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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENT PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ 794 FOR THE PERIOD 041600Z TO 051600Z OCT. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE AND TACTICAL AIRACTIVITY. 1. BETWEEN 0433Z AND 0500Z, DRV TACTICAL VOICE AND AIRSURVEILLANCE FACILITIES (ASF) REFLECTED FOUR HANOI GIA LAM BASED MIG 17S PERFORMING A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO US NAVY STRIKES WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF HAIPHONG. AT 0442Z, BOTH THE HOSTILES AND THE MIGS WERE REFLECTED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, APPROX 8 NMS SOUTHWEST OF KIEN AN AFLD. THE MIGS WERE THEN TOLD TO PAY ATTENTION AND TO NOT ENTER THE GROUND FIRE AT HAIPHONG. FROM 0446Z TO 0450Z, THE MIGS WERE ENGAGED WITH THE HOSTILES. BY 0450Z, THE MIGS HAD DISENGAGED AND LEFT THE AREA. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT TWO A4BS WERE DAMAGED IN THREE SEPARATE ENGAGEMENTS. ONE PILOT REPORTED MAKING A HEAD ON PASS AT A MIG 17, FIRING AND SEEING PIECES FLYING OFF OF THE MIG, BUT THAT THE ACFT RE-MAINED AIRBORNE. 2. BETWEEN 2332Z AND 0021Z, ELEMENTS OF THE SOUTHWEST AND 238TH SAM REGIMENTS WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO USAF AM STRIKES. SHORTLY AFTER 2332Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN REPORTED UNSUCCESSFULLY FIRING TWO MISSILES IN THE BLIND MANUALLY. HEAVY JAMMING WAS REPORTED DURING THE LAUNCH. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT SEVEN MISSILES WERE SIGHTED BETWEEN 0014Z AND 0020Z. NO ACFT WERE DAMAGED BY SAMs. DETROIT 01 WAS HIT AT 0018Z, POSSIBLY BY AAA AND IMPACTED AT 21-28N 106-00E, AND THE PILOT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. SECTION TWO - FIGHTER ACTIVITY PART ALFA - HIGHLIGHTS HANOI GIA LAM BASED MIG 17S ENGAGE USN STRIKE FORCE. BETWEEN 0433Z AND 0500Z, DRV TACTICAL VOICE AND AIRSURVEILLANCE FACILITIES (ASF) REFLECTED FOUR HANOI GIA LAM BASED MIG 17S PERFORMING A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO USN STRIKE ACFT OPERATIONS OVER ROUTE 57, WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF HAIPHONG. SEVERAL ENGAGEMENTS RESULTED, IN WHICH TWO USN A4S AND POSSIBLY ONE MIG 17 WERE DAMAGED. AT 0433Z, ASF INITIALLY REFLECTED THE MIG 17S ORBITING IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 7 NMS SOUTHWEST OF HAIPHONG KIEN AN AFLD. AT 0436Z, ASF INITIALLY REFLECTED THE TRACK OF AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HOSTILE ACFT INT THE GULF OF TONKIN 37 NMS SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF HAIPHONG, HEADING NORTHWEST. TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES INITIALLY REFLECTED THE FOUR HANOI GIA LAM BASED MIG 17S AT 0438Z, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SENIOR DRV GCI CONTROLLER, AND THE HAIPHONG KIEN AN AFLD, TOWER AND AUXILIARY GCI CONTROLLERS. THE MIGS WERE ADVISED AT THIS TIME, TO THE SOUTH 21 NMS... THERE ARE 6 HOSTILE ACFT. THE HOSTILES CONTINUED THEIR INGRESS TO THE NORTHWEST AND AT 0440Z, THE MIGS 17S, ORBITING AT 9800 FT, WERE WARNED OF 16 HOSTILE ACFT TO THE LEFT... 13 NMS. THE HOSTILES WERE REPORTED TO BE 5.4 NMS FROM SHORE, AND THE MIGS 17S WERE ORDERED TO, RETURN OVERHEAD OF HAIPHONG KIEN AN AFLD. AT 0442Z, ASF REFLECTED THE HOSTILES, 8 NMS SOUTHWEST OF KIEN AN AND THE MIG 17S ORBITING IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA. THE MIGS WERE DIRECTED TO MAINTAIN A SPEED OF 460 KTS AND WERE ADVISED OF HOSTILE ACFT LEFT 10 DEGREES... 4.9 NMS. AT THIS POINT

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THE CONTROLLERS INDICATED THE HOSTILES WERE OVER HAIPHONG KIEN AN AFLD AND THE MIG 17 FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED, DISCOVERED TWO ACFT. THE MIG 17S WERE ORDERED, YOU ALL MAY NOT ASCEND HIGHER THAN THE F4S. AT 0444Z, THE HAIPHONG KIEN AN TOWER CONTROLLER WARNED THE MIGGS, PAY ATTENTION... OVERHEAD... ENEMY ALTITUDE IS HIGH. NUMEROUS REFERENCE WAS MADE TO F4S AND THE MIG 17S WERE ADVISED PAY ATTENTION... DO NOT ENTER THE GROUND FIRE AT HAIPHONG... AT PRESENT THE GUNS ARE FIRING THERE... AT 0445Z, THE MIG 17 FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED, ENTERING ATTACK, AND THE CONTROLLER ORDERED, LEFT TURN... TURN LEFT... THE F4 IS TURNING LEFT. FOLLOWING THIS, THE CONTROLLER MADE A QUESTIONABLE REFERENCE TO AN F4 BURSTING INTO FLAMES, HOWEVER, THE VALIDITY OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS UNDETERMINABLE. THE MIG 17S WERE ORDERED AT THIS SAME TIME TO DROP AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS... DIS-CN THE MIG 17 FLIGHT LEADER WAS ADVISED OFF F4S AT 3200 FT, AND PAY ATTENTION... FROM THIS TIME UNTIL 0450Z, THE MIGS WERE ENGAGED WITH THE HOSTILES AND PILOT CONVERSATION WAS EXTREMELY EXCITED, REPORTING, TO THE REAR, REAR, REAR (SCREAMING)... THE LEFT, THE LEFT... THERE ARE TWO F4S TO THE REAR... THERE ARE TWO F4S. AS REFLECTED A MERGE BETWEEN THE HOSTILE AND MIG TRACKS AT 0447Z, 7 NMS SOUTH OF KIEN AN AFLD. THE MIGS WERE DIRECTED TO, ESCAPE... MANEUVER THE ALTITUDE DOWN. BY 0450Z, THE MIGS HAD DISENGAGED AND THE HOSTILES HAD REPORTEDLY LEFT THE AREA. THE MIG 17S HAD DESCENDED TO 1000 FT AND WERE ORDERED TO RETURN TO HAIPHONG KIEN AN AFLD... F4S ARE DROPPING BOMBS IN THE AREA OF HAIDUONG. AT 0452Z, THE MIGS WERE ORDERED TO ASSUME A HEADING OF 270 DEGREES AND MAINTAIN ALTITUDE AT 1000 FT. THEY WERE ORDERED BY THE SENIOR DRV GCI CONTROLLER TO, LINE UP ON THE BEACON AND RETURN TO HANOI GIA LAM. THE MIG 17S HEADED WEST TOWARD HANOI GIA LAM WHERE THEY LANDED BY 0500Z. THE HOSTILES WERE REFLECTED HEADING SOUTHEAST TO A LAST NOTED POSITION OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN 45 NMS SOUTH SOUTHEAST OF HAIPHONG AT 0453Z. XXHH 899 NHHH

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