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SPOT REPORT

F-105 POSSIBLY DOWNED IN DRV, PILOT POSSIBLY CAPTURED.

ANALYSIS OF DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDED INDICATIONS OF THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-105 SHORTLY AFTER 0830Z ON 18 AUG 66.

A POST-LAUNCH REPORT INTERCEPTED BETWEEN 0910Z AND 0922Z CONTAINED DETAILS CONCERNING AN ACTIVITY IN WHICH TWO MISSILES HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AND A SAM-ASSOCIATED AAA UNIT HAD FIRED AGAINST FOUR HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE HOSTILE TRACK WAS INITIALLY DETECTED AT 0830Z, AT AN AZIMUTH OF FROM 80 TO 90 DEGREES AND A RANGE OF 21.7 NM FROM THE SITE (LOCATION UNKNOWN). THE TRACK HAD AN ALTITUDE OF 8200 FT AND A SPEED OF 460 KNOTS. AS THE TRACK APPROACHED THE SITE, THE ALTITUDE DECREASED TO 6560 FT. WHEN THE TRACK CAME WITHIN FIRING RANGE, THE AAA UNIT OPENED FIRE ALONG AN AZIMUTH OF 80 DEGREES. SPECIFIC RANGE AT THIS TIME WAS NOT REFLECTED.

TWO MISSILES WERE THEN LAUNCHED AGAINST THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AT AN AZIMUTH OF 67 DEGREES AND A RANGE OF 8.5 NM FROM THE SITE. THE FIRST MISSILE EXPLODED SEVEN NM FROM THE SITE AND REPORTEDLY DESTROYED THE TARGET. THE SECOND MISSILE APPARENTLY FAILED TO EXPLODE. IT WAS THEN REPORTED THAT A BURNING TARGET HAD BEEN OBSERVED. QUERIED AS TO STATUS OF PILOT, THE SPEAKER REPLIED QUOTE THE SECTION LEADER CALLED TO REPORT THERE WAS AN AMERICAN THERE UNQUOTE.

COMMENTS NO SPECIFIC INDICATION WAS GIVEN OF THE AREA OF ACTIVITY, OR STATUS OF PILOT. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED AS AVAILABLE

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