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SUBJECT: Review of draft The Gulf of Tonkin Incident by R. A. MacKinnon, LCDR, USN (Ret.)

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1. We have reviewed subject MS at the request of OIC, NFOIO. It contains numerous sections relating to or derived from signals intelligence. Many of these sections contain verbiage intended to veil the signals intelligence source, but more often than not an intelligent reader would have little difficulty in fully understanding the author's comments.

2. OP 009D should ask the author, we feel, to delete SI-related materials from the following pages/paragraphs:

a. bottom para., p. 16
b. in its entirety, p. 17
c. in its entirety, p. 18
d. 1st para., p. 19
e. 2d para., p. 25
f. 2d para., p. 74
g. para. at bottom p. 74 and top p. 75
h. para. at bottom p. 75 and top p. 76
i. 3d para., p. 80
j. para. at bottom p. 80
k. in its entirety, p. 81
l. 1st para., p. 82
m. p. 83, line 1, sentence reading "If they were ... attack."
n. p. 89, 2d para., 2d sentence, reading "There were various aspects ... than afloat."
o. p. 100, 2d para., 1st sentence reading "These routine intelligence ... our forces."

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3. The above materials contain information exempt from the General Declassification Schedule of E.O. 11652. Exemption category 2 applies.

/s/ Norman Boardman

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