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TO NSA/UNIFORM WHISKEY (NCR NMCC WHITE HOUSE)

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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION FIVE OF ELEVEN 2/00/0 VCK/8590-72 SPOT REPORT
 (SONGBIRD) AVN/AVIA, OPER, DAMC/I. 19 DEC 72 NSA/UW(NS)-HCF-VRDE (SOUTHWEST TO
 19-58N 104-50E OVER LAOS. TRACK 20 (2 SMALL TYPES AT 4,000 METERS) ONLY NOTED
 AT 1601 AT 20-45N 104-43E. II. SAM REACTION (FIRST WAVE) FROM 1100Z TO 1459Z,
 SIX NVN SAM BATTALIONS WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES IN THE HANOI
 AREA. A MINIMUM OF THIRTEEN MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF ONE
 B-52 (CHARCOAL 03) AND SEVERE DAMAGE TO ANOTHER (LILAC) WHICH RECOVERED AT
 UTAPAO, THAILAND ((1)). TWO OF THE REACTING UNITS ARE SUBORDINATE TO THE 267TH
 SAM REGIMENT AND ARE DEPLOYED IN THE GENERAL THANH HOA AREA. ONE OF THE
 REACTING UNITS, SUBORDINATE TO THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT IS DEPLOYED IN THE HANOI
 AREA. ONE UNIT, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 272ND SAM REGIMENT, IS DEPLOYED IN
 THE HANOI AREA, AND TWO OTHER U/I BATTALIONS ARE DEPLOYED IN THE GENERAL
 HAIPHONG AREA. BETWEEN 1328Z AND 1344Z A MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED NVN AIR
 OPERATIONS STATION REPORTED THAT ONE AIRCRAFT WAS BURNING AND FALLING. BURNING
 RAPIDLY. DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS ONE OF OURS OR ONE OF HIS. \$ POST-LAUNCH
 CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN 1334Z AND 1337Z INDICATE THAT BATTALIONS 51 AND 52 OF THE
 267TH SAM REGIMENT, POSSIBLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 19-18N 105-28E OR
 20-14N 105-51E (VN550), APPARENTLY LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES EACH AT THE SAME B-52
 AT 1317Z. THREE OF THE MISSILES EXPLODED (WELL) IN PROXIMITY TO THE TARGET. ONE
 OF THE MISSILES LAUNCHED BY BATTALION 52 WAS SLOW TO DETONATE AND WENT PAST THE
 TARGET PRIOR TO DETONATION. BETWEEN 1537Z AND 1540Z, TWO UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS,
 POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT (HANOI AREA), DISCUSSED
 PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED \$ IN THE MORNINGS \$ FOR REPORTING \$THE WEAKNESSES AND
 IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BATTLE SITUATION THAT JUST PASSED. \$ ONE OF THE SPEAKERS
 THEN REPORTED THAT ONE PILOT WAS CAPTURED NEAR AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT. NEITHER
 THE PILOT'S IDENTITY NOR THE TYPE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN WAS DISCLOSED. LATER,
 BETWEEN 1629Z AND 1640Z, BATTALION 76 OF THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT, DEPLOYED JUST
 TO THE WEST OF HANOI, REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF THREE MISSILES AT TWO B-52S. A
 TWO- MISSILE SALVO WAS LAUNCHED AT 1254Z AND A SINGLE MISSILE AT 1322Z. THE
 ACTUAL DOWNING OF THE INTENDED TARGET(S) WAS NOT DISCLOSED((1)). BETWEEN 1803Z
 AND 1833Z, BATTALION 59 OF THE PROBABLE 272ND SAM REGIMENT (UNLOCATED, HANOI
 AREA), REPORTED LAUNCHING FOUR MISSILES AT UNIDENTIFIED HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, TWO AT
 1305Z AND TWO AT 1315Z. THE FIRST TWO MISSILES REPORTEDLY SHOT THE AIRCRAFT
 DOWN \$IN A BALL OF FLAMES\$. IN SUMMING UP THE SECOND LAUNCH, THE SPEAKER
 REPORTED THAT AFTER THE FIRST MISSILE DETONATED JAMMING DISAPPEARED AND THE
 TARGET WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE BURST INTO A LARGE BALL OF FLAMES. BATTALION 57, OF
 ALSO THE PROBABLE 272ND REGIMENT REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT TARGET HIT THE GROUND
 IN A LARGE BALL OF FLAME. IN A LATER MESSAGE, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM UNIT REPORTED
 THAT, SAT 1300Z, WE SHOT DOWN ONE B-52 AT THON KIM ANH (21-13N 105-45E) WHICH
 IS NEAR PHU LO (21-12N 105-51E). ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY REPORT THERE
 WERE FIVE PIRATE PILOTS. TWO ARE DEAD AND WE WERE ABLE TO CAPTURE THREE OF

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- (b) (1)
- (b) (3)-50 USC 403
- (b) (3)-18 USC 798
- (b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

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CHARCOAL #3 WAS SCHEDULED FOR TIME OVER TARGET (TOT) JUST NORTH OF HANOI
AT 0800Z. BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE LAUNCHES CONDUCTED BY BATTALION 59 WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOSS OF THIS AIRCRAFT AND THE ABOVE MESSAGE IS A PARTIAL
REFLECTION OF THE CREW STATUS. 830 #0668 RHHH

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