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ENPØ1FG172355 7444 2/G1/VCM/T1Ø6ØØ-72 SPOT REPORT NORTH VIETNAMESE [redacted] 2/2
AVN,ALA/OPER=C-G/I,Z (TACREP ‡SONGBIRD‡ PASEP USM-7/INDIA DTG,192313ZDEC72)
UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT, OPERATING IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, NORTHERN LAOS,
REPORTS SHOOTADOWN OF B52'S AND CAPTURE OF PILOTS, 19 DECEMBER 1972.
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FM,((N/LAOS, U/I NVA ELE, NO RD)) TO/((N/LAOS, U/I NVA ELE, NO RD)) NR,((M))
PREC,--- DTO,((19DEC72)) ((M)) ((XGRG/M)) B52'S STRUCK INTO ((5GRG/U)) PHU
THO((1)). ((XGRG/M)) SHOT DOWN THREE B52'S , H2 LAAY AN ((2)) ONE AND CAPTURED
ALIVE A NUMBER OF PILOTS((3)). THE PRESENT SITUATION, ((3GRG)) CHANGED.
URGENTLY LAAYS DOONF((2)). ALL REGIMENTS((NFI)) MUST HEIGHTEN VIGILANCE AND
((C-VAL, STRICTLY) IMPLEMENT ALL SYSTEMS. ((XGRG/M)). ((1)) THIS MSG REF TO
ACTION IN NVN; THERE ARE SEVERAL PPL AREAS NAMED ‡PHU THO‡ IN NVN BUT ALL ARE
IN THE AREA OF THE ADM DIV LOC WJ2Ø6Ø; 21-15N 1Ø5-1ØE ((2)) AS IN TEXT, MEANING
UNCLEAR ((3)) NO DIFFERENTIATION MADE BETWEEN PILOTS AND CREWMEN OF B52'S IN
THIS MSG TI,19Ø9ØØZDEC72 MS [redacted] AND [redacted] XXHH 3ØØ ØØØØ5
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