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BETWEEN Ø3Ø5Z-Ø33ØZ , 12 OCT 72, TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG-21 ACFT WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO ALLIED TACTICAL AIR STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. FROM Ø3Ø5A TO Ø318Z, THE MIGS WERE VE- CTORED TOWARD THE HOSTILE ACFT. AT Ø319Z, THE MIGS WERE TOLD TO GO INT THE ATTACK AND TO BREAK AWAY TO 22Ø DEGREES AFTER- WARDS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS INSTRUCTION, ONE OF THE MIG PILOTS REPORTED THAT HE HAD SHOT DOWN AN F-4; THAT IT HAD BURST INTO FLAMES. BEGINNING AT Ø323Z, VARIOUS GROUND CONTROLLERS BEGAN THE SECOND MIG ACFT AND CONTINUED TO DO SO UNTIL Ø33ØZ, THE TIME WHEN THE FIRST MIG ACFT LANDED AT PHUC YEN, WITH NO ANSWER FROM THE PILOT. COMMENTS, COLLATERAL SOURCES (SECRET) REVEAL THAT ONE U.S. F-4 ACFT (CALLSIGN SPARROW Ø3) WAS DOWNED AT POSITION 21-28N 1Ø6-37E. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO REVELAED THAT ONE U.S. F-4 IS CLAIMING THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN NVAF MIG-21.
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