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ENP#1F0072347 2/00/VCK/R1323-72 (AVN/OPER-V/I,Z,B. BATTALION 54, NVN 267TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTS MISSILE LAUNCHES ON 9 DECEMBER 1972

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BEGINNING AT 2329 ON 9 DECEMBER 1972, A SPEAKER AT BATTALION 54, SUBORDINATE TO THE NVN 267TH SAM REGIMENT AND LOCATED IN THE THANH HOA AREA, WAS NOTED DISCUSSING THE LAUNCH OF TWO SA-2 MISSILES WITH THE REGIMENTAL WEAPONS CONTROLLER. AT THAT TIME, THE SPEAKER AT BATTALION 54 STATED \$I REPORT TO YOU THAT THEY ((THE MISSILES)) EXPLODED WELL IN THE DIRECTION TO THE NORTHEAST THERE.\$ AT #121 ON 1# DECEMBER 1972, A SPEAKER AT BATTALION 54 PASSED A PARTIAL POST LAUNCH REPORT (PLR) TO THE REGIMENTAL WEAPONS CONTROLLER. THE FOLLOWING VALUES HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED FROM THAT PLR,((1)) A. BATTALION 54, 267TH SAM REGIMENT B. 2325, 9 DECEMBER 1972 C. 2/6 D. 214 - POSSIBLE AIR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM TRACK NUMBER E. 579 - TRINOME PROBABLY EQUATING TO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION F. 8#/27# H. 25/21 I. 27#/2 J. \$FAST\$ K. 22/7 L. 4/2 M. 20# METERS PER SECOND N. 19/17.5 O. 27# P. #.1/#.5 Q. 2 R. 1 S. PF - SEMI-ALIGNMENT GUIDANCE T. RF - MANUAL TARGET TRACKING U. 12 ((SECONDS)) - TIMED FUZE ARMING V. HEAD-ON, BECOMING TRAILING Z. 11/13 AA. 278/- LL. \$GOOD ABILITY. THE AIRCRAFT WAS AN RF-4. BEFORE MISSILE ONE WAS LAUNCHED, IT HAD TO BE DOUBLE CHECKED. ALSO, MISSILE TWO HAD TO HAVE THE VALUE FOR THE OFFSET RECHECKED.\$ COMMENTS, NO TARGET RESULTS WERE NOTED OTHER THAN THE REPORT THAT THE MISSILES EXPLODED WELL. ((1)) COLUMNAR VALUES REPORTED IN 2/00/VCK/R775-72, #3133#Z AUGUST. XXHH 5# #8247 NNNII

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