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ENP01F061205Z 2 [REDACTED] VCA/R8-72, FOLLOW-UP NR ONE AND FINAL TO [REDACTED] SPDT
REPORT, 2 [REDACTED] VCA/R244-72, 100159Z. TACREP SONGBIRD PASEP [REDACTED] TANGO FOXTROT,
120515Z. AVN/AVIA-A, DAMC-A/I. KUS/AVIA-A, DAMC-A/M SONGBIRD MIG-17 AND
POSSIBLE F-4 SHOOTDOWN
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BETWEEN 0601Z AND 0608Z ON 10 MAY 72, NVN TAC COMMS REVEALED THAT A MIG-21 SHOTDOWN AND UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT (POSSIBLY AN F-4) IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. AT 0602Z THE MIG-21 PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED BY HIS WINGMAN TO EXTEND DISTANCE AND ATTACK. ONE MINUTE LATER BOTH PILOTS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE TARGET WAS \$BURNING\$ AND HAD \$BURST INTO FLAMES\$. THE WINGMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO (PEOPLE) HAD BAILED OUT. AT 0605Z THE MIG-21 PILOT CONFIRMED HE HAD SHOTDOWN ONE AIRCRAFT. BETWEEN 0559Z AND 0607Z, NVN TAC COMMS REFLECTED THE SHOOT-DOWN OF A MIG-17 BY AN F-4 IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. AT 0559Z THE MIG-17 PILOT DROPPED AUXILIARY TANKS. THREE MINUTES LATER HE WAS TOLD TO MANEUVER (TO AVOID) AN F-4. AT 0602Z THE MIG-17 PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO BAILOUT. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO CONTACT THE DOWNED PILOT. COMMENTS, A COLLATERAL SOURCE REPORTED THAT AN F-4 WAS LOST OVER HAIPHONG AT 0605Z XXHH 250 #0088 NNNN

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