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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN SECTION THREE OF FIVEF46T/7837 WEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP.
B. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH A MINIMUM OF 4 MIG-17'S AND 3
MIG-21'S. 3. KEP THERE WERE NO MIG SORTIES PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIR-FIELD FOR
THIS PERIOD. AT LEAST 14 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OVER THE
PREVIOUS PERIOD IN WHICH THERE WERE NO SORTIES FLOWN FROM THIS AIRFIELD. A.
ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF INTERCEPT/ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST USAF AND USN STRIKE
AIRCRAFT, DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND INTER-AIRFIELD
FLIGHTS FROM HANOI/GIA LAM. (SEE SECT 2, A-3 AND 5 FOR FURTHER DETAILS). ALL
SORTIES FLOWN FROM THIS AIRFIELD WERE BY VIET-NAMESE PILOTS UTILIZING THIS
AIRFIELD AS AN ALTERNATE RECOVERY BASE FOR SORTIES FLOWN FROM HANOI/GIA LAM
AIR-FIELD. B. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS NOT PRESENTLY CREDITED WITH ANY MIG TYPE
AIRCRAFT, BUT WILL AT TIMES HOUSE HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED MIG AIRCRAFT WHEN THEY
RECOVER THERE AFTER AIRBATTLES OR PATROLS. SECTION THREE - SURFACE TO AIR (SAM)
AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA). COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORTED A MINIMUM OF 196
SAM SIGHTINGS WHILE 45 CONFIRMED LAUNCHES WERE REFLECTED ON DRV SAM ASSOCIATED
COMMUNICATIONS. 21 OCT ANALYSIS OF DRV SAM ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS INDICATES A
SAM BN LOCATED IN THE VINH AREA AT 18-52N 105-21E [] ARBITRARY
DESIGNATOR V1488 HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS SAM BN FOR REPORTING PURPOSES. 22 OCT
1. DURING THE 0400Z HOUR, USN STRIKE AIRCRAFT STRUCK THE HAIPHONG RR YDS. ONE
A4E WAS DOWNED AT 20-53N 106-44E BY THE HEAVY AAA REPORTED OVER THE TARGET.
ANALYSIS OF ELINT SIGNALS REVEALS [] RADARS WERE ACTIVE
DURING THIS TIME FRAME. BETWEEN 0615-18Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN WAS
NOTED REPORTING TO THE HAIPHONG CTLR "THE DOWNING OF ONE, POSSTWO (A4E'S), BY AAA.
AT 0622Z THE HAIPHONG ALT CTLR TOLD SENIOR SAM AUTHORITY THAT ONE AIRCRAFT HAD
BEEN DOWNED AT 20-44N 107-03E. 2. BETWEEN 0722-27Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN,
PROBABLY OF THE 238TH RGT, WAS NOTED REPORTING A PREVIOUS MISSILE LAUNCH. TWO
MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT A RANGE OF 14 NMS AND WERE REPORTED TO HAVE EXPLODED
WELL. THE BN SAID THEY SAW ONE TARGET FALLING IN THE DIRECTION OF TAMDAO. 3.
ANOTHER BN, POSSIBLY V1424, HAD ALSO LAUNCHED AT THIS TARGET AND THERE WAS SOME
CONFUSION AS TO WHO SHOULD BE CREDITED WITH THE KILL. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REVEAL
THAT A RECCE FLIGHT ON A MISSION OVER PHUC YEN AIRFIELD SIGHTED 16 SAMs. ALL
THE SAMs WERE SIGHTED BETWEEN 0553-356Z. NO AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED AND LACK OF
LAUNCH TIMES PREVENT POSITIVE CORRELATION. 23 OCT 1. AT 0842 AND AGAIN AT 0905Z,
A HAIPHONG ROT CTLR WAS NOTED REPORTING DOWNED AIRCRAFT. THE CTLR REPORTED
THAT ONE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN HIT, SUBSEQUENTLY CATCHING FIRE AND GOING DOWN IN THE
WEST NEAR CAT BI ISLAND. AN (F8) WAS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE GONE DOWN IN THE VICINITY
OF 20-51N 106-58E. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REVEAL THAT USN AIRCRAFT WERE SEEDING
TARGETS IN THE VICINITY OF HAIPHONG HWY BRIDGE AT 0820Z. PILOTS SIGHTED ONE SAM
AND EXPERIENCED LIGHT FLAK. NO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST OR DAMAGED. 2. BETWEEN
0940-52Z, SOUTH-WEST HANOI SAM CTLR WAS NOTED DISCUSSING ANTICIPATED US STRIKES
WITH AN UNIDENTIFIED BN. THE CTLR COMMENTED THAT TWO RECCE AIRCRAFT HAD

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RECONNOITERED AT ACU DOI (20-53N 106-33E) AND THAT THE AIR FORCE MIGHT STRIKE IN THE DIRECTION OF ROUTE NINE AND THAT THE NAVY WOULD PROBABLY STRIKE IN THE EAST AT CAU RE (21-31N 106-18E). THE CTR CONTINUED BY STATING THE AIR FORCE WOULD HIT HANOI IN THE AFTERNOON BUT HAD NO COMEYET. NO US STRIKES WERE SCHEDULED AGAINST HANOI TODAY BUT PREVIOUS INTERCEPTS HAVE REVEALED THAT PHOTO RECCE FLIGHTS RE USED TO FORECAST PROBABLE STRIKE LOCATIONS (24 OCT) 1. BETWEEN 0420-51Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED, PROBABLE HAIPHONG AREA, CTR WAS NOTED REPORTING THE DOWNING OF AN A4E AND THE RESCUE HELICOPTER WHICH HAD COME IN TO RESCUE THE PILOT. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY HIT IN THE VICINITY OF 21-07N 106-43E AND IMPACTED AT 20-35N 106-43E AT 0500Z. THE PILOTS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD. AT 0451Z A HAIPHONG AREA CTR WAS NOTED REPORTING TO A SENIOR SAM AUTHORITY THAT AN A4E HAD BEEN DOWNED AT 0417Z AND ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS WAS ALSO DOWNED. OPERATIONAL DATA REVEALS THAT AN A4E WAS HIT BY AAA AT 0417Z. THE PILOT WAS FORCED TO EJECT AT 0420Z AND WAS RECOVERED BY HELICOPTER A SHORT TIME LATER. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF A HELICOPTER BEING FIRED ON. 2. DURING THE 0800Z AND 0900Z HOURS, USAF AND USN STRIKE FORCES STRUCK PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. AAA WAS INITIALLY LIGHT BUT INCREASED TO MODERATE/HEAVY 37/57/85 MM GUNFIRE. USAF PILOTS SIGHTED 29 SAMs AND USN PILOTS SAW A MINIMUM OF 32 SAMs. TWO USAF AND THREE USN AIRCRAFT WERE DAMAGED BY AAA BUT WERE RECOVERED SAFELY. ONE USN F4D WAS DOWNED BY A SAM. ELINT INTERCEPTS [REDACTED] ACTIVE IN THE PHUC YEN AREA. BETWEEN 0834-39Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN WAS NOTED ENGAGED IN DOUBLE LAUNCH ACTIVITY. TWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT 0834Z BUT NO RESULTS WERE REPORTED. THE BN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE HOSTILES WERE NORTHWEST OF THE SITE A SECOND BN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FIRE TO WHICH THE CTR AGREED. AT 0837Z THE BN REPORTED THAT OBSERVERS HAD SEEN TWO AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES: ONE TO THE NORTHEAST AND ANOTHER TO THE NORTHWEST. ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED BN REPORTED DOUBLE LAUNCHES AT 0850 AND 0900Z. ONE OF THE MISSILES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DESTROYED A "PIRATE PLANE." BETWEEN 0900-41Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN OF THE 236TH TRGT WAS REFLECTED LAUNCHING FIVE SAMs AND DISCUSSING THE BOMBING AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTED DOWN SINCE A PARACHUTE HAD BEEN SIGHTED. AT 0936Z THE BN WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONSERVE THEIR MISSILES. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED AN F4 BEING DAMAGED BY AAA AT 0832Z. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AT 21-13N 105-33E AND WENT DOWN AT 0836Z IN THE VICINITY OF 21-27N 105-37E. AT 0836Z TWO A4E'S WERE DAMAGED BY SAMs IN THE VICINITY OF 21-13N 105-48E BUT BOTH AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY. ONE OF THE A4E'S WAS ON FIRE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT WHICH CORRELATES WITH THE REFERENCE TO AN AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHWEST BURSTING INTO FLAMES. 25 OCT 0800 HHHH

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