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ENP01F0072213 2/00/VCK/R770-72 SONGBIRD FOLLOW-UP NR. 1 AND FINAL
 NVN/AVIA/OPER/I NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE MIG-21'S REACT TO \$HOSTILES\$
 RESULTING IN LOSS OF A MIG-21 AND A U.S. AIRCRAFT
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(ALL TIMES ZULU) ON 29 JULY DURING THE 0600 HOUR, TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE (NVAF) PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S REACTED TO \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF ONE MIG-21 AND ONE U.S. F-4. ONE MIG-21 RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. DETAILS AT 0608 TACTICAL VOICE COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER INSTRUCTING TWO NVAF MIG-21 PILOTS TO SCRAMBLE. FIVE MINUTES LATER THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER AT HANOI BACH MAI INFORMED THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER THAT THERE WERE \$HOSTILES\$ AIRCRAFT ACTIVE SOUTHEAST OF C5((1)) AND QUERIED PHUC YEN AS TO WHETHER HE COULD ACQUIRE THE \$HOSTILES\$. AT 0614 THE PILOTS WERE TOLD TO ASSUME A HEADING OF 070 DEGREES, GO ON AFTERBURNERS, AND DROP THEIR AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS. BETWEEN 0614 AND 0615 THE LEAD PILOT WAS CONTINUALLY INFORMED BY BOTH THE SENIOR GCI AND PHUC YEN CONTROLLERS OF THE POSITIONS OF THE \$HOSTILES\$. AT 0616 BOTH PILOTS REPORTED ACQUIRING TARGETS OF FOUR AIRCRAFT AND THE LEAD PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO BREAK AWAY ON A HEADING OF 250 DEGREES WHEN THE ATTACK WAS FINISHED. ALSO, AT THIS TIME THE WINGMAN TOLD THE LEAD PILOT THAT \$I WILL CROSS AND FIRE TWO MISSILES\$. ONE MINUTE LATER THE LEAD PILOT REPORTED THAT HE WAS FIRING A MISSILE AND THEN BOTH PILOTS WERE INSTRUCTED TO BREAK AWAY ON A HEADING OF 250 DEGREES. THE WINGMAN REPORTED TO THE LEAD PILOT THAT HE COULD \$SEE TWO AIRCRAFT TO HIS REAR AND ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVING\$. AT 0619 THE WINGMAN WAS INSTRUCTED TO BREAK AWAY BUT NO RESPONSE WAS NOTED. AT THIS TIME NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE COMMUNICATIONS REPORTED THE MIGS AT APPROXIMATELY 21-25N 106-30E. SEVERAL GROUND CONTROLLERS CONTINUED TO CALL THE WINGMAN BETWEEN 0621 AND 0634 BUT STILL NO RESPONSE FROM THE PILOT. AT 0622 THE LEAD PILOT WAS INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO PHUC YEN. TWO MINUTES LATER THE KEP CONTROLLER TOLD THE LEAD PILOT THAT \$IF YOU ARE CLOSE TO PHUC YEN I WILL TELL THEM (PROBABLY REFERRING TO SAM BATTALIONS) TO COMMENCE FIRING\$. AT 0627 THE LEAD PILOT RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AND STATED THAT HE LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES BUT HIS WINGMAN WAS UNABLE TO LAUNCH ANY. DURING THE SAME TIME FRAME (0600 HOUR), NVN SAM AND AIR OPERATIONS COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE LOSS OF AT LEAST ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT BY THE MIG-21 PILOTS. AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM CONTROLLER REPORTED AT 0618 \$ONE RED PARACHUTE HAD BEEN SIGHTED IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 21-21N/21-22N TO 105-52E/106-14E ALONG ROUTE 1 NORTH. THAT BANDIT IS PROBABLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE HAD A RED PARACHUTE. THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THEY WILL SET UP A RESCUE FOR THIS BANDIT, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO STRIKE\$. AT 1421 THE 293RD RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT PASSED A MESSAGE WHICH STATED \$ON THE NIGHT OF 28/29 JULY... FROM THE SEA DURING THE EARLY MORNING WITH SMALL RAIDS ENTERING HA BAC

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AND STRIKING FROM DONG GIAO TO NGHIA TRANG AND DO LEN. THIS NOON FROM 0600 TO
0647 SIX RAIDS TOTALLING 48 AIRCRAFT ENTERED BAC GIAN, KEP, AND DON DONG; BUT
OUR AIR FORCE STRUCK DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURED ITS PILOT ALIVE....
COMMENTS OPERATIONAL DATA CONFIRM THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. F-4 AND THE SHOOTDOWN OF
ONE MIG-21. ((1)) UNLOCATED AREA DESIGNATOR. XXHH 800 08362 NNNH

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