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 F111 REF: A. UR B61-493, 291747Z (NOTAL) B. MY

SERI\*SERIAL: 2X/G11/VCY/T015-68,  
 TEXT 292043Z (NOTAL) C. MY TACREP NR 726-68 SONGBIRD PASEP GOLF  
 ELEVEN/ECHO, 291737Z (NOTAL) D. MY TACREP NR 717-68 SONGBIRD  
 PASEP GOLF ELEVEN/ECHO, 290630Z (NOTAL) E. MY 2/G11/VCM/T2431-68  
 WITH CHANGES, 291505Z 1. CONFIRMATION OF THE SHOOTDOWN OF  
 AN AMERICAN F-111 AIRCRAFT WAS GIVEN IN A 29 MARCH MESSAGE  
 SENT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT IN HANOI TO ANOTHER UNIDENT  
 IFIED ELEMENT IN HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS MESSAGE CREDITED  
 AN UNSPECIFIED INFANTRY UNIT WITH THE AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWN,  
 BUT GAVE NO LOCATION FOR THE ACTIVITY. 2. PRIOR TO THIS  
 CONFIRMATION, A MESSAGE SENT BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS  
 AT 0650 ZULU ON 28 MARCH HAD REVEALED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN  
 OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OF UNSPECIFIED YPTE. THE ELEMENTS  
 WHO SENT THIS MESSAGE GAVE TENUOUS INDICATIONS OF BEING  
 AIR DEFENSE ASSOCIATED AND ALSO REVEALED THEIR ASSOCIATIONS  
 WITH THREE UNIDENTIFIED UNITS DESIGNATED "SONG DA," "SONG  
 DAY," AND "SONG LO," THE UNITS INDICATED THAT THEIR OPERATIONS  
 INCLUDED THE TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES AMONG THEMSELVES CONCERNING  
 "THE DISTANCE, SPEED, AND ALTITUDE (OF THE PLANES) AT ANY  
 AREA, "AND REVEALED THAT "A NUMBER OF (MESSAGES)" HAD BEEN  
 SENT ON 27 MARCH. 3. THE MESSAGE ACTIVITY ON 27 MARCH AMONG  
 THESE UNIDENTIFIED UNITS WAS POSSIBLY REFLECTED IN THE OBSERVANCE  
 OF AN UNUSUALLY HIGH VOLUME OF HIGH PRECEDENCE MESSAGES  
 BEING EXCHANGED ON 27 AND 28 MARCH BETWEEN HQ, MILITARY  
 REGION (MR) 4 AIR DEFENSE COMMAND POST (ADCP) AND THREE  
 UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATES OF THAT ENTITY. 4. THE FIRST UNIDENTIFIED  
 SUBORDINATE, LOCATED AS LATE AS 15 MARCH IN THE VICINITY  
 OF 17-50N 105-50E, RECEIVED 9 MESSAGES FROM AND SENT 13  
 MESSAGES TO HQ, MR4 ADCP, IN CONTRAST TO A NORMAL DAILY  
 VOLUME OF 4 MESSAGES TO AND 1 MESSAGES TO AND 1 MESSAGE  
 FROM THAT HQ. 5. HQ, MR4 ADCP SENT TWO MESSAGES TO THE SECOND  
 UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE, LAST LOCATED ON 29 FEBRUARY IN  
 THE VICINITY OF 17-45N 106-10E. THIS IS THE FIRST MESSAGE  
 ACTIVITY NOTED BETWEEN THESE TWO ENTITIES SINCE 20 MARCH.  
 HQ, MR4 ADCP ALSO SENT THREE MESSAGES TO A THIRD UNIDENTIFIED  
 SUBORDINATE, LAST LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 17-30N 106-30E  
 AS LATE AS 29 FEBRUARY. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO  
 ENTITIES HAVE BEEN VERY INFREQUENT SINCE 20 MARCH. ONLY  
 ONE MESSAGE, SENT ON 24 MARCH, HAS BEEN OBSERVED PASSING  
 BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES SINCE 21 MARCH. 6. THUS, THERE  
 ARE VERY TENUOUS INDICATIONS THAT HQ, MR4 ADCP AND ITS THREE  
 SUBORDINATES WERE INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF THE F-111.  
 THIS WOULD LOCATE THIS ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG  
 DINH PROVINCE IN MR4. 560  
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