

### Chronology of BTTR Shootdown, 24 February 1996

- 0928 Brothers to the Rescue (BTTR) files six flight plans telephonically, initially for a 1015 planned departure.
- 1000-1200 Cuban fighters airborne in reaction to believed incursion into Cuban territorial airspace by aircraft operated by BTTR. Cuban fighters return to base without making contact with any aircraft.
- 1148 BTTR updates three flight plans to reflect intended 1230 departure. Other three flight plans automatically expired at 1215.
- 1313 Three US-based BTTR aircraft depart Opa Locka Airfield, Miami:
- | Aircraft | Number | Color                        |
|----------|--------|------------------------------|
| 1        | N2506  | Light Blue                   |
| 2        | N24555 | White and Blue               |
| 3        | N54855 | White and Blue w/ Red Stripe |
- 1456-1457 Three BTTR aircraft inform the Havana Air Traffic Control Center that they intend to operate south of the 24th parallel. Control Center warns aircraft not to fly south of 24th parallel because the area was "active and dangerous." BTTR aircraft respond they are aware of danger but will be flying south of 24th parallel anyway.
- 1507-1516 US Customs radar shows the three BTTR aircraft operating south of the 24th parallel. US Customs radar also shows two fast-moving aircraft airborne north of Havana. Subsequent information identifies them as a MIG-23 and a MIG-29 that departed San Antonio de los Baños Airfield.
- 1518 US Customs radar shows Aircraft 1 as approximately 1 NM north of Cuban territorial airspace (approximately 12 nautical miles from the Cuban coastline) and heading south. Aircraft 2 and 3 are approximately 8 NM north of Cuban territorial airspace and headed east.
- 1519 Data derived from US Customs radar shows Aircraft 1 has entered Cuban territorial airspace.
- 1520 Cuban fighters request permission to fire on a white and blue Cessna 337 aircraft. Cuban ground controllers give pilot authorization to destroy aircraft.
- 1521 The MIG-29 pilot reports that Aircraft 2 has been destroyed.
- 1524 US Customs radar shows no Aircraft 2 on scope. US Customs radar last observed Aircraft 2 at 2326N 08229W (approximately 5 NM outside Cuban territorial airspace).
- 1524 The MIG-29 pilot visually acquires Aircraft 3.
- 1526 Aircraft 1 reverses course and exits Cuban territorial airspace. Cuban ground controllers give authorization to destroy Aircraft 3.
- 1528 Mig-29 pilot reports Aircraft 3 is destroyed. US Customs radar shows no Aircraft 3. US Customs radar last locates Aircraft 3 at 2337N 08232W (approximately 16 NM from Cuban territorial airspace).
- 1709 Aircraft 1 lands at Opa Locka Airfield in Miami.

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†1955 HAVANA CESSNA1 ((CALLS))  
 †- CESSNA1 HAVANA ((CALLS))  
 †1956 HAVANA CESSNA1 GOOD MORNING, CROSSING PARALLEL 24, RIGHT ABOUT NOW WE'RE GOING TO REMAIN IN THIS AREA 5 HOURS.  
 †- CESSNA1 HAVANA VERIFY CODE AND RESPONDER.  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA1 WITH 1224.  
 †- CESSNA1 HAVANA IN WHAT ZONE ARE YOU GOING TO DO YOUR WORK?  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA1 OK, THAT INFORMATION IS IN OUR FLIGHT PLAN.  
 †- CESSNA1 HAVANA RECEIVED.  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA2 ((CALLS))  
 †- CESSNA2 HAVANA ((CALLS))  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA2 RESPONDING 1223. CROSSING 24TH PARALLEL IN 5 MINUTES.  
 †1957 CESSNA2 HAVANA RECEIVED.  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA3 GOOD AFTERNOON, GREETINGS. WE ARE CROSSING PARALLEL 24, PLEASE, IN 5 MINUTES AND WE WILL BE IN THE AREA AROUND 3 OR 4 HOURS. WE ARE RESPONDING 1222, 500 FEET ((TAKE)).  
 †- CESSNA3 HAVANA THANK YOU.  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA3 ((PAUSE)) FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE AREA OF OUR OPERATIONS ((IS)) TO THE NORTH OF HAVANA TODAY. SO WE WILL BE IN YOUR AREA IN CONTACT WITH YOU. GIVE HIM CORDIAL GREETINGS FROM BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE, FROM ITS PRESIDENT, JOSE BASULTO, WHO IS TALKING.  
 †- CESSNA3 HAVANA ((2G)) SIR, BE INFORMED THAT THE ZONE NORTH OF HAVANA IS ACTIVATED, ((1G)) YOU, DANGER BEHIND 24 NORTH PARALLEL.  
 †1958 HAVANA CESSNA3 WE ARE AWARE THAT WE ARE IN DANGER EACH TIME WE CROSS THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF THE 24TH, BUT WE ARE WILLING TO DO IT AS FREE CUBANS.  
 †- CESSNA3 HAVANA ((1G)) THANKS, ((1G)) COPY THAT INFORMATION.  
 †- HAVANA CESSNA3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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#200436	MIG-29	GRC	((CALLS))
#200437	GRC	MIG-29	RIGHT.
#200443	MIG-29	GRC	((CALLS)).
#200501	GRC	MIG-29	ON CHANNEL ONE
#200503	MIG-29	GRC	((CALLS))
#200504	GRC	MIG-29	ON NR. ONE.
#200507	GRC	MIG-29	ON NR. ONE.
#200512	MIG-29	GRC	TAKING OFF ON A 90 DEGREE HEADING?
#200514	GRC	MIG-29	ON A 90 DEGREE HEADING.
#200515	MIG-29	GRC	RIGHT.
#200516	MIG-29	GRC	ALTITUDE?
#200517	GRC	MIG-29	ALTITUDE 1700.
#200520	MIG-29	GRC	ARE YOU BELOW THE CLOUD COVER?
#200522	GRC	MIG-29	COME AGAIN?
#200523	MIG-29	GRC	ARE YOU BELOW THE CLOUD COVER?
#200525	GRC	MIG-29	THERE ARE NO CLOUDS HERE.
#200527	MIG-29	GRC	OK, KEEP ON ((BROKEN UP)) SEARCHING BELOW YOU ON THE RIGHT.
#200532	GRC	MIG-29	OK, ON THE RIGHT, COPIED.
#200603	MIG-29	GRC	CONTINUE ON A 90 DEGREE HEADING.
#200607	GRC	MIG-29	OK, WE ARE CONTINUING.
#200609	GRC	MIG-29	WE SEE THREE AIRCRAFT.
#200633	GRC	MIG-29	((CALLS))
#200636	MIG-29	GRC	GO AHEAD.
#200638	GRC	MIG-29	OK, THERE ARE AIRCRAFT MOVING HERE; THEY STAY TOGETHER AND THEN THEY SEPARATE.
#200646	MIG-29	GRC	RIGHT.
#200656	GRC	MIG-29	WORK OVER THERE ON THE LEFT, THERE IS AN AIRCRAFT COMING FROM THE NORTH.
0200702	MIG-29	GRC	WE ARE GOING TO EXPLORE 30 KILOMETERS TO THE NORTH OF HAVANA. TO THE RIGHT ((BROKEN UP)).
#200710	GRC	MIG-29	COPIED.
#200715	MIG-29	GRC	((TRANSMISSION BLOCKED BY STATIC)).
#200718	GRC	MIG-29	NEGATIVE.
#200722	GRC	MIG-29	ON A HEADING OF 70.
#200723	MIG-29	GRC	((TRANSMISSION BLOCKED))
#200725	GRC	MIG-29	270, OK.
#200853	GRC	MIG-29	GIVE ME SOME POINTERS, I DO NOT HAVE IT IN SIGHT.
#200952	GRC	MIG-29	RIGHT.
#200953	MIG-29	GRC	ARE YOU STILL TURNING LEFT?
#200957	GRC	MIG-29	COME AGAIN?
#200958	MIG-29	GRC	ARE YOU TURNING TO THE LEFT?
#201001	GRC	MIG-29	COPIED.
#201015	GRC	MIG-29	ON A HEADING OF 70 NORTH OF HAVANA.
#201022	MIG-29	GRC	WHAT IS YOUR ALTITUDE?
#201023	GRC	MIG-29	200.
#201106	GRC	MIG-29	TO THE NORTH?
#201110	MIG-29	GRC	((TRANSMISSION TOO WEAK)).
#201137	GRC	MIG-29	ROGER, THE TARGET IS NORTH OF BARACOA. ((PILOT REFERRING TO PLAYA BARACOA)).

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#201142 MIG-29 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).  
 #201143 GRC MIG-29 ON A HEADING OF 270.  
 #201145 MIG-29 GRC THAT'S RIGHT, A HEADING OF 270, TO YOUR (FADES).  
 #201154 GRC MIG-29 ROGER.  
 #201155 GRC MIG-23 GO AHEAD.  
 #201156 MIG-23 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)) HEADING OF 330, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK TO THE NORTH.  
 #201203 GRC MIG-23 330 TO THE LEFT.  
 #201204 GRC MIG-23 RIGHT.  
 #201219 MIG-23 MIG-29 THERE IS A VERY LARGE VESSEL THERE.  
 #201221 MIG-29 MIG-23 I JUST SAW IT.  
 #201239 MIG-29 GRC TURN ON YOUR RADAR.  
 #201243 GRC MIG-29 CONNECTED.  
 #201251 MIG-23 GRC CONNECT THE RADAR AND EVERYTHING IS COMPLETE.  
 #201253 GRC MIG-23 CONNECTED.  
 #201254 MIG-23 GRC LOOK FOR IT BENEATH YOU.  
 #201256 GRC MIG-29 BENEATH AND TO THE NORTH OF PLAYA BARACOA ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS.  
 #201304 GRC MIG-23 ON PARAMETERS.  
 #201305 MIG-23 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).  
 #201308 GRC MIG-23 ON PARAMETERS.  
 #201317 MIG-23 GRC WHAT IS ITS ALTITUDE.  
 #201319 GRC MIG-23 200.  
 #201320 MIG-23 GRC UNDERSTOOD.  
 #201325 GRC MIG-29 1500.  
 #201330 MIG-29 GRC THE TARGETS ARE AT AN ALTITUDE OF 200 TO 300 METERS.  
 #201333 GRC MIG-29 ROGER.  
 #201337 MIG-29 GRC LOOK FOR THEM BENEATH YOU.  
 #201343 MIG-23 GRC CLIMB TO 1000.  
 #201345 GRC MIG-23 1000.  
 #201406 MIG-29 GRC ((TRANSMISSION BLOCKED)) KILOMETERS TO THE TARGET.  
 #201415 GRC MIG-23 ROGER. ALTITUDE 1000.  
 #201417 MIG-23 GRC ((ACKNOWLEDGES)).  
 #201421 GRC MIG-29 1500.  
 #201423 MIG-29 GRC BEGIN TO TURN TO YOUR RIGHT TO A BEARING OF 30 DEGREES.  
 #201425 GRC MIG-29 YOU MEAN PILOT 087  
 #201426 MIG-29 GRC PILOT 13.  
 #201428 MIG-23 GRC ((CALLS)).  
 #201430 GRC MIG-23 ROGER. 30 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT.  
 #201435 GRC MIG-23 I HAVE IT BELOW ME, IT'S A LARGE VESSEL.  
 #201440 MIG-23 GRC YOU HAVE A TARGET 10 DEGREES TO YOUR LEFT, AT A DISTANCE OF 12 KILOMETERS.  
 #201446 GRC MIG-23 NEGATIVE, IT IS A LARGE VESSEL THAT I HAVE HERE TO THE LEFT.  
 #201455 MIG-23 GRC KEEP SEARCHING.  
 #201456 GRC MIG-23 ROGER.  
 #201502 GRC MIG-23 TURNING LEFT, 270 DEGREES.  
 #201511 GRC MIG-23 WHAT I HAVE TO THE LEFT RIGHT NOW IS A LARGE PASSENGER SHIP.  
 #201526 MIG-23 GRC ((CALLS)).  
 #201527 GRC MIG-23 GO AHEAD.  
 #201528 MIG-29 GRC DO YOU HAVE THE TARGET I TOLD YOU ABOUT IN FRONT OF YOU?  
 #201537 GRC MIG-23 RIGHT NOW IT'S TO THE LEFT.  
 #201540 MIG-23 GRC ROGER.  
 #201557 MIG-23 GRC DON'T YOU SEE THE TARGET?  
 #201559 GRC MIG-23 COME AGAIN?  
 #201600 MIG-23 GRC YOU HAVE THE TARGET AT 30, I HAVE IT IN FRONT OF YOU.  
 #201604 GRC MIG-23 RIGHT. WHAT I HAVE IS A VESSEL.  
 #201606 MIG-23 GRC ROGER; WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE ON A LITTLE FURTHER.  
 #201618 MIG-23 GRC ((CALLS)).  
 #201619 GRC MIG-23 GO AHEAD.

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#201622 MIG-23 GRC THE VESSEL DOES NOT HAVE A GLOBE (BALLOON)  
 ON THE OUTSIDE?  
 #201624 GRC MIG-23 NEGATIVE, NOTHING IS SEEN ON IT.  
 #201627 MIG-23 GRC ROGER.  
 #201640 MIG-23 GRC DO YOU HAVE PILOT 08 IN SIGHT?  
 #201645 GRC MIG-23 YES.  
 #201646 MIG-23 GRC ROGER. ((GARBLED)).  
 #201714 MIG-23 GRC ((CALLS)),  
 #201716 GRC MIG-23 GO AHEAD.  
 #201717 MIG-23 GRC AND THIS IS FOR 08, CONNECT THE UVD.  
 #201720 GRC MIG-23 ROGER, CONNECTING UVD.  
 #201726 GRC MIG-23 CONNECTED.  
 #201728 MIG-29 GRC CONTINUE SEARCHING IN THAT ZONE.  
 #201734 MIG-23 GRC THE TARGET IS NORTH OF SANTA FE AT A DISTANCE OF  
 25 KILOMETERS.  
 #201739 GRC MIG-23 ROGER, RIGHT NOW IT'S ON A COURSE OF 180, AT AN  
 ALTITUDE OF 1000.  
 #201744 MIG-29 GRC COME AGAIN?  
 #201747 GRC MIG-23 ON A COURSE OF 180, AT AN ALTITUDE OF  
 1000.  
 #201749 MIG-23 GRC ROGER.  
 #201755 GRC MIG-23 WITH ANOTHER LAUNCH IN SIGHT ON A 90 DEGREE  
 HEADING TO THE RIGHT.  
 #201811 MIG-23 GRC YOU HAVE IT TO THE LEFT 30 DEGREES, DISTANCE  
 ((10)).  
 #201817 MIG-29 GRC DO YOU COPY ME?  
 #201818 GRC MIG-29 COME AGAIN?  
 #201827 MIG-29 GRC THE TARGET ((CUT OFF)).  
 #201828 GRC MIG-29 LOOK ((STOPS)).  
 #201829 MIG-29 GRC ((FINISHES SENTENCE)) TO THE LEFT.  
 #201833 GRC MIG-29 OK, THE TARGET IS IN SIGHT, THE TARGET IS IN  
 SIGHT. IT'S A SMALL AIRCRAFT.  
 #201837 GRC MIG-29 COPIED, A SMALL AIRCRAFT IN SIGHT.  
 #201838 GRC MIG-23 OK, WE HAVE IT IN SIGHT, WE HAVE IT IN SIGHT.  
 #201845 GRC MIG-29 THE TARGET IS IN SIGHT.  
 #201846 GRC MIG-29 ((CALLS))  
 #201847 MIG-29 GRC GO AHEAD.  
 #201849 MIG-29 MIG-23 THE TARGET IS IN SIGHT.  
 GRC  
 #201852 GRC MIG-29 IN SIGHT, IN SIGHT.  
 #201855 MIG-29 GRC ROGER, ((BLOCKED BY STATIC)).  
 #201857 GRC MIG-29 COME AGAIN?  
 #201858 MIG-29 GRC ((BLOCKED)).  
 #201900 GRC MIG-23 IT'S A SMALL AIRCRAFT, A SMALL AIRCRAFT.  
 #201904 GRC MIG-29 IT'S WHITE, WHITE.  
 #201910 MIG-29 MIG-23 I'M GOING TO CLIMB TO AN ALTITUDE OF 2000.  
 #201912 MIG-23 GRC COLOR AND REGISTRATION OF THE AIRCRAFT.  
 #201915 GRC MIG-29 ((GARBLED)).  
 #201917 GRC MIG-23 THE REGISTRATION ALSO?  
 #201919 MIG-23 GRC WHAT KIND AND COLOR.  
 #201922 MIG-29 MIG-23 IT IS WHITE AND BLUE.  
 #201923 GRC MIG-29 WHITE AND BLUE.  
 #201924 GRC MIG-23 THE WHITE AND BLUE SMALL AIRCRAFT, AT A LOW  
 ALTITUDE, A SMALL AIRCRAFT.  
 #201938 GRC MIG-23 GIVE ME INSTRUCTIONS.  
 #201944 GRC MIG-29 INSTRUCTIONS.  
 #201952 GRC MIG-23 LISTEN, AUTHORIZE ME ((STOPS)).  
 #201954 GRC MIG-29 WE ARE GOING TO GIVE IT A PASS, WE ARE GOING  
 TO GIVE IT A PASS.  
 #202002 MIG-29 MIG-23 IF WE GIVE IT A PASS, IT WILL COMPLICATE THINGS.  
 #202004 MIG-23 MIG-29 WE ARE GOING TO GIVE IT A PASS.  
 #202008 MIG-23 MIG-29 BECAUSE SOME VESSELS ARE APPROACHING THERE, I AM  
 GOING TO GIVE IT A PASS.  
 #202012 GRC MIG-23 TALK, TALK ((IMPERATIVE MOOD)).  
 #202017 MIG-23 GRC TELL ME IF YOU ARE RECEIVING ME.  
 #202024 GRC MIG-29 I HAVE IT IN LOCK-ON, I HAVE IT IN LOCK-ON.

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#202025 GRC MIG-23 WE HAVE IT IN LOCK-ON. GIVE US AUTHORIZATION.  
#202028 GRC MIG-23 WE HAVE IT IN LOCK-ON. GIVE US AUTHORIZATION.  
#202032 GRC MIG-29 IT IS A CESSNA 337.  
#202036 MIG-29 MIG-23 THAT ONE, THAT ONE ((SHOUTING)). GIVE US THE  
(EXPLETIVE).  
#202040 MIG-23 GRC FIRE.  
#202042 GRC MIG-23 GIVE US THE EXPLETIVE ((STILL SHOUTING)) THAT  
WE HAVE.  
#202044 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED TO DESTROY.  
#202048 GRC MIG-29 I'M GOING TO FIRE AT IT.  
#202051 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED.  
#202052 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED TO DESTROY IT.  
#202054 GRC MIG-29 WE ALREADY COPIED, WE ALREADY COPIED.  
#202058 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED TO DESTROY IT.  
#202102 GRC MIG-29 WHERE IS IT? IN FRONT?  
#202108 OB GRC AUTHORIZED TO DESTROY.  
#202110 GRC MIG-29 ALREADY.  
#202111 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED.  
#202113 GRC MIG-29 ROGER, THAT WAS ALREADY RECEIVED, ALREADY  
RECEIVED.  
#202115 GRC MIG-29 ((GARBLED)) NOW.  
#202125 MIG-29 GRC HAVE YOU ALREADY FIRED?  
#202133 GRC MIG-29 FIRST LAUNCH.  
#202137 GRC MIG-29 WE GAVE HIM (BALLS); (REPEATED TWICE)  
((SCREAMING)).  
#202142 MIG-29 MIG-23 ((SCREAMING) (BALLS)  
#202144 MIG-23 MIG-29 WE TOOK OUT HIS BALLS ((SHOUTING)).  
#202146 MIG-29 MIG-23 WAIT, WAIT, LOOK AND SEE WHERE IT FELL.  
#202150 MIG-23 MIG-29 ((GARBLED)).  
#202152 MIG-29 MIG-23 WE GAVE HIM (BALLS) ((SHOUTING)) ((1 WORD GARBLED)).  
#202156 MIG-23 MIG-29 MARK THE PLACE WHERE WE TOOK IT OUT. IT'S  
((GARBLED)).  
#202159 MIG-29 MIG-23 THIS ONE WON'T MESS AROUND ANY MORE.  
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#202201 MIG-23A GRC CONGRATULATIONS ((GARBLED)).

#202203 GRC MIG-29 HEY, MARK THE SPOT ((SHOUTING)).

#202207 GRC MIG-29 MARK THE SPOT.

#202209 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT. MARKED.

#202211 MIG-29 GRC ((SHOUTS)) SHIT, BUDDY ((VERY EXCITED)).

#202213 MIG-29 GRC ((CALLS)).

#202214 GRC MIG-29 GO AHEAD.

#202218 MIG-29 GRC THE SAR IS AUTHORIZED AND TAKING OFF ((FADES)).

#202221 GRC MIG-29 IS THE SPOT MARKED?

#202223 MIG-29 GRC YES, CORRECT.

#202225 GRC MIG-29 LET'S GO.

#202226 MIG-29 MIG-23A HEY, DID THEY MARK THE SPOT?

#202228 MIG-23A MIG-29 AFFIRMATIVE.

#202231 GRC MIG-29 OK. THERE'S A LAUNCH NEAR THEM. THE AIRCRAFT FELL NEAR THE LAUNCH.

#202235 SAR HLO GRC BSR AUTHORIZED TO TAKE OFF, COPIED?

#202239 GRC MIG-23A DID THEY MARK THE SPOT TO ((WORD GARBLED))?

#202242 MIG-23A GRC CORRECT, MARKED.

#202243 GRC MIG-23A GREAT.

#202244 MIG-23A GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).

#202254 MIG-29 GRC WE'RE GOING TO CLIMB TO 4000 METERS.

#202259 GRC MIG-29 WE'RE CLIMBING AND CONTINUING THE SEARCH.

#202300 MIG-29 GRC STAND BY THERE CIRCLING ABOVE.

#202304 GRC MIG-29 OVER THE TARGET?

#202306 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT.

#202307 GRC MIG-29 SHIT, WE DID TELL YOU, BUDDY.

#202310 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT, THE TARGET IS MARKED.

#202312 GRC MIG-23A CIRCLING TO THE WEST OF BARACOA.

#202316 MIG-23A GRC ((MISSION BLOCKED)) IN SIGHT TO YOUR LEFT.

#202325 MIG-29 GRC ((CALLS))

#202326 GRC MIG-29 GO AHEAD.

#202328 MIG-29 GRC OK, WE'RE GOING TO CLIMB TO 3200, 4000 METERS ((ESTIMATING)) ABOVE THE DESTROYED TARGET THERE, AND MAINTAIN "ECONOMICAL" SPEED.

#202338 GRC MIG-23A HEY, THE LAUNCH LOOKS LIKE IT TURNED THERE.

#202340 GRC MIG-29 THE LAUNCH TURNED THERE, GOT IT?

#202346 GRC MIG-23A THE LAUNCH TURNED TO WHERE THE TARGET WAS, WHERE IT FELL.

#202353 MIG-23A GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).

#202408 MIG-29 GRC ((CALLS))

#202411 GRC MIG-29 GO AHEAD.

#202413 MIG-29 GRC I NEED YOU TO STAND BY IN THE AREA THERE. WHAT READING DID THE LAUNCH HAVE?

#202417 GRC MIG-29 THE LAUNCH WAS AT 180 ((DEGREES)).

#202420 GRC MIG-23A IT MADE A 360, NOW IT TURNED TO 180, TOWARD THE PLACE WHERE IT FELL.

#202425 GRC MIG-29 I HAVE ANOTHER AIRCRAFT IN SIGHT.

#202428 GRC MIG-23A WE HAVE ANOTHER AIRCRAFT.

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#202430 GRC MIG-23A WE HAVE TWO AIRCRAFT.  
 #202434 MIG-23A GRC CORRECT, FOLLOW IT, FOLLOW IT, DON'T LOSE THE OTHER TARGET.  
 #202438 GRC MIG-29 WE HAVE THE OTHER AIRCRAFT IN SIGHT.  
 #202442 GRC MIG-23A IT'S IN THE AREA, IN THE AREA WHERE IT FELL.  
 #202447 GRC MIG-23A WE HAVE THE AIRCRAFT IN SIGHT.  
 #202453 MIG-29 GRC STAND BY ((CUT OFF BY FOLLOWING SPEAKER))  
 #202455 GRC MIG-23A COMRADE, IT'S IN THE AREA OF THE EVENT.  
 #202458 GRC MIG-23A DID YOU COPY?  
 #202512 MIG-23A GRC WHAT'S YOUR ALTITUDE?  
 #202515 MIG-23A MIG-29 ((CALLS / DIFFERENT VOICE, PROBABLY PILOT 1211 WHO WAS RIDING IN MIG-29 WITH PILOT 1208))  
  
 #202518 MIG-29 MIG-23A GO AHEAD.  
 #202519 MIG-23A MIG-29 ALTITUDE?  
 #202520 MIG-29 MIG-23A I'M AT 1000 METERS, I'M FAR FROM YOU, I'M TO THE WEST OF BARACOA.  
 #202525 MIG-23A MIG-29 OK, DON'T STAY HERE, I'M AT 5000 METERS.  
 #202528 MIG-29 MIG-23A UNDERSTOOD.  
 #202529 GRC MIG-29 OK, THIS AIRCRAFT IS HEADED 90 DEGREES NOW,  
 #202531 GRC MIG-23A IT'S IN THE AREA OF THE EVENT, WHERE THE TARGET FELL, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO AUTHORIZE US.  
 #202540 GRC MIG-29 HEY, THE BSR DOESN'T NEED IT, NOTHING IS THERE.  
 #202544 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT, KEEP AN EYE ON IT. ((LG)) WATCHING THE ((FADES)) ABOVE THEM.  
 #202548 GRC MIG-29 WE'RE ABOVE THEM, WE'RE ABOVE THEM.  
 #202550 MIG-29 GRC ((XMISSION BLOCKED)).  
 #202553 GRC MIG-29 FOR WHAT?  
 #202600 MIG-29 GRC PREPARE YOURSELF AS ((I WEAK)) HERE.  
 #202602 GRC MIG-29 IS THE OTHER AUTHORIZED?  
 #202605 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT.  
 #202607 GRC MIG-29 GREAT, LET'S GO.  
 #202610 GRC MIG-23A DO YOU HAVE IT?  
 #202612 MIG-23A GRC THIS IS THE 020 ((UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIAL)). YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DESTROY IT.  
 #202616 GRC MIG-29 UNDERSTOOD, WE ARE NOW GOING TO DESTROY IT.  
 #202632 MIG-29 GRC DO YOU HAVE IT IN SIGHT?  
 #202635 GRC MIG-29 WE HAVE IT, WE HAVE IT, WE'RE WORKING, LET US WORK.  
 #202749 MIG-29 GRC WHAT'S GOING ON?  
 #202751 GRC MIG-29 KEEP CALM, KEEP CALM.  
 #202803 MIG-29 GRC TELL US.  
 #202813 GRC MIG-29 THE OTHER IS DESTROYED, THE OTHER IS DESTROYED, FATHERLAND OR DEATH, SHIT, THE OTHER IS DOWN ALSO ((SHOUTS)).  
 #202828 MIG-29 SAR HLO STAND BY, WE'RE GOING TO PUT A POST AT THE PLACE.  
 #202830 GRC MIG-29 THE ONE HAS 12 NOW ((FUEL REMAINING IS 1200 LITERS))  
 #202833 GRC MIG-29 ((DIFFERENT SPEAKER, PROB 1211)) THE ONE HAS 12, IN THE PLACE WHERE EVENTS TOOK PLACE. IT LOOKS LIKE THE BOAT IS PICKING ((THINGS)) UP NOW.  
 #202841 GRC MIG-29 A BOAT IS PICKING ((THINGS)) UP.  
 #202845 GRC MIG-23A IN THE FIRST.  
 #202849 GRC MIG-29 A BOAT IS PICKING ((THINGS)) UP IN THE FIRST.  
 #202851 GRC MIG-29 THE ONE 12 ((FUEL REMAINING 1200 L), RETURNING.

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#202902 MIG-23A MIG-29 BE AWARE THAT THERE'S A BOAT THERE, BE CAREFUL.

#202906 MIG-23A MIG-29 THERE'S A FISHING BOAT.

#202910 GRC SAR HLO LEAVING BARACOA.

#202913 GRC SAR HLO LEAVING BARACOA FOR THE COURSE.

#202921 SAR HLO GRC COURSE 330 FROM BARACOA?

#202925 GRC SAR HLO CORRECT, I'M NOW ((1 GARBLED)) IN ZONE 1. ((GARBLED)).

#202939 GRC SAR HLO 7-0.

#202944 GRC SAR HLO CORRECT.

#202950 GRC MIG-29 I'M GOING TO ENTER BY GUANABO.

#202957 MIG-29 GRC GIVE ME THE ONE ((FUEL REMAINING)).

#202959 GRC MIG-29 THE ONE IS 11 ((FUEL REMAINING IS 1100 LITERS)).

#203000 MIG-29 GRC MAKE CONTACT WITH SAR HLO AND DIRECT IT TO THE ((1G)) OF THE PLACE.

#203004 SAR HLO MIG-29 ((CALLS))

#203006 MIG-29 SAR HLO GO AHEAD.

#203007 GRC MIG-29 OK, ((STOPS))

#203013 SAR HLO GRC THERE'S A BOAT OF ((PAUSES, THINKING WHAT TO SAY))

#203015 SAR HLO MIG-23A OF PASSENGERS.

#203016 SAR HLO MIG-29 OF PASSENGERS THAT IS NEAR THE ZONE. THE BOAT IS HEADING APPROXIMATELY 90 DEGREES AND IT'S TO THE RIGHT OF THAT BOAT. THE BIG BOAT.

#203028 MIG-29 SAR HLO OK, UNDERSTOOD. WE'RE STILL CHECKING IN MENELAO MORA. MENELAO MORA HERE IN THE PLAYA BARACOA ZONE.

#203032 SAR HLO MIG-29 OK.

#203034 SAR HLO MIG-23A UNDERSTOOD, BREAK OFF IN 360 AND LOOK FOR THE BOAT. THE BIG BOAT AND TO THE RIGHT OF THAT BOAT. THERE NEAR THE BIG BOAT, IS THE TARGET. I DON'T SEE IT, IT'S FAR BELOW.

#203046 SAR HLO MIG-23A IT'S APPROXIMATELY BELOW, BE CAREFUL, IN THE ZONE WHERE THE FIRST ONE FELL THERE'S A TARGET, A BOAT, BE AWARE OF THAT, BE CAREFUL WITH THAT.

#203055 MIG-23A SAR HLO UNDERSTOOD.

#203105 GRC MIG-29 ((CALLS))

#203110 MIG-29 GRC GO AHEAD.

#203112 GRC MIG-29 WE NEED A RAPID LAUNCH TO TAKE OFF FOR THE AREA.

#203117 MIG-29 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).

#203123 GRC MIG-23A INDICATIONS.

#203132 GRC MIG-29 OK, OVER THE COAST.

#203138 MIG-29 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).

#203155 MIG-29 GRC THE ONE ((FUEL REMAINING))?

#203157 GRC MIG-29 THE ONE IS 10 ((1000 LITERS OF FUEL REMAINING)).

#203200 MIG-23A GRC THE ONE ((FUEL REMAINING))?

#203201 GRC MIG-23A THE ONE IS 15 ((1500 LITERS OF FUEL REMAINING)).

#203205 MIG-23A GRC ALTITUDE?

#203207 GRC MIG-23A 1000 METERS, TO THE WEST OF BARACOA.

#203209 MIG-23A GRC RECEIVED, MAINTAIN ALTITUDE 1000 METERS ((XG)).

#203213 MIG-23A SAR HLO GO AHEAD.

#203215 MIG-29 GRC THE ONE ((FUEL REMAINING))?

#203217 GRC MIG-29 THE ONE IS 10 ((FUEL REMAINING IS 1000 LITERS)).

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\*203219 MIG-29 GRC WHAT?  
\*203220 GRC MIG-29 10.  
\*203221 MIG-29 GRC 10.  
\*203223 MIG-29/ SAR HLO ((CALLS))  
MIG-23A  
\*203224 SAR HLO MIG-29 GO AHEAD.  
\*203225 GRC SAR HLO I HAVE A BOAT TO THE NORTH OF THE ACADEMY, ABOUT 5  
KM FROM THE ACADEMY.  
\*203229 SAR HLO MIG-29 BUT IT'S A ((GARBLED)) BOAT OF PASSENGERS.  
\*203232 MIG-29 SAR HLO CORRECT.  
\*203235 SAR HLO MIG-23A NO, IT'S NOT 5 KM, IT'S FAR.  
\*203238 SAR HLO GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).  
  
\*203240 MIG-29 GRC MAKE CONTACT WITH SAR HLO AND GIVE YOUR POSITION.  
\*203245 SAR HLO MIG-29 ((CALLS))  
\*203249 MIG-29 SAR HLO I HAVE THE TARGET IN SIGHT, I HAVE THE TARGET.  
\*203252 SAR HLO MIG-29 COPIED. THERE'S A LAUNCH THERE THAT IS PICKING  
((THINGS)) UP THERE.  
\*203254 MIG-29 SAR HLO OK, IT WAS SOME 10 KM FROM THE TARGET.  
\*203256 SAR HLO MIG-29 THAT'S CORRECT.  
\*203300 SAR HLO MIG-23A THE BIG BOAT, MORE OR LESS TO THE RIGHT AND A  
LITTLE BEHIND THE BIG BOAT IS A SMALL BOAT, WHERE THE  
FIRST IS, WHERE IT FELL.  
  
\*203308 MIG-23A SAR HLO GREAT. I'M HEADING 320 FROM BARACOA.  
\*203311 MIG-29 GRC ((CALLS))  
\*203312 GRC MIG-29 GO AHEAD.  
\*203314 MIG-29 GRC ((TRANSMISSION WEAK)).  
\*203316 SAR HLO MIG-29 RECEIVED. I'M TO THE SOUTH OF BOYEROS.  
\*203322 MIG-29 GRC ALTITUDE?  
\*203323 GRC MIG-29 -ALT 4500 METERS.  
\*203325 MIG-29 GRC CORRECT, MAINTAIN ALTITUDE AND INFORM ME ((1 WEAK)).  
\*203327 GRC MIG-29 COPIED.  
\*203350 GRC MIG-29 ((PILOT)) 3014 IS CALLING YOU.

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TIME TO FROM TEXT

((TIME IS HOUR/MINUTE/SECOND IN GREENWICH MEAN TIME, WHICH IS FIVE HOURS AHEAD OF EST))

((GRC = GROUND CONTROL))

((SAR = SEARCH AND RESCUE))

((HLO = HELO))

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#203354 MIG-23A GRC GO AHEAD.  
 #203357 GRC MIG-23A WE'RE GOING TO RETURN TO TRAFFIC WITH 2.  
 #203402 GRC MIG-29 NEXT TO THE SECOND, AUTHORIZE ME TO DESCEND.  
 #203405 MIG-29 GRC AUTHORIZED TO DESCEND TO LAND.  
 #203409 GRC MIG-29 ((ACKS))  
 #203413 GRC MIG-23A I AM MAINTAINING 1000 METERS TO THE FIELD.  
 #203430 MIG-23A GRC UNDERSTOOD.  
 #203458 SAR HLO GRC ((3W)) TARGET WAITING WITH HEADING 340.  
 #203504 GRC SAR HLO ((2W)) TO THE RIGHT TO FIND IT.  
 #203506 SAR HLO GRC CORRECT, ((XW)) RESCUE.  
 #203508 GRC MIG-23B TAKING OFF TO THE RIGHT, NEXT TO LA SALUD, FROM LA SALUD TO BEJUCAL TO OBSERVE THE AREA ((2G)) REMAINS FOR YOU.  
 #203516 MIG-23B MIG-29 OK, 1500 METERS, IN THE SECOND. DO YOU COPY?  
 #203524 MIG-29 MIG-23B CORRECT.  
 #203525 MIG-23B MIG-29 I AM DESCENDING TO LAND. COPIED. COPIED.  
 #203535 GRC MIG-23A HEADING TO THE 4TH, 1000 METERS.  
 #203555 MIG-23B GRC ((CALLS))  
 #203558 GRC MIG-23B GO AHEAD.  
 #203601 GRC MIG-23B GO AHEAD. HEADING TO BEJUCAL.  
 #203602 MIG-23B GRC ((CUTS IN)) HE PUT NORTH, NORTH OF HAVANA TO OPERATE NORTH OF HAVANA.  
 #203608 GRC MIG-23B UNDERSTOOD, AUTHORIZE ME TO CROSS HAVANA.  
 #203612 MIG-23B GRC NEGATIVE, TO CROSS HAVANA. NO. UH, I'M NOT PUTTING YOU TO HAVANA.  
 #203616 GRC MIG-23B I'M TO THE EAST.  
 #203618 MIG-23B GRC ((CUTS IN)) AND YOU CAN CLIMB AFTER THE COAST, CLIMB TO ALTITUDE 1000.  
 #203622 GRC MIG-23B ((ACKS))  
 #203627 GRC MIG-29 IN THE THIRD, LANDING GEAR AND FLAPS, PRESSURE NORMAL.  
 #203634 GRC MIG-29 ((ACKS))  
 #203637 GRC MIG ((CALLS))  
 #203638 MIG GRC GO AHEAD.  
 #203641 GRC MIG ON THE AIR. ((NEW AIRCRAFT))  
 #203642 MIG GRC CORRECT.  
 #203644 GRC MIG-23A PASSED THE 4TH. I'M CONTINUING FOR THE THIRD.  
 #203653 MIG-23B GRC DID YOU COPY ME?  
 #203656 GRC MIG-23B I COPIED TO THE EAST OF HAVANA.  
 #203658 MIG-23B GRC CONTACT WITH SAR HLO TO SEE IF THEY ARE OVER THE TARGET.

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