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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHT - SUMMARY 1. NVAF FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS ARE ACTIVE SOUTH OF 20-00N ON 23 MARCH. 2. ELEMENTS OF THE 238TH AND 275TH SAM REGIMENTS REPORT THE DOWNING OF U.S. AIRCRAFT. 3. TWO \$SMALL TYPE\$ AIRCRAFT PENETRATE NVN AIRSPACE SOUTH OF THE MU GS A PASS. B. DETAILS 1. NVAF FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS CONDUCTED SEVERAL FLIGHTS TO AIRFIELDS BELOW 20-00N ON 23 MARCH. THE AN-2 WHICH DEPLOYED TO BAI THUONG ON 22 MARCH FLEW TO QUAN LANG ON 23 MARCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO HANOI GIA LAM BETWEEN 0030 DD 0328. BETWEEN 0400 AND 0516, TWO ADDITIONAL AN-2'S FLEW FROM PHUC YEN TO BAI THUONG. ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED BAI THUONG APPARENTLY EN ROUTE TO QUAN LANG. HOWEVER, THE QUAN LANG AIRFIELD CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED THE AN-2 PILOT TO RETURN TO PHUC YENH AND THIS SAME PILOT WAS LATER NOTED FLYING TO HANOI, PROBABLY FROM PHUC YEN. THE SECOND AN-2 WHICH FLEW TO BAI THUONG ON 23 MARCH DEPARTED THAT AIRFIELD AND FLEW TO VINH BETWEEN 0930 AND 1025. THIS AN-2 WAS ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED RETURNING TO HANOI. TWO MIG-21'S 09 1-13" -5 1-8 5#79, + 18,, 3 21 MARCH CONDUCTED A ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT FROM BAI THUONG OVER QUAN LANG AIRFIELD BETWEEN 0537 AND 0614 ON 23 MARCH. AN HOUR LATER, SIGINT REVEALED ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, MIG-21 AIRCRAFT TRANSITING FROM THE BAI THUONG AREA TO THE QUAN LANG/VINH AREA. LATER, BETWEEN 1140 AND 1207, THERE WERE TENTATIVE INDICATIONS THAT A MIG-21 TRAINING FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED AT QUAN LANG. 2. COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 238TH AND 275TH SAM REGIMENTS DURING THE 1000, 1100 AND 1300 HOURS CONTAINED REFERENCED THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4 BY AN UNDISCLOSED UNIT ON 22 MARCH AND THE DESTRUCTION OF A HELICOPTER BY THE 218TH AAA REGIMENT ON THE 23RD. MENTION WAS ALSO MADE OF U.S. ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE THE PILOTS. ACCORDING TO U.S. OPERATIONAL REPORTS, A USAF F-4 WAS DOWNED BY A SAM NEAR DONG HOI ON THE 22ND. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON A HELICOPTER LOSS ON THE 23RD THAT CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPORTS ON THE NVN SAM COMMUNICATIONS. 3. TWO \$SMALL TYPE\$ AIRCRAFT PENETRATED NVN AIRSPACE 15 NMS SOUTH OF TE MU GIA PASS BETWEEN 0646 AND 0653. INITIALLY DETECTED OVER LAOS 35 NMS SOUTH OF THE PASS, THE AIRCRAFT PROCEEDED ON A NORTHERLY HEADING AND CROSSED OVER THE LAOTIAN/NVN BORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 0648. THE INTRUDERS THEN ASSUMED A SOUTH-EASTERLY COURSE AND FLEW TO A OINT APPROXIMATELY 25 NMS NORTHWEST OF QUAN LANG AT 0651, TURNED SOUTHWEST AND EXITED NVN AIRSPACE AT 0652. ((2/00/VCK/R75-71, 230835Z)) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY NVAF FIGHTER AND TRANSPORT ACTIVITY RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL LEVEL ON THIS DATE. ANF AM AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED IN FLIGHTS TO PHUC YEN, BAI THUONG, VINH, AND HANOI GIA LAM. TWO MIG-21'S ALSO CONDUCTED FLIGHTS IN THE BAI THUONG AND QUAN LANG/VINH AREAS (SEE HIGHLIGHTS). NVAF FIGHTER STRIP ALERTS WERE NOTED AT BAI THUONG (THREE MIG-21 AND TWO MIG-17, 080957), KIEN AN (FIVE MIG-17 PILOTS), AND PHUC YEN (FOUR MIG-21 PILOTS). A TOTAL OF 18 GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT TRAINING SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY MIG-21 PILOTS OUT OF PHUC YEN AND MIG-17 PILOTS

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OUT OF KEP AND KIEN AN. AN ADDITIONAL 68 SORTIES CONSISTING OF ROUTINE TRAINWE AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY WERE FLOWN BY MIG-21, MIG-19, AND MIG-17 PILOTS OUT OF BAI THUONG, KEP, KIEN AN, PHUS YEN, YEN BAI AND POSSIBLY QUAN LANG. TWO NVAF IL-28 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. ONE AN-2 AND THREE IL-14 PILOTS CONDUCTED ROUTINE AIRFIELD TRAINING, AND ONE IL-14 AND FOUR AN-2 PILOTS PERFORMED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS OUT OF GIA LAM. EIGHT HELICOPTER PILOTS WERE NOTED IN NAVIGATIONAL, ROUTINE AIRFIELD TRAINING, AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSITN B-307 FLIGHT TO HANOI WAS ALSO NOTED. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY BETWEEN 0135 AND 0206, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE 267TH REGIMENT WAS NOTED TRACKING PROBABLE NVAF AIRCRAFT OVER THE HANOI AND YEN BAI AREAS. BETWEEN 0614 AND 0636, AN ELEMENT OF THIS SAME REGIMENT TRACKED PROBABLE NVAF AIRCRAFT IN THE HAIPHONG AND KEP AREAS. A UNIT OF THE 263RD REGIMENT WAS REFLECTED TRACKING A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 63 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN BETWEEN 0220 AND 0719. BETWEEN 0839 AND 0844, THE CONTROLLER OF THE 236TH REGIMENT PASSED PREFLIGHT INFORMATION TO BATTALION 63 (LOCATED IN THE NGHIA DAS AREA). THE PREFLIGHT WAS FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT TO FLY FROM HANOI GIA LAM TO BAI THUONG BETWEEN 1130 AND 1230, AND FOR UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT TO BE ACTIVE FROM BAI THUONG TO WITHIN A 30 KILOMETER (16.2 NM) RADIUS OF QUAN LANG. DURING THE 1000 HOUR, A BATTALION POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE 18TH REGIMENT SENT A REPORT WHICH SUGGESTED THAT A WITHDRAWING MANEUVER, TO ANOTHER POSITION WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON THE 24TH. C. RADAR ACTIVITY - NTR D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS - NTR PART THREE, AIR MOVEMENTS STATISTICAL SUMMARY (READ, TIME/HR PILOTS, TYPE ACFT/ARBITRARY PILOT NR/ACTY/ALT/ AREA/); 89,8,1/COMMENTS.) A. NVAF FIGHTERS 1. BAI THUONG (1) 2242-2248/TWO MIG-17'S/112/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD /--/--. (2) 2242-2248/TWO MIG-21'S/35,42/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD/--/--. (3) 2256-2259/ONE MIG-21/35/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD /--/--. (4) 0538-0619/TWO MIG-21'S/38942/NNAV TRNG/500-2000M/QUAN LANG AREA/--/--. 2. KEP (1) 0500-0531/SIX MIG-17'S/01,15,21,57,93/FORMATION PRAC/ 300-600M/KEP AREA/--/--. (2) 0635-0814/SEVEN MIG-17'S/--/FORMATION PRAC/--/KEP AREA /--/--. (3) 1129-1150/TWO MIG-17'S/.67/PRAC GCI/--/KA AREA/--/67 XXHH 900 03680 NNNN

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