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AVN, UUR/AVIA-Y/E. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR #6/17#Z TO #7/17#Z JUNE

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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE TRACKING OF AND AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 7 JUNE 1972. 2. [] 3. NVN 257TH SAM REGIMENT NOTED IN MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 2338 ON 5 JUNE AND 1539 ON 7 JUNE, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 231 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT IN THE VINH/THANH HOA, LANG SON/PRC BORDER, AND HAIPHONG AREAS. NVN FIGHTER REACTION CONSISTED OF TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S FLYING DEFENSIVE PATROL IN THE #3# HOUR AND A PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 IN POSSIBLE REACTION ALSO DURING THE #3# HOUR. AT #542, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT, LOCATED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, REPORTED THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN ALLIED A-7. AN OPERATIONAL SOURCE CONFIRMED THE LOSS OF AN A-7 IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. 2. []

(2) [] VCT#R36-72, #221#3 JUNE 1972 AND FOLLOW UPS) 3. ON 6 JUNE THE NVN 257TH SAM REGIMENT WAS ISOLATED IN MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS. THE 257TH CURRENTLY HAS AT LEAST TWO BATTALIONS, 76 AND 79, DEPLOYED AND OPERATIONAL IN THE YEN BAI AREA. THESE BATTALIONS ARE PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTDOWNS OF TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT, A USAF F-105 ON 1 JUNE AND A USAF F-4 ON 6 JUNE. THIS REGIMENT HAS NOT BEEN NOTED IN AN OPERATIONAL CAPACITY SINCE AUGUST 1969 WHEN IT WAS DEPLOYED NORTH OF HANOI, POSSIBLY IN THE YEN BAI AREA. THE 257TH HAS LAST IDENTIFIED IN COMMUNICATIONS ON 27 NOVEMBER 1971. (PRODUCE FORTHCOMING) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY AT PHUC YEN, ELEVEN MIG-21 PILOTS AND FOUR MIG-17 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT. ALSO AT PHUC YEN, TEN MIG-21 PILOTS AND TWO MIG-17 PILOTS ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY, FIVE MIG-21 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE GCI SORTIES, ONE MIG-21 PILOT FLEW A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT, TWO MIG-21 PILOTS FLEW CIRCLES AND LANDINGS, AND SEVEN MIG-21 PILOTS AND TWO MIG-19 PILOTS FLEW PRACTICE ATTACK SORTIES. AT HANOI GIA LAM, FOUR AN-2 PILOTS ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM POSSIBLY YEN BAI TO GIA LAM, ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM GIA LAM TO CAO BANG, ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM CAO BANG TO GIA LAM, AND ONE AN-2 PILOT FLEW FROM AN UNKNOWN AIRFIELD TO PHUC YEN. (ISHTAR) TWO GIA LAM-BASED MI-6 PILOTS FLEW

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TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS AT GIA LAM AND ONE KEP-BASED MI-6 ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY IN THE KEP AREA. D. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY - NTR C. RADAR ACTIVITY NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GIANT SCALE SR-71 FLOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM, LAOS AND THAILAND DURING THE 0600 TO 0700 HOURS AND THE BUFFALO HUNTER DRONE FLOWN IN THE HANOI AREA DURING THE 0200 HOURS. D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS

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