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 ENP01-T308117 3 [REDACTED] R312-67 DAILY SIGINT SUMMARY FOR 08 NOVEMBER 1967. ((ALL
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY IS BASED ENTIRELY ON SIGINT EXCEPT WHERE SOURCE IS OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. PART ONE-RESUME OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. ON 7 NOVEMBER, TWO DRV MIG-21'S RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM AFTER RECOVERING AT NINGMING ON THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE FIGHTERS PROBABLY LANDED AT PHUC YEN, ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL LANDING WAS NOT REFLECTED. LATER ON THE 7TH, THESE SAME MIG-21'S REACTED TO AND ENGAGED U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT NORTHWEST OF HANOI. AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT THE PILOTS REPORTED HAVING FIRED THREE MISSILES. THE MIG-21'S LANDED AT HAIPHONG/CAT BI AIRFIELD (SEE PART TWO-ALPHA). ENGAGEMENTS OVER THE DRV ON 6 NOVEMBER RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF AT LEAST ONE MIG-17 AND PROBABLY ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. FLIGHTS OF FOUR MIG-17'S EACH WERE SCRAMBLED FROM BOTH GIA LAM AND KEP AIRFIELDS. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT TWO MIG'S WERE SHOT DOWN, BUT FAIL TO SUBSTANTIATE ANY U.S. LOSS DURING THE ENGAGEMENT (SEE PART TWO-ECHO) PART TWO-CURRENT ACTIVITY. A [REDACTED] DRV AIR ACTIVITY: DRV MIG'S RETURN FROM NINGMING, AND ENGAGE STRIKE AIRCRAFT. DURING THE MID-MORNING LULL BETWEEN MORNING AND AFTERNOON STRIKE ACTIVITY ON THE 7TH, TWO MIG-21'S WHICH HAD RECOVERED AT NINGMING AFTER A DEFENSIVE PATROL THE PREVIOUS DAY (2 [REDACTED] /CK/R231-67, 070840Z) RETURNED TO THE DRV. THE FIGHTERS WERE AIR-BORNE OUT OF NINGMING PRIOR TO 0238 AND THEY FLEW TO THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF PHUC YEN WITHOUT INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ALERTED SEVERAL TIMES TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF KEP AIRFIELD. BY 0245, THE FIGHTERS HAD SIGHTED PHUC YEN, AND WERE TOLD TO RECOVER THERE; HOWEVER BOTH REMAINED AIRBORNE, MAKING SEVERAL PASSES OVER THE FIELD IN ORDER TO BURN OFF EXCESS FUEL AFTER THE SHORT HOP FROM NINGMING, UNTIL 0308. AT THAT TIME THE MIG'S WERE ORDERED TO MAKE ONE MORE PASS OVER PHUC YEN, AND, ALTHOUGH THE ACTUAL LANDING WAS NOT REFLECTED, APPARENTLY LANDED A FEW MINUTES LATER. (2 [REDACTED] /CK/R232-67, 071900Z.) LATER THE SAME DAY, PROBABLY THESE SAME MIG-21'S, FLOWING TWO DIFFERENT VIETNAMESE PILOTS, REACTED TO AND ENGAGED AFTERNOON STRIKES NORTHWEST OF HANOI. THE MIG'S TOOK OFF FROM PHUC YEN AT 0808, AND WERE VECTORED AGAINST A RAID OF FOUR U.S. AIRCRAFT, WHICH THE MIG PILOTS ACQUIRED AT A DISTANCE OF SOME 16 NAUTICAL MILES AT 0822. THEY WERE TOLD TO MANEUVER TO HOSTILE'S REAR, ATTACK, AND THEN WITHDRAW IMMEDIATELY. AT 0823, ONE OF THE PILOTS REPORTED "FINISHED ALREADY-(FIRED) THREE MISSILES..." IN THE NEXT MINUTE, THE MIG'S WERE WARNED OF SEVERAL RAIDS NEAR THEM: THEY WERE TOLD THAT "IF YOU WAIT UNTIL CONDITIONS ARE UNFAVORABLE, YOU MAY ATTACK. FIGHT DIRECT." IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD, A HOSTILE RAID SLIPPED IN BEHIND THE MIG'S AT A DISTANCE OF UNDER SEVEN MILES, AND THE PILOTS WERE ORDERED

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TO "WITHDRAW-USE ALARGE SPEED:" AT 0828, THE PILOTS WERE TOLD TO RECOVER
ATHAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD: WHILE EN ROUTE , THE FLIGHT LEADERREPORTED HAVING
FIRED TWO MISSILES AND HIS WINGMAN REPORTED ONE LAUNCH. THE MIGS PROCEEDED TO
CAT BI, AND LANDED THERE, INSPITE OF HOSTILES IN THE IMMEDIATE VICIINITY OF THE
AIRFIELD, AT 0838. OPERATIONAL DATA REPORTS THAT LOCUST TWO WAS HIT IN THE AFTER
SECTION OF HIS FUSELAGE BY AN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE FIRED BY A MIG-21 AT
APPROXIMATELY 0825. APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AFTER THEIR LANDING AT CAT BI, BOTH
MIGS RETURNED FROM HAIPHONG TO PHUC YEN: BOTH LANDED AT 1024. (2) VCK/R73-67,
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