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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FOLLOWUP NR THREE AND FINAL TO CRITIC 1472 DTG, 20/2223Z DEC 72. BTWN 2124Z AND 2253Z, 20DEC 72, NVN ASV FACS REFL 45 B52 ACFT IN 15 RAIDS OF THREE ACFT EACH ACTIVE OVER NVN AIRSPACE. ACFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FROM LAOS AND WERE ACTIVE IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 2022N TO 2128N AND 10350E TO 10550E. THE ACFT EXITED NVN AIRSPACE INTO LAOS. AT 2220Z COMINT REFL THE POSS DOWNING OF TWO B52 ACFT, BY A SAM SITE LOCATED AT 2059N 10537E. AT 2222Z THE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER-NORTHERN SECTOR BATTLE COMMANDER INDICATED THAT TWO B-52 ACFT WERE BURNING AND PROB DOWNED. AT 2232Z BATTLE COMMANDER INDICATED THAT ONE B-52, STRAH 02, WAS SHOTDOWN. AT 2241Z BATTLE COMMANDER INDICATED THAT ONLY ONE BZ-52 WAS DOWNED. COMMENT, AREA OF THIS SHOOTDOWN NOT KNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE IN THE HANOI AREA. PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT BASED ON ABNE INTERCEPT. ANY FURTHER REFL OF THIS ACTY WILL BE REPORTED IN FOLLOW - UPS TO CRITIC 5-72 DTG, 20/2221Z DEC 72. 324 00358 HHHH

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