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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR-DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. STRIKES OVER NVN, 17 AUGUST. 2. SOVIET CIVIL AN-12 FLIES TO HANOI GIA LAM. B. DETAIL 1. BETWEEN 181# ON 16 AUGUST AND 1636 ON 17 AUGUST, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 169 \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF VINH, DONG HOI, PHUC YEN, MOC CHAU, HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, NAM DINH, HANOI, GIAO GIAP, KEP, AND THE DMZ. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT 23#7 AN UNIDENTIFIED NUMBER OF \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT WERE REFLECTED AT 21-28N 1#6-57E, APPROXIMATELY 25 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE NVN/PRC BORDER. BETWEEN 1917 AND 2155, NINE OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE IDENTIFIED AS B-52'S AND WERE TRACKED IN THE DONG HOI AND DMZ AREAS AND OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 1832 AND 1843, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE NAM DINH AREA LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AND REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT AT 1835. AT 23#7 AND BETWEEN #8#3 AND #8#4, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE NAM DINH AREA WAS NOTED LAUNCHING A TOTAL OF FOUR MISSILES WITHOUT NOTED RESULTS. AT #418, A SAM SITE LOCATED IN THE NAM DINH AREA WAS NOTED TRACKING \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT WEST OF NAM DINH, AND BY #422 AN UNIDENTIFIED NAM DINH AREA SAM SITE REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES. AT #425, A NAM DINH AREA SAM SITE REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT AND PREPARING TO LAUNCH ANOTHER MISSILE AT #431. BETWEEN #418 AND #448, TWO GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21'S FLEW A DEFENSIVE PATROL. BETWEEN #611 AND #641, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN ATTEMPTED GCI. THE MIGS ARMED THEIR WEAPONS AND WERE VECTORED TO WITHIN 12 KILOMETERS OF THE \$HOSTILES\$ AT #622, BUT THERE WAS NO ENGAGEMENT NOTED. BETWEEN #616 AND #641, TWO MIG-21'S FLEW A DEFENSIVE PATROL OUT OF GIA LAM AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. 2. SOVIET CIVIL AN-12/1112# WAS NOTED PERFORMING A FLIGHT FROM PROBABLE VIENTIANE TO HANOI GIA LAM. APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED HANOI EN ROUTE TO CALCUTTA. COLLATERAL REVEALED THAT FOOD, MEDICINE, AND PRINTING PAPER WERE ABOARD. (2/RO/RUVCT/R32-72 17#725 AUGUST 72 AND FOLLOW UPS)) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS BETWEEN 17## AND 13##, EIGHT MIG-21 PILOTS AND THREE MIG-17 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN 21## AND 12##, ELEVEN MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT PHUC YEN. BETWEEN #8## AND #1##, TWO MIG-19 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT YEN BAI. 2. HANOI GIA LAM FIGHTERS TWO MIG-17 PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN #911 AND #932. 3. PHUC YEN FIGHTERS TWO

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MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED A PROBABLE FORMATION FLIGHT BETWEEN 2310 AND 2336. ONE
MIG-21 PILOT CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN 2350 AND 0013. TWO MIG-21
PILOTS CONDUCTED A PRACTICE ATTACK SORTIE BETWEEN 0014 AND 0042, AND TWO MIG-21
PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN 0903 AND 0910. XXHH 900 08701
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