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ENP#1F0072362 2/00/VCA/R114-72 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 (AVNZAVIA-AZI.

POSSIBLY TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY NVAF MIG'S (ALL TIMES ZULU)

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\*SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 TO 24 [ ] VCK/R244-72; 27#7#6Z ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY DATA ON 27 DECEMBER NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) MIG-21'S DOWNED POSSIBLY TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT--ONE F-4 AND ONE HELICOPTER--OVER NORTH VIETNAM. TWO NVAF MIG-21'S REACTED TO \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT AT #633 FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AND BEGAN TO RECEIVE VECTORING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER. AFTER DROPPING AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS, THE MIG'S WERE GIVEN ORDERS TO ATTACK AT #646. THE LEAD PILOT FIRED TWO MISSILES AND CLAIMED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE \$HOSTILE\$. THE MIG'S RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN BY #656 AND DISCLOSED THAT THE WINGMAN HAD ALSO EXPENDED ONE MISSILE. A SINGLE MIG-21 WAS GIVEN PERMISSION TO TAKE OFF PROBABLY FROM HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD AT #7#7 AND THEN RECEIVED VECTORING TOWARD \$HOSTILE\$ AIRCRAFT. BY #713 THE MIG PILOT HAD RECEIVED ORDERS TO ATTACK AND IDENTIFIED HIS TARGET AS \$SLOW MOVER\$ 1# KMS TO HIS RIGHT. THE TARGET WAS \$HOVERING\$ AT A DISTANCE OF FOUR KMS FROM THE MIG AT #715, AND ONE MINUTE LATER THE MIG CLAIMED A SHOOTDOWN. THE MIG RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD AT #728. COMMENT THE REFERENCE TO \$SLOW MOVER\$ AND \$HOVERING\$ INDICATE THE TARGET WAS PROBABLY A HELICOPTER. ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, TWO USAF F-4'S SUSTAINED BATTLE DAMAGE OVER NVN DURING THE TIME OF THE FORMER REACTION. ONE OF THESE WAS POSSIBLY DOWNED IN NVN TERRITORY. ALSO ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL, ONE U.S. HELICOPTER ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION WAS DOWNED DURING THE LATTER REACTION. XXHH 3# 3# #8259 NNNN

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