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~~SECRET SAVIN FOL THREE TO USA-32 CRITIC NR 11-65~~ DTG 010301Z OCT 65.  
 ADDITIONAL EVALUATION OF [ ] MULTICHANNEL [ ] RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS  
 INTERCEPTED ON 31 OCT 65 BETWEEN 0159Z AND 0515Z INDICATE THAT AT LEAST SIX  
 U.S. ACFT WERE SHOT DOWN WHILE ENGAGED IN STRIKE ACTY OVER NORTH VIETNAM.  
 EVALUATION OF SAM LAUNCHES NOTED AT 0231Z ((1)) NEITHERMS NOR REFUTES THE  
 POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. ACFT BY A SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE AT THAT TIME.  
 BEGINNING AT 0220Z THE INSTALLATION REQUESTED THAT AAA FACILITIES BE ADVISED TO GUARD A  
 LOW FLYING ACFT. AT 0231Z A TARGET ACFT WAS REPORTED AT A RANGE OF 25  
 KILOMETERS AND THE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE LAUNCHED TO INTERCEPT IT. NO RESULTS  
 WERE REPORTED FOR THESE LAUNCHES HOWEVER, AT 0235Z A AAA INSTALLATION AT/NEAR  
 THE SAM INSTALLATION REPORTED THAT IT HAD "DESTROYED A TARGET" WITHIN AN AREA  
 BOUNDED BY 2102N- AND 10604E-10616E. -5 0249Z, THE PROBABLE REGIMENTAL  
 CONTROLLER FOR THE HAIPHONG AREA ANNOUNCED THAT AN AAA FACILITY HIT ANOTHER  
 TARGET. THE AAA FACILITY WAS DIRECTED TO FOLLOW AND DESTROY THE TARGET. NO  
 CONFIRMATION OF SHOT OR AREA OF ACTIVITY WAS NOTED. AT 0316Z THE PROBABLE  
 REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER FOR THE HAIPHONG AREA REPORTED ONE AAA INSTALLATION HAD  
 DESTROYED FOUR ACFT AND A SECOND INSTALLATION HAD SHOTDOWN TWO ACFT. AT 0329Z  
 THE HA AREA CONTROLLER REQUESTED A SITUATION REPORT CONCERNING THE ATTACKS. THE  
 SAM INSTALLATION AT 2130N 10606E ED THAT AAAS WAS BATTLING "BEAUFIFULLY" AND THAT  
 A FRIENDLY MIG HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, POSSIBLY BY AAA. THIS MIG SHOOTAS  
 CONFIRMED ON DRV GCI FACILITIES AT 0311Z WHEN AN UNIDENTIFIED DRV AIRCRAFT  
 REPORTED "89 IS SHOTDOWN, HE IS FA 89 HAD FALLEN TO THE EAST". AT 0434Z A  
 TARGET WAS REPORTED APPROACHING FROM THE EAST OF THE SAM INSTALLATION AT  
 2130N 10606E. WHEN THE TARGET WAS AT A RANGE OF 19 KILOMETERS AN ORDER TO  
 "DESTROY" WAS NOTED HOWEVER MISSILE LAUNCH COULD BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME. AT  
 0440Z, THE HAIPHONG REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER ORDERED AAA FAC TO RETURN TO BATTLE  
 CONDITION TWO AND A WARNING WAS GIVEN TO "BE ALERT FOR A BIGGER STRIKE IN THE  
 AFTERNOON 0515Z THE HAIPHONG AREA REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER INFORMED AN  
 UNIDENTIFIED SUBSCRIBER THAT "ALTOGETHER SEVEN ACFT" HOT DOWN. BETWEEN 0953Z AND  
 1005Z A CONVERSATION WAS INTERCEPTED CONCERNING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AT THE SAM  
 INSTALLATION LOCATED AT 2130N 10606E. THE SAM INSTALLATION REPORTED "WE WENT OUTSIDE  
 AND THE MISSILE WAS BURNING. . . AT 1120 S (0420Z) WE RETURNED TO THE POSITION TO  
 INSPECT . . . AT THAT TIME THE MISSILE HAD NOT YET EXPLODED. AT 1140HOU00Z) WE  
 WERE ORDERED TO PREPARE TO BATTLE . . . THE MISSILE WAS LOADED AND WAS READY TO  
 1150 HOURS (0450Z). AT 12S (05. . Z) WE HAD FOUR MISSILES READY FOR BATTLE.  
 COMMENTS: AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ACFT WERE SHOTDOWN, SIX  
 OF WHICH WERE CONFIRMED BY AAA. ANALYSIS OF [ ] CONVERSATIONS  
 INTERBETWEEN 0518Z AND 0520Z INDICATE THAT LAUNCHES FROM THE SAM INSTALLATION  
 LOCATED AT 2130N 10606E WERE DIRECTED [ ] REFERRED TO AS [ ] IT WAS  
 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOUR MISSILES HAD BEEN LAUNCHED BY THAT SITE AND THAT MISSILE

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HAD BEEN BAD - POSSIBLE THE SAME MISSILE REFERRED TO IN THE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT  
AT 0420Z. UNLESS FURTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION IS NOTED, THIS WILL BE A  
FINAL REPORT. ((1)) FOLLOW-UP NR TWO TO USA-32 CRITIC 11-6 312040Z OCT 65. 900  
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