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- COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM
- DOI 13-17 DECEMBER 1966
- SUBJECT 1. DAMAGE TO CHINESE AND SOVIET EMBASSIES FROM USAF
RAID ON HANOI ON 14 DECEMBER
2. RESULTS OF 13 AND 14 DECEMBER RAIDS AND EFFECT ON
HANOI RESIDENTS.

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (17 DECEMBER 1966) FIELD NO. [REDACTED]

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1. (SUMMARY. SHRAPNEL FROM JETTISONED ROCKETS OF A USAF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE DURING THE 14 DECEMBER RAID ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HANOI EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED THE ROOF OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY, A ROCKET DEMOLISHED ONE AUTOMOBILE NEAR THE EMBASSY, AND SHRAPNEL STRUCK THE SOVIET EMBASSY. NEITHER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NOR THE SOVIETS HAD MENTIONED THIS DAMAGE AS OF 16 DECEMBER. ALLEGEDLY 30 PERSONS WERE KILLED DURING THE 14 DECEMBER RAID.

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SOME BUILDINGS NEAR THE RAIL DEPOT AT OGWUI DURING THE 13 DECEMBER RAID WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. BOTH THE 13 AND 14 DECEMBER RAIDS FRIGHTENED THE PEOPLE OF HANOI, BUT REPAIR OF THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST RAID. ON 17 DECEMBER TWO LARGE SOVIET SINGLE-ROTOR HELICOPTERS OF A SIZE NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED WERE AT GIA LAM AIRPORT.)

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THE 14 DECEMBER UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RAID ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HANOI PRODUCED SOME DAMAGE IN HANOI PROPER WHEN ONE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND HAD TO JETTISON ITS ROCKETS. THE ROOF OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WHEN A ROCKET STRUCK A GLANCING BLOW TO A TREE IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY SENDING SHRAPNEL INTO THE ROOF. IN ADDITION, ONE AUTOMOBILE PARKED NEAR THE EMBASSY WAS DEMOLISHED BY A ROCKET.

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3. THE SOVIET EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED SMALL SHRAPNEL HITS

FROM THE SAME AIRCRAFT. AS OF 16 DECEMBER NEITHER THE NORTH VIETNAMESE NOR THE SOVIETS HAD MENTIONED THIS DAMAGE.

SOME 30 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN THE RAID.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE BELIEVED THIS FIGURE TO BE EXAGGERATED.

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4. THE 13 DECEMBER RAID ON THE RAIL DEPOT AT 919278 (SHEET 617411, SERIES L701) DESTROYED AT LEAST THREE BUILDINGS IN THE DEPOT COMPLEX AND LIGHTLY DAMAGED TWO OTHERS. THE GUARD POST AND THE FIRST TWO BUILDINGS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COMPLEX APPEARED ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. ONE-HALF OF THE FIRST CIVILIAN HOME ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD AS ONE LEAVES THE DEPOT AND TRAVELS TOWARD HANOI WAS DESTROYED. REPAIR OF THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST RAID.

5. [REDACTED] THE RAIDS ON 13 AND 14 DECEMBER FRIGHTENED THE POPULATION OF HNAOI WHO HAD COME TO BELIEVE THAT HANOI AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS WERE IMMUNE FROM BOMBING.

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6. ON 16 DECEMBER MOST MILITARY POLICE AND MILITIA IN HANOI WERE WEARING STEEL HELMENTS. THE POPULATION SEEMED MORE ANIMATED THAN USUAL AND WORK CREWS WERE MOVING AT A MUCH FASTER PACE. SOME 50 MEDIUM CALIBER ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS MOUNTED ON FOUR-WHEEL VEHICLES WERE SIGHTED ENTERING THE CITY FROM THE DIRECTION OF HAIPHONG. IN ADDITION, ANTI-AIRCRAFT CREWS WITH SMALL CALIBER WEAPONS WERE POSTED ON THE ROOFS OF SEVERAL BUILDINGS IN HANOI.

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7. ON THE MORNING OF 17 DECEMBER TWO LARGE SOVIET HELICOPTERS WERE AT GIA LAM AIRPORT. THE HELICOPTERS WERE SINGLE ROTOR BUT OF A SIZE NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED AT GIA LAM.

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