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~~TOP SECRET~~ TRINE SECTION ONE OF TENF46(8647 AEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIRINT/CLLATERAL REFLECTIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMUNIST BLOC AIRDEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD 13TH THROUGH 19 JAN 68. ( : 3:589, 9,3 - HIGHLIGHTSPART ONE - NORTH VIETNAM. DRV AIRDURINR T IS PAST WEEK, THE NUMBER OF SORTIES PREFLIGHTED AND THOSE ACTUALLY FLOWN REMAINED CONSTANT WITH THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. HOWECCERJN DURING THIS WEEK, PHUCYEN-BASED MIG-21'S INCREASED THEIR AREA OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF THE HANOI AREA. ATH UR NIG-21'S HAVE CONDUCTED DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH OF HANOI IN THE PAST, THIS WEEK REVEALED AN INCREASE OF OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA. ON 14 JANUARY, DURING THE 0000Z HOUR, TWO MIG-21'S CONDUCTED THE STANDARD INTERCEPT PATTERN AGAINST THE INGRESSING STRIKE FORCE OVER THE WESTERN DRV, AND IN AN AIR ENGAGEMENT, BOBBIN 2 (1 F-105) WAS DOWNED. HOAEVER, DURING THE 0800Z HOUR, WHILE THE NORMAL USAF PN STRIKE FORCE WAS INGRESSING OVER LAOS, THE MIG-21'S WERE VECTORED JIPKNS GENERALLY DUE SOUTH OF HANOI, WHERE THEY TURNED TO THE EAST NOR EAST AND THEY INTERCEPTED, ATTACKED AND DOWNED PREVIEW 01, AN EB-66 ECM AIRCRAFT. THE EB-66 HAD BEEN ORBITING NEAR THE DRV/LAOTIAN BORDER IN SUPPORT OF THE STRIKE EFFORT. AFTER THE ATTACK THE MIG-21'S RETURNED TO PHUC YEN, DISPLAYING NO INTENTION OF REACTING TO THE MAIN STRIKE FORCE. ON 19 JANUARY, DURING THE 0400Z HOUR, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S CONDUCTED A DEFENSIVE PATROL SOME 80NMS DUE SOUTH OF HANOI. THE FLIGHT HAD INDICATIONS OF BEING A NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING MISSION IN WHICH SEVERAL NEW GROUND CONTROLLERS WERE NOTED, BUT DUE TO US ACFT IN THE AREA, THE MIG-21'S RETURNED TO PHUC YEN, WHEN THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ENGAGEMENT AROSE. THIS IS THE FARTHEST SOUTH OF HANOI THAT MIG-21'S HAVE BEEN NOTED SINCE 29 MAY 1967, WHEN A SINGLE MIG-21 ATTEMPTED TO INTERCEPT A BUMBLE BUG DRONE. ( : 5:9- , 9: :9: :8, 02 (F105) 14 JANUARY 1968 AT 0057Z, TWO VIETNAMESE-PILOTED MIG-21'S WERE DETECTED AIRBORNE ON TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES, HEADING 270 DEGREES FROM PHUC YEN AS THE BOBBIN IRON HAND FLIGHT WAS REFLECTED APPROACHING THE DRV BORDER FROM LAOS. THE MIGS CLIMBED TO AN ALTITUDE OF 16,400 FT. THEY WERE ADVISED OF "8 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT TO THE FRONT AT 11,500 FT." THE MIG-21'S WERE VECTORED TO A POSITION APPROXIMATELY 15NMS WEST OF HOA LAC, WHERE THEY ORBITED, WAITING FOR THE "HOSTILES" TO INGRESS FURTHER TO THE EAST. AT 0105Z, THEY LEFT THEIR HOLDING ORBIT, HEADING DUE NORTH UNTIL 0110Z, WHEN THEY WERE ORDERED TO ASSUME A HEADING OF JWUPK DEGREES. BY THIS TIME THE IRON HAND FLIGHT HAD TURNED SOUTH AND THE CONTROLLER INDICATED, "THEY ARE TURNING OUT, PAY ATTENTION TO THE FRONT... 29NMS." AS THE IRON HAND FLIGHT TURNED NORTH TO REJOIN THE STRIKE FORCE, THE MIGS, AT 19,700 FT, WERE VECTORED TO A HEADING OF 60 DEGREES AND INCREASED SPEED TO 515 KTS. THE MIGS WERE CONTINUOUSLY FED INFORMATION AS TO THE "HOSTILES" POSITION TO THEIR LEFT FRONT. AT 0115Z, THE MIG-21 FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED SIGHTING "HOSTILES" TO HIS LEFT SIDE. GAM-BIT FLIR T JKR F4D MIGCAP) AT THIS POINT TURNED TO INVESTIGATE MIR ALERS BUT MADE NO CONTACT. THE

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MIG-21'S WERE ORDERED TO "ENGAGE AFTERBURNER...USE A HIGH SPEED...SEEK AN ADVANTAGE AND AFTER ATTACKING JN BREAK OFF AND COME STRAIGHTBACK TO PHUC YEN." THE SENIOR DRV RCI CONTROLLER REPEATEDLY DIRECTED THE MIGS TO "HURRY UP THE ATTACK...MAKE QUICK MOVEMENTS AND BREAK OFF." THE MIG-21'S CLOSED IN DURING FLIGHT WHO WAS HEADING 045 DEGREES AT 17,000 FT, APPROACHING HIGH FROM THE SIX O'CLOCK POSITION. ONE AAM WAS FIRED AT BOBBIN JPWM AT 0116Z, BOTH MIG-21 PILOTS INDICATED THEY WERE ATTACKING AND A REFERENCE WAS MADE TO "ONE ACFT BURNING." BOBBIN 02 WAS HIT IN AFT SECTION AND ROLLED OVER, THE PILOT EJECTING 12 ( :3:9, : : )-534. THE REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHT TURNED INTO THE MIGS AND BOBBIN 04 FIRED 200 ROUNDS OF 20MM AT ONE MIG-21 WHICH HAD PULLED UP IN FRONT OF HIM. NO HITS WERE SCORED AND THE MIG-21'S ACCELERATED AND CLIMBED TO 30,000 FT, BREAKING THE ENGAGEMENT. THE MIGS WERE ORDERED TO FLY STRAIGHT TO PHUC YEN ON A HEADING OF 150 DEGREES AND MAINTAIN ALERT TO THEIR REAR. MIGCAP WAS NOT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE S OOTDWN AND DID NOT CONTACT THE MIG-21'S. THE CAP HAD TURNED TO CHECK RADAR CONTACT, LOST IT AND HAD STARTED TO REJOIN FORCE WHEN THEY HEARD CALL THAT BOBBIN 02 WAS HIT. THE MIG-21'S RETURNED TO PHUC YEN JN THEY WERE INFORMED THAT "HOSTILE ACFT HAVE ALL TURNED AROUND SO YOU MAY PIERCE THE CLOUDS DIRECTLY AND FLY BELOW THE CLOUDS." THE MIGS RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN AT 0129Z. THE FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED FIRING ONE AAM AND INDICATED, "I SHOT DOWN ONE IN PLACE...I SAW IT BURNING." HIS WINGMAN REPORTED, "I DIDN'T LAUNCH ANY MISSILES A ALL JMZ900NNNN

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