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 TACREP NR, 054-70 DTG 071201ZJAB TACREP PASEP ADEE GOLF 11/ECHO TACREP NR,  
 060-70 SONGBIRD DTG 080631ZJAB SONG BIRD BINH TRAM 32 ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS ON  
 SHOOTDOWN  
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(b) (3) - P.L. 86-36

FM, ((BINH TR. 32)) ((1)) TO, ((16TH AAA BATTALION)) PREC, -- NR, ((M))  
 ((GIST)) ((2)) IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE 16TH AAA BATTALION, BINH TRAM 32  
 INSTRUCTED THE BATTALION TO \$BE DETERMINED NOT TO LEMTHEM (THE ENEMY) RESCUE  
 THE PILOT AND TO STRIVE TO CAPTURE THE PILOT. \$ THE BATTALION REPLIED THAT ALL  
 UNITS WERE VERY \$DETERMINED\$ AND THAT C-4 (COMPANY4) HAD FIRED A LOT. IN  
 RESPONSE TO A QUERY Q THE BATTALION, BINH TRAM 32 LEFT THE DEPLOYMENT OF 12.7MM  
 WEAPONS TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BATTALION COM-MANDER, SAYING THAT \$ANY  
 DEPLOYMENT IS ALL RIGHT. \$ THE BATTALION STATED THAT ELEMENTS OF COMPANIES 1,2,  
 AND 4 WERE ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE THE PILOT. THE BINH TRAM AGREED THAT THE  
 BATTALION SHOULD WITHDRAW INTO THE WOODS TO \$PROVIDE PROTECTION\$ AND SHOULD  
 COORDINATE WITH SURROUNDING UNITS TO CAPTURE THE PILOT. WHEN THE BATTALION  
 ASKED WHETHER THE OBSERVATION STATION HAD SEEN ANYTHING, THE BINH TRAM REPLIED  
 THAT ALTHOUGH THEY COULD SEE NOTHING AT THAT TIME, IT \$SEEMED THAT HE (THE  
 PILOT) WAS DEAD. \$ THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION AND SMOKE WHEN THE PLANE  
 HIT AND ITS BOMBS EXPLODED. THE BINH TRAM INSTRUCTED THE BATTALION THAT C-2  
 (COMPANY 2) WAS TO COLLECT \$EVIDENCES\$ AND \$WAR BOOTY\$ FROM THE PLANE WHICH  
 SHOULD THEN BE TAKEN TO THE BASE COMMAND POST FOR A REPORT TO THE BINH TRAM ND  
 GROUP ((3)) THE BATTALION REPORTED THAT BOTH PILOT AND PARACHUTE HAD BEEN  
 SIGHTED. TWO OV-10'S WERE OPERATING AT A MEDIUM ALTITUDE, AND ONE OV-10 WAS  
 MAKING PASSES AT AN ALTITUDE OF 150 TO 200 METERS. AN F-4 AND AD-6 HAD ALSO  
 ARRIVED, AND THE AD-6 WAS MAKING LOW PASSES. BINH TRAM 32 SUGGESTED THAT THE  
 BATTALION ORDER COMPANY 2 TO USE THE 37MM WEAPON TO FIRE AT THE AIRCRAFT AND,  
 IF NECESSARY, TO BRING OUT THE TWO 12.7MM WEAPONS TO FIRE AT THE OV-10'S, F-4  
 AND AD-6. THE BATTALION STATED THAT 37MM WEAPONS COULD NOT BE EMPLOYED BECAUSE  
 THE RANGE WAS TOO CLOSE. ((1)) LOCATED WITHIN 1000 METERS OF 16-56N 105-51E, WD  
 922 757 ((2)) TRANSLATED CHATTER, EXTRACTED DUE TO EXTRANEIOUS TEXT ((3))  
 PROBABLY A A REFERENCE TO 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP MS, USA-522J (CE) TI,  
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