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UNIDENTIFIED AIR DEFENSE UNITS REPORT AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWN

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BEGINNING AT 898Z ON 19 AUGUST 1972, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVN AIR DEFENSE UNIT PASSED A MESSAGE FROM ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED AIR DEFENSE UNIT (POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS). THE MESSAGE REVEALED THAT FIVE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN ON 17 AUGUST IN THE VICINITY OF THAI BINH (28-27N 106-28E) AND HAIPHONG (28-51N 106-41E). THREE OF THESE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN DOWNED \$ON THE SPOT\$ AND ONE PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THE CAPTURED PILOT'S AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN KIEN XUONG DISTRICT (28-25N 106-27E), THAI BINH PROVINCE POSSIBLY ON 17 AUGUST 1972. ((1)) EARLIER, AT 8648Z, THE THIRD UNIDENTIFIED AIR DEFENSE UNIT, REPORTING ON THE INCIDENT, REVEALED THAT THE CAPTURED PILOT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AT 1538G ((8838Z)). ((1)) 2/00/VCK/R861-72, FORTHCOMING. XXHH 358 #8267 NNNN

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