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ENP#1-0017#22 2/00/VCK/R148-72 SPOT REPORT SONGBIRD (AVN/AVDA, OPER-V.I.) NVN SAM REACTIONS TO HOSTILE AIR ACTIVITY OVER SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM, 17 FEBRUARY XXCC

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ON 17 FEBRUARY, BETWEEN #626Z AND 1#39Z, NVN SAM- ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED AIR DEFENSE REACTIONS TO HOSTILE AIR ACTIVITY OVER SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM, RESULTING IN THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF TWO AIRCRAFT AND THE CAPTURE OF AT LEAST THREE AIRCREW MEMBERS. THE FIRST OF THESE TWO SHOOTDOWNS HAS NOT BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO ANY SPECIFIED TYPE OF ORDNANCE, HOWEVER, THE SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY ONE SA-2 MISSILE LAUNCHED BY BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT. THROUGHOUT THE DAY'S ACTIVITY, A MINIMUM OF FIVE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 267TH SAM REGIMENT AND THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IN THE GENERAL DONG HOI VICINITY OF LOWER QUANG BINH PROVINCE. DETAILS AT #626Z AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT WAS NOTED ENTERING CONDITION ONE COMBAT STATUS. THEN AT #642Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION IN THE DONG HOI AREA WAS NOTED ENTERING CONDITION ONE, AND THREE MINUTES LATER ANOTHER BATTALION OF THE 274TH ALSO ENTERED CONDITION ONE. AT #655Z PROBABLE BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH ENTERED CONDITION ONE. THERE WERE NO REPORTED MISSILE LAUNCHES FROM ANY OF THESE BATTALIONS DURING THIS TIME FRAME. HOWEVER, AT #718Z, IN PROBABLE VISUAL OBSERVATION COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DONG HOI AREA, IT WAS REPORTED THAT AN AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED TO THE EAST OF PHONG THUY (UNLOCATED) AND THAT THE TWO ENEMY PILOTS PARACHUTED AND LANDED TO THE EAST OF LUYEN THUY (UNLOCATED) AND WERE CAPTURED ALIVE. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE TYPE OF ORDNANCE INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTDOWN. AT #722Z BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH, WHICH HAD APPARENTLY REVERTED TO CONDITION TWO AT AN UNKNOWN TIME, WAS NOTED RE-ENTERING CONDITION ONE. TEN MINUTES LATER, AT #732,32Z AND AT #732,42Z, BATTALION 89 LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AT AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET. AT #735Z IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE TARGET WAS ABLAZE, AND AT #736Z BATTALION 89 REPORTED TWO PARACHUTES DESCENDING TO AN AREA NEAR ITS POSITION. AT #739Z THE AA WEAPONS CONTROLLER OF THE 274TH ORDERED THE DISPATCH OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLE AAA ELEMENT TO GO OUT AND PICK UP THE ENEMY PILOTS. IN A PROBABLE REFERENCE TO THIS ACTIVITY, BETWEEN #833Z AND #835Z AN UNIDENTIFIED STATION IN PROBABLE VISUAL OBSERVATION COMMUNICATIONS REPORTED THAT ARTILLERY HAD SHOT DOWN AN AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT AT #730Z AND THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED ALIVE. ((1)) BETWEEN #882Z AND #813Z, TWO UNIDENTIFIED BATTALIONS OF THE 267TH SAM REGIMENT WAS NOTED ENTERING CONDITION ONE. THEN AT #838Z BATTALION 52 (17-37N 106-26E) OF THE 267TH WAS NOTED LAUNCHING AT LEAST TWO MISSILES, HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. AT 1#36Z AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 267TH ENTERED CONDITION ONE AND AT APPROXIMATELY 1#37Z LAUNCHED AT LEAST ONE MISSILE. AGAIN, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. FINALLY AT 1#11Z, AND AGAIN AT 1#39Z, PROBABLY BATTALION 89 OF THE

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274TH WAS OBSERVED ENTERING CONDITION ONE. NO MISSILE LAUNCHES WERE NOTED. COMMENTS OPERATIONAL SOURCES REVEALED THAT PROTECTIVE REACTION STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED IN LOWER QUANG BINH PROVINCE BETWEEN 0635Z AND 0800Z ON 17 FEBRUARY. THESE STRIKES WERE REPORTED TO INCLUDE 37 AIRCRAFT, CONSISTING OF F4'S, F4 ESCORTS, F105 IRON HAND SUPPORT, AND EB-66 SUPPORT AIRCRAFT. A KORDAT-BASED F105 (JUNIOR 02) WAS CONFIRMED LOST AT 0640Z IN THE AREA OF BUTTERFLY LAKE (17-01N 106-55E). ONE USAF F4 (FALCON 74) FROM UBON, THAILAND WAS CONFIRMED LOST AT 0755Z. XXHH 900 03651 NNNHZ

F-105 DOWNED + TWO PILOTS CAPTURED

#1797	F-105G	CUTTER -RR
"JUNIOR 02"		FRASER -RR

V/I ACFT DOWNED + 1 PILOT CAPTURED

#1798	F-4D	HAWLEY -RR
"FALCON 74"		IRWIN -NR

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