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Hai Phong

CATEGORY DATA: Shootdown of Aircraft/First hand account.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 1828.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 1828: On 16 April 1972 Captain Alan P. Mateja and Captain Orvin C. Jones were flying an F105G, call sign Suntan 02, as number two in a flight of two on a surface-to-air missile (SAM) suppression mission over North Vietnam. Due to technical problems, the flight was late arriving at the in-flight refueling point, and as both planes were low on fuel, the leader directed Suntan 02 to fill his tanks and to attempt to reach the target area to assist egressing bombers as soon as possible. This was the last time the flight leader saw or heard from the Mateja-Jones aircraft. A pilot in the target area later reported that he had seen two SAMS launched south of Haiphong (the target area) and that he had seen one of them explode. He reported that a wing-tip light and other aircraft debris had fallen in the vicinity of XJ 854137. It was believed that the down aircraft was Suntan 02. Because this location was in well-defended enemy territory, no formal search and rescue efforts were initiated. A beeper was heard but was not pinpointed. Capt Mateja and Capt Jones are carried in the status of Dead-Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: A probable correlation is made to REFNO 1828 based on the date, time, and year as relayed by the source which match perfectly with this case. The report given by the source adds to a body of evidence which suggests that Capt Mateja's aircraft flew in the direction of and eventually crashed in the Do Son Peninsula area (XH 8691).

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