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ENPØ1FOO72366 2/OO/VCK/R15Ø1-72 SONGBIRD AVN/OPER-V/I,Z. HQS, NVN 274TH SAM REGIMENT, REPORTS SHOOTDOWN OF U.S. AIRCRAFT
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ON 29 DECEMBER 1972, HEADQUARTERS, 274TH SAM REGIMENT, WAS OBSERVED PASSING A REPORT TO THE POSSIBLE 361ST AIR DEFENSE DIVISION((1)) STATING THAT A AAA COMPANY SUBORDINATE TO THE 274TH REGIMENT HAD SHOT DOWN ONE AND POSSIBLY TWO F-4 AIRCRAFT. THE 274TH SAM REGIMENTAL HQS IS CURRENTLY UNLOCATED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE WESTERN HANOI/VIET TRI AREA. ALL FIRING BATTALIONS ARE UNLOCATED. DETAILS AT Ø728Z ON 29 DECEMBER, THE CONTROLLER OF THE 274TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTED THAT UNIDENTIFIED AAA COMPANIES SUBORDINATE TO THE REGIMENT WERE BEING DEPLOYED TO NEW LOCATIONS WITHIN THE 274TH REGIMENT'S AREA OF OPERATIONS. THE CONTROLLER THEN STATED THAT $ON 27 DECEMBER, COMPANY 8((2)) OPENED FIRE WITH 37 ((MM ARTILLERY PIECES, EXPENDING)) 65 ROUNDS AND DOWNED ONE F-4 IN THE DIRECTION OF HOA BINH((3)) (C VAL IN THE AREA OF 86)((4)). ON 28 DECEMBER, COMPANY 8 SET ONE F-4 AFIRE WHICH WAS TRAVELING FROM (C VAL ENE OVER TO SSW) ((I GR U)) ((EXPEND- ING)) 45 ROUNDS. THE LOCAL CITIZENS SAW THIS CLEARLY AND WE WILL REPORT (C VAL THEIR SPECIFIC OBSERVATIONS) LATER. THESE TWO ENGAGEMENTS OF COMPANY 8 BOTH TOOK PLACE AT XOM THANH((5)) ((I GR U)) HA TAY ((PROVINCE)) WHILE PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR BATTALION 86((4)).$ COMMENTS THIS INFORMATION TENTATIVELY LOCATES BATTALION 86 IN NORTHWESTERN HA TAY PROVINCE NEAR THE HA TAY-HOA BINH BORDER. ((1)) UNLOCATED; WESTERN HANOI AREA. ((2)) AAA COMPANY SUBORDINATE TO BATTALION 86. ((3)) PROVINCE OR TOWN LOCATED AT 2Ø-5NN, 1Ø5-2ØE. ((4)) BATTALION 86, 274TH SAM REGIMENT. ((5)) UNLOCATED. XXHH 5ØØ
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