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TEXT TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE MIG-17S PROBABLY SHOTDOWN ON 11 JUNE AIR OPERATIONS MESSAGES ON 11 JUNE INDICATE THAT PROBABLY TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) MIG-17S WERE SHOT DOWN BY U.S. F4S DURING AN ENGAGEMENT IN THE 0300Z HOUR, 11 JUNE. DETAILS: AVAILABLE TACTICAL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT AT LEAST FOUR NVAF MIG-17S AND FOUR NVAF MIG-21S FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD REACTING TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT BEGINNING AT 0308Z. WHILE THE AVAILABLE TACTICAL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT SUSTANTIATE AN ENGAGEMENT, AIR OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS DURING THIS TIME BETWEEN HANOI BACH MAI AND AN UNLOCATED OUTSTATION REFLECTED THE LOSS OF PROBABLY TWO MIG-17S TO U.S. F4S. AT 0308Z HANOI BACH MAI INFORMED AN UNLOCATED OUTSTATION THAT "MIG-19 AIRCRAFT WOULD LAUNCH TO ACHIEVE THE PLAN." IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY STATED "THE MIG-19 AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED AT 0310Z." (THERE WAS NO TACTICAL VOICE REFLECTIONS OF THE MIG-19S, NOR ANY FURTHER MESSAGES PASSED CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITY). AT 0340Z ANOTHER UNLOCATED OUTSTATION REPORTED "OUR AIRCRAFT HAVE NOT RETURNED YET, BUT WE SEE AIRCRAFT BURNING." TEN MINUTES LATER BACH MAI QUERIED THIS OUTSTATION "WHEN DID YOU LOSE CONTACT WITH OUR AIRCRAFT?" NO REPLY WAS NOTED. AT 0356Z THIS UNLOCATED OUTSTATION TOLD HANOI BACH MAI "TONIGHT WE WILL INFORM YOU ABOUT PILOTS 38. AND 369 (1). WE ARE PREPARING A PRELIMINARY ((SEARCH)) OF THE ROUTE." FINALLY AT 0436Z THE OUTSTATION STATED "THE ENEMY AIRCRAFT RETURNED AT 0312Z AND THE F4 INTERCEPTORS SHOT DOWN OUR AIRCRAFT. WHEN WE CALLED AFTERWARDS, THE ((OUR AIRCRAFT)) COULD NOT ((RECEIVE)) OUR COMMANDS. COMMENTS: OPERATIONAL SOURCES REVEAL THAT TWO NVAF MIG-17S WERE SHOT DOWN BY U.S. AIRCRAFT DURING THIS TIME. (1) MIG-17 PILOT CALLSIGNS 300 HPURR
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