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ENP01R 25062 24 VCA/R14-72, FOLLOW-UP NUMBER ONE TO SPOT REPORT  
 24 VCA/R74-72, DTG, 24/0826Z JUN 72. (AVN, KUS/AVIA-A) (SONGBIRD) NVAF MIG-21'S  
 SHOOT DOWN THREE U.S. AIRCRAFT ON 24 JUNE 72.  
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BETWEEN 0819Z AND 0847Z, 24JUN72, A MINIMUM OF EIGHT PHUC YEN BASED NVAF  
 MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF U.S. ACFT. FOUR  
 MIG-21'S WERE INITIALLY NOTED AIRBORNE AT 0819Z AND WERE BEING VECTORED TOWARDS  
 THE HOSTILES AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1000 METERS. AT 0838Z, ONE MIG PILOT REPORTED  
 DISCOVERING 12 HOSTILES AND DROPPED WING TANKS. THE LEAD MIG PILOT REPORTED TO  
 HIS WINGMAN, \$THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM HEAD ON, YOU HIT THE TWO OF THEM ON THE  
 LEFT, I WILL STRIKE THE TWO ON THE RIGHT.\$ AT 0839Z, THE LEAD PILOT REPORTED  
 HITTING ONE OF THE HOSTILES. AT 0840Z, THE LEAD PILOT REPORTED SEEING 16  
 HOSTILES IN FRONT OF HIM AND AT 0841Z, HIS WINGMAN STATED, \$ONE OF THEM IS  
 BURNING, ONE OF THEM BURST INTO FLAMES.\$ AT 0842Z, THE LEAD PILOT STATED,  
 \$THERE ARE TWO MORE HOSTILES IN FRONT AND FOUR OF THEM IN BACK OF ME, I CAN'T  
 FIRE AT ALL.\$ A THIRD PILOT IMMEDIATELY REPORTED \$ OF THEM BURST INTO FLAMES  
 AND IS BURNING.\$ AT 1844Z TWO MORE MIG-21 WERE NOTED TAKING OFF FROM PHUC YEN  
 AIRFIELD FOLLOWED BY TWO MORE MIGS AT 0847Z. WHILE IN THE LANDING PATTERN, THE  
 LEAD PILOT OF THE FIRST FLIGHT OF FOUR MIG-21'S, REPORTED THAT HE FIRED BOTH  
 MISSILES AND HIT ONLY ONE OF THEM. COMMENTS, A COLLATERAL OPERATIONAL SOURCE  
 INDICATES THAT TWO U.S. ACFT WERE SHOT DOWN DURING THIS ACTY XXHH 300 00034  
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