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DURING THE Ø7 HOUR ON 26 NOVEMBER, NVAF AIRFIELD SUPPORT FACILITIES REAECTED A IONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTISIED SPEAKERS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF U.SJK PILOTS ETW EE OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 25 TVMBER- THE FIRST SPEAKER STATED THAT THE U.S. AIRCRAFT THAT WAS TO "SPY" IN THE DO LUONG AREA (1854N-1Ø518E) HAS SHOT DOWN BY A MISSILE (PROBABLY A SAM). THE SPEAKER WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WERE TWO PILOTS AND THAT ONE HAD DIED AND THE OTHER HAD BEEN PICKED UP. THIS SPEAKER SAID THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AT QUANG BINH (173ØN-1Ø62ØE) AND THAT THE PILOT HAD ALSO BEEN PICKED UP. THE SPEAKER WENT ON TO DETAIL THE PROBLEM OF GETTING THE DOWNED PILOTS BACK TO PROBABLY HANOI. HE SAID THAT AN-2'S WOULD BE USED BUT, HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MANY BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TO BRING THEM (THE PILOTS) BACK TOGETHER OR NOT. THE SPEAKER ENDED BY SAYING THAT ONE PILOT WAS AT QUANG BINH AND ONE WAS AZVVHE DO LUONG/DIEN CHAU (19ØØN- 1Ø535E) AREA:6 :9..3,5:: THE PILOT REFERRED TO AS DOWNED IN THE DO LUONG AREA PROBABLY RELATES TO ONE OF THE TWO RA-5C PILOTS DOWNED ON THIS DATE NEAR VINH. ADDITIONALLY, AN F-4D WAS DOWNED NEAR DONG HOI A FEW HOURS LATER ON 25 NOVEMBER AND ONE PILOT REPORTEDLY "PICKED UP" BY THE NVN APPEARS PROBABLE. XXHH 15Ø NNNN

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