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AXX, XNT/OPER-V/ [ ] AXX, OOR/AVIA-Y/E/ NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 08/1700Z TO

09/1700Z DECEMBER 1972

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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 9 DECEMBER. 2. TWO NVN GROUND CONTROLLER CONDUCTS SIMULATED GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPT. 3. ONE NVAF IL-18/195 NOTED FLYING FROM IRKUTSK [ ] B. DETAILS 1. NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES TRACKED INCLUDING OF 243 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING 90 B-52'S, OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED IN THE AREAS OF DONG HOI, DMZ, VINH, LAOS, GULF OF TONKIN, THANH HOA, AND BARTHELEMY PASS. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIRSPACE OVER LAOS, AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. THERE WERE NO MIG REACTIONS. AT 0722, BATTALION 69 OF THE 267TH SAM REGIMENT POSSIBLY LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES. AT 0829, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 267TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE THANH HOA AREA, REPORTED THAT THEY HAD SHOT DOWN AN F-4 AIRCRAFT AT 0842Z, BATTALION 67 OF THE 275TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE THANH HOA AREA, REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES. BETWEEN 1306 AND 1316, 09 DECEMBER 1972, IT WAS REVEALED THAT AN F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN. COLLATERAL SOURCE BELIEVE THE ARE TO BE 19-18N 105-27E. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT REVEALED THAT THE TWO PILOTS WERE CAPTURED. ((2/R0/VCJ/R140-72 AND FOLLOW UPS)) 2. BETWEEN 0850 AND 0853, TWO GROUND CONTROLLERS AT PROBABLE DAI THUONG CONDUCTED A SIMULATED GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPT. NO MIG AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED AIRBORNE DURING THIS TIME FRAME. 3. AT 0348, ONE NVAF IL-18/195 WAS NOTED AIRBORNE AND FLYING TO [ ] FROM PROBABLY IRKUTSK. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT [ ] AIRFIELD AT 0425. NO REASON OR LOAD DESCRIPTION FOR THIS FLIGHT WAS NOTED. PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS AT 0517, ONE MIG-21 PILOT WAS PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. 2. KIEN AN FIGHTERS BETWEEN 0249 AND 0348, SEVEN MIG-17 PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 3. KEP FIGHTERS BETWEEN 0322 AND 0349, SEVEN MIG-17 PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 4. YEN DAI FIGHTERS BETWEEN 0152 AND 0222, FIVE MIG-19 PILOTS CONDUCTED PRACTICE BOMBING. 5. GIA LAM FIGHTERS BETWEEN 0502 AND 0529, ONE MIG-21 PILOT CONDUCTED A HEATHER RECONNAISSANCE 6. HANOI TRANSPORTS FROM 0226 TO 0240, ONE AN-24 PILOT FLEW CIRCUITS AND LANDINGS. 7. INTERAIRFIELDS FROM 0108 TO 0808, ONE AN-2 PILOT WAS NOTED FLYING FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRFIELD (POSSIBLY HANOI GIA LAM) TO PHUC YEN, HOA LAC, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRFIELD (POSSIBLY KEP). FROM 0901 TO 0903, THE AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF FROM KEP AND WAS LAT NOTED AIRBORNE FLYING TO HANOI. FROM 0143 TO 0547, ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM POSSIBLE HANOI TO KIEN AN AND DEP. FROM 0143 TO 0238, ONE IL-14 PILOT FLEW FROM PROBABLY HANOI TO KIEN AN AND BACK. 8.

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INTERNATIONAL FROM 0242 TO 0843, ONE REGULARLY SCHEDULED SOVIET IL-18/ 74262 FLEW FROM VIENTIANE TO HANOI AND BACK. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY - SEE HIGHLIGHTS C. RADAR ACTIVITY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOT NOTED TRACKING THE BUFFALO HUNTER DRONE FLOWN IN THE DONG HOI AND DMZ AREAS DURING THE 0200-0400 HOURS. D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS - NTR PART THREE, ADDENDA/CORRECTION IN THE NAS FOR 07/1700Z TO 07/1700Z DECEMBER, 3/00/ VCA-E/R345, PART II CHARLIE IS THE RADAR ACTIVITY DATA FOR THE 9 OF DECEMBER THE CORRECT RADAR ACTIVITY SUMMARY OF THE 8 IS, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOT NOTED TRACKING THE BUFFALO HUNTER IN THE DMZ AREA DURING THE 0300 HOUR. NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GIANT SCALE FLOWN OVER NVN DURING THE 0400-0600 HOURS. XXHH 700 08237 NNNH

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