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F111 REF: A. UR B61-493, 291747Z (NOTAL) B. MY

SERIAL: 2X/G11/VCY/T015-68,
TEXT 292043Z (NOTAL) C. MY TACREP NR 726-68 SONGBIRD PASEP GOLF
ELEVEN/ECHO, 291737Z (NOTAL) D. MY TACREP NR 717-68 SONGBIRD
PASEP GOLF ELEVEN/ECHO, 290630Z (NOTAL) E. MY 2/G11/VCM/T2431-68
WITH CHANGES, 291505Z 1. CONFIRMATION OF THE SHOOTDOWN OF
AN AMERICAN F-111 AIRCRAFT WAS GIVEN IN A 29 MARCH MESSAGE
SENT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT IN HANOI TO ANOTHER UNIDENT
IFIED ELEMENT IN HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS MESSAGE CREDITED
AN UNSPECIFIED INFANTRY UNIT WITH THE AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWN,
BUT GAVE NO LOCATION FOR THE ACTIVITY. 2. PRIOR TO THIS
CONFIRMATION, A MESSAGE SENT BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS
AT 0650 ZULU ON 28 MARCH HAD REVEALED THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN
OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OF UNSPECIFIED YPTE. THE ELEMENTS
WHO SENT THIS MESSAGE GAVE TENUOUS INDICATIONS OF BEING
AIR DEFENSE ASSOCIATED AND ALSO REVEALED THEIR ASSOCIATIONS
WITH THREE UNIDENTIFIED UNITS DESIGNATED "SONG DA," "SONG
DAY," AND "SONG LO," THE UNITS INDICATED THAT THEIR OPERATIONS
INCLUDED THE TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES AMONG THEMSELVES CONCERNING
"THE DISTANCE, SPEED, AND ALTITUDE (OF THE PLANES) AT ANY
AREA, AND REVEALED THAT "A NUMBER OF (MESSAGES)" HAD BEEN
SENT ON 27 MARCH. 3. THE MESSAGE ACTIVITY ON 27 MARCH AMONG
THESE UNIDENTIFIED UNITS WAS POSSIBLY REFLECTED IN THE OBSERVANCE
OF AN UNUSUALLY HIGH VOLUME OF HIGH PRECEDENCE MESSAGES
BEING EXCHANGED ON 27 AND 28 MARCH BETWEEN HQ, MILITARY
REGION (MR) 4 AIR DEFENSE COMMAND POST (ADCP) AND THREE
UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATES OF THAT ENTITY. 4. THE FIRST UNIDENTIFIED
SUBORDINATE, LOCATED AS LATE AS 15 MARCH IN THE VICINITY
OF 17-50N 105-50E, RECEIVED 9 MESSAGES FROM AND SENT 13
MESSAGES TO HQ, MR4 ADCP, IN CONTRAST TO A NORMAL DAILY
VOLUME OF 4 MESSAGES TO AND 1 MESSAGES TO AND 1 MESSAGE
FROM THAT HQ. 5. HQ, MR4 ADCP SENT TWO MESSAGES TO THE SECOND
UNIDENTIFIED SUBORDINATE, LAST LOCATED ON 29 FEBRUARY IN
THE VICINITY OF 17-45N 106-10E. THIS IS THE FIRST MESSAGE
ACTIVITY NOTED BETWEEN THESE TWO ENTITIES SINCE 20 MARCH.
HQ, MR4 ADCP ALSO SENT THREE MESSAGES TO A THIRD UNIDENTIFIED
SUBORDINATE, LAST LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 17-30N 106-30E
AS LATE AS 29 FEBRUARY. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO
ENTITIES HAVE BEEN VERY INFREQUENT SINCE 20 MARCH. ONLY
ONE MESSAGE, SENT ON 24 MARCH, HAS BEEN OBSERVED PASSING
BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES SINCE 21 MARCH. 6. THUS, THERE
ARE VERY TENUOUS INDICATIONS THAT HQ, MR4 ADCP AND ITS THREE
SUBORDINATES WERE INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF THE F-111.
THIS WOULD LOCATE THIS ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG
DINH PROVINCE IN MR4. 560
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