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 CRITIC 14-72, 202223Z DEC 72 PRELIMINARY COMINT REFLECTS
 THE SHOOT DOWN OF ONE B-52 AT APPROXIMATELY 2204Z, 20 DECEMBER
 72 BY AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 264 SAM REGIMENT
 LOCATED AT 20-59N 105-37E. BETWEEN 2157Z AND 2200Z, AN ELEMENT
 OF THE 264TH REGIMENT REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF TWO MISSILES;
 NO RESULTS WERE REPORTED FOR EITHER LAUNCH. AT 2204Z A 264TH
 MISSILE FIRING BATTALION REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES.
 THE TARGET WAS THEN REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN AT AN ALTITUDE
 OF 10,500 METERS. AT 2211Z, THE SAME PROBABLE FIRING BATTALION
 IF THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTED THAT THE TARGET WAS BURNING
 BRIGHTLY. AT 2213Z, AN NVN GCI RADAR COMPANY NEAR HAI PHONG
 REPORTED SEEING THE SHOOTDOWN. THE 264TH SAM REGIMENT AGAIN
 AT 2219Z REPORTED SHOOTING AT AN AIRCRAFT AND SEEING IT
 BURST INTO FLAMES (BELIEVED TO BE A REPEAT OF THE 2211Z
 REPORT). AT 2219Z, THE 264TH REGIMENT CLAIMED A B-52 SHOOTDOWN.
 COMMENT COLLATERAL SOURCES CONFIRM THE LOSS OF ONE B-52.
 FURTHER AMPLIFYING DATA WILL BE REPORTED VIA SEPARATE SERIES.
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