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 VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 12/1700Z TO 13/1700Z JUNE 1972 (ALL TIMES ZULU)  
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PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY (NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTIONS TO U.S. AIR STRIKES ON 12 AND 13 JUNE 1972. B. DETAILS BETWEEN 2100 ON 12 JUNE AND 0900 ON 13 JUNE, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 115 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. FIGHTER REACTION TO THESE STRIKES CONSISTED OF ONE PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 ATTEMPTING INTERCEPT IN THE 2200 HOUR, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S ENGAGING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN THE 0200 HOUR, AND TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S ENGAGING HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ALSO DURING THE 0200 HOUR. THE LATTER FIGHTER REACTION RESULTED IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 261ST SAM REGIMENT (HANOI AREA) AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION IN THE NAM DINH AREA LAUNCHED AT LEAST FIVE MISSILES BETWEEN 0424 AND 0437 AND REPORTED THE TARGET GOING DOWN IN FLAMES AT 0429. PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY AT HANOI GIA LAM, FOUR L-29 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE AIR ATTACK SORTIES, TWO L-29 PILOTS AND TWO MIG-19 PILOTS FLEW NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING SORTIES, FOUR L-29 PILOTS ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY, TWO MIG-19 PILOTS AND TWO MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT, AND TWO MIG-21 PILOTS AND FOUR MIG-19 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE GCI SORTIES. AT KEP, ELEVEN MIG-17 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE ATTACK SORTIES. AT PHUC YEN, FOUR MIG-21 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE AIR ATTACK SORTIES, EIGHT MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED PRACTICE FORMATION FLIGHTS, TWO MIG-17 PILOTS AND THREE MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT, FOUR MIG-17 PILOTS FLEW A DEFENSIVE PATROL FIVE MIG-21 PILOTS ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY AND THREE MIG-21 PILOTS FLEW NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING SORTIES. THREE MI-4 PILOTS AT GIA LAM FLEW TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS AND TWO MI-6 PILOTS AT GIA LAM ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY 1. BETWEEN 1717 AND 1729, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION WAS NOTED TRACKING AT LEAST TWO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT NORTH OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. 2. FROM 1156 UNTIL 1206, BATTALION 44 OF THE 263RD SAM REGIMENT LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF VINH WAS NOTED TRACKING AT LEAST TWO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT NORTH OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. 3. BETWEEN 1228 AND 1250, BATTALION 44 WAS NOTED ACTIVE, TRACKING AT LEAST ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT NORTHEAST OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. AGAIN, BETWEEN 1544 AND 1609, BATTALION 44 WAS NOTED TRACKING AT LEAST ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT NORTHEAST OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT THAT SAME TIME, BATTALION 44 WAS TRACKING AT LEAST ONE OTHER HOSTILE AIRCRAFT SOUTHEAST OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. 4. BETWEEN 1511 AND 1541, BATTALION 44 OF THE 263RD WAS NOTED TRACKING AT LEAST TWO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT NORTHEAST OF VINH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE UNIT WAS NOTED IN CONDITION ONE ALERT STATUS AT 1512. C. RADAR ACTIVITY 1. NVN

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AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GIANT SCALE SR-71 FLOWN  
OVER SVN, NVN, LAOS AND THAILAND DURING THE 0600 AND 0700 HOURS AND THE BUFFALO  
HUNTER DRONE FLOWN IN THE VINH AREA. XXHH 900 03621 NNNH

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