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From: YAYO 22 (CINC 1ST AIR FLEET.) #566 June 5/2330
 To : HOFU 22 (CINC COMBINED FLT.)
 RETEKA (Tokyo Nav. Gen. Staff)
 Info: KOSU 44 (CINC 2ND FLEET)
 KISE 88 (COMSUBFORCE)
 MUU 77 (CINC 1ST FLEET)
 NINO 99 (CINC 11TH AIR FLEET)
 MOSE 55 (COMCARDIV 4)

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Not very readable - following fragments of interest.
 "Begin attack on Midway at _____ hours. Shot down _____
 U.S. planes. _____. Between _____ and eight hours
 were attacked by over 100 enemy planes of which over fifty
 were shot down, but remainder scored _____ bomb and torpedo
 hits. AKAGI, KAGA, and SORYU put out of action. Ordered
 _____ to cover the six transports and withdraw. Shifted
 Flag to HAGARA. Attacked enemy striking force with other
 (undoubtedly refers to HIRYU) group and obtained three hits
 on _____. At 1430 enemy made dive bombing attack on
 HIRYU group and forced it to withdraw from action. This
 group was attacked at 1600 again by high level bombers.
 After withdrawing to Northwest? _____ attacked two
 HORNET class carriers of which one was damaged. Their position
 at that time was TOSUWA 14, course _____, speed 24.

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damaged after landing planes? but believe will be able to proceed and HIRYU?
two destroyers. SORYU sank. she will retire to West with escort of
damaged and unable to take on planes or make any way. AKAGI heavily
two destroyers standing by her.
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GI COMMENT: Work will be continued on this message
and any additional information obtained will be
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