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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 WAS 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 BETWEEN THE TRACKING (4000 FT) AND OPERATIONAL DATA (14000 FT), A FIRM CORRELATION CANNOT BE MADE. BETWEEN 0445 AND 0815 A MINIMUM OF 23 HOSTILE TRACKS CONTAINING REFLECTIONS OF A MINIMUM OF 49 AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED BY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 105-00E TO 105-32E AND 17-00N TO 18-30N. SHORTLY (0529) AFTER THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURED, NVAF AIR OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED CAM XUYEN INFORMING HANOI 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 HANOI BAC MAI THAT HE HAD A BUGUN RECEIVING WITH THE UNLOCATED AAA AUTHORITY. AT APPROXIMATELY 0610, TAC AIR FACILITIES REFLECTED TWO MIG-21 PFM'S DEPARTING PHUC YEN ENROUTE TO BAI THUONG. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED THERE AT 0640. NVAF AIR OPERATIONS FACILITIES REPORTED THE PILOTS OF THE TWO MIG-21'S TO BE PHUC AND SONG. NVAF AIR OPERATIONS AND TACTICAL AIR FACILITIES REFLECTED THE VINH MIG-21'S AND TWO MIG-21'S AB BAI THUONG ON ALERT CONDITION ONE AS EARLY AS 0701. THE TWO PILOTS ALERTED AT BAI THUONG WERE THE SAME TWO 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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