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AVN, UUR/AVIA-Y/E. NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR #5/17#0Z TO #6/17#0Z OCTOBER

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(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 6 OCTOBER. 2. NVN 284TH AAA REGIMENT REPORTS DELIVERY OF 23MM GUNS TO THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT. 3. NVN 290TH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT DISCUSSES TRACKING WEAKPOINTS. 4. NVN 290TH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT DISCUSSES THE F-111 AIRCRAFT. 5. SOVIET IL-18 PERFORMS FLIGHT TO HANOI. 6. NVAF AN-2 TRANSPORTS PRISONER OF WAR. B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 1700 ON 5 OCTOBER AND 1549 ON 6 OCTOBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 225 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, NAM DINH, NA SAN, YEN BAI, KEP, HANOI, MOC CHAU, PHUC YEN, GIAO GIAP, VINH AND DIEN BIEN PHU. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. AT #427, BATTALION 48 OF THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT (HANOI AREA) REPORTED THE LAUNCHING OF TWO MISSILES; HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. BETWEEN #559 AND #702, A MINIMUM OF TEN SAMs WERE NOTED LAUNCHED BY UNIDENTIFIED HANOI AREA SAM SITES. NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. AT #641, AN UNIDENTIFIED AAA SITE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF 20-52N 106-34E. OPERATIONAL SOURCES CONFIRM THE LOSS OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT TO SAM OR AAA DURING THE #600 HOUR. TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21s ATTEMPTED A GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT BETWEEN #148 AND #213. TWO KEP-BASED MIG-21s FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROL BETWEEN #154 AND #218. THESE AIRCRAFT RECOVERED AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN #157 AND #214, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-19s FLEW COMBAT RESULTING IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE OF THE MIG-19s. THE OTHER MIG-19 RECOVERED SUCCESSFULLY AT HANOI GIA LAM. BETWEEN #852 AND #915, TWO HANOI GIA LAM-BASED MIG-21s FLEW DEFENSIVE PATROL. THE SENIOR GCI CONTROLLER SIMULATED A KEP-BASED MIG-17 REACTION BETWEEN #603 AND #623 AND A PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21 REACTION FROM #629 TO #639. 2. ON 4 OCTOBER, THE HEADQUARTERS NVN 284TH AAA REGIMENT (QUANG XA, 16-53N 107-01E) REPORTED THE DELIVERY OF 23 MM GUNS TO THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT (VICINITY OF 16-55N 106-57E). THE SPEAKER STATED THAT POSSIBLE ELEMENTS/VEHICLES OF THE REGIMENT ARE TO BRING IN 23 MM GUNS TO (C-VAL, THE LANDING) AT CUA DUOI (16-49N 107-01E) FOR TURN OVER TO THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT. (2/00/VCK/R1049, FORTHCOMING). 3. ONE 24 SEPTEMBER 1972, THE HEADQUARTERS NVN 290TH RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (BA DON) REPORTED THAT ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR COMPANIES WERE CONTINUING TO BE CONFUSED IN TRACKING F-4 AND B-52 AIRCRAFT. (2/00/VCK-EWZR1048-72, FORTHCOMING). 4. ON 2 AND 3 OCTOBER, THE 290TH

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RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (BA DON) AND THE 293RD RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT (PHUC YEN AREA) DISCUSSED THE DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATIONS OF THE F-111 AND A7D AIRCRAFT AND TECHNIQUES TO USE IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE F-111 AIRCRAFT. AT 0553 ON 2 OCTOBER, THE CONTROLLER OF THE 290TH REGIMENT BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO ALL OF ITS SUBORDINATE RADAR COMPANIES WHICH STATED, "THE ENEMY ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF 25 SEPTEMBER, THEY HAD 48 ((OR 47)) F-111'S AT ((7 GR G)) AIR BASE... AND THAT THEY HAD BROUGHT 72 A7D'S TO KORAT AIR BASE... THE F-111 HAS A LARGE ((C-VAL)) SILHOUETTE; CAN FLY AT BOTH LOW AND HIGH ALTITUDES, AND ITS RETRACTABLE AND EXPANDABLE WINGS WILL CAUSE THE PATTERN ((ON YOUR SCOPE)) TO CHANGE... ON 3 OCTOBER, THE CONTROLLER FOR THE 293RD REGIMENT INFORMED GCI RADAR COMPANY 43 (HANOI, 21-04N 105-47E) THAT THE F-111 WOULD SOON BE USED IN A ROUTINE MANNER, BUT THAT ITS PERFORMANCE WAS NOT SUPERIOR AND NOT TO BE FEARED. (2/00/VCK/R1045-72 AND 2/00/VCK/R1046-72, FORTHCOMING). XX31 MSGMSG07028113590471700249005260 #HH 900 #8641 NNN

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