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APPRECIATION OF SOSUS ACTIVITY IN WESTERN ATLANTIC FROM 230001Z TO 271300Z

1. SOSUS TARGET TOTALS HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE 230001Z WITH TOTALS ON TWO DAYS EXCEEDING 800.
2. DETECTIONS ON U.S. SUBS OPERATING IN SURVEILLANCE AREA INDICATES GOOD SOSUS VISIBILITY.
3. BREAK IN AIRFORCE MISSILE RANGE SUB CABEL HAS SERIOUSLY AFFECTED SOSUS COMM WITH NAVFACS RAMEY AND TURKS. BACK-UP CIRCUITS BEING USED TO PASS HIGH PRECEDENCE TRAFFIC.
4. A TOTAL OF 7 CONTACTS ON POSSIBLE SOVIET CONVENTIONAL SUBS HAS BEEN MADE. FOUR CONTACTS BY NAVFAC TURKS ISLAND, EVALUATED AS SOVIET GOLF CLASS AND DESIGNATED C 20 HAS BEEN CONVERTED BY VP A/C TO VISUAL SIGHTING ON FOXTROT. MAINTAINING INTERMITTENT CONTACT IN GENERAL AREA.
5. TWO CONTACTS BY NAVFAC CAPE HATTERAS BOTH EVALUATED POSSIBLE ZULU CLASS IN GENERAL AREA OF E 52
6. NAVFAC SAN SALVADOR POSSIBLE FOXTROT BEARING BISECTING GENERAL AREA C 18.

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7. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IS THE APPARENT DIFFERENT SIGNATURE CHARACTERISTICS DISPLAYED BY SOVIET SUB CONTACTS AS COMPARED TO PHOTO SIGNATURE LIBRARIES PROVIDED BY ONI AND DPU.

8. LONG RANGE FROM C 18 AND C 19 CONTACT AREA TO NEAREST SOSS MINIMIZES THE PROBABILITY OF SOSUS DETECTION.

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