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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN 2/H3234-65 FOLLOW-UP NR TWO FINAL TO USA-32 SPOT REPORT
2/H3/VCK/R234-65 DTG 17/0837Z NOV 65 TITLED: POSSIBLE QOTDOWN OF U.S. ACFT
NOTED 17 NOV 65. TRANSCRIPTION OF [redacted] MULTICHANNEL [redacted] RADIO RELAY
COMMUNICATIONS INTER ON 17 NOV 65 BTWN 0344Z AND 0500Z INDICATES THAT A SAM
INSTALLATION AT 2049N 10617E [redacted] LAUNCHED FRFACE-TO- AIR MISSILES
AGAINST AN UNDETER INED NUMBER OF U.S. STRIKE ACFT FLYING IN AN AREA SOUTH OF
HAI. AVAILABLE TRANSCRIPTS REVEAL THAT ONE U.S. ACFT WAS DOWNED AND THAT THE
PILOT HAD APPARENTLY PARACHUTED HIS ACFT, HOWEVER IT IS UNKNOWN WHETHER THE
ACFT WAS DOWNED BY AAA OR SAM. AT 0344Z THE SAM INSTALLATION LOCA 2049N 10617E
REPORTED THAT PREPARATIONS FOR MISSILE LAUNCH HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT
TARGET ACFT WERE APPROA WITHIN 90 KILOMETERS (56NM) FROM THE SOUTHEAST. AT THAT
TIME THE INSTALLATION WAS DIRECTED TO "PREPARE FOR TITL" AND TO PAY ATTENTION
TO HOSTILE ACFT APPROACHING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE "HAI DUONG-UONG BI ROAD".
AZ THE INSTALLATION DECLARED CONDITION ONE AND REQUESTED THAT AAA BE ADVISED TO
WATCH FOR LOW-FLYING ACFT. AT 0350Z TARGET WAS LOCATED 17 KILOMETERS (9.2NM) EAST
OF THE INSTALLATION AT AN ALTITUDE OF 2.5 KILOMETERS (8200 FEET) FEWO MISSILES WERE
LAUNCHED FROM THE INSTALLATION AT 0357:11Z AND 0357:16Z. THE SAM INSTALLATION
REPORTED THAT THE MISSILE HAD NO GUIDANCE AND WAS, THERE FORE UNABLE TO
INTERCEPT ANY TARGE. THE SECOND MISSILE HAD GUIDANCE TIME OF LAUNCH, HOWEVER
"THE GUIDANCE BEAM WAS BROKEN" AD THIS MISSILE ALSO FAILED TO INTERCEPT A
TARGET. THE INSION REPORTED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST LAUNCH THAT AAA WAS
FIGHTING. AT 0402Z A TARGET WAS REPORTED EATHE INSTALLATION AT A DISTANCE OF 25
KILOMETERS (15.6NM). THE TARGET APPROACHED TO A DISTANCE OF 18 KILOMETERS (11.2NM) AT
WHICH TIME THE INSTALLATION REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES "WITH NO RESULTS".
THE INSTALLATION RELATED T HAD "LOCKED-ON" HOWEVER THE TARGET HAD FLOWN AWAY.
AT 0448Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER INFORMED THE SAMINSTON, "THE ENEMY'S NAVY IS
ON THE OCEAN AT PRESENT AND THEY ARE RESCUING THE PILOTS. THE ENEMY ACFT ARE
RESCUING LOTS. THE ENEMY IS AT HAIPHONG SAVING THEIR BUDDIES. OUR AIR FORCE HAS
NOT YET TAKEN-OFF. THE COMRADES ARE FIGIN THE RESCUE AREA". COMMENTS: AVAILABLE
TRANSCRIPTS REVEAL NO EVIDENCE AS TO "HOW" ANY U.S. ACFTOWNED, HOWEVER
REFERENCES TO RESCUEEFFORTS IN THE HAIPHONG AREA TOGETHER WITH INDICATIONS OF
BOTH SAM AND AAA F INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE ACFT WAS DOWN IN THE WATER AREA
NEAR HAIPHONG. ALL CONVERSATIONS WERE CONDUCTED INAMESE. THIS WLL BE A FINAL
REPORT UNLESS ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.660

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