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**SUMMARY**

The Gulf of TONKIN incident was provoked by two NVN patrol craft which attacked a U.S. warship in international waters. One of the NVN patrol craft, crippled in the attack, was towed back into the Gulf of TONKIN by a COMMUNIST CHINA submarine so that charges of violation of NVN waters would be leveled against the U.S. At the time of the TONKIN incident, the NVN Minister of State announced the construction of two more NVN airfields sponsored by the Soviets in VINH PHUC and THANH HOA Provinces.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None
1. In early 1965, an article appeared in the NHAN DAN newspaper (NVN) telling of
of the U.S. attempt to infiltrate NVN at the Gulf of TONKIN. The U.S. had
been turned back by NVN patrol ships at great loss of life.

2. In April/May 1965, UNG VAN KHIEN, son of former NVN Minister of Foreign Affairs
UNG VAN KHIEN, had said that the incident at the Gulf of TONKIN had been
provoked by NVN. The U.S. warship CO-DUC was in international waters at the
time two NVN patrol boats sighted her. The NVN believed the U.S. Navy was
weak and so without orders had attacked the U.S. ship while it was still in
international waters. One NVN patrol boat was sunk and the other was driven
off. After the U.S. ship withdrew, a Communist Chinese submarine went out and
towed the crippled patrol boat back into the Gulf of TONKIN, out of international
waters, so that the U.S. could be blamed for violating NVN waters and trying
to infiltrate NVN.

3. At the time of the TONKIN incident, the NVN Minister of State GIAP stated that
the NVN Air Force and Navy was weak, NVN was going to build two more airfields
with Soviet sponsorship. One was located in NGOC LAC District, THANH HOA Province
and the other in DA PHUC District, VINH PHUC Province NVN. The latter airfield
was completed in January 1966 and used the code name, Worksites 105 (Source
did not know the location). It was NVN’s largest airfield and the field where
most of the MiG 17’s and 21’s landed.