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ENP01FPT72286 1222 2 [] VCA /R647-72 SPOT REPORT (SONGBIRD) AERIAL ENGAGEMENT
OVER NORTH VIETNAM RESULTS IN SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. F-4 AND ONE MIG-21
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BETWEEN 0305Z-0330Z, 12 OCT 72, TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG-21 ACFT WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO ALLIED TACTICAL AIR STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. FROM 0305A TO 0318Z, THE MIGS WERE VE-CTORED TOWARD THE HOSTILE ACFT. AT 0319Z, THE MIGS WERE TOLD TO GO INTO THE ATTACK AND TO BREAK AWAY TO 220 DEGREES AFTERWARDS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS INSTRUCTION, ONE OF THE MIG PILOTS REPORTED THAT HE HAD SHOT DOWN AN F-4; THAT IT HAD BURST INTO FLAMES. BEGINNING AT 0323Z, VARIOUS GROUND CONTROLLERS BEGAN THE SECOND MIG ACFT AND CONTINUED TO DO SO UNTIL 0330Z, THE TIME WHEN THE FIRST MIG ACFT LANDED AT PHUC YEN, WITH NO ANSWER FROM THE PILOT. COMMENTS, COLLATERAL SOURCES (SECRET) REVEAL THAT ONE U.S. F-4 ACFT (CALLSIGN SPARROW 03) WAS DOWNED AT POSITION 21-28N 106-37E. THE SAME SOURCE ALSO REVEALED THAT ONE U.S. F-4 IS CLAIMING THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN NVAF MIG-21.
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