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FOLLOWING BASED ON DEBRIEF OF PILOT AND RIO DAKOTA 213 (F4B) FROM USS
CONSTELLATION. 2. AT 0445Z OVER NVN TERRITORY AT 21-45N 106-52E, DAKOTA
213 OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF SAR EFFORT FOR RASC SPEARTIP 125, REACHED BINGO FUEL
STATE TURNED TO HDG OF 120 DEGREE FOR RETURN TO CONSTELLATION AND CLIMBED FROM
8000 FT TO 15000 FT. 4 MIGS WERE OBSERVED AT THIS TIME IN TWO SECTIONS OF 2 EACH
AT DAKOTA 213 6:30 POSIT WITH 1 SECTION AT ESTIMATED 14,500 FT AND ONE AT 16000
FT. AT 15000 FT ONE SECTION OF 2 MIGS FIRED 4 MISSILES FROM 5 MILES 7 O'CLOCK.
DAKOTA 213 BROKE LEFT, MISSILES DROPPED AWAY AT ABOUT 1NM, AND DAKOTA 213 TURNED
HARD RIGHT TO HDG 120 DEGREE. 3. WHEN DAKOTA 213 BROKE LEFT AND THEN HARD
RIGHT, 2 MIGS PASSED FROM STARBOARD TO PORT IN FRONT OF DAKOTA. DAKOTA ATTEMPTED
TO FIRE MISSILES BUT NOSE WAS FALLING TOO LOW DUE TO LOSS OF AIRSPEED IN TURN. ONE
OF THE ORIGINAL ATTACKING MIGS MADE LEVEL 360 DEG TURN AND MADE FIRING RUN WITH
2 GUNS FROM 7 O'CLOCK POSITION OF DAKOTA, FROM A DISTANCE OF 2000 FT CLOSING TO
800 FT. DAKOTA 213 BROKE TO PORT TO A NOSE-DOWN ATTITUDE AND WENT INTO CLOUDS.
LOST MIGS AND COASTED OUT. 4. THE BOGEYS SIGHTED WERE POSITively IDENTIFIED AS
MIG 19'S, PAINTED FLAT GRAY WITH RED STARS ON WINGS, FUSELAGE, AND VERTICAL
STABILIZER. ONLY KNOWN MIG 19'S THIS AREA ARE (CHICOM) PILOT DEBRIEF INDICATES
ONLY TWO OF FOUR ATTACKED. 5. RECONSTRUCTION OF AVAILABLE DATA INDICATES NO
PENETRATIONS OF CHICOM AIRSPACE BY TF 77 ACFT TOOK PLACE DURING THIS INCIDENT OR
PRECEDING BUFFER ZONE STRIKES THIS DATE. 6. FINAL REPORT THIS INCIDENT. CP-4
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