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~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ SECTION ONE OF SIXF46T/6882 WEEKLY AIR DEFENSE WRAP-UP. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SIGINT/COLLATERAL RE-FLECTIONS OF DRV AIR DEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD 16 THROUGH 22 SEPTEMBER 1967. SECTION ONE - HIGHLIGHTS. 1. ON 16 SEPT, BETWEEN 0401 AND 0434Z, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S CONDUCTED AN INTERCEPT/ATTACK ON A USAF RECCE FLIGHT OF TWO RF-101'S APPROXIMATELY 120NMS WEST-NORTHWEST OF HANOI. ONE RF101 WAS DOWNED BY AN AAM. 2. DURING THE LATE 0100Z HOUR, 17 SEPT, SAM BNS VI424 AND VI463 LAUNCHED FOUR MISSILES AT A PHOT RECCE FLIGHT OF TWO RF-4C'S. ONE RF-4C WAS DAMAGED AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOST. THE CREW EJECTED AT 20-54N 105-30E AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED. 3. DURING THE LATE 0300 AND EARLY 0400Z HOURS 17 SEPT, [ ] DRV ASF REFLECTED THE FLIGHT OF A BUMBLE BUG DRONE THAT WAS NOT RECOVERED AND PROBABLY SHOT DOWN BY A SAM IN CHINA. 4. ON 17 SEPT, AT 1005Z, A

[ ] SECONDS LATER TWO SAM'S WERE SIGHTED. IN SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS NO SAM'S WERE SIGHTED.

5. ON 18 SEPT, DURING THE LATE 0000Z HOUR, U.S. NAVY STRIKES ON THE HAIPHONG RAILROAD/HIGHWAY BRIDGE, PILOTS REPORTED SIX SAM'S. AN A4E FLYING FALK SUPPORT FOR THIS MISSION WAS DAMAGED BY A SA, AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE CREW WAS FORCED TO DITCH OVER THE GULF OF TONKIN. THE CREW WAS SAFELY RECOVERED. 6. ON 19 SEPT, DURING THE 0000Z HOUR, FOUR HANOI/GIA LAMBASED MIG-17'S WERE ACTIVE IN A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN RE-ACTION TO USAF STRIKES NORTH OF PHUC YEN. A DOGFIGHT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE MIGS AND FOUR F-105'S. ONE OF THE MIG PILOTS MADE REFERENCE TO FIRING AN AAM. DURING THIS TIME FRAME AN F-4C WAS HIT OVER ITS TARGET BY WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE AAA. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DAMAGE COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN AAM, BUT SUFFICIENT INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THIS POSSIBILITY. THE AIRCRAFT EGRESSED THE DRV WITH HEAVY BATTLE DAMAGE AND SUBSEQUENTLY CRASHED IN THAILAND. 7. ON 21 SEPT DURING THE 0500Z HOUR STRIKES, ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DAMAGED AND ANOTHER ONE DOWNED. AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM BN REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO SAM'S AND BELIEVED THAT TWO A4'S HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY THE FIRST ONE. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED BY THE AAA FACILITIES THAT ALL THE AAA COMPANIES HAD FIRED TOGETHER AT TWO F4'S AND TWO A4'S. THE SPEAKER REPORTED THAT THE AAA HAD HIT WELL AND THE TARGET BURST INTO FLAMES. AN A4E SUSTAINED AAA DAMAGE IN THE PORT WING BUT RECOVERED SAFELY, AND AN RF8G WAS DOWNED BY 85MM FIRE. THE PILOT EJECTED SAFELY AND WAS CAPTURED. 8. DURING THE 0900 AND 1000 HOURS, 22 SEPT, FOUR [ ] MIG-17'S WERE REFLECTED PERFORMING AN INTER-AIR-FIELD FLIGHT FROM PHUC YEN TO KEP AIRFIELD. THE PILOTS WERE ADVISED THAT NO TOWER COMMUNICATIONS WERE AVAILABLE AND TO LAND ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY, INDICATING THAT SOME OF THE DAMAGE RECEIVED FROM THE 9 SEPT STRIKE HAS BEEN REPAIRED AND THAT THE AIRFIELD IS AGAIN AT LEAST PARTIALLY SERVICEABLE. SECTION TWO - FIGHTER ACTIVITY. 1. PHUC YEN A TOTAL OF 82 MIG SORTIES WERE PREFLIGHTED FROM THIS AIRFIELD AND AT LEAST 69 WERE

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STAVAST, JOHN HOWARD  
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RF8GVESCELIUS, MILTON  
JAMES16 Sep RF101  
Bobby Ray Bagley

16 SEP - RF101 # 0836  
17 SEP - RF-4C # 0837  
17 SEP - B-52's (RF-4C) # 0838  
17 SEP - DRONE  
18 SEP - A-4E (SAR)  
19 SEP - F-4C (SAR)  
21 SEP - A-4E (M60)  
RF-8G # 0840

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FLOWN, INCLUDING 20 BY [REDACTED] PILOTS. THIS COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE 67 FLOWN THE PREVIOUS WEEK. A. VIETNAMESE ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF INTERCEPT/ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST USAF AIRCRAFT, DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, FORMATION PRACTICE, GCI PRACTICE, TEST/CHECK-OUT FLIGHTS AND UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY DURING DAY-LIGHT HOURS, AND UNIDENTIFIED FLIGHT ACTIVITY DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. ON 16 SEPTEMBER, BETWEEN 0401Z AND 0434Z, TWO PHUCYEN-BASED MIG-21'S CONDUCTED AN INTERCEPT/ATTACK MISSION AGAINST A USAF RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT OF TWO RF-101'S (RESALE FLIGHT), IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 120NMS WEST-NORTHWEST OF HANOI. THE MIG-21'S CLOSED TO WITHIN 1.8NMS, MADE VISUAL CONTACT, AND ATTACKED WITH AAM'S. THE FLIGHT LEADER REPORTED, "HIT... THE AIRCRAFT IS BURNING." THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY THE OTHER MIG-21 PILOT WHO THEN PROCEEDED TO MAKE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON THE REMAINING "HOSTILE." THE MIG-21'S WERE THEN ORDERED TO BREAK AWAY AND RECOVER. AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTACK, ONE RF-101 WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN AAM. ON 17 SEPTEMBER, DURING THE 0800Z HOUR, TWO PHUCYEN-BASED MIG-21'S ATTEMPTED AN INTERCEPT/ATTACK ON THE USAF P.M. STRIKE FORCE SHORTLY AFTER IT HAD CROSSED THE RIVER ON INGRESS. THE MIG-21'S GAINED A TAIL POSITION, AND, AS ONE MIG LAUNCHED AN AAM WHICH DETONATED WELL BEHIND ITS INTENDED TARGET, THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT JETTISONED THEIR ORDNANCE AND ATTEMPTED TO ENGAGE THE MIG-21'S. THE MIG SEVADED ENGAGEMENT AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE DUE TO EXCELLENT MIG WARNINGS PASSED BY MOTEL, RED CROWN, COLLEGE EYE, AND COMMANDO LANCE, THE STRIKE PILOTS WERE WELL AWARE OF THE MIGS LOCATION LONG BEFORE ACTUALLY SIGHTING THEM. B. [REDACTED] ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF DEFENSIVE PATROLS IN REACTION TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM PHUC YEN TO KEP AIRFIELD, ALL DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. ON 22 SEPTEMBER, DURING THE 0900-1000Z HOURS, FOUR [REDACTED] MIG-17'S WERE REFLECTED PERFORMING AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM PHUC YEN TO KEP. DURING THE LANDING PROCESS AT KEP, THE PILOTS WERE ADVISED THAT NO TOWER COMMUNICATIONS WERE AVAILABLE. ADDITIONALLY, THE PILOTS WERE INSTRUCTED TO STAY ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE RUNWAY AND NOT TO LAND TOO CLOSE TOGETHER. THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT KEP AIRFIELD IS PROBABLY ONLY PARTIALLY SERVICABLE AS A RESULT OF THE USAF STRIKE ON THAT AIRFIELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER. THIS IS THE FIRST REFLECTION OF AIR ACTIVITY IN/OUT OF KEP SINCE 09 SEPTEMBER WHEN FOUR [REDACTED] MIG-17'S STAGED A DEFENSIVE PATROL FROM KEP AND RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN FOLLOWING THE STRIKE ON THE AIRFIELD. 900 NNNN

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