



# **U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (USRJC)**

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# USRJC Challenges and Achievements: 2020-2021



## Challenges:

- Continued tension in the overall status of bilateral relations
- Significant constraints to planned engagements/activities due to pandemic

## Achievements: progress and foundation for future cooperation

- President Putin appointed new members to the USRJC Russian Side in November 2020
- President Trump approved a new U.S. Side Charter in December 2020 (all U.S. commissioners remain in place under the new administration)
- DoD formally approved continued engagement within USRJC framework
- Regular communication with the USRJC Russian Side and U.S. Ambassador to Russia
- USRJC Co-chairmen have explored alternate means of conducting activities
- U.S. research resumed in Russian archives in January 2021
- Russian research resumed in U.S. National Archives in July 2021



# Soviet Archives: Access to Vietnam War Records / Status

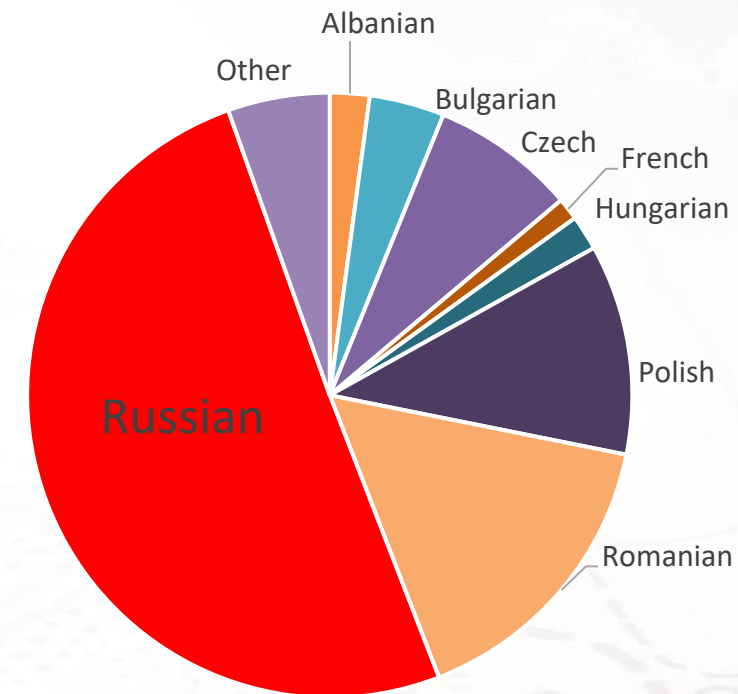


## RUSSIA

- Ministry of Defense Central Archives (TsAMO): **Limited Access\***
  - General Staff Military Intelligence (GRU)
  - Air Defense (“PVO”)
  - Navy
  - Military Medical
- Foreign Intelligence (“SVR”): **No access**
- Presidential: **No access**
- Federal Security Agency (“FSB”, former “KGB”): **No access**
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: **No access**
- Ministry of Internal Affairs: **No access**
- **Russian State Archives of Contemporary History: Access**

## UKRAINE

- Ministry of Defense Central Archives: **Limited Access\***  
(records of importance transferred to Moscow, per protocol)
- Ukraine Air Force University Library: **Limited access\***



JCSD Vietnam War-related  
Records in Foreign Languages



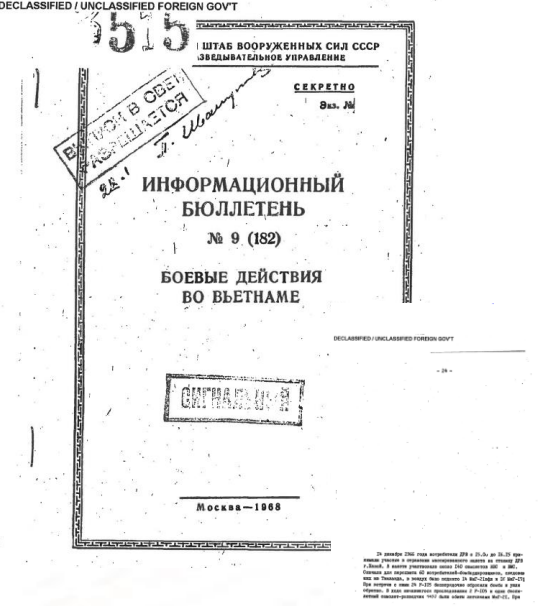


# JCSD Vietnam War-Related Archival Records

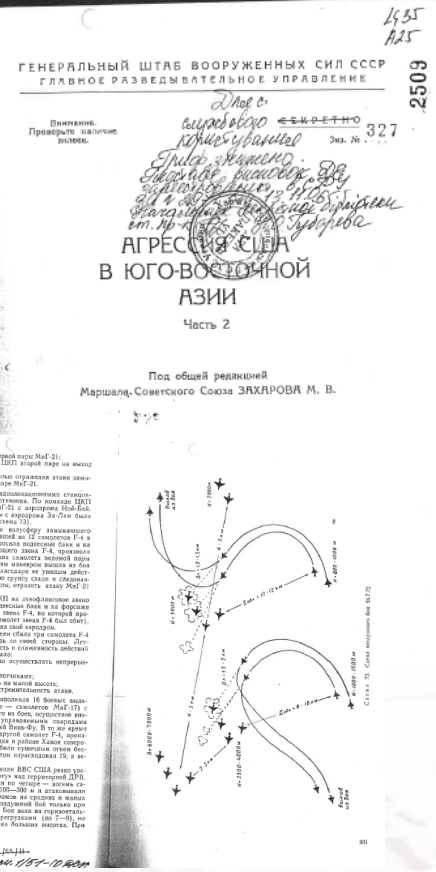


## Main Categories of Records

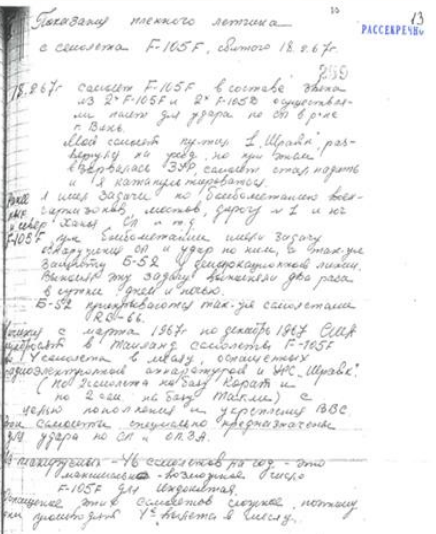
- Soviet advisors' field reports
- Information Bulletins (Signal Copies)
- GRU publications
- Pol-mil reports by Embassies
- Open sources: memoirs, books, research



Information Bulletin No. 9  
 Combat Operations in Vietnam  
 Signal Copy  
 Publication Allowed  
 Signed: Pyotr Ivashutin, Chief of GRU



GRU Publication:  
 "U.S. Aggression in Southeast Asia"  
 Part 2. Moscow 1967



Field Report



# Soviet Records in SEA Case Resolution



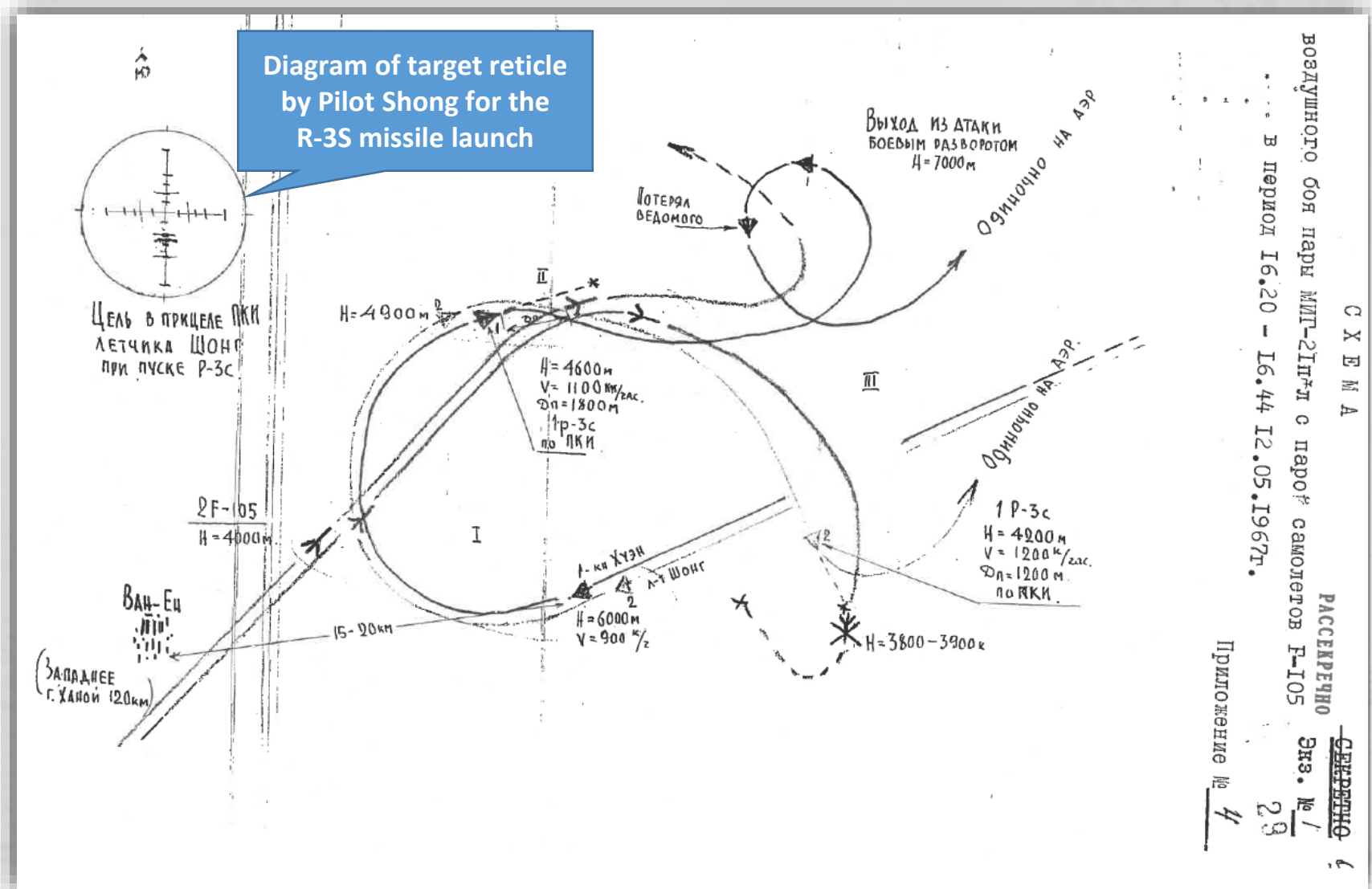
Diagram of the Aerial Battle  
between 2xMiG-21 vs 2xF-105

US sources:

Aircraft shot down by AAA

Russian sources:

Aircraft shot down by R-3S missile





# JCSD Vietnam War Oral History Program



## Interviews with former Soviet / Soviet Bloc Vietnam War veterans

- Timeline: 1992 – 2019
- Data collected to date: 1,791 individuals from 20 countries
  
- Ukraine: 767
- Russia: 308
- Belarus: 187
- Bulgaria: 54 (medical personnel)

Veterans interviewed: 544

Veterans to re-interview: 106

### Limitations:

- Level of access: willingness/ability of veterans to be interviewed
- Clearance restrictions / refusal to provide information
- Deceased
- No access (political situation, incorrect contact information)