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~~S E C R E T SAVIN~~ 2/H3234-65 FOLLOW-UP NR TWO FINAL TO USA-32 SPOT REPORT 2/H3/VCK/R23Ø-65 DTG 17/Ø837Z NOV 65 TITLED: POSSIBLE OOTDOWN OF U.S. ACFT NOTED 17 NOV 65. TRANSCRIPTION OF [redacted] MULTICHANNEL [redacted] RADIO RELAY COMMUNICATIONS INTER ON 17 NOV 65 BTWN Ø344Z AND Ø5ØØZ INDICATES THAT A SAM INSTALLATION AT 2Ø49N 1Ø617E [redacted] LAUNCHED FRFACE-TO- AIR MISSILES AGAINST AN UNDETER INED NUMBER OF U.S. STRIKE ACFT FLYING IN AN AREA SOUTH OF HAI. AVAILABLE TRANSCRIPRTS REVEAL THAT ONE U.S. ACFT WAS DOWNED AND THAT THE PILOT HAD APPARENTLY PARACHUTED HIS ACFT, HOWEVER IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER THE ACFT WAS DOWNED BY AAA OR SAM. AT Ø344Z THE SAM INSTALLATION LOCA 2Ø49N 1Ø617E REPORTED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR MISSILE LAUNCH HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT TARGET ACFT WERE APPROA WITHIN 9Ø KILOMETERS (56NM) FROM THE SOUTHEAST. AT THAT TIME THE INSTALLATION WAS DIRECTED TO "PREPARE FOR TTLE" AND TO PAY ATTENTION TO HOSTILE ACFT APPROACHING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE "HAI DUONG-UONG BI ROAD". AZ THE INSTALLATION DECLARED CONDITION ONE AND REQUESTED THAT AAA BE ADVISED TO WATCH FOR LOW-FLYING ACFT. AT Ø35ARGET WAS LOCATED 17 KILOMETERS (9.2NM) EAST OF THE INSTALLATION AT AN ALTITUDE OF 2.5 KILOMETERS (8233 FEWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHEDFROM THE INSTALLATION AT Ø357:11Z AND Ø357:16Z. THE SAM INSTALLATION REPORTED THAT THE MISSILE HAD NO GUIDANCE AND WAS, THERE FORE UNABLE TO INTERCEPT ANY TARGE. THE SECOND MISSILE HAD GUIDANCE TIME OF LAUNCH, HOWEVER "THE GUIDACE BEAM WAS BROKEN" AD THIS MISSILE ALSO FAILED TO INTERCEPT A TARGET. THE INSION REPORTED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST LAUNCH THAT AAA WAS FIGHTING. AT Ø4Ø2Z A TARGET WAS REPORTED EATHE INSTALLATION AT A DISTANCE OF 25 KILOMETERS (15.6NM). THE TARGET APPROACHED TO A DISTANCE OF 18 KILOMETERSM) AT WHICH TIME THE INSTALLATION REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES "WITH NO RESULTS". THE INSTALLATION RELATED T HAD "LOCKED-ON" HOWEVER THE TARGET HAD FLOWN AWAY. AT Ø448Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER INFORMED THE SAMINSTON, "THE ENEMY'S NAVY IS ON THE OCEAN AT PRESENT AND THEY ARE RESCUING THE PILOTS. THE ENEMY ACFT ARE RESCUING LOTS. THE ENEMY IS AT HAIPHONG SAVING THEIR BUDDIES. OUR AIR FORCE HAS NOT YET TAKEN-OFF. THE COMRADES ARE FIGIN THE RESCUE AREA". COMMENTS: AVAILABLE TRANSCRIPTS REVEAL NO EVIDENCE AS TO "HOW" ANY U.S. ACFTOWNED, HOWEVER REFERENCES TO RESCUEEFFORTS IN THE HAIPHONG AREA TOGETHER WITH INDICATIONS OF BOTH SAM AND AAA F INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE ACFT WAS DOWN IN THE WATER AREA NEAR HAIPHONG. ALL CONVERSATIONS WERE CONDUCTED INAMESE. THIS WLL BE A FINAL REPORT UNLESS ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.66Ø

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