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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) NVN AIRDEFENSE WEAPONS REACTIONS TO U.S. AIR OPERATIONS OVER
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IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 28 JAN, NVN AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SURFACE-TO - AIR MISSILES (SAMS), ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA), NVAF MIG-21'S, AND SUPPORTING AIR-RELATED GROUND ELEMENTS REACTED TO U.S. AIR OPERATIONS OVER SOUTHERN AREAS OF NORTH VIETNAM. THESE REACTIONS RESULTED IN THE SHOOT-DOWN OFONE F-1Ø5 RECONNAISSANCE ESCORT AIRCRAFT AND A JOLLY GREEN SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) HELICOPTER. THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE HOSTILE ACTION, THE ENGAGEMENTS, AND POST ACTION/DISCUSSIONS WILL BE RE- CAPPED IN DETAIL IN A CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. SINCE THE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO MIG-21'S TO VINH AIRA- FIELD ON 29DECEMBER, AIR OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVING VINH AIRFIELD, CAM XUYEN, BAI THUONG, AND HANOI BAC MAI HAVE REVEALED THE ROLE OF THE DEPLOYED MIGS TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTERING U.S. AIR OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN AREAS OF NVN AND POSSIBLY ADJACENT LAOTIAN TERRITORY. PRIOR TO 28 JANUARY, THE ACTUAL FLIGHT ACTIVITY BY THEMIGS WAS LIMITED TO A ROTATION FLIGHT OF MIG AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS ON 22 JAN- UARY. BETWEEN 22 JANUARY AND 27 JANUARY, WEATHER OVER NORTH VIETNAM WAS POOR, WITH RAIN, DRIZZLE, AND FOG APPEARING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BUT CONCENTRATED MAINLY IN THE DELTA AREA AND THE COASTAL REGIONS. THE CONTINUED LACK OF FLIGHT ACTY AT VINH AS WELL AS THE CURTAILMENT OF FLIGHT ACTY AT OTHER NVAF BASES WAS ATTRIBUTED TO POOR WEATHER. IN THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 27 JANUARY, A VIP/IP ASSOCIATED IL-14 PERFORMED A FLIGHT FROM HANOI GIA LAM TO VINH WITH 15 PASSENGERS ON BOARD. THE IL-14 REMAINED OVERNIGHT AT VINH AND FLEW TO HAIPHONG KIEN AN DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF 28 JANUARY. ALTHOUGH NO LOAD DESCRIPTION WAS GIVEN FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT, THERE WERE INDICATIONS ON TAC VOICE AND AIR OPS FACILITIES THAT AT LEAST ONE VIP/IP WAS ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT. IN THE Ø4ØØ/Ø5Ø;) #974 9, 28 JANUARY, ONE F-1Ø5 PER- FOMING SAM SUPPRESSION FOR A FLIGHT OF RF-4C RECON- NAISSANCE AIRCRAFT OVER NOTH VIETNAM WAS FIRED ON BY A SAM SITE LOCATED WITHIN 2 NM OF 18-ØØN 1Ø5-53E. THE FIRING OCCURRED AT Ø5Ø6 AND THE F-1Ø5VSUCCESSFULLY EVADED THE MISSILES AND PERFORMED A RETALIATORY STRIKE AGAINST THE LAUNCH SITE. THE F-1Ø5 PILOT COMPLETED THE STRIKE AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF STRIKING A SECOND SITE DETECTED IN THE VICINITY OF 18-Ø4N 1Ø5-47E WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT AND DOWNED BY AAA FIRE. THE AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY IMPACTED AT 17-54N 1Ø5-49E AT APPROX Ø51Ø. OPERTATIONAL DATA INDICATED GOOD CHUTES AND BEEPERS FOR BOTH THE PILOT AND THE EWO. AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM- ASSOCIATED FACILITY LATER REPORTED THAT THE PARACHUTES OF THE CREW PERFORATED/STREAMING DOWN AND THAT $BOTH PILOTS$WERE DEAD. ADDITIONALLY, AIRFIELD SUPPORT COMMUNCIATIONS HAS REVEALED

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THAT THE F-105 CRASHED IN THE AREA OF BA COC (18-02N 105-37E) CONFLICTING WITH THE OPERATIONAL DATA POSITION. DURING THE TIME THE F-105 WAS ACTIVE OVER NVN, THERE WAS NO REPORTED SAM TRACKING OF THE AIRCRAFT. AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED A TRACK OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT FROM 0500 TO 0511 PERFORMING A FIGURE EIGHT PATTERN IN THE VICINITY OF ROUTE 15. THE LAST NOTED POSITION OF THE FLIGHT WAS 17-45N 105-50E.DUE TO LIMITED TRACKING AND ALTITUDE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TRACKING (4000 FT) AND OPERATIONAL DATA (14000 FT), A FIRM CORRELATION CANNOT BE MADE. BETWEEN 0445 AND 0815 A MINIMUM OF 23 HOSTILE TRACKS CONTAINING REFLECTIONS OF A MINIMUM OF 49 AIRCRAFT WERE TRACKED BY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITYES IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 105-00E TO 105-32E AND 17-00N TO 18-30N. SHORTLY (0529) AFTER THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURED, NVAF AIROPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED CAM XUYEN IN- FORMING HANOI BAC MAI THAT THEY HAD A COMM$CHANNEL$ WITH POSSIBLY AN NVN AAA AUTHORITY LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN REGIONS (SPECIFIC LOCATION UNK). AT 0546 CAM XUYEN FURTHER INFORMED HANOI BAC MAI THAT HE HAJH BUGUN $ RECEIVING$ WITH THE UNLOCATED AAA AUTHORITY. AT APPROXIMATELY 0610, TAC AIRFACILITIES REFLECTED TWO MIG-21 PFM'S DEPARTING PHUC YEN ENROUTE TO BAI THUONG. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED THERE AT 0640. NVAF AIR OPERATIONS FACILITIES REPORTED THE PILOTS OF THE TWO MIG-21'S TO BE $ PHUC$ AND $SONG$. NVAF AIR OPERATIONS AND TACTICAL AIR FACILITIES REFLECTED THE VINH MIG-21'S AND TWO MIG-21'S AB BAI THUONG ON ALERT CONDITIONONE AS EARLY AS 0701. THE TWO PILOTS ALERTED AT BAI THUONG WERE THE SAME TWO NOTED DEPLOYING IN THE 0600 HOUR. THE TWO BAI THUONG PILOTS REMAINED ON ALERT UNTIL AT LEAST 0851 WHEN THE ALERT STATUS WAS REDUCED TO CONDITION THREE. XXHH 900 NNNN

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