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FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: Helicopter Mounted Missile Systems Data (U).

PURPOSE: To present Operational Results of the TOW and SS-11 Systems.

FACTS:

1. (C) TOW data for the period 18-24 August 1972.

a. On 19 August 1972, vicinity FSB Ross, the Air TOW destroyed 2 x $\frac{1}{4}$ ton trucks (one of which was equipped with a Ground TOW Launcher) and 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck. The other $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck were loaded with Ground TOW Missiles. This equipment was abandoned by ARVN forces when FSB Ross was overrun by the NVA. A total of 3 missiles were fired in this engagement.

b. On 20 August 1972, the TOW Detachment was again employed at FSB Ross. A total of 6 missiles were fired resulting in 2 x 105 mm artillery pieces and 1 x $2\frac{1}{2}$ truck destroyed; 3 missiles malfunctioned.

c. On 21 August 1972, the TOW system was fired once; the missile malfunctioned.

d. A total of 10 TOW missiles were fired during the reporting period, 4 of these were malfunctions. The cause of these malfunctions has not been positively determined as of this date; it is thought to be in the guidance system of the missile, however.

2. (C) SS-11 data for the period 18-24 August 1972.

a. A total of 19 SS-11 missiles were fired during the reporting period; targets destroyed include 1 APC, 1 x 105mm Artillery piece, 3 trucks, 6 structures, and 1 ammunition storage area; 3 missiles malfunctioned.

b. All of the engagements were conducted in the vicinity of the Que Son Valley area and FSB Ross.

3. GDS declassification date 31 December 1978.

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