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PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 27 DECEMBER B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 1715 ON 26 DECEMBER AND 1700 ON 27 DECEMBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF 494 AIRCRAFT OF WHICH 63 WERE IDENTIFIED AS B-52'S. THE AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED IN THE AREAS OF KEP, YEN BAI, HANOI, HAIPHONG, VINH, DMZ, DONG HOI, THANH HOA, PHUC YEN AND THE BARTHELEMY PASS. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIRSPACE OVER LAOS, SVN AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 0604 AND 0813 TWO UNIDENTIFIED SAM REGIMENTS EACH REPORTED LAUNCHING TO MISSILES. AT 1606 THE KIEN AN GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT TRACKING STATION REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF A SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE. NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. BETWEEN 0632 AND 0652, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S REACTED TO ALLIED AIRCRAFT RESULTING IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT. THE MIGS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. BETWEEN 0707 AND 0729, ONE PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 REACTED TO ALLIED STRIKES RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT. THE MIG SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. BETWEEN 0925 AND 0953, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S ATTEMPTED A GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT. NO WEAPON EXPENDITURE WAS NOTED. THE MIGS RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. BETWEEN 1600 AND 1731, ONE KEP-BASED MIG-21 CONDUCTED A PROBABLE DEFENSIVE PATROL AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. (2/00 VCK/R244-72, 270606Z AND FOLLOW-UPS) (2/00 VCK/R612-72, 272052Z) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. SAM/AAA SEE HIGHLIGHTS B. RADAR ACTIVITY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES TRACKED THREE BUFFALO HUNTER DRONES IN THE HANOI AND HAIPHONG AREAS DURING THE 0300, 0400 AND 0700 HOURS. NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES TRACKED THE GIANT SCALE MISSION OVER NVN DURING THE 0600 AND 0800 HOURS. C. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS NTR PART THREE, ADDENDA/CORRECTIONS NTR XXHH 000 #3119 HNNN

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