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FURTHER ANALYSIS OF ACRP (SILVER DAWN) INTERCEPT OF DRV VHF MULTICHANNELS COMMUNICATIONS ON 31 OCT CANNOT CONFIRM THE SHOOTDOWN OF A US ACFT BY SAM AT 0235Z. WHILE POSSIBLY TWO OR MORE MISSILES WERE FIRED AT US ACFT AT APPROX 0231Z IT APPEARS THAT THE US ACFT DOWNED AT 0235Z WAS SHOT DOWN BY AAA. THIS FURTHER ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT SILVER DAWN INTERCEPT INDICATES THAT FOUR AND POSSIBLY MORE US ACFT WERE SHOT DOWN BY DRV AAA IN DEFENSE OF SAM INSTALLATIONS FM 31/0159Z TO 31/0316Z. AT 2159Z THE SAM INSTALLATION AT 2130N/10606E BEGAN REPORTING LOW FLYING ENEMY ACFT APPROACHING FM THE SOUTH AND AT 0220Z THIS INSTALLATION REQUESTED THAT AAA FACILITIES BE ADVISED TO GUARD AGAINST LOW FLYING ACFT. AT 0231Z A TARGET ACFT WAS REPORTED AT A RANGE OF 25KM AND TWO SAM'S WERE LAUNCHED TO INTERCEPT IT, HOWEVER NO CONFIRMATION OF A HIT BY EITHER OF THESE MISSILES WAS INTERCEPTED, AT 0235Z, AN AAA INSTALLATION LOCATED AT OR NEAR THE SAM INSTALLATION REPORTED THAT IT HAD =DESTROYED A TARGET= WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 2102N/2113N AND 10604E/10616E. AT 2249Z THE PROBABLE REGIMENTAL CONTROL FOR THE HAIPHONG AREA ANNOUNCED THAT AN AAA INSTALLATION HAD HIT ANOTHER TARGET. THE AAA INSTALLATION WAS INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW AND DESTROY THE TARGET HOWEVER CONFIRMATION OF SHOOTDOWN AND THE AREA OF THIS ACTIVITY WERE NOT REPORTED. AT 0316Z PROBABLE REGIMENTAL CONTRL AT HAIPHONG REPORTED THAT AAA HAD DESTROYED FOUR ACFT. AT 0329Z THE REGIMENTAL CONTRL AT HAIPHONG REQUESTED A REPORT ON THE ATTACK SITUATION. THE SAM INSTALLATION AT 213.N/10606E REPORTED THAT AAA WAS =BATTLING BEAUTIFULLY= AND FURTHER REPORTED THAT A FRIENDLY MIG HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, PROBABLY BY DRV AAA. THIS MIG SHOT DOWN WAS CONFIRMED ON DRV GCI FACILITIES AT 0311Z WHEN AN UNIDENTIFIED DRV ACFT REPORTED THE SHOOT DOWN, STATING =HE IS SHOT DOWN, HE IS FALLING.=

COMMENTS CANNOT DETERMINE AT THIS TIME WHEITHER CR NOT THIS MIG WAS AIRBORNE IN REACTION TO US STRIKE ACFT.

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