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EUP#1FT327118 2 [REDACTED] ZVCA/R481-68 SPOT REPORT FOLLOW-UP NUMBER ONE TO [REDACTED] SPOT
2 [REDACTED] ZVCA/R480-68 DTG: 262220Z NOVEMBER 68. (AVC, KUS/AVIA-A, OPER/I) SONG BIRD
(ALL TIMES ZULU) STATUS OF DOWNED U.S. PILOTS REPORTED BY NVN, 26 NOVEMBER
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DURING THE 07 HOUR ON 26 NOVEMBER, NVAF AIRFIELD SUPPORT FACILITIES REACTED A
CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF
U.S. J.K. PILOTS DOWNED OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 25 NOVEMBER- THE FIRST SPEAKER STATED
THAT THE U.S. AIRCRAFT THAT WAS TO "SPY" IN THE DO LUONG AREA (1854N-10518E)
WAS SHOT DOWN BY A MISSILE (PROBABLY A SAM). THE SPEAKER WENT ON TO SAY THAT
THERE WERE TWO PILOTS AND THAT ONE HAD DIED AND THE OTHER HAD BEEN PICKED UP.
THIS SPEAKER SAID THAT ANOTHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AT QUANG BINH
(1730N-10620E) AND THAT THE PILOT HAD ALSO BEEN PICKED UP. THE SPEAKER WENT ON
TO DETAIL THE PROBLEM OF GETTING THE DOWNED PILOTS BACK TO PROBABLY HANOI. HE
SAID THAT AN-2'S WOULD BE USED BUT, HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW MANY BECAUSE IT HAD NOT
BEEN DECIDED WHETHER TO BRING THEM (THE PILOTS) BACK TOGETHER OR NOT. THE
SPEAKER ENDED BY SAYING THAT ONE PILOT WAS AT QUANG BINH AND ONE WAS AT VUHE DO
LUONG/DIEN CHAU (1908N- 10535E) AREA. 19.3.5. THE PILOT REFERRED TO AS
DOWNED IN THE DO LUONG AREA PROBABLY RELATES TO ONE OF THE TWO RA-5C PILOTS
DOWNED ON THIS DATE NEAR VINH. ADDITIONALLY, AN F-4D WAS DOWNED NEAR DONG HOI A
FEW HOURS LATER ON 25 NOVEMBER AND ONE PILOT REPORTEDLY "PICKED UP" BY THE NVN
APPEARS PROBABLE. XXHH 15# NNNN

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