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NORTH VIETNAM

ITEM 1: AIR ENGAGEMENT SOUTHWEST OF HANOI, 19 APRIL

INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL THAT AT LEAST 19 NORTH VIETNAMESE MIGS REACTED DURING A ROUGHLY ONE AND ONE-HALF HOUR PERIOD TO U.S. AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE HOA LAC/HOA BINH AREA. IN ADDITION, THREE NORTH KOREANS AND FOUR OTHER NORTH VIETNAMESE WERE AIRBORNE FROM PHUC YEN IN DEFENSIVE PATROLS DURING THIS PERIOD, BUT DID NOT CONTACT OUR FORCES. A NORTH VIETNAMESE PILOT CLAIMED A KILL AT 1023Z; THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AIE SANDY 01, DOWNED BY A MIG-17 WHILE ON A RESCAP MISSION. COMMUNICATIONS DO NOT INDICATE THAT ANY OF THE MIGS INVOLVED FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE, NOR WERE THERE ANY REFERENCES TO BAILING OUT.

BETWEEN 0853 AND 0923Z, SIX MIGS FROM HANOI/GIA LAM AIRFIELD AND THREE FROM THE NEW BASE AT HOA LAC WERE AIRBORNE IN REACTION, BUT THERE WAS NO CLEAR INDICATION OF AIR COMBAT, ALTHOUGH THE MIGS WERE UNDER GCI CONTROL, WERE ORDERED TO ATTACK AND APPROACHED TO WITHIN SIX MILES OF THE "HOSTILE" AIRCRAFT. IT WAS DURING THIS PERIOD THAT THE DEFENSIVE PATROLS NOTED ABOVE WERE FLOWN.

THE SECOND PERIOD OF ACTIVITY RAN FROM 1000-1036Z, INVOLVING 10 OTHER HOA LAC AND GIA LAM PILOTS IN REACTION TO THREE FLIGHTS OF U.S. AIRCRAFT. THIS ACTIVITY CULMINATED WITH THE SENIOR NORTH VIETNAM GCI CONTROLLER ORDERING AN ATTACK, FOLLOWED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AT 1023Z BY THE CLAIMED SHOOTDOWN.

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SOURCE COMMENT: ALL OF THE MIGS INVOLVED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO PHUC YEN MIG-21 PATROL SORTIES, APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MIG-17S. THE 19 PILOTS COMMITTED TO COMBAT REPRESENT THE HIGHEST NUMBER SEEN IN COMMUNICATIONS TO DATE.

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