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~~S E C R E T SPOKE~~ XOLLOW UP MUMBER TWO AMD XINAL TO USA-32 CRIIIC 12-68. DTG: 25Ø5Ø7Z DECEMBER 68. SOMGBIRD SIGIMT OX 24 AMD 25 DECEMBER REVEALED A MVM AAA RE2 PRTED SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. X-1Ø5 AIRCRWXT PROBABLY IN LAOS MEAR THE MVN DMZ BORDER. THE PILOT. WHO REPORTEDLY PARACHUTED TO SAFETY. WAS LATER THE COMVERM OX AN UMIDEM2 TIXIED REAR SERVICE ELEMMT IN LAOS WHIPCH ADVISED A AAA BATTALIOM TO MAKE A DETERMIMED EXXORT TO CAPTURE HIM. ADDITIOMAL SIGIMT REVEALED THAQT A HELIVOPTER WITH A MAN CLIMBIMG A SUSPENDED ALDDER WAS SHOT DOWM OM THE MORMING OX 25 DECEMBER IM AM APPAREMT UNSUCCESSFUL RESCUE ATTEMPT. COMMEMTS: OPERATIOMAL DATA COMFIRMS THE LOSS OX OME F-1Ø5 (PAMDA 1) TO EMEMY GROUMD XIRE IM LAOS WEST OX THE NVM DMZ AT Ø85ØZ ON 24 DECEMBER. AM UMSUCCESSFUL RESCUE ATTEMPT QWAS COMDUCTED WHEM THE HEWICOPTEJ WAS DRIVEM OFX BY GROUMD XIRE AMD THE RESCUE VABE BROKE. THIS WILL BE A XIMAL REPORT UNLESS XURTHER SIGMIXI- CAMT INXORMATIOM BEVOMES WVAILABLE 269 NMNM NNNM

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