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SAM REFLECTIONS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES, 27 JUNE
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SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NR. 2 TO 2/[redacted]/VCA/R58Ø-72, 27Ø146Z JUN 72. NVN SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) UNITS DISCUSSED AT LEAST ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSS AT APPROXIMATELY Ø154Z ON 27 JUNE. THIS SHOOTDOWN WAS APPARENTLY CREDITED TO A PILOT FROM THE 921ST FIGHTER REGIMENT. ALSO AT Ø2Ø1Z, BATTALION 32 OF THE 261ST SAM REGIMENT WAS NOTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES AT AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET. DETAILS AT Ø154Z, IN A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE CONTROLLER OF THE 261ST SAM REGIMENT AND THE PROBABLE COMMANDER OF BATTALION 32 261ST SAM REGIMENT, THE CONTROLER STATED THAT BATTALION 32 WAS NOT TO STRIKE YET. THE REASON FOR DELAYING THE LAUNCH WAS NOT GIVEN BUT IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WERE FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME. AT THIS TIME BATTALION 32 WAS IN CONDI- TION ONE AND PREPARED TO FIRE. AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER STATED THAT THE TARGET WAS AT $AZIMUTH 18Ø (DEGREES), RANGE 15 (KILOMETERS)$ FROM BATTALION 32'S POSITION. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THIS SAME SPEAKER STATED THAT OUTSIDE OBSERVERS HAD SEEN $AN AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES AND (THAT) THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT IT WENT DOWN.$ THE COMMANDER OF BATTALION 32 ASKED THE CONTROLLER OF THE 261ST SAM REGIMENT IF IT WAS KNOWN WHO SHOT DOWN THE AIRCRAFT AND THE CONTROLLER REPLIED THAT THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE WAS $TOAN.$ TOAN HAS PREVIUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING A PILOT FOR THE 921ST FIGHTER REGIMENT AT PHUC YEN. AT Ø2Ø1Z BATTALION 32 WAS NOTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES. AT Ø242Z IN A RECAP OF THIS ACTIVITY, BATTALION 32 WAS NOTED STATING THAT THE FIRST MISSILE HAD DETONATED BUT THAT THE SECOND MISSILE HAD RUN PAST THE TARGET AND THAT THE FINAL ARMING OF THE MISSILE HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED. ALSO REFERENCED AT Ø2Ø2Z WAS THE LAUNCH OF 2 AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILES BY U.S. AIRCRAFT AT BATTALION 32 AS SOON AS THE BATTALION HAD LAUNCHED THE FIRST MISSILE AT Ø2Ø1Z. BETWEEN Ø231 AND Ø234Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM FACILITY WAS NOTED PASSING SEVERAL POST-LAUNCH VALUES FOR TWO MISSILES WHICH WERE FIRED AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME FROM AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. THE AZIMUTH OF THE TARGET AT THE TIME OF THE LAUNCH OF THE FIRST MISSILE WAS REPORTED AS 2ØØ (DEGREES). THE AZIMUTH AND RANGE OF THE TARGET AT TIME OF INTERCEPT BY THE MISSILE WERE STATED AS 192 (DEGREES) AND 2Ø (KILOMETERS) RESPECTIVELY. THE SECOND MISSILE WAS NOTED AS HAVING SELF DESTRUCTED AT A RANGE OF 12 KILOMETERS FROM THE LAUNCH POSITION. XXHH 55Ø #8214 NNNN

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