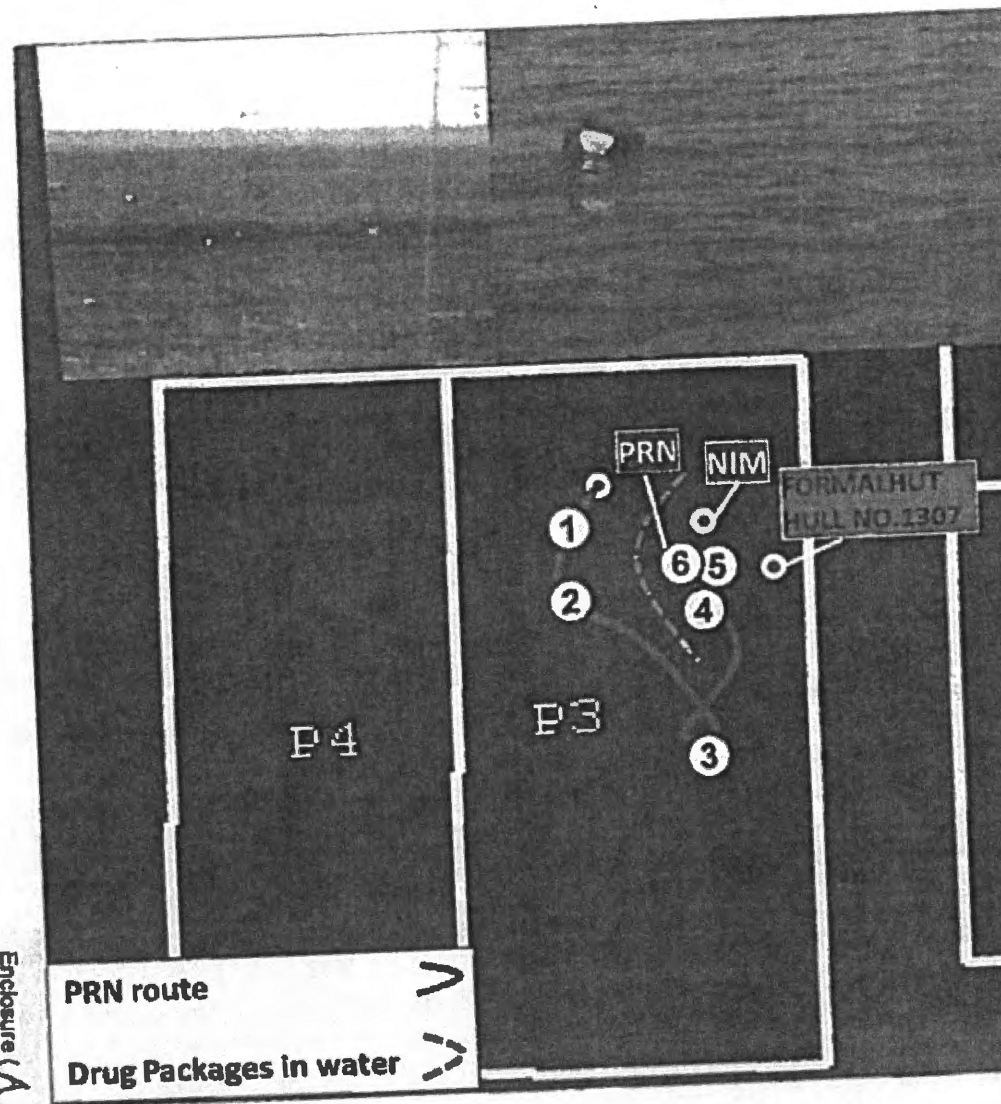
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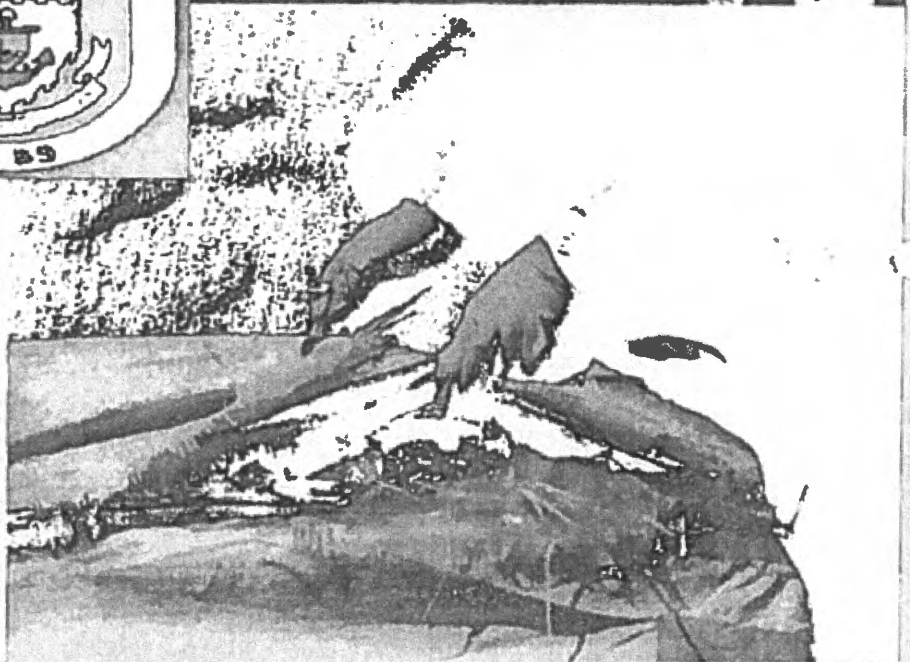
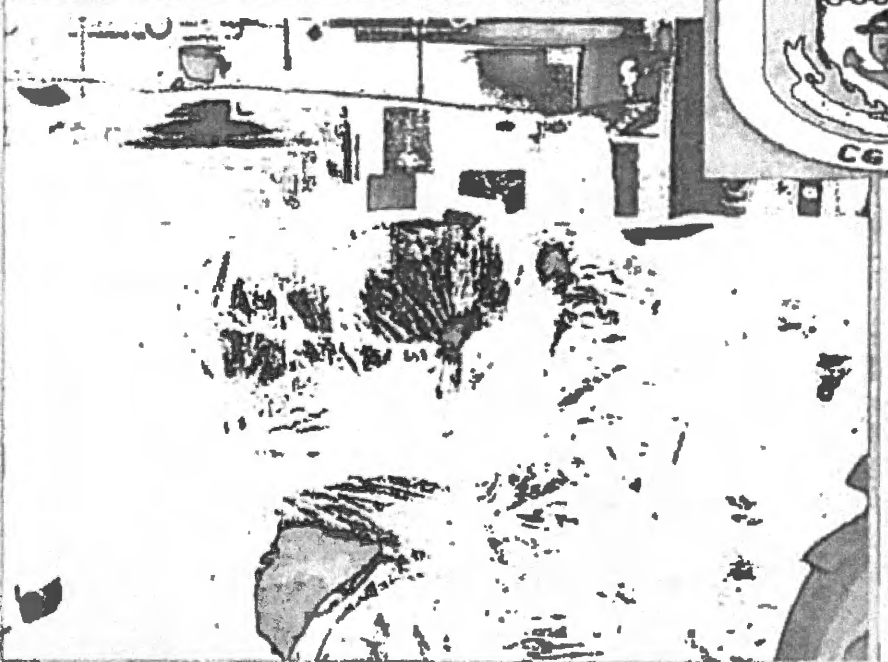
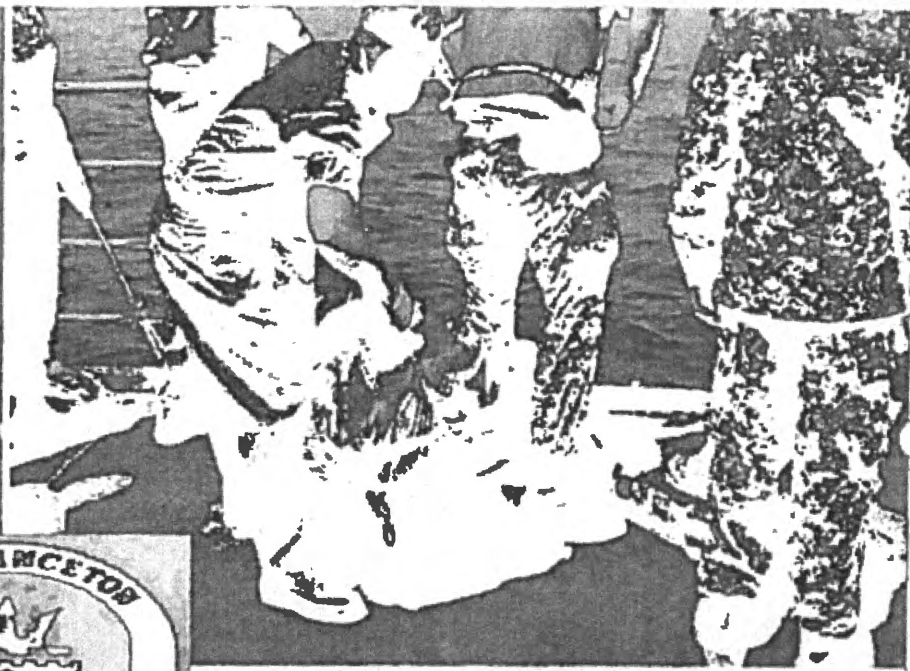
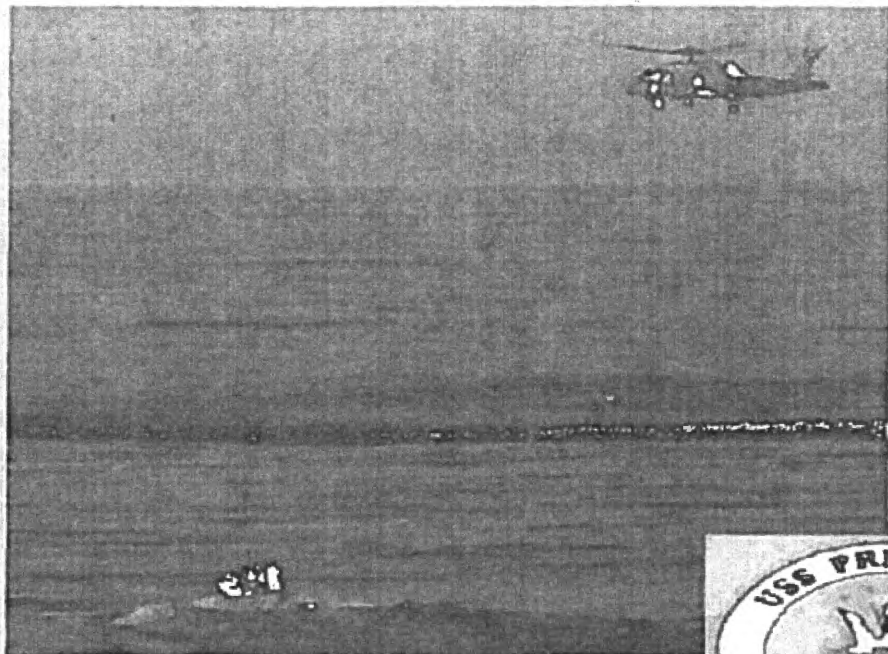
# USS PRINCETON CG-59 INTERACTION W/2 x PANGA'S AND CONTRABAND RECOVERY OPERATION



## 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(1631L) 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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16:01:28 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> CBF de DTI, FYI, just reviewed info that three Pangas are south of the boarder and may run north tonight. Beg the NMU, DMU, and PMN keep eyes out today/tonight if possible. I have two Cutters in play so we may not only get another disruption/intervention.

16:02:37 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> CBF de DTI, about also get detainees

16:02:56 = Joins: NMU, ITC

16:04:00 <CHIN\_DOM> U/C/S 31:22:30M 117:00:00M 10M/15KHz

16:04:00 <NMU> DTI de NMU, keep all, ar

16:04:07 <CBF\_FUND> DTI de CBF rgr

16:04:05 <NMU> DTI de NMU, int possible routes Pangas may be taking, h

16:04:10 = Joins: LNC\_CICM

16:04:20 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NM de DTI, not sure yet, intel is developing but you are offshore approx 500M to the south of U-291 and one is nearshore.

16:04:45 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> all are south of the boarder

16:05:27 = Joins: BEN\_TAO

16:05:40 = Joins: BEN\_CICM

16:05:46 <NMU\_SMC> DTI de NMU, rgr

16:05:55 <CHIN\_DOM> U/C/S 31:15:20M 117:00:10M 17M/15KHz

16:06:49 <NMU> de NMU, rgr

16:06:09 <PMN\_SMC>

16:06:20 <CBF\_FUND> LNC de CBF, Q9712 T03R 000 can be found on CBF CAS under 03 Directorate: <http://www.cbf.many.mil.il/fleet/cbf/vlsr.mil/Main.html?reportPage=0&id=Control-on>

16:06:49 <LNC\_CICM> by

16:06:30 = Joins: CBF\_NMU

16:06:44 <CBF\_FUND> CBF de LNC L05C NM, c/c.h

16:06:47 <CBF\_FUND> LNC L05C de CBF, rgr, h

16:06:54 <NMU> DTI de NMU, int w/c/s of 101510, h

16:07:20 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NM de DTI, why I have to confirm if they are BU got

16:07:20 <NMU> de NMU, rgr

16:07:12 = Joins: CBF\_CNM

16:07:25 = Joins: NMU\_MCF

16:07:09 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NM de DTI, 101510 will be BU in 10 MIN

16:07:10 <NMU\_CNM> 40.30m 125.30m 101 W 10 hts

16:07:40 = Joins: NMU\_LNO\_NOPS

16:07:42 <CHIN\_DOM> DTI de NMU, int any amplifying data on Pangas? Post cargo?

16:07:18 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NMU de DTI, no amplifying data yet. Cargo is suspected to be contraband

16:07:00 <CHIN\_DOM> U/C/S 31:10:30M 117:20:30M 19M/15KHz

16:07:47 = Joins: NMU\_SMC

16:07:56 <CHIN\_DOM> U/C/S 31:07:44M 117:39:00M 11M/15KHz

16:05:05 = Joins: PMN STRIKE

16:05:40 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NM de DTI, NMU confirmed they have three vls in the area, 4 300' Ocean Patrol craft and two small interceptors. The interceptors are supposed to stay within 5 NM of the Ocean Patrol vls so they are sending an interceptor to check that contact.

16:06:01 = Joins: NMU\_CICM

16:06:02 = Joins: NMU\_CICM

16:06:04 <CBF\_CNM> DTI rgr

16:06:40 <011\_L100\_L1\_DUNAGNO> NM de DTI, NMU is diverting both interceptors to the last position of that radar contact.

16:05:40 = Rejoined channel 003F\_COMMAND

16:05:40 = Topic is '003F/H100FL1 NM Command and Control'

16:05:00 = Set by CPT 1000 on Fri Apr 21 16:07:15

16:05:20 = Joins: PEL\_CICM

16:05:20 = Joins: PEL\_NMU

16:05:27 <CBF\_CNM> DTI de NMU rgr

16:05:41 = Joins: CJIF C20 04C

16:06:40 <NMU\_CNM> 40.30m 125.20m 1770 12 hts

16:06:20 = Joins: PMN\_STRIKE

16:06:00 = Parts: 003F75\_00000000

16:06:41 = Joins: NMU\_CICM

16:06:48 = Joins: BEN\_TAO

16:06:37 = Joins: NMU\_NMU

16:06:51 = Joins: C05G11\_END

16:06:45 = Joins: NMU

16:06:56 = Joins: PMN\_EPS

16:06:56 = Joins: PMN\_SMC

16:06:00 = Joins: PMN\_NMU ST0

16:06:01 = Joins: PMN\_SMC

16:06:01 = Joins: PMN\_TOC

16:06:01 = Joins: PMN\_CNM

16:06:01 = Joins: PMN\_CVS

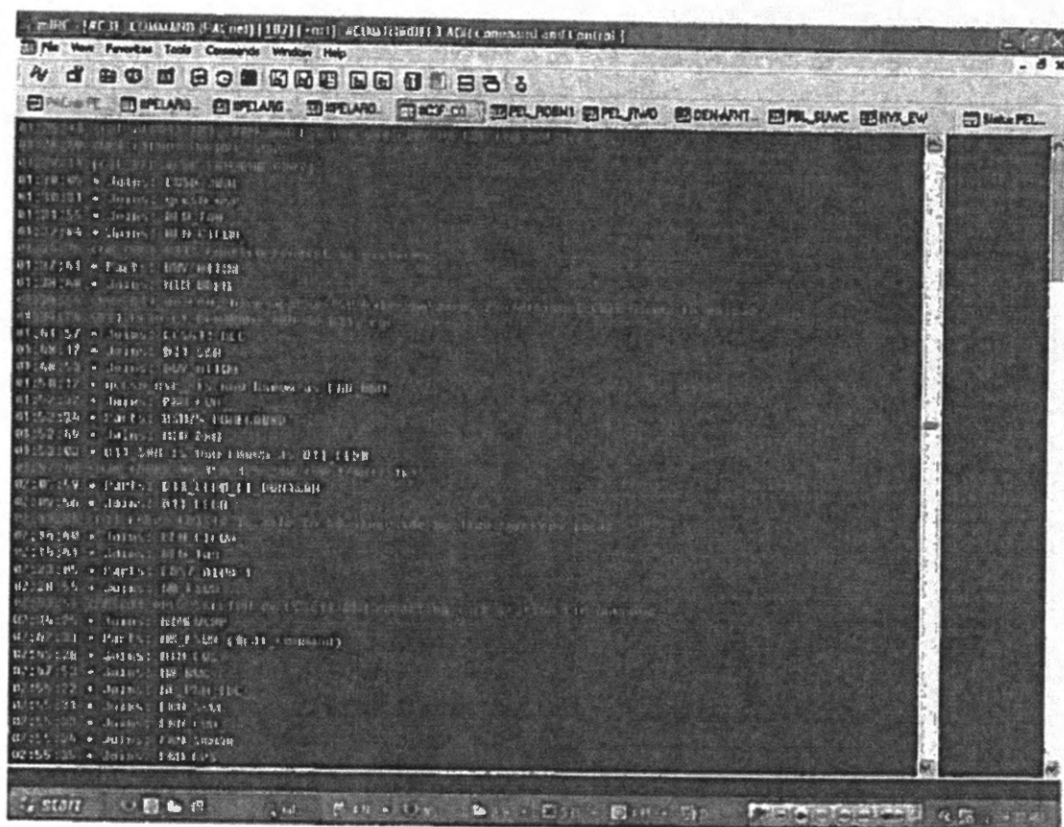
16:06:09 = Joins: PMN\_S1

16:06:40 = Joins: PMN\_STRIKE

16:06:52 = Joins: PMN\_CNM

16:06:40 <NMU> C3 de PMN, 401510 along side, rigging for transfer of contraband.

16:06:52 <CBF\_FUND> PMN de CBF, rgr



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CHINFO WASHINGTON DC  
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HQ USNORTHCOM  
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COMCOGARD SECTOR SAN DIEGO CA  
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CHINFO WASHINGTON DC//00//

HQ USNORTHCOM//J3//

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FLAGWORD/NAVY BLUE/-//

TIMELC/162055ZJUN12/3115N11750Z/INIT//

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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