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CLAS ~~SECRET~~ SAVIN 2/0294-66 ((ALL TIMES ZULU)) FOLLOW-UP
NUMBER TWO AND FINAL TO USA-32 SPOT REPORT

SERI*SERIAL: 2/H3/VCK/R394-66,

TEXT DTG: 182200Z AU966. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT POSSIBLY DOWNED BY
SAM IN DRV ON 18 AUGUST. ANALYSIS OF DRV SAM-RELATED
COMMUNICATION18AUGUST INDICATES THAT ONE, POSSIBLY TWO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT
WERE DESTROYED IN THE VICINITY OF LUC NAM (21-18N E). ONE
OF THE HOSTILE PLANES WAS IDENTIFIED AS A F-105 AND THE
PILOT WAS REPORTED AS CAPTURED. POST LAUNMUNICATIONS

REFLECTED

TWO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO THE SHOOTDOWN OF THE
HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE FIRST CONVE SATION WAS NOTED BETWEEN
0816 AND 0849 AND THE SECOND BETWEEN 0910AND 0922. THE

INITIAL

DISCUSSIONS REVEALED THATRACKS OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, EACH
UNAMPLIFIED AS TO NUMBER OR TYPE, WERE TRACKED BY SAM

FACILITIES.

DIRING THT FOUR MINUTES OF INTERCEPT ONE OF THE TRACKS

REPORTEDLY

HAD PROCEEDED SOUTH FROM A POINT 30 NAUTICAL MILES NOT OF
HANOI TO A LAST NOTED POSITION 19 NAUTICAL MILES EASTOF
HANOI. NO POSITIONS WERE REVEALED FOR THE OTHER TRAC DURING
THE TIME THAT THIS ACTIVITY WAS TAKING PLACE IT WAS

ALSO REVEALED

THAT TWO MISSILES HAD BEEN FIRED AT 081ADDITION, IT WAS
REVEALED THAT TWO AIRCRAFT WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED IN THE
GENERAL VICINITY OF LAC NAM. PO RELATED TRACKING, AS

REFLECTED

ON DRV AIR SURVEILLANCEFACILITIES (UNDER A SIMILAR HOSTILE
TRACK) REFEALED THAT FK-NOWN TYPE AIRCRAFT OPERATING AT
AN ALTITUDE OF 9,840 FEET WHEN INITIALLY DETECTED AT 0759,
PROCEEDED NORTHWE FROM THECOASTLINE TO A POSITION

APPROXIMATELY

40 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH- EAST OF HANOI BY 0808. FROM THIS
POINTIME THE AIRCRAFTWERE TRACKED SOUTH TO A POSITION

APPROXIMATELY

27 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF HANOI AT 0820, THERALLY

EAST-SOUTHEASTERLY

OUT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN WHERE TRACKING CEASED AT 0842.
DURING THE LATTERPOSTH CONVERSATION IT WAS REVEALEDTHAT
TWO MISSILES WERE FIRED AT A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT: THE

FIRST MISSILE DOWNE AIRCRAFT, THE SECOND MISSILE FAILING TO EXPLODED. ALSO, DURING THIS TIME, THERE WERE ALSO INDICATIONS

THATAAA AY POSSIBLY HAVE DESTROYED A SECOND TRAGET AND THAT A PILOT WAS CAPTURED. COMMENTS: THE SAM SITE LOCATED ATN 105-50E AND AN UNLOCATED SAM SITE WERE EXCHANGING TRACKING INFORMATION OF WHICH AT LEAST MSOME WAS PROBABLY RATION ON THE TARGETS. SINCE THE STATION LOCATED AT 21-24N 105-50E IS APPROXIMATELY 33 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE REPTARGET AREA IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THE MISSILES WERE ACTUALLY FIRED FROM THE UNLOCATED SAM SITE. A COMPARIE THE SAM TRACKING WITH THE AIR SURVEILLANCE TRACKING WHICH IS POSSIBLY RELATED SUGGESTS THAT AT LEAST THE FIR PORTION OF THE TRACKING

REFLECTED

AT 0816 ON SAM FACILITIES WAS A RECAPULATION OF TRACKING, FURTHERMORE, AIR SURNCE TRACKING AND THE REPORTED LOCATION THAT THE AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED AS REFLECTED ON SAM RELATED COMMUNIC SUGGESTS THAT THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED IN THE

VICINITY

OF LOC NAM. NEVERTHELESS, AIR SURVEILLANCE TRACKING IS POSSIBLY

ASSOCIATED DOES NOT INDICATE THAT A SHOOT- DOWN OCCURRED. SINCE THE LATTER POST LAUNCH REPORCATES THAT ONE OF THE TWO MISSILES FAILED TO EXPLODE, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT MORE THAN ONE AIRCRAFT WAS POSSIBLY DOIT IS UNCLEAR IF THE AAA POSSIBLY HIT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT OR WAS REFERRING TO THE SAME AIRCRAF THAT WAS REPORT- HIT BY THE SAM. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD DECREASEDALTITUDE TO ESCAPE THE AAA FIRE AND THIS EVASIEAUR APPEARED AS A SHOOTDOWN. ALTHOUGH SAM RELATED COMMUNICATIONS SUGGESTED THAT ONE AMERICAN PILOT VE BEEN APTURED, ACCORDING TO COLLATERAL SOURCES NO U.S. AIRCRAFT OR PILOTS WERE LOST DURING THE TIME FOR THIVITY.

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