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AVN/AVIA-A,OPER-A-V-H,TRNG-A-V,TCOM-A-V,METE,ELSY-A-V/I. AXX,XNT/OPER-V/. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 16/17ØØZ TO 17/17ØØZ FEBRUARY 1972
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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN SAM UNITS REACT TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER SOUTHERN NVN. 2. NVAF MIG-21 REACTS TO HOSTILES OVER LAOS. 3. DISPOSITION OF FORCES AT QUAN LANG INCREASED TO TWO MIG-21'S. B. DETAILS 1. NVN SAM-ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED AIR DEFENSE REACTIONS TO HOSTILE AIR ACTIVITY OVER SOUTHERN NVN, RESULTING IN THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF TWO AIRCRAFT AND THE CAPTURE OF AT LEAST THREE AIRCREW MEMBERS. THE FIRST SHOOTDOWN BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT, AT APPROXIMATELY Ø718 HAS NOT BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO ANY SPECIFIC TYPE OF ORDNANCE; HOWEVER, THE SECOND AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY ONE SA-2 MISSILE LAUNCHED AT Ø732 BY BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT. THROUGHOUT THE DAY'S ACTIVITY, A MINIMUM OF FIVE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 267TH SAM REGIMENT AND THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IN THE VICINITY OF DONG HOI, LOWER QUANG BINH PROVINCE. OPERATIONAL SOURCES REVEALED THAT A KORAT-BASED F-1Ø5 AND A USAF F-4 WERE LOST DURING THIS TIME FRAME. (2/OO/VCK/R148-72, 172Ø3Ø FEB) 2. BETWEEN 1342 AND 1421 AN NVAF MIG-21 SCRAMBLED FROM PHUC YEN AND OVERFLEW NORTHERN LAOS IN REACTION TO $HOSTILE$ AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE SAM NEUA AREA. THE MIG-21 ENCOUNTERED POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE FLIGHT AND ONLY CLOSED TO WITHIN 8Ø KMS OF THE HOSTILES BEFORE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNING TO PHUC YEN WITHOUT INCIDENT. (2/OO/LSVCA-E/R33-72, FORTHCOMING) 3. BETWEEN 23ØØ AND 23Ø1 TWO NVAF MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED SIMULTANEOUSLY ON STRIP ALERT AT QUAN LANG, INDICATING THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO MIG-21'S AT THAT AIRFIELD. THERE ARE VERY TENTATIVE INDICATIONS THAT THIS SECOND MIG-21 MAY HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO QUAN LANG USING STRICT COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY MEASURES ON 12 FEBRUARY IN THE LATE Ø7ØØ HOUR. PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY TWO MIG-21 PILOTS AT BAI THUONG, 14 MIG-21 PILOTS AT PHUC YEN, THREE MIG-21 PILOTS AT QUAN LANG, AND TWO MIG-19 PILOTS AT YEN BAI WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AT PHUC YEN, MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED 14 PRACTICE GCI SORTIES, EIGHT UNIDENTIFIED SORTIES, SIX PRACTICE AIR ATTACK SORTIES, THREE RADIO COMPASS LETDOWN SORTIES, TWO CIRCUIT AND LANDING SORTIES, TWO FORMATION PRACTICE SORTIES, AND ONE WEATHER RECON FLIGHT. ONE LI-2 FLEW FROM HOA LAC TO KEP, TO BAI THUONG, TO PHUC YEN. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY 1. BETWEEN Ø641 AND Ø7ØØ ON 17 FEBRUARY 1972, BATTALION 86 OF THE NVN 274TH SAM REGIMENT WAS NOTED TRACKING FOUR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE UNIT WAS ALSO NOTED IN CONDITION ONE DURING THIS TIME. 2. BETWEEN Ø72Ø AND Ø736, BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH WAS NOTED TRACKING AT LEAST FOUR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT

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SOUTH- SOUTHWEST OF DONG HOI OVER NVN. TWO MISSILES WERE FIRED AND BATTALION 89 WAS TOLD TO FIRE SIX MISSILES IF NECESSARY. HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE GIVEN. DURING THE SAME TIME, BATTALION 87 OF THE 274TH WAS NOTED TRACKING FOUR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER DONG HOI AND WAS ORDERED TO BE PREPARED TO STRIKE IF THE TARGETS CAME WITHIN RANGE. 3. BETWEEN 2351 AND 2354 ON 16 FEBRUARY 1972, AN UNIDENTIFIED, POSSIBLY SAM ASSOCIATED FACILITY PASSED A WARNING OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ATTACKING PHU XA BETWEEN Ø7ØØ(G) UNTIL NOON. 4. BETWEEN Ø711 AND Ø718, BATTALION 89 OF THE 274TH WAS NOTED IN CONDITION ONE ALERT STATUS. 5. BETWEEN Ø327 AND Ø4Ø9, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 263RD WAS NOTED PRACTICING TRACKING AND MISSILE LAUNCH TECHNIQUES. XXHH 9ØØ #8711 NNNNZ