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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) NVN AIRDEFENSE WEAPONS REACTIONS TO U.S. AIR OPERATIONS OVER
NVN, 28 JAN70
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IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 28 JAN, NVN AIR DEFENSE MEAPONS SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SURFACE-TO - AIR MISSILES (SAMS), ANII-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA), NVAF MIG-21'S, AND SUPPORTING AIR-RELATED GROUND ELEMENTS REACTED TO U.S. AIR OPERATIONS OVER SOUTHERN AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM. THESE REACTIONS RESULTED IN THE SHOOT-DOWN OFONE F-185 RECONHAISSANCE ESCORT AIRCRAFT AND A JOLLY GREEN SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) HELICOPTER. THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE HOSTILE ACTION, THE ENGAGEMENTS, AND POST ACTION/DISCUSSIONS MILL BE RE-CAPPED IN DETAIL IN A CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. SINCE THE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO MIG-21'S TO VINH AIRA-FIELD ON 29DECEMBER, AIR OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING VINH AIRA-FIELD, CAM XUYEN, BAI THUONG, AND HANDI BAC MAI HAVE REVEALED THE ROLE OF THE DEPLOYED MIGS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTERING U.S. AIR OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN AREAS OF NVN AND POSSIBLY ADJACENT LADTIAN TERTIORY. PRIOR TO 28 JANUARY, THE ACTUAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY BY THEMIGS WAS LIMITED TO A ROTATION FLIGHT OF MIG AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ON 22 JAN- UARY. BETHEEN 22 JANUARY AND 27 JANUARY, MEATHER OVER NORTH VIETNAM MAS POOR, WITH RAIN, DRIZZLE, AND FOG APPEARING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BUT CONCENTRATED MAINLY IN THE DELTA AREA AND THE CURTAILMENT OF FLIGHT ACTY AT OTHER NVAF BASES WAS ATTRIBUTED TO POOR MEATHER. IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 27 JANUARY, A VIP/IP ASSOCIATED IL-14 PERFORMED A FLIGHT FROM HANDI GIA LAM TO VINH MITH 15 PASSENGERS ON BOARD. THE IL-14 REMAINED OVERNIGHT AT VINH AND FLEW TO HAIPPHONG KIEN AN DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF 28 JANUARY, A LTHOUGH NO LOAD DESCRIPTION MAS GIVEN FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT, THERE WERE INDICATIONS ON TAC VOICE AND AIR OPS FACILITIES THAT AT LEAST ONE VIP/IP WAS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. IN THE BEBRES ON BOARD. THE IL-14 PERFORMED A SHOWLY OF THE FIRM OF THE FIR

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THAT THE F-105 CRASHED IN THE AREA OF BA COC (18-02N 105-37E) CONFLICTING WITH THE OPERATIONAL DATA POSITION. DURING THE TIME THE F-105 MAS ACTIVE OVER NVN, THERE WAS NO REPORTED SAM TRACKING OF THE AIRCRAFT. AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED A TRACK OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FROM 0500 TO 0511 PERFORMING A FIGURE EIGHT PATTERN IN THE VICINITY OF ROUTE 15. THE LAST NOTED POSITION OF THE FLIGHT WAS 17-45N 105-50E.DUE TO LIMITED TRACKING AND ALTITUDE DISPARITY BETHEEN THE TRACKING (4000 FT) AND OPERATIONAL DATA (14000 FT), A FIRM CORRELATION CANNOT BE MADE. BETHEEN 0445 AND 0815 A MINIMUM OF 23 HOSTILE TRACKS CONTAINING REFLECTIONS OF A MINIMUM OF 49 AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED BY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITYES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 105-000 TO 105-32E AND 17-000 TO 18-30N. SHORTLY (0529) AFTER THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURED, NVAF AIROPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED CAM XUYEN IN- FORMING HANDI BAC MAI THAT THEY HAD A COMM\$CHANNEL\$ WITH POSSIBLY AN NVN AAA AUTHORITY LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONS (SPECIFIC LOCATION UNK). AT 0546 CAM XUYEN FURTHER INFORMED HANDI BAC MAI THAT HE HAJH BUGUN \$ RECEIVING\$ MITH THE UNLOCATED AAA AUTHORITY. AT APPROXIMATELY 0610, TAC AIRFACILITIES REFLECTED THO MIG-21 PFM'S DEPARTING PHUC YEN ENROUTE TO BAI THUONG. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED THERE AT 0640. NVAF AIR OPERATIONS AND TACTICAL AIR FACILITIES REFLECTED THE VINH MIG-21'S AND THO MIG-21'S AB BAI THUONG ON ALERT CONDITIONONE AS EARLY AS 0701. THE TWO PILOTS ALERTED AT BAI THUONG WERE THE SAME THO NOTED DEPLOYING IN THE 0600 HOUR. THE TWO BAI THUONG PILOTS REMAINED ON ALERT UNTIL AT LEAST 0851 WHEN THE ALERT STATUS WAS REDUCED TO CONDITION THREE. XXHH 900 NNNN

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