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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) PART ONE, HIGHLIGH/ -. SUMMARY 1. NVAF FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS ARE ACTIVE SOUTH OF 2Ø-ØØN ON 23 MARCH. 2. ELEMENTS OF THE 238TH AND 275TH SAM REGIMENTS REPORT THE DOWNING OF U.S. AIRCRAFT. 3. TWO $SMALL TYPE$ AIRCRAFT PENETRATE NVN AIRSPACE SOUTH OF THE MU GS A PASS. B. DETAILS 1. NVAF FIGHTERS AND TRANSPORTS CONDUCTED SEVERAL FLIGHTS TO AIRFIELDS BELOW 2Ø-ØØN ON 23 MARCH. THE AN-2 WHICH DEPLOYED TO BAI THUONG ON 22 MARCH FLEW TO QUAN LANG ON 23 MARCH AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO HANOI GIA LAM BETWEEN ØØ3Ø DD Ø328. BETWEEN Ø4ØØ AND Ø516, TWO ADDITIONAL AN-2'S FLEW FROM PHUC YEN TO BAI THUONG. ONE OF THESE AIRCRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED BAI THUONG APPARENTLY EN ROUTE TO QUAN LANG. HOWEVER, THE QUAN LANG AIRFIELD CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED THE AN-2 PILOT TO RETURN TO PHUC YENH AND THIS SAME PILOT WAS LATER NOTED FLYING TO HANOI, PROBABLY FROM PHUC YEN. THE SECOND AN-2 WHICH FLEW TO BAI THUONG ON 23 MARCH DEPARTED THAT AIRFIEDL AND FLEW TO VINH BETWEEN Ø93Ø AND 1Ø25. THIS AN-2 WAS ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED RETURNING TO HANOI. TWO MIG-21'Ø9 ?-?3" -5 ?-8 5#79,+ ?8,,3 21 MARCH CONDUCTED A ROUND ROBIN FLIGHT FROM BAI THUONG OVER QUAN LANG AIRFIELD BETWEEN Ø537 AND Ø614 ON 23 MARCH. AN HOUR LATER, SIGINT REVEALED ONE, POSSIBLY TWO, MIG-21 AIRCRAFT TRANSITING FROM THE BAI THUONG AREA TO THE QUAN LANG/VINH AREA. LATER, BETWEEN 114Ø AND 12Ø7, THERE WERE TENTATIVE INDICATIONS THAT A MIG-21 TRAINING FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED AT QUAN LANG. 2. COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 238TH AND 275TH SAM REGIMENTS DURING THE 1ØØØ, 11ØØ AND 13ØØ HOURS CONTAINED REFERENCEO THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4 BY AN UNDISCLOSED UNIT ON 22 MARCH AND THE DESTRUCTION OF A HELICOPTER BY THE 218TH AAA REGIMENT ON THE 23RD. MENTION WAS ALSO MADE OF U.S. ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE THE PILOTS. ACCORDING TO U.S. OPERATIONAL REPORTS, A USAF F-4 WASINDOWNED BY A SAM NEAR DONG HOI ON THE 22ND. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON A HELICOPTER LOSS ON THE 23RD THAT CAN BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPORTS ON THE NVN SAM COMMUNICA- TIONS. 3. TWO $SMALL TYPE$ AIRCRAFT PENETRATED NVN AIRSPACE 15 NMS SOUTH OF TE MU GIA PASS BETWEEN Ø646 AND Ø653. INITIALLY DETECTED OVER LAOS 35 NMS SOUTH OF THE PASS, THE AIRCRAFT PROCEEDED ON A NORTHERLY HEADING AND CROSSED OVER THE LAOTIAN/NVN BORDERAT APPROXIMATELY Ø648. THE INTRUDERS THEN ASSUMED A SOUTH- EASTERLY COURSE AND FLEW TO A OINT APPROXIMATELY 25 NMS NORTHWEST OF QUAN LANG AT Ø651, TURNED SOUTHWEST AND EXITED NVN AIRSPACE AT Ø652. ((2/OO/VCK/R75-71, 23Ø835Z)) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY NVAF FIGHTER AND TRANSPORT ACTIVITY RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL LEVEL ON THIS DATE. ANF AW AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED IN FLIGHTS TO PHUC YEN, BAI THUONG, VINH, AND HANOI GIA LAM. TWO MIG-21'S ALSO CONDUCTED FLIGHTS IN THE BAI THUONG AND QUAN LANG/VINH AREAS (SEE HIGHLIGHTS). NVAF FIGHTER STRIP ALERTS WERE NOTED AT BAI THUONG (THREE MIG-21 AND TWO MIG-17 ,Ø8)95?), KIEN AN (FIVE MIG-17 PILOTS), ANDPHUC YEN (FOUR MIG-21 PILOTS). A TOTAL OF 18 GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT TRAINING SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY MIG-21 PILOTS OUT OF PHUC YEN AND MIG-17 PILOTS

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OUT OF KEP AND KIEN AN. AN ADDITIONAL 68 SORTIES CONSISTING OF ROUTINE TRAINWE AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY WERE FLOWN BY MIG-21, MIG-19, AND MIG-17 PILOTS OUT OG BAI THUONG, KEP, KIEN AN, PHUS YEN, YEN BAI AND POSSIBLY QUAN LANG. TWO NVAF IL-28 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. ONE AN-2 AND THREE IL-14 APILOTS CONDUCTED ROUTINE AIRFIELD TRAINING, AND ONE IL-14 AND FOUR AN-2 PILOTS PERFORMED NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS OUT OF GIA LAM. EIGHT HELICOPTER PILOTS WERE NOTED IN NAVIGATIONAL, ROUTINE AIRFIELD TRAINING, AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSITN B-3Ø7 FLIGHT TO HANOI WAS ALSO NOTED. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY BETWEEN Ø135 AND Ø2Ø6, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT POSSIBLY SUBORD- INATE TO THE 267TH REGIMENT WAS NOTED TRACKING PROBABLE NVAF AIRCRAFT OVER THE HANOI AND YEN BAI AREAS. BETWEEN Ø614 AND Ø636, AN ELEMENT OF THIS SAME REGIMENT TRACKED PROBABLE NVAEPAIRCRAFT IN THE HAIPHONG AND KEP AREAS. A UNIT OF THE 263RD REGIMENT WAS REFLECTED TRACKING A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 63 UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN BETWEEN Ø22Ø AND Ø719. BETWEEN Ø839 AND Ø844, THE CONTROLLER OF THE 236TH REGIMENT PASSED PREFLIGHT INFORMATION TO BATTALION 63 (LOCATED IN THE NGHIA DAS AREA). THE PREFLIGHT WAS FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT TO FLY FROM HANOI GIA LAM TO BAI THUONG BETWEEN 113Ø AND 123Ø, AND FOR UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT TO BE ACTIVE FROM BAI THUONG TO WITHIN A 3Ø KILOMETER (16.2 NM) RADIUS OF QUAN LANG. DURING THE 1ØØØ HOUR, A BATTALION POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE ?8TH REGIMENT SENT A REPORT WHICH SUGGESTED THAT A $WITH- DRAWING MANEUVER, TO ANOTHER POSITION WAS TO TAKE PLACE ON THE 24TH. C. RADAR ACTIVITY - NTR D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS - NTR PART THREE, AIR MOVEMENTS STATISTICAL SUMMARY (READ, TIME/NR PILOTS, TYPE ACFT/ARBITRARY PILOT NR/ACTY/ALT/ AREA/) ;89,8,?/COMMENTS.) A. NVAF FIGHTERS 1. BAI THUONG (1) 2242-2248/TWO MIG-17'S/..,12/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD /--/--. (2) 2242-2248/TWO MIG-21'S/35,42/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD/--/--. (3) 2256-2259/ONE MIG-21/35/STRIP ALERT/--/BAI THUONG AFLD/ --/--. (4) Ø538-Ø619/TWO MIG-21'S/38942/NNAV TRNG/5ØØ-2ØØØM/QUAN LANG AREA/--/--. 2. KEP (1) Ø5ØØ-Ø531/SIX MIG-17'S/Ø1,...,15,21,57,93/FORMATION PRAC/ 3ØØ-6ØØM/KEP AREA/--/--. (2) Ø635-Ø814/SEVEN MIG-17'S/--/FORMATION PRAC/--/KEP AREA/ --/--. (3) 1129-115Ø/TWO MIG-17'S/..67/PRAC GCI/--/KA AREA/--/67 XXHH 9ØØ #368Ø NNNN