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ENP01-T301067 21 [REDACTED] VCA/R10-67 (SECTION ONE OF TWO) KORCOM AND DRV MIGS IN REACTION TO HOSTILES ON 30 MAY.

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BETWEEN 0741-0839 ON 30 MAY 1967, DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE AND TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REVEALED THAT SEVEN, PROBABLY EIGHT HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED MIG FIGHTERS WERE IN REACTION TO POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 24 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, OPERATING NORTHEAST OF HANOI IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIR-FIELD. IN ADDITION TO THE REACTING GIA LAM FIGHTERS, TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REVEALED THAT A MINIMUM OF FOUR KEP-BASED, KORCOM-PILOTED MIGS CONDUCTED A NON-AGGRESSIVE PATROL NEAR KEP AIRFIELD. ENGAGEMENTS POSSIBLY OCCURRED BETWEEN 0816-0819 BETWEEN THE GIA LAM FIGHTERS AND U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT. THERE WAS NO FIRM CONFIRMATION OF A SHOOTDOWN OF EITHER THE MIGS OR THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THERE WAS POSSIBLY A BRIEF ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE HOSTILES AND THE KORCOM-PILOTED MIGS AT APPROXIMATELY 0816. ALL THE MIGS WERE OBSERVED RECOVERING AT PHC YEN AIRFIELD. THE REACTING GIA LAM-BASED FIGHTER, TWO FLIGHTS OF PROBABLY FOUR AIRCRAFT EACH, AIRBORNE PRIOR TO INTERCEPT OF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS AT 0815, WERE FIRST REFLECTED AT 0811 HEADING NORTHEASTERLY TOWARDS THE KEP AREA IN REACTION TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD ENTERED THE DRV NEAR HON GAY AND ARRIVED IN THE KEP VICINITY AT ABOUT 0814. AT APPROXIMATELY 0816, AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUND CONTROLLER TOLD THE PROBABLE FLIGHT LEADER TO PAY ATTENTION, THAT "AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ARE SHOOTING AND DESTROYING THERE", "TO THE NORTH-EAST". AT THIS TIME, THE CONTROLLER IDENTIFIED THE HOSTILES AS "SEVEN F105'S" AND THE FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED THAT HE HAD DISCOVERED THE "F105" AND HETHEN REQUESTED AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO ATTACK. THE GROUND CONTROLLER TENSELY ORDERED "ATTACK, ATTACK". THE ORDER TO DROP THE AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS CAME AFTER AN UNIDENTIFIED PILOT REPORTED "HAVE F105'S" AT 0817. ONE MINUTE LATER THE FLIGHT LEADER YELLED "EVERYBODY DIVE". THE CONTROLLER THEN TOLD THEM TO CIRCLE AND ASCEND, POSSIBLY IN ORDER TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTACK. AT 0819, THE CONTROLLER WARNED THE FLIGHT LEADER "DO NOT GO AROUND HIGHWAY ONE, DO NOT ENTER AT PHU LANG THOUNG". AT THIS TIME, INTERCEPT OF AAA VOICE COMMUNICATIONS INDICATED THAT AT LEAST FIVE CHINESE SPEAKERS, WERE FIRING AT ENEMY STRIKE AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA. THESE SPEAKERS FIRST IDENTIFIED THE HOSTILES AS 16 F105'S AT 0811 WHEN THE COMMAND TO "OPEN FIRE" WAS GIVEN, AND THEY SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED THE HOSTILES AS "F4'S" AND "FOUR GROUPS OF FOUR SAPTJS". A SPEAKER AT ONE FOUR AAA SITES CONTINUED NOTING DIFFERENT GROUPS OF AIRCRAFT AND REPORTED THAT THE HOSTILES WERE BOMBING. AT 0816, A SPEAKER AT A AAA SITE STATED "NUMBER 12 (LOCATION) AERIAL COMBAT" AND THE POSSIBLY STATED "NUMBER 12-----105 SHOOTDOWN". AT 0820 THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER IN THE DRV QUERIED THE MIG FLIGHT LEADER IF HE HAD ATTACKED THE TARGET. THE PILOT REPLIED "DISCOVERED THE TARGET AND IT SELL ALREADY", THE PILOT THEN EXCITEDLY TOLD A MEMBER OF HIS FLIGHT TO MANEUVER BUT THE INTRUDERS WERE IDENTIFIED AS FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. AT

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THIS TIME, ONE OF THE MIG FLIGHT LEADERS WAS INSTRUCTED TO RECOVER AND HE AND HIS FLIGHT WERE LAST OBSERVED XXHH 66J NIINN

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