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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ USM-808 FOLLOW-UP NR 1 TO USA-32 CRITIC 12-68 REFLECTIONS OF AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS POSSIBLY OVER LAOS COMMUNICATIONS OBSERVED AT 0429Z ON 25 DECEMBER BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED PROBABLE REAR SERVICE ELEMENTS POSSIBLY EMANATING FROM LAOS HAVE DISCLOSED THE SHOOT-DOWN OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON 24 AND 25 DECEMBER. THE ORIGINATOR OF THE MESSAGE INDICATED THAT THE FIRST OF THE TWO AIRCRAFT (TYPE UNKNOWN) HAD ARRIVED "YESTERDAY AFTERNOON" (24 DECEMBER) AND THE SECOND, A HELICOPTER, "THIS MORNING" (25 DECEMBER). THE ORIGINATOR FURTHER REPORTED THAT A MAN WAS CLIMBING A LADDER SUSPENDED FROM THE HELICOPTER WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS FIRED UPON AND SHOT DOWN. APPARENTLY THE FIRST AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 24 DECEMBER AND THE HELICOPTER WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN ON THE MORNING OF 25 DECEMBER IN WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A RESCUE ATTEMPT. NO INFORMATION WAS DISCLOSED AS TO THE CURRENT POSITION OF PERSONNEL ABOARD EITHER OF THE TWO AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINATOR OF THE MESSAGE REPORTED THAT "NO RESCUE WAS POSSIBLE" 250 NNNN

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