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POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF TWO U.S. STRIKE

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AT Ø553 ON 23 AUGUST 1965, A NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL FACILITY AT BAI CHAY INFORMED ALL UNITS THAT TWO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT-DOWN NEAR UONG BI AT Ø53Ø AND THAT ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE THEN CIR-CLING OVER HON GAY (SEE 2/G1/VHN/R536-65, 23Ø75ØZ). THE SAME INFORMATION WAS APPARENTLY RELAYED FROM A VIET CONG CONTROL GROUP TO TWO UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATES LATER AT Ø63Ø. THIS MESSAGE STATED THAT ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF HON GAY (2Ø-57N 1Ø7-Ø3E), BAI CHAY (2Ø-58N 1Ø7-Ø5E), AND UONG BI (21-Ø2N 1Ø6-47E) AND THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE AIRCRAFT HAD REPORTEDLY DOWNED TWO ((ENEMY)) AIRCRAFT (SEE 2/G11/VNG/R15-65, 23Ø75ØZ). IN A BADLY GARBLED MESSAGE INTERCEPTED AT Ø741, A NORTH VIETNAMESE NAVAL VESSEL POSSIBLY INFORMED HAIPHONG THAT ONE PILOT ((PRESUMABLY FROM ONE OF THE TWO DOWNED AIRCRAFT)) HAD BEEN CAPTURED (SEE 2/G1/VNH/R537-65, 23Ø8Ø7Z).

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BETWEEN Ø517 TO Ø645, THE PERIOD IN WHICH THE SHOOTDOWN REP-

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