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REPORTS DEATH OF U.S. PILOT

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ON 13 NOVEMBER 1972, 236TH SAM REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ITS SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS, (A PIRATE FIRST LIEUTENANT PILOT IS DEAD. THE UNITS ARE TO URGENTLY (C VAL EMULATE) ((XM)) TO BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ((SHOT DOWN)) FOR ONE REGIMENT UP TO 200.6 COMMENTS THE 236TH SAM REGIMENT IS UNLOCATED IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NVN WITH THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS POSSIBLY AT DONG HOI. NO SPECIFIC TIME WAS GIVEN FOR THE SHOOTDOWN OF THE AIRCRAFT IN THE ABOVE MESSAGE BUT THIS LOSS WAS PROBABLY NOT INCURRED PRIOR TO 10 NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH OPERATIONAL SOURCES CANNOT CONFIRM ANY U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES TO SAMS DURING THE 10 TO 13 NOVEMBER TIME PERIOD, THIS SHOOTDOWN COULD BE A REFLECTION OF ONE OF THE THREE RECENT LOSSES OF NAVY A-7 AIRCRAFT OVER NORTH VIETNAM. XXIII 250 08456 IIIIII

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