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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 6 OCTOBER. 2. NVN 284TH AAA REGIMENT REPORTS DELIVERY OF 23MM GUNS TO THE 25ØTH AAA REGIMENT. 3. NVN 29ØTH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT DISCUSSES TRACKING WEAKPOINTS. 4. NVN 29ØTH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT DISCUSSES THE F-111 AIRCRAFT. 5. SOVIET IL-18 PERFORMS FLIGHT TO HANOI. 6. NVAF AN-2 TRANSPORTS PRISONER OF WAR. B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 17ØØ ON 5 OCTOBER AND 1549 ON 6 OCTOBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 225 $HOSTILE$ AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, NAM DINH, NA SAN, YEN BAI, KEP, HANOI, MOC CHAU, PHUC YEN, GIAO GIAP, VINH AND DIEN BIEN PHU. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT Ø427, BATTALION 48 OF THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT (HANOI AREA) REPORTED THE LAUNCHING OF TWO MISSILES; HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. BETWEEN Ø559 AND Ø7Ø2, A MINIMUM OF TEN SAMS WERE NOTED LAUNCHED BY UNIDENTIFIED HANOI AREA SAM SITES. NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. AT Ø641, AN UNIDENTIFIED AAA SITE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF 2Ø-52N 1Ø6-34E. OPERATIONAL SOURCES CONFIRM THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT TO SAM OR AAA DURING THE Ø6ØØ HOUR. TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21S ATTEMPTED A GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT BETWEEN Ø148 AND Ø213. TWO KEP-BASED MIG-21S FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROL BETWEEN Ø154 AND Ø218. THESE AIRCRAFT RECOVERED AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN Ø157 AND Ø214, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-19S FLEW COMBAT RESULTING IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE OF THE MIG-19S. THE OTHER MIG-19 RECOVERED SUCCESSFULLY AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN Ø852 AND Ø915, TWO HANOI GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21S FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROL. THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER SIMULATED A KEP-BASED MIG-17 REACTION BETWEEN Ø6Ø3 AND Ø623 AND A PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 REACTION FROM Ø629 TO Ø639. 2. ON 4 OCTOBER, THE HEADQUARTERS NVN 284TH AAA REGIMENT (QUANG XA, 16-53N 1Ø7-Ø1E) REPORTED THE DELIVERY OF 23 MM GUNS TO THE 25ØTH AAA REGIMENT (VICINITY OF 16-55N 1Ø6-57E). THE SPEAKER STATED THAT POSSIBLE ELEMENTS/VEHICLES $OF THE REGIMENT ARE TO BRING IN 23 MM GUNS TO (C-VAL, THE LANDING) AT CUA DUOI (16-49N 1Ø7-Ø1E) FOR TURN OVER TO THE 25ØTH AAA REGIMENT.$ (2/OO/VCK/R1Ø49, FORTHCOMING). 3. ONE 24 SEPTEMBER 1972, THE HEADQUARTERS NVN 29ØTH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (BA DON) REPORTED THAT ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR COMPANIES WERE CONTINUING TO BE CONFUSED IN TRACKING F-4 AND B-52 AIRCRAFT. (2/OO/VCK-EW/R1Ø48-72, FORTHCOMING). 4. ON 2 AND 3 OCTOBER, THE 29ØTH

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RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (BA DON) AND THE 293RD RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (PHUC YEN AREA) DISCUSSED THE DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE F-111 AND A7D AIRCRAFT AND TECHNIQUES TO USE IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE F-111 AIRCRAFT. AT Ø553 ON 2 OCTOBER, THE CONTROLLER OF THE 29ØTH REGIMENT BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO ALL OF ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR COMPANIES WHICH STATED, $THE ENEMY ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER, THEY HAD 48 ((OR 47)) F-111'S AT ((7 GR G)) AIR BASE...AND THAT THEY HAD BROUGHT 72 A7D'S TO KORAT AIR BASE... THE F-111 HAS A LARGE (C-VAL SILHOUETTE); CAN FLY AT BOTH LOW AND HIGH ALTITUDES, AND ITS RETRACTABLE AND EXPANDABLE WINGS WILL CAUSE THE PATTERN ((ON YOUR SCOPE)) TO CHANGE...$ ON 3 OCTOBER, THE CONTROLLER FOR THE 293RD REGIMENT INFORMED GCI RADAR COMPANY 43 (HANOI, 21-Ø4N 1Ø5-47E) THAT THE F-111 WOULD SOON BE USED IN A ROUTINE MANNER, BUT THAT ITS PERFORMANCE WAS NOT SUPERIOR AND NOT TO BE FEARED. (2/OO/VCK/R1Ø45-72 AND 2/OO/VCK/R1Ø46-72, FORTHCOMING). XX31
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