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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SECTION FOUR OF FIVE 46T/5324 WEEKLY DRV AIR DEFENSE
 WRAPAUP. 4. 19 JULY A. BETWEEN 0052 AND 0102Z AN UNIDENTIFIED/UNLOCATED CHICOM
 AAA UNIT MADE REFERENCE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE F105 AIRCRAFT. A SPEAKER AT THE
 SITE STATED WHEN I WENT OUTSIDE, I SAW ONE F105 CATCH FIRE... AFTER THIS
 REFERENCE WAS MADE TO MACHINE GUNS SHOOTING. BETWEEN 0047 AND 0116Z A SECOND
 UNIDENTIFIED/UNLOCATED CHICOM AAA UNIT WAS NOTED QUERING AN OUTPOST WHICH TYPE OF
 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN DESTROYED. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE
 THAT US AIRCRAFT HIT TARGETS ALONG THE NORTHEAST RAILROAD BETWEEN 0030 AND 0048Z.
 TWO STRIKE AIRCRAFT WERE HIT BY AAA FIRE AND ONE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT DOWN IN THE
 GULF OF TONKIN. THE ABOVE AAA ACTIVITY IS BELIEVED TO CORRELATE TO THIS
 LOSS/DAMAGE. B. SIGINT REFLECTED THE LAUNCHING OF FOUR MISSILES AT TWO US
 RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING USAF PM STRIKES. DRV ASF INITIALLY REFLECTED
 THE TARGET APPROXIMATELY 10 NMS NORTH OF PHU THO AT 0057Z. AT 0058Z, A PHUC
 YEN AUXILIARY GCI CONTROLLER INFORMED A FLIGHT OF EIGHT KORCOM PILOTS MIG 17S
 THAT FOUR HOSTILES IN TWO FLIGHTS OF TWO EACH WERE 10.8 NMS WEST OF TAM DAO
 MOUNTAIN. AT 0002Z ANOTHER AUXILIARY GCI CONTROLLER REPORTED TWO HOSTILES 12.5
 NMS AWAY AND THE OTHER 5.4 NMS BEHIND. AT THIS TIME AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM
 CONTROLLER REPORTED THAT A SAM/AAA SITE WAS TRACKING THE HOSTILES 8 NMS NORTH,
 AND AT 0003Z A KORCOM PILOT REPORTED SIGHTING THEM. AT 0003:28Z SAM BN V1485,
 WHEN QUERIED IF HE HAD FIRED YET, REPLIED THAT THE RANGE WAS TOO GREAT. AT 0004Z
 THE MIGS WERE ORDERED TO COME BELOW 1,640 FEET AND RECOVER. AT 0004:56Z AND
 POPTCPQZ THE SOUNDS OF A MISSILE LAUNCH COULD BE HEARD ON SAM ASSOC COMMS.
 SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, THE SAM CTRLR INFORMED THE SOUTH SOUTHWEST HANOI RGT THAT HE
 WAS PREPARING TO FIRE, AND AT 0005:31Z, POSSIBLY REPORTED FIRING TWO SAMs. IN
 SUBSEQUENT POST LAUNCH CONVERSATIONS V1485 REPORTED LAUNCHING FOUR SAMs
 BETWEEN 0005 AND 0006Z JAMMING WAS REPORTED DURING THE LAST TWO LAUNCHES. US
 PILOTS OBSERVED A MINIMUM OF SIX SAMs IN THE VICINITY OF 21-17N 105-52E. THREE
 OF THESE SIGHTINGS CORRELATE TO THE POST LAUNCH DATA REPORTED BY SAM BN V1485 SAM
 SITE VN-133 WAS CONFIRMED OCCUPIED BY PHOTOGRAPHY ON THIS DATE AND CONFIRMS
 V1485 AS BEING LOCATED AT VN-133.5. 20 JULY A. AT 0436Z THE POSSIBLE
 SOUTH SOUTHWEST HANOI RGT CTRLR INFORMED AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN TO LOCK ON
 WEELL. AT 0445:28Z THE ORDER TO LAUNCH WAS GIVEN AND THE BN STATED HE FIRED BUT
 LOST IT ALREADY. THE BN WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A TRAILING SHOT, AND AT
 0446:26Z, A SPEAKER STATED HE STARTED EMISSION, INDICATING ANOTHER
 MISSILE LAUNCH. ANALYSIS OF THE FIRING DATA PLACE THE FIRING BN WITHIN THREE NMS
 OF 20-10N 105-58E. THE LAST KNOWN BN IN THIS AREA WAS V1421 WHICH WAS LAST NOTED
 ACTIVE ON 18 MAY. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT US NAVY STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED
 NORTH OF NINH VINH AND THIS ACTIVITY PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH THESE STRIKES. B. AT
 0410Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM CTRLR: POSS THE HAIDUONG RGT CTRLR, INSTRUCTED SAM BN
 V1423, TO WATCH TO THE SOUTHWEST, SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST. SAM BN V1450 WAS
 INSTRUCTED TO WATCH THE NORTHWEST, THEN LATER THE SOUTHEAST. V1459 WAS TO WATCH

LAST F105 went down on
 17 July

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