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 DEC72. BTNN 1950Z AND 2117Z, 21DEC72, ASV FACS REFL A MINIMUM OF 36 B-52 ACFT
 IN 12 RAIDS OF THREE ACFT EACH ACTIVE OVER NVN AIRSPACE. ACFT ENTERED NVN
 AIRSPACE FM LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF MOC CHAU (20-50N 104-45E) FLYING NORTHEAST
 TO 21-18N 105-23E. ALL B-52 ACFT FOLLOWED THE SAME FLT ROUTE ENTERING NVN. AT
 LEAST FIVE CELLS OF B-52S EXITED NVN AIRSPACE TOWARD THE GULF OF TONKIN AND THE
 REMAINDER EXITED TOWARD LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF 20-25N 104-30E. BTWN 2026Z AND
 2046Z NUMEROUS SAM LAUNCHES WERE NOTED IN THE HANOI AREA. AT 2058Z TACTICAL AIR
 CONTROL CENTER-NORTHERN SECTOR BATTLE COMMANDER INDICATED THAT ONE B-52,
 SCARLET 03, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE HANOI AREA. AT 2105Z A MSG FM AN ABNE
 PLATFORM INDICATED THAT AT 2103Z HIS POSITION WAS 19-46N 107-52E AND REPORTING
 A STRONG BEEPER FROM HIS LEFT. AT 2123Z THE BATTLE COMMANDER REPORTED THAT AN
 ADDITIONAL B-52 ACFT, BLUE 01, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN, IN AN UNKNOWN AREA. COMMENT,
 PORTIONS OF THIS REPORT BASED ON ABNE [] INTERCEPT. 360 #0298 NNNN

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