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SONGBIRD SHOOTDOWN OF ONE NVAF MIG-21 AND AN ALLIED ACFT IN AIR BATTLE OVER

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BETWEEN #415 AND #439Z, 28 DEC 72, TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG-21'S (PBS #82, #98) WERE NOTED AIRBORNE IN REACTION TO ALLIED AIR STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. BOTH ACFT WERE INITIALLY NOTED ON A HEADING OF 15# DEGS AT #419Z. AT #42#Z, THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER TOLD THE ACFT THE HAC'S WERE ON THE LEFT SIDE 5# DEGS 3# KMS. AT THIS TIME BOTH ACFT DROPPED AUX FUEL TANKS AND OPEN BOOSTERS AT #421Z, PBS #82 REPORTED ATTACKING THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE GCI CONTROLLER THEN INFORMED THE ACFT TO PAY ATTENTION, AND BREAKAWAY TO THE RIGHT SIDE AND GO TO A HEADING OF 32# DEGS. AT #422Z, THE MIG TOLD HIS WINGMAN TO \$PAY ATTENTION, HE'S BURST INTO FLAMES THERE\$. PBS #82 THEN INSTRUCTED HIS WINGMAN TO \$PAY ATTENTION, THERE'S SOMEONE FOLLOWING YOU THERE.\$ AT #424Z, GCI CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED PBS #98 TO GO TO 29# DEGS. NO FURTHER TRANSMISSIONS FROM PBS #98 WERE BOTED ALTHOUGH HE WAS CALLED NUMEROUS TIMES BY THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER, NR 1 CONTROLLER, NR 5 CONTROLLER, SR GCI CONTROLLER AND PBS #82 BETWEEN #425 AND #431Z. PBS #82 WAS LATEST NOTED LANDING AT PHUC YEN AFLD AT #433Z. COMMENTS, COLLATERAL INFORMATION THIS DATE INDICATES ONE U. S. NAVY ACFT (RA5C) WAS POSSIBLE SHOT DOWN DURING THIS TIME FRAME. XXHH 316 #2493 NNNH

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