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~~S E C R E T SPOKE~~ FOLLOW-UP NR THREE AND FINAL TO CRITIC 15-72 DTG, 21/2100Z DEC72. BTWN 1950Z AND 2117Z, 21DEC72, ASV FACS REFL A MINIMUM OF 36 B-52 ACFT IN 12 RAIDS OF THREE ACFT EACH ACTIVE OVER NVN AIRSPACE. ACFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FM LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF MOC CHAU (20-50N 104-45E) FLYING NORTHEAST TO 21-18N 105-23E. ALL B-52 ACFT FOLLOWED THE SAME FLT ROUTE ENTERING NVN. AT LEAST FIVE CELLS OF B-52S EXITED NVN AIRSPACE TOWARD THE GULF OF TONKIN AND THE REMAINDER EXITED TOWARD LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF 20-25N 104-30E. BTWN 2026Z AND 2046Z NUMEROUS SAM LAUNCHES WERE NOTED IN THE HANOI AREA. AT 2058Z TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER-NORTHERN SECTOR BATTLE COMMANDER INDICATED THAT ONE B-52, SCARLET 03, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE HANOI AREA. AT 2105Z A MSG FM AN ABNE PLATFORM INDICATED THAT AT 2103Z HIS POSITION WAS 19-46N 107-52E AND REPORTING A STRONG BEEPER FROM HIS LEFT. AT 2123Z THE BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT AN ADDITIONAL B-52 ACFT, BLUE 01, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, IN AN UNKNOWN AREA. COMMENT, PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT BASED ON ABNE [redacted] INTERCEPT. 360 #0298 NNNN

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