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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ FOLLOW-UP NR FOUR/AND FINAL TO CRITIC 13-72; DTG, 20/1330Z DEC 72. AT 20/1328Z DEC 72, THIS UNIT WAS INFORMED THAT TWO B-52 ACFT WERE PROBABLY SHOT DOWN IN THE HANOI AREA. AT 1322Z, A SAM LAUNCH WAS REFLECTED IN THE HANOI AREA, AND AT 1325Z, A SAM LAUNCH WAS REFLECTED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. BTWN 1228Z AND 1317Z, TWO MIG-21'S (PBS'S 353 AND 356) WERE NOTED IN REACTION TO ALLIED ACFT IN THE PHUC YEN/HANOI AREA. AT 1334Z, IT WAS REFLECTED IN A POST LAUNCH REPORT THAT BATTALION 33 OF THE 234TH SAM REGIMENT (PHUC YEN AREA) REPORTED LAUNCHING THREE MISSILES; TWO MISSILES WERE ON TARGET AND THE TARGET WAS BURNING IN THE SOUTHEAST. AT 1345Z, THE TACC-NS BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT THREE B-52 AIRCRAFT WERE CONFIRMED DOWN, ORANGE 02 (CORRECTED TO ORANGE 03 AT 1359Z), BRASS 02, AND QUILT 03. BTWN 1233Z AND 1323Z, A MINIMUM OF ELEVEN FLIGHTS OF B-52 ACFT (33 ACFT) WERE TRACKED INTO THE PHUC YEN/HANOI AREA IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY 20-00N TO 21-30N AND 104-00E TO 106-00E. THE ACFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FROM LAOS ON A NORTHEASTERLY HEADING TO THE GENERAL PHUC YEN/HANOI TARGET AREA, TOOK A RIGHT TURN OVER TARGET, AND EXITED NVN AIRSPACE ON A SOUTHWESTERLY HEADING OVER LAOS. AT 1334Z, THREE B-52 ACFT WERE REFLECTED AT 21-12N 105-23E, FLEW SOUTHWEST TO 20-48N 104-57E AT 1336Z, THEN TO 20-18N 106-23E AT 1337Z WHERE THE TRACK WAS REIDENTIFIED AS TWO B-52 ACFT. AT 1405Z, THE TACC-NS BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT BRASS 02 WAS APPROX SEVEN MILES FROM NAKHON PHANON (NKP) AIR BASE. AT 1407Z, THE TACC-NS BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT THE CREW OF BRASS 02 HAD BAILED OUT NEAR NKP AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED UPON CONTACT WITH THE NKP RUNWAY. AT 1412Z, COMPANY 4 OF THE 167TH AAA DIVISION REPORTED SHOOTING DOWN A B-52 ACFT. LOCATION IS TRUNG HA. COMPANY 4 ALSO REPORTED CAPTURING ONE PILOT ALIVE AND SEARCHING FOR OTHERS. AT 1455Z, THE TACC-NS BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THE FOLLOWING POSITION THAT WERE PASSED TO HIM ON QUILT 03 FROM HAMMER FLIGHT, 21-21N 105-29E. FROM AN UNID SOURCE THE FOLLOWING POSITION WAS REPORTED, 21-10N 105-45E. COMMENTS. PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT HAS BASED ON PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AIRBORNE [REDACTED] INTERCEPT. 558 #0253 MHHSH

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