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FROM 2127Z TO 2300Z, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF 42 B-52 AIRCRAFT ACTIVE OVER NVN AIRSPACE IN 14 RAIDS OF THREE AIRCRAFT EACH. A MINIMUM OF 36 AIRCRAFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FROM THE GULF OF TONKIN IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, PROCEEDED TO THE GENERAL VICINITY OF HANOI AND EXITED TOWARD THE GULF OF TONKIN AGAIN IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. SIX AIRCRAFT ENTERED NVN AIRSPACE FROM LAOS AND WERE ACTIVE IN THE HANOI AREA AND EXITED TOWARD LAOS. THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT LAUNCHED A MINIMUM OF 11 MISSILES, AND REPORTED DOWNING ONE B-52. AT 2127Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT STATED THE B-52S WERE 140 KILOMETERS FROM THE SITE. BETWEEN 2151Z AND 2153Z AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE HAIPHONG AREA WAS PREPARING THE STRIKE USING MILS OF ELEVATION. THEN AT 2154Z AND AGAIN AT 2156Z THIS SITE LAUNCHED A MISSILE. AT 2200Z TWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE HAIPHONG AREA, AND AT 2201Z ANOTHER TWO MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AGAIN IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. AT 2205Z THERE WAS A LAUNCH NOTED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION AND IT LATER REVEALED THAT THE TARGET WAS A B-52. AT 2215Z TWO SEPARATE LAUNCHES WERE NOTED IN THE HAIPHONG AREA. BATTALION 84 OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES (INCLUDING ONE OF THE LAUNCHES NOTED AT 2215Z) AND AT 2217Z REPORTED BOTH MISSILES DETONATED WELL, AND THE TARGET WAS REPORTED SHOT DOWN. THE TARGET SHOT DOWN WAS THEN REPORTED AS A B-52. AT 2218Z TWO ADDITIONAL SAM LAUNCHES WERE NOTED. COMMENT, COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORTED NO B-52S LOST. FURTHER AMPLIFYING DATA WILL BE REPORTED VIA SEPARATE SERIES. XXHH 480 0655 NNNN

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