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FOXTROT 11/1020Z AVN/OPER-G/I. KUS/AVIA-A, DAMC-A/. SONGBIRD NVN CLAIMS

SHOOTDOWN OF TWO AIRCRAFT BY BATTALION 41 OF 263RD SAM REGIMENT

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ON 10 SEP 72, BETWEEN 1704Z AND 1707Z, A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO NVN SPEAKERS REVEALED THAT FIRING BATTALION 41 OF THE 263RD SAM REGIMENT HAD SHOTDOWN TWO AIRCRAFT. THE CONVERSATION FURTHER REVEALED THAT OF THE DOWNED PILOTS, ONE WAS APPARENTLY KILLED WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT, ONE WAS CAPTURED BY SECURITY POLICE BUT DIED, AND TWO WERE CAPTURED, AND BEING TAKEN TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION. COMMENTS, ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL LOCATION OF THIS ACTIVITY HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED THE GENERAL OPERATING AREA OF THE 263RD SAM REGIMENT IS THE VINH/QUANG LANG VICINITY. THIS WILL BE A FINAL REPORT XXHH 200 0000 NNNN

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