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VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 16/17ØØZ TO 17/17ØØZ SEPTEMBER 1972

(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY I. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 17 SEPTEMBER. 2. SIMULATED MIG-21 REACTIONS TO U.S. STRIKES. B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 2119 ON 16 SEPTEMBER AND 1637 ON 17 SEPTEMBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 219 SHOSTILES AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF DONG HOI, PHUC/YEN, MOC CHAU, HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, HANOI, AND KEP. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF HVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 1554 AND 1606, ONE RAID OF THREE B-52'S WAS REFLECTED OVER LAOS AND NVN IN THE DONG HOI AND DMZ AREAS. AT \$355, PROBABLE BATTALION 830F THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT AND SIGHTING ONE PARACHUTE OVER WATER. AT \$653, BATTALION 83 REPORTED THAT THE CITIZENS OF CAO LOUAN (21-38N 147-11E) HAD CAPTURED ONE PILOT. BETWEEN 2147 AND 2219, ONE GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21 WAS NOTED IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN, BETWEEN Ø838 AND Ø9Ø8, TWO GIA LAM BASED MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL AND ONE REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A DRONE AT A DISTANCE OF 80 KILOMETERS. HO ENGAGEMENTS WERE NOTED. 2. BETWEEN 0253 AND 0328, FOUR MIG-21'S WERE NOTED IN TWO SIMULATED REACTIONS TO U.S. STRIKES HORTHEAST OF KEP AIRFIELD. AGAIN BETWEEN 0753 AND 0808, TWO SIMULATED REACTIONS BY FIVE MIG-21'S WERE NOTED TO U.S. STRIKES IN THE THAT GUYEEN AREA. COMMUNICATIONS ANOMALIES SUGGEST THAT THIS WAS SIMULATED ACTIVITY. ─VCARR614-72, Ø813ØØ AND FOLLOW UPS) PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. STRIP ALERTS THREE MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 2200 HOUR AND TWO MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED ON STRIP ALERT DURING THE 0700 HOUR, ALL AT PHUC YEN. 2. KEP FIGHTERS BETWEEN 2328 AND 2353, TWO MIG-17 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 3. PHUC YEN FIGHTERS FROM 1018 TO 1042 HOURS, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 PILOTS WERE NOTED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. BETWEEN 1200 AND 1224 HOURS, ONE MIG-21 PILOT FLEW A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT. TWO MIG-21 PILOTS CONDUCTED UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN 1251 AND 1253/ 4. TRANSPORTS INTERAIRFIELD BETWEEN ØØ24 AND Ø143, ONE AN-2 FLEW FROM GIA LAM TO KEP VIA PHUC YEN, AND WAS NOTED CARRYING CARGO. ONE UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORT FLEW FROM GIA LAM TO KEP DURING THE 1888 HOUR. 5. GIA LAM HELICOPTERS ONE POSSIBLE MI-4 PILOT ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY IN THE GIA LAM AREA DURING THE 2200 HOUR. B. SAM/AAA ACTIVITY-NTR C. RADAR ACTIVITY NVH AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING THE GTANT SCALE MISSION FLOWN OVER SVN, NVN, LAOS, AND THAILAND DURING THE \$388-8488 HOURS, THE BUFFALO HUNTER

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DRONE FLOWN OVER THE THANH HOA AREA DURING THE 2300 HOUR AND THE DRONE FLOWN OVER THE BAC GIANG AREA DURING THE 0800-0900 HOURS. THEY WERE HOT HOTED TRACKING THE DRONE FLOWN OVER THE HAHOI AREA DURING THE 2100-2200 HOUR AND THE OHE FLOWN OVER THE KEP AREA DURING THE 0600 HOUR. D. COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS-HIR PART THREE, ADDENDA/CORRECTIONS-NIR XXHII 800 #3120 NNNN

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