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ENP01-TZ19057 3/06/VCK-E/R05-67 PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT
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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ-794 FOR 19 MAY 1967. REFERENCE PAAR, 3/06/VCK-E/R03-67, DTG 070515Z MAY, SECTION TWO ITEM ONE, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE TROJAN HORSE MISSION AIRCRAFT INTERCEPTED [REDACTED] DURING THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH THE MIG-21 WAS ATTEMPTING TO INTERCEPT HIM. UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THE USE OF [REDACTED] IN THIS ATTEMPTED INTERCEPT. FEEL THIS IS UNUSUAL IN THAT THE [REDACTED] WHICH PROVIDES BOTH [REDACTED] OF THE TARGET, WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN [REDACTED] AGAINST THE HIGH-ALTITUDE TROJAN HORSE AIRCRAFT. THE DRV IS KNOWN TO POSSESS MIG-21'S EQUIPPED WITH [REDACTED] HOWEVER, THE EXACT NUMBER IS NOT PRESENTLY KNOWN. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE AND TACTICAL AIR ACTIVITY FOR 19 MAY. WHILE THERE WERE NO AVAILABLE SIGINT REFLECTIONS OF ACTUAL SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) LAUNCHES FOR THIS DATE, SAM-ASSOCIATED MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS DID REFLECT THE REPORTED DESTRUCTION OF SIX U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT. FIVE OF THE SHOOTDOWN WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THE INTEGRATED ACTIONS OF VARIOUS DRV AIR DEFENSE UNITS, WHILE THE SIXTH WAS DEFINITELY EQUATED TO THE EFFORTS OF A CHICOM AAA UNIT(S) PROBABLY CO-LOCATED WITH SAM BATTALION V1458 (SEE SECTION TWO, ITEMS ONE AND TWO). COMINT REFLECTED 11 ACTIVE SAM BATTALIONS. WHILE EXACT IMPACTS WERE OBTAINED [REDACTED] EQUALLY INTERESTING WERE THE NUMEROUS INTERCEPT/ATTACK AND DEFENSIVE PATROLS PERFORMED BY MIGS, STAGING FROM THREE DRV AIR-FIELDS, IN REACTION TO U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT IN INTRUSIONS OF DRV AIR-SPACE. IN ENGAGEMENTS RESULTING FROM THESE ACTIONS FOUR MIG-17'S WERE SHOTDOWN (SEE SECTION THREE AND FOUR). A MINIMUM OF 32, POSSIBLY 36, MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND ACTIVITY, OTHER THAN NOTED ABOVE CONSISTED OF PROBABLE PRACTICE GCI-TRAINING, NAVIGATION TRADING AND PRACTICE CIRCUITS AND LANDING FLIGHTS. SIGINT REFLECTED 24 ACTIVE RADAR STATIONS USING 36 PIECES OF RADAR EQUIPMENT. INTERCEPT OF DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES (ASF) INDICATES THAT 18 OF THESE STATIONS REPORTED 437 TRACKS. SIGINT ALSO REFLECTED TEN ACTIVE NAVAL RADAR STATIONS TRACKING TWO AIRCRAFT AND 143 SURFACE VESSELS. SECTION TWO - DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECT THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF U.S. AIRCRAFT. 1. FROM 0514Z TO 0533Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF FIVE U.S. AIRCRAFT BY VARIOUS DRV AIR DEFENSE UNITS. IN A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS IN HANOI TO SAM BATTALION V1423 (2053N 10614E), IT WAS REPORTED THAT "OUR VARIOUS ARMIES (AIR DEFENSE) HAD SHOTDOWN FIVE U.S. AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURED THE PILOTS." THE SPEAKER MADE REFERENCE TO A HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR "UNCLE", AND STATED THAT ALL THE UNITS WERE TO BE INSTRUCTED TO ESTABLISH MORE AND LARGER ACCOMPLISHMENTS. NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE SHOOTDOWNS WERE GIVEN, AND MENTION OF THE FATE OF THE CAPTURED PILOTS WAS NOTED. AVAILABLE OPERATIONAL

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DATA INDICATES THAT SIX U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST OVER THE DRV ON 19 MAY; HOWEVER, LACK OF SPECIFIC DETAILS IN THE ABOVE ACTIVITY PRECLUDES CORRELATION OF THESE LOSSES. 2. FROM 1030Z TO 1038Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT BY (CHICOM) AAA UNITS (PROBABLY CO-LOCATED WITH SAM BATTALION V1458) (2110N 10542E). A SPEAKER LOCATED AT SAM BATTALION V1458 REPORTED TO AN UNIDENTIFIED CONTROLLER, POSSIBLY THE 236TH REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER, THAT THE "CHINESE FRIENDS" HAD SHOTDOWN AN "F8" AIRCRAFT. THE SPEAKER STATED THAT THE AAA UNITS HAD FIRED AT "FOUR F8'S" FLY-ING AT ALTITUDES RANGING FROM 4,920 TO 8,280 FEET AND THAT THE RANGE AT THE TIME OF FIRING WAS FROM 2,500 TO 3,000 METERS (2,427 TO 3,280 YARDS). THE AIRCRAFT WAS PROBABLY SHOTDOWN WHILE IT WAS CIRCLING AND DESCENDING ALTITUDE. WHEN THE FIRING STARTED, THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING AT 2,624 FEET. ONE PARACHUTE WAS SIGHTED AND THE PILOT WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED BY THE DISTRICT VILLAGERS. THE SPEAKER MADE REFERENCE TO 0729Z, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE TIME THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT TWO U.S. NAVY F8E AIRCRAFT WERE LOST IN THE VICINITY OF 2103N 10550E AT 0730Z; NICKLE 609 WAS DESTROYED BY A SAM WHILE PAGEBOY 445 WAS DOWNED TO UNKNOWN CAUSES WHICH PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THE ABOVE AAA ACTIVITY. XXHH 900 NHHH

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