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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FINAL SECTION OF TWO 2/00/LSUCK/R18-72 SPOT F/U NR2 AND
FINAL TO 2/00/LSUCK/R15-72 161603Z BETWEEN 0753Z AND 0756Z AN UNIDENTIFIED
SPEAKER SUBORDINATE TO THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT, WAS NOTED STATING THE BATTALION
079 HAD STRUCK AND SHOT DOWN THE AIRCRAFT AND THAT TWO PILOTS PARACHUTED. HE
ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE PILOTS WERE DEAD. BETWEEN
0825Z AND 0844Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM ELEMENT, PROBABLY SUB-ORDINATE TO THE
267TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED NORTH OF DONG HOI WAS NOTED TRACKING NUMEROUS
HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN NORTHEAST AND EAST OF DONG HOI. NO
MISSILE LAUNCHES OR ACTUAL ENGAGEMENT WERE NOTED IN THIS ACTIVITY. BETWEEN
1228Z AND 1240Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM ELEMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE 267TH SAM
REGIMENT WAS NOTED TRACKING AIRCRAFT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT 1233Z THE
FIRING BATTALION WAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE TARGET, AT WHICH TIME THE TARGET
WAS AT A POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 18-22N 106-10E OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT
1234Z THE FIRING BATTALION WAS AGAIN ORDERED TO DESTROY THE AIRCRAFT, AT WHICH
TIME THE TARGET WAS AT A POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 18-22N 106-10E OVER THE GULF
OF TONKIN. AT 1234Z THE FIRING BATTALION WAS AGAIN ORDERED TO DESTROY THE
AIRCRAFT, AT WHICH TIME THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT A POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 18-24N
106-06E, OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT THIS TIME THE FIRING BATTALION STATED THAT
HE COULD NOT OBTAIN LOCK-ON. THE SAME ACTIVITY ALSO INCLUDED TRACKING ON ONE
FLIGHT OF AIRCRAFT WITHIN 30 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE NVN COAST, EAST OF VINH, AND
TWO OTHER FLIGHTS OF AIRCRAFT WITHIN 5 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE NVN COAST
SOUTHEAST OF HA TINH. NO FIRINGS OR SUCCESSFUL LOCK-ONS WERE OBSERVED DURING
THIS ACTIVITY. COMMENTS, DURING THE ABOVE STRIKE ACTIVITY COMING REFLECTED THE
LAUNCHING OF AS MANY AS SEVEN SA-2 MISSILES; HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL SOURCES
REPORTED THE LAUNCHING OF AS MANY AS 18 SA-2 MISSILES DURING THIS ACTIVITY. A
SUMMARY OF AVAILABLE OPERATIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWS, 1. AT 0531 A F-105G
(DALAS 02) OBSERVED AN SA-2 CONTRAIL AND DETONATION. THE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED
FROM AN ESTIMATED POSITION OF EITHER VN 452 OR VN 453. 2. AT 0540 AN F4E
(GUNSMOKE 02) SIGHTED 3 SA-2 MISSILES LAUNCHED POSSIBLY FROM EIGHT VN 454 OR VN
418. 3. AT 0545 TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT (SCREAMING EAGLE 112 AND 110) OBSERVED TWO
MISSILES WHICH WERE LAUNCHED AT THEIR FLIGHT. AT THIS TIME A F4E (BASKET 01)
RECEIVING [REDACTED] INDICATIONS OF MISSILE LAUNCH ACTIVITY. 4. AT 0557 AND
07E (BUSYBEE 304) OBSERVED TWO SA-2 MISSILES ESTIMATED AS HAVING BEEN LAUNCHED
FROM APPROXIMATELY 17-10N 106-45E. 5. AT 0600 ONE SA-2 MISSILE LAUNCH AND
SUBSEQUENT PROTECTIVE REACTION STRIKE WAS REPORTED BY AN A4F (GARFISH) FLIGHT.
6. AT 0737 OPERATIONAL SOURCES CONFIRM THE LOSS OF (MUSKET 01) A F-4 AIRCRAFT
AT THE TIME OF THE LOSS OF (MUSKET 01) MUSKET 02 (AN F-4) WAS IN THE SAME
VICINITY AND OBSERVED THE MISSILE WHICH DOWNED (MUSKET 01) WHICH APPEARED TO
HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FROM A POSITION AT 17-06N 106-45E, PROBABLY VN 418. 7. NAT
0838 A F-105G (FIREBIRD 01) SIGHTED TWO MISSILES LAUNCHED FROM THE POSITION AT
VN 418. 8. AT 0845 NAVY A7E (BUSYBEE) AND F4D (FUNGUS) FLIGHTS REPORTED
SIGHTING TWO MISSILES FIRED FROM THE VICINITY OF 17-10N 106-45E. 9. AT 0846 A

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F105G(JUNIOR 01) OBSERVED TWO MISSILE CONTRAILS AND SUBSEQUENT DETONATIONS.
ESTIMATED LAUNCH POSITION WAS 17-06N 106-45E. 10. AT 0901 A F-105G (BEAR 02)
RECEIVED [REDACTED] MISSILE LAUNCH INDICATIONF AND THEN SIGHTED TWO SA-2 MISSILES
LAUNCHED FROM VH 418. 900 00749 NNNNZ

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