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 -UP.C. SOVIET ACTIVITYACTIVITY CONSISTED OF TEST/CHECK-OUT FLIGHTS
 ANDUNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY ALL OCCURING DURING DAYLIGHTHOURS. D. AND THIS
 AIRFIELD IS PREMENTLY CREDITED WITH 18 MIG-15/17'S AND 9, POSSIBLY 11, MIG
 -21'S.2. HANOI GIA LAM A TOTAL OF 81 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM
 THISAIRFIELD AND AT LEAST 96 WERE FLOWN. THIS IS A DEFINITEINCREASE OVER THE 50
 MIG SORTIES FLOWN THE PREVIUS WEEK.A. VIETNAMESE ACTIVITYALL SORTIES STAGED
 FROM THIS AIRFIELD WERE FLOWNBY VIETNAMESE PILOTS. ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF
 AIR/ATTACKPRACTICE, FORMATION PRACTICE, A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCEFLIGHT,
 TEST/CHECK-OUT FLIGHT, A ROUND-TRIP FLIGHT BYFOUR MIG-17'S TO HOA LAC AIRFIELD
 AND REUTRH, ANDUNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY, ALL OCCURRING DURING DAY-LIGHT
 HOURS. B. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PREMENTLY CREDITED WITH 10 MIG-15/17'S 3. HOA
 LAC RESUMPTION OF MIG FLIGHT ACTIVITY AT HOA LAC AIRFIELD.ON 14 MAY 1967,
 BETWEEN 1019Z, : 1027Z, 9,3 .8+:9, :7:53: -, 8,534-AIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM HOA LAC
 TO HANOIGIA LAM. THIS WAS THE LAST PREVIOUSLY NOTED ACTIVITYINVOLVING THIS
 AIRFIELD. REPEATED U.S. STRIKES ON THISAIRFIELD CAUSED IT TO REMAIN
 UNSERVICEABLE FOR SOME TIME.ON 25 JULY, PHOTOGRAPHY INCICATED THAT THE RUNWAY
 ATHOA LAC WAS AGAIN SERVICEABLE AND REVEALED TWO DISMANTLEDMIG-15/17'S AND TWO
 DUMMY MIG-21 AIRCRAFT ON THE AIRFIELD.THE INITIAL SIGINT REFLECTION OF THIS
 AIRFIELD AGAINBEING OPERATIONAL WAS NOTED ON 30 JULY. ON THIS DATE, DRVFLIGHT
 SERVICE FACILITIES SCHEDULED ONE FLIGHT OF FOURMIG-17'S FOR LOCAL FLIGHT
 ACTIVITY OUT OF HOA LAC, ANDONE FLIGHT OF FOUR MIG-17'S TO CONDUCT AN
 INTER-AIRFIELDFLIGHT FROM HOA LAC TO HANOI GIA LAM. FLIGHT ACTIVITYWAS
 SCHEDULED FOR BETWEEN 30/2200Z AND 31/1130Z JULY.ON 30 JULY, BETWEEN 2250Z AND
 2320Z, FOUR HANOI GIALAM-BASED MIG-17'S PERFORMED AIR/ATTACK PRACTICE
 EXERCISESIN THE VICINITY OF HOA LAC AIRFIELD. WHEN INITIALLYREFLECTED, THESE
 MIGS WERE ALREADY AIRBORNE AND BEINGCONTROLLED BY THE HOA LAC TOWER CONTROLLER.
 AT THECOMPLETION OF THE MISSION, THE MIGS LANDED AT HOA LAC.ALTHOUGH THESE MIGS
 WERE NOT REFLECTED TAKING-OFF,IT IS BELIEVED THEY ORIGINATED FROM HANOI GIA
 LAM, PERFORMEDTHEIR EXERCISE, AND THEN LANDED AT HOA LAC. THERE WEREHO
 INDICATIONS OF AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT TO HOA LAC FROMANY OTHER DRV AIRFIELD
 SINCE 25 JULY, THE DATE OF THE LASTPHOTOGRAPHY, AND THE PILOTS INVOLVED IN THIS
 EXERCISE WERENOTED OPERATING FROM HANOI GIA LAM ON 30 JULY. ON 31 JULY, BETWEEN
 0230Z AND 0253Z, APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS AFTERTHEIR LANDING AT HOA LAC, THESE
 SAE FOUR PILOTS RETURNEDTO HANOI GIA LAM. THE ABOVE ACTIVITY INDICATES THAT
 ALTHOUGH HOA LACAIRFIELD DOES NOT PRESENTLY HOUSE ANY OPERATIONAL MIGAIRCRAFT,
 IT IS CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING AT LEAST LIMITED MIGOPERATIONS AND MAY BECOME FULLY
 OPERATIONAL IN THE NEARFUTURE. A. AOB THIS AIRFIELD IS PREMENTLY CREDITED WITH
 HOOPERATIONAL MIG AIRCRAFT.SECTION THREE- SURFACE-TO-AIR (SAM), AND
 ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY(AAA) ACTIVITY. COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORTED A MINIMUM OF
 73 SAM SIGHTINGS, WHILE13 MISSILE LAUNCHES WERE REFLECTED ON DRV SAM ASSOCIATED

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COMMUNICATIONS. 1. 29 JULY. A. FROM 0812Z TO 0845Z, THE REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER (CTLR) AND SABBATTALION (BN) V1458 (21-08N 105-45E) DISCUSSED A BURNING AIRCRAFT CARRIER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 54 NMS EAST OF DONG HOI. THE SPEAKER AT V1458 STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE, BUT THAT IT WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY AIRCRAFT ROCKETS AT APPROXIMATELY 0300Z. COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT A FIRE STARTED ABOARD THE USS FORRESTAL AT APPROXIMATELY 0253Z WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS ON YANKEE STATION, IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. 2. 31 JULY A. BETWEEN 0848Z AND 0909Z, THE 238TH SENIOR SA CTLR, AND PROBABLY SAM BN V1458 WERE ENGAGED IN A DOUBLE MISSILE LAUNCH. AT 0853Z THE CTLR WARNED THE BN THAT FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA, AND AT 0855Z, STATED THAT THE FRIENDLIES HAD DEPARTED. THE BN WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO DESTROY THE TARGET. A SPEAKER AT THE BN REPLIED "DOWN HERE WE ARE BROKEN, CAN'T WORK." AT 0858Z, THE BN REPORTED A TARGET, AND ONE MINUTE LATER THE SOUND OF TWO MISSILES BEING LAUNCHED WAS AUDIBLE THROUGH AN OPEN MIKE. THE LAUNCHES WERE APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL AS THE SPEAKER AT THE BN STATED "THE INCLINATION IS BROKEN, TELL THE AAA TO DEFEND US." THE FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT MENTIONED ABOVE ARE PROBABLY A FLIGHT OF TWO MIG-21'S AND FOUR KORCOM MIG-17'S IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL AGAINST THE PM STRIKES. THE MIGS WERE NOTED RETURNING TO PHUC YEN AIRFIELD ON DRV ASF DURING THE ABOVE TIME FRAME. THESE SAMs WERE PROBABLY TWO OF THE TEN SIGHTED BY A FLIGHT OF TWO F4C'S AND THEIR MIGCAP WHILE TRAILING THE PM STRIKES AGAINST KEP RR YARD. NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST TO SAMs ON THIS DATE. 3. 01 AUG. A. FROM 0451Z TO 0459Z, SAM BN PROBABLY V1458 PASSED A POST LAUNCH REPORT (PLR) TO AN UNKNOWN SAM CONTROLLER. THE PLR REVEALED THAT TWO MISSILES HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME. THE FIRST FAILED TO EXPLODE, AND THE SECOND DESTROYED THE TARGET UPON IMPACT. COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORT THAT TWO RF-101'S (EAGLE BEAK ONE AND TWO) RECEIVED ELINT INDICATIONS OF SA LAUNCH ACTIVITY FROM THE VICINITY OF VN-064 (PROBABLE LOCATION OF V1458). SHORTLY AFTERWARD EAGLE BEAK ONE WAS HIT SUBSEQUENTLY DOWNED BY A SAM. A PLR BEGINNING AT 0933Z, FROM SA BN V1451 TO THE 236TH RGT CTLR, REVEALED THAT THE VN HAD LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AT AN UNSPECIFIED TIME. THE FIRST MISSILE REPORTEDLY EXPLODED BEHIND THE TARGET, 898 NNNN

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