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~~TOP SECRET TRINE~~ SECTION THREE OF SIXF46T/4131 WEEKLY DRV AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP (CONTINUED) SECTION THREE - SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM), AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT-ARTILLERY (AAA) ACTIVITY. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF 71 SAM SIGHTINGS, WHILE 24, POSSIBLY 25 MISSILE LAUNCHES WERE REFLECTED IN DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS. 1. 27 MAY A. FROM 0100Z TO 0136Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION, POSSIBLY V1453 (2116N 10531E) LAUNCHING ONE, POSSIBLY TWO MISSILES. WHILE EXPERIENCING ECM FURTHER ANALYSIS HAS REVEALED THAT SAM BATTALION V1453 RELOCATED ON 27 MAY TO A NEW LOCATION (2116N 10531E) FROM ITS PREVIOUS LOCATION OF 2118N 10551E. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES QRT-160 EQUIPPED F105 AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE VICINITY OF 2120N 10550E DURING THIS ACTIVITY AND WERE PROBABLY THE SOURCE OF ECM REPORTED BY THE LAUNCH SITE. U.S. PILOTS DID NOT REPORT ANY SAM SIGHTINGS IN THIS AREA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. B. FROM 0406Z TO 0429Z, A POST LAUNCH REPORT REVEALED A DOUBLE MISSILE LAUNCH AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME, BY SAM BATTALION V1463 (2127N 10555E). OPERATIONAL DATA DOES NOT REFLECT ANY SAM SIGHTINGS IN THIS AREA DURING THIS TIME PERIOD, HOWEVER, ONE F105 AIRCRAFT (PORK-2) WAS LOST TO A SAM IN THE VICINITY OF 2117N 10612E AT 0858Z. 2. 29 MAY A. FROM 0803Z TO 0930Z, BOTH SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL WERE NOTED IN MISSILE LAUNCH ACTIVITY. TWO REFERENCES WERE MADE TO FIRING, ONE BY A VIETNAMESE AT 0837Z AND ONE BY A NATIVE RUSSIAN AT 0844Z. THE RUSSIAN IDENTIFIED THE TARGET AS "BALLISTIC" (PROBABLY BLUE SPRINGS). RESULT OF THESE LAUNCHES WERE NOT REPORTED. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT BLUE SPRINGS MISSION Q-576 MADE A SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT OVER THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DRV BETWEEN 0833Z AND 0933Z ON THIS DATE. 3. 30 MAY A. FROM 0809Z TO 0839Z, SOVIET OPERATORS AT SAM BATTALION V1472 (2056N 10558E) WERE NOTED TRACKING NUMEROUS TARGETS AND PASSING PRE-LAUNCH DATA TO BOTH VIETNAMESE AND SOVIET PERSONNEL. THE SITE TRACKED BOTH HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT AND MADE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO IFF RESPONSES. THE SITE WAS UNABLE TO LAUNCH DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT AND ECM, WHICH WAS REPORTED AT 0819Z. AT 0820Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER REPORTED THAT HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT WERE "FIGHTING". DRV TAC VOICE FACILITIES INDICATE THAT THE FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT WERE PROBABLY 12 MIG-17'S. OPERATIONAL DATA INDICATES THAT THE HOSTILES WERE LIGHTNING FLIGHT (4 F105'S) WHICH WERE QRC-160 EQUIPPED, AND WERE PROBABLY THE SOURCE OF ECM REPORTED AT 0819Z. 4. 31 MAY A. AT 0121Z, A SPEAKER AT AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, REPORTED THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE HOSTILE WAS POSSIBLY DOWNED OVER DO SON (2042N 10647E). THE SPEAKER FURTHER STATED THAT THE PILOT HAD EJECTED, AND THAT A HELICOPTER CAME TO RESCUE HIM, THEREFORE, HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE PILOT HAD BEEN CAPTURED. AT 0130Z, SAM BATTALION V1402 (VN066) PROBABLY RELAYED A BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT FROM ANOTHER SAM BATTALION TO THE HAIPHONG REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER. DAMAGE TO THE CONTROL VAN, BROKEN CABLES, AND FOUR MEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, WAS REPORTED. THE SPEAKER ALSO STATED, "CAN'T REPAIR THE MISSILE(S) YET... THE AMBULANCE AND

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THE EQUIPMENT ARE ALL DAMAGED...BURNED". AT 0135Z, THE SPEAKER THAT REPORTED THE SHOOTDOWN AT 0121Z, STATED THAT V1402 HAD LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES, POSSIBLY DESTROYING ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. NO SPECIFIC TIME WAS GIVEN FOR THE LAUNCHES. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT AT LEAST EIGHT SAM WERE SIGHTED BY U.S. PILOTS BETWEEN 0045Z AND 0101Z. HOWEVER, SPECIFIC TIMES FOR THE LAUNCHES WAS NOT GIVEN, MAKING CORRELATION OF THE SAM ACTIVITY IMPOSSIBLE. DURING THE COURSE OF U.S. NAVY STRIKES ON THE LOI DONG AND CONG MY TRANSHIPMENT POINTS, SAM SITE VN093 WAS HIT WITH 76 2.75 INCH ROCKETS, AT APPROXIMATELY 0100Z. A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED. THIS STRIKE ON SAM SITE VN093 IS BELIEVED TO CORRELATE WITH THE REPORT INTERCEPTED FROM V1402. VN093 HAS BEEN CORRELATED WITH THE COMINT IDENTIFIED SAM BATTALION V1474.

SINCE AT LEAST 11 DECEMBER 1966. 900 NNNN

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