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SUMMARY FOR 25/1700Z TO 26/1700Z AUGUST 1972 (ALL TIMES ZULU)
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PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. SOVIET AN-12 ARRIVES AND DEPARTS HANOI.
2. U.S. BUFFALO HUNTER DRONE PROBABLY SHOT DOWN BY NVAF MIG-17. 3. NVN AIR/AIR
DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. STRIKES OVER NVN, 26 AUGUST. D. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN
0856 AND 1416, ONE SOVIET AN-12/1107 FLEW FROM VIENTIANE TO HANOI GIA LAM TO
CALCUTTA. THE AIRCRAFT CARRIED SEVEN PASSENGERS INTO HANOI. THIS IS ONE OF SIX
SOVIET FLIGHTS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO HANOI FROM USSR. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL
THESE FLIGHTS ARE TO CARRY MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SOVIET TROOP TRANSFERS.
(2/00/RUVCT/R7-72, 132010Z AND FOLLOW UPS). 2. BETWEEN 0622 AND 0645, TWO NVAF
MIG-17S FROM HANOI GIA LAM ENGAGED A U.S. DRONE OPERATING SOUTHEAST OF HANOI.
THE DRONE ENTERED THE HANOI GIA LAM AREA AT 0632 AND THE MIGS BEGAN THEIR
ATTACK AT 0635. AT 0637 ONE OF THE MIGS WAS AGAIN NOTED ATTACKING THE DRONE.
THE MIGS WERE ORDERED TO BREAK AWAY AT 0638 AND LANDED AT HANOI GIA LAM BY
0645. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, THE DRONE WAS LST AT 0637. 3. BETWEEN 2120 ON 25
AUGUST AND 1623 ON 26 AUGUST, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED
TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 136 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED
IN THE AREAS OF NAM DINH, HANOI, HATPHONG, PHUC YEN, HANOI, GIAO GIAP, KEP AND
THANH HOA. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF
NVN AIR SPACE OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 0306 AND 0351, FOUR
MIG-21S STAGED FROM PHUC YEN IN REACTION TO U.S. AIRCRAFT. IN AN ENGAGEMENT
OVER LAOS SOUTHWEST OF MOC CHAU, ONE U.S. F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN. LATER AT 0344 ONE
MIG-21 PILOT WAS NOTED BAILING OUT AND THE OTHER THREE MIGS RECOVERED AT KEP,
KIEN AN AND PHUC YEN. BETWEEN 1010 AND 1030 TWO MIG-21S PROBABLY FROM HANOI GIA
LAM ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT U.S. AIRCRAFT 30 NMS SOUTH OF HANOI. THE MIGS WERE
FIRED UPON BUT BOTH AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN 0347
AND 0359, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE HANOI AREA WAS TRACKING HOSTILE
AIRCRAFT AND WAS ORDERED TO DESTROY THE TARGETS. NO FIRINGS WERE NOTED. AT 0404
AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE HANOI AREA FIRED ONE MISSILE. AT 0412 AN
UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT IN THE XUAN MAT AREA LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES THAT SELF
DESTRUCTED. BETWEEN 0423 AND 0429, SAM SITES IN THE HANOI AND XUAN MAT AREAS
WERE IN CONDITION ONE. BETWEEN 0523 AND 0527 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE SOUTHEAST
OF HANOI ENTERED CONDITION ONE AND REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A TARGET 20NMS FROM
HANOI. PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS DURING THE
2100, 2200, AND 2300 HOURS, FIVE MIG-21 PILOTS AT PHUC YEN AND ONE MIG-21 AND
TWO MIG-17 PILOTS AT GIA LAM WERE ON STRIP ALERT. AT 0035 ONE MIG-17 PILOT AT
GIA LAM AND ONE MIG-19 PILOT AT YEN BAI WERE ON STRIP ALERT. THE SAM MIG-19

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PILOT WAS ON STRIP ALERT AGAIN AT 0257. ONE PROBABLE MIG-17 PILOT AT GIA LAM AND ONE MIG-21 AT PHUC YEN WERE ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 1100 AND 1200 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. 2. PHUC YEN FIGHTERS BETWEEN 2340 AND 0092, FOUR MIG-21S ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY AND BETWEEN 0036 AND 0050, ONE MIG-21 PFM PILOT FLEW A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. TWO MIG-21S WERE ONLY NOTED LANDING, ONE AT 0158 AND ONE AT 0211. TWO MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED PRACTICE GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPTS DURING THE 1300 HOUR, AND TWO MIG-21S CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY DURING THE 1400 HOUR. XXHH 900 #3541 NNNN

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