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(CALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 19 AUGUST. 2. NVAF IL-18 COMPLETES FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW TO HANOI. 3. SOVIET AN-12 FLIES ROUND TRIP BETWEEN CACTA, INDIA AND HANOI GIA LAM (?). DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 1604 ON 18 AUGUST AND 1809 ON 19 AUGUST, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 189 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF DONG HOI, KEP, PHUC YEN, HANOI, THIANH HOA, NAM DINH, HAIPHONG, GIAO GIAP, HA SAN, MOC CHAU, AND HAI BINH. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIRSPACE OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. TWO SMALL TYPE, IDENTIFIED AS A PROBABLE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT, WERE REFLECTED POSSIBLY PENETRATING THE BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN 0102 AND 0106. A SECOND PAIR OF SMALL TYPE, ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PROBABLE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE, WERE REFLECTED BETWEEN 20-45N 104-30E AND 21-45N AND 105-00E. AT 0109 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION WENT INTO CONDITION ONE IN REACTION TO THIS WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. AT APPROXIMATELY 0305, POSSIBLY BATTALION 72 OF THE 285TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE KEP AREA, FIRED TWO MISSILES. THE BATTALION REPORTED THAT THE MISSILES EXPLODED WELL AND THE TARGET WAS GOING DOWN ON THE SPOT. COLLATERAL REPORTED THAT ONE F-4 ON A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE MISSION WAS DOWNED AT 21-19N-106-35E (21-00/VCK/R132-72, 190337Z) BETWEEN 0447 AND 0559 TWO GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21S AND TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21S ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WHILE TWO MIG-17S FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROL IN THE GIA LAM AREA. ONE OF THE PHUC YEN-BASED MIGS WAS SHOT DOWN AT 0537. COLLATERAL REPORTED THE DOWNING OF A MIG 23 NM NORTH OF KIEN H AT 0526. (2/00/VCK/R852-72, FORINCOMING) AT 0603 AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 285TH SAM REGIMENT IN THE KEP AREA ENTERED CONDITION ONE. AT 0608 AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION IN THE HAIPHONG AREA WAS PREPARING TO STRIKE, BUT RETURNED TO CONDITION TWO AT 0611. AT 1620 ONE MIG-21 FROM PHUC YEN WAS SCRAMBLED TO FLY A DEFENSIVE PATROL AND WAS NOTED LANDING BACK AT PHUC YEN AT 11647. 2. BETWEEN 0935 AND 1019, NVAF IL-18/195 FLEW FROM PEICHING TO HANOI GIA LAM, COMPLETING THE RETURN FLIGHT FROM MOSCOW. THE AIRCRAFT HAD DEPARTED HANOI ON 9 AUGUST FOR THE FLIGHT TO PEICHING AND MOSCOW. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, LE DUC THO, NVN ADVISOR TO THE PARIS PEACE TALKS, DEPARTED PARIS ON 16 AUGUST TO RETURN TO HANOI VIA MOSCOW AND PEICHING. (2/00/RUVCT/R9-72, 181514Z, AND FOLLOW-UPS) 3. SOVIET AN-12/1107 DEPARTED CACTA, INDIA AT 0300 AND FLEW TO HANOI LANDING AT 0650. THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED

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HANOI AT 0856 AND WAS LAST NOTED AT 929 EN ROUTE TO CACUTTA. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL. THE AIRCRAFT WAS TO HAVE CARRIED TEN TONS OF CARGO INTO NVN. (2/00/RUVCT/R7-72, 132010 Z, AND FOLLOW-UPS) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS TWO MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED ON STRIP ALERT AT PHUC YEN DURING THE 2200, 2300, 0000, 0400 AND 0800 HOURS. ONE MIG-21 PILOTS WAS PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT GIA LAM IN THE 2200 HOUR AND THIS PILOT AND ONE OTHER MIG-21 PILOT, TWO MIG-19 PILOTS AND TWO MIG-17 PILOTS WERE ON STRIP ALERT AT GIA LAM DURING THE 2300 HOUR. A MIG-21 PILOT WAS PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT GIA LAM AT 115 XXHH 900 08571 NNNN

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