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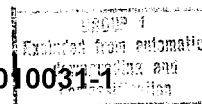
18 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Information on Counter-Air Weapons in AF Aircraft in VN

1. Subsequent to the memo on AF Falcons prepared on 11 March 1966, the DCI requested more information on the armament of AF aircraft operating in VN. Without a complete numerical order of battle being obtained, the following carrying capability has been learned:

<u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Primary Role</u>	<u>Defensive Armament</u>
F-100	escort	20 mm. guns 2.75 in. rockets Sidewinders
F-102	Air Def. (SVN)	Falcon 2.75 rockets
F-4	Strike	Sparrow III 2.75 in. rockets Sidewinder
F-5	Strike	20 mm. guns Sidewinders
F-105	Strike	20 mm. guns 2.75 in. rockets Sidewinder
RF-101	Recon	None
RF-4C	Recon	None

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2. It is my understanding that until recently enemy fighters were not a factor in South or North VN. Of the 213 total U. S. aircraft lost through 18 March, only 3 were attributed to fighter action. Recent introduction of MIG-21's and possible future augmentations in NVN and perhaps the aircraft in South China might change the picture in the future.

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