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SPECIAL WARNING NR 42:

1. ALL MARINERS ARE ADVISED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT, IN FULL COORDINATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE INTERNAL AND CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IN AND AROUND THE ENTRANCES TO THE PORTS OF HAIPHONG, HON GAI, CAO PHA, VINH, QUANG KHE, DOBB HOI, AND THANH HOA, ARE BEING MINED BY THE UNITED STATES AS A PART OF THE COLLECTIVE DEFENSE EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE NEW ARMED ATTACKS BY THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES FORCES REMAINING IN THAT COUNTRY. THE MINE FIELDS WILL BE ACTIVATED AT 1100Z, 11 MAY 1972. VESSELS TRANSITING THESE WATERS AFTER THAT DATE MUST DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

2. ADDITIONALLY, ALL VESSELS ARE ADVISED THAT THE NAVAL AND AIR FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES WITHIN THE INTERNAL AND CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF NORTH VIETNAM TO PREVENT THE DELIVERY OF SEABORNE SUPPLIES TO NORTH VIETNAM.

3. THE NAVAL FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT ALL VESSELS TRANSITING THE HIGH SEAS IN THIS AREA ARE NOTIFIED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNALS OF THE ABOVE-NOTED MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE INTERNAL AND CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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