185 Sqn Mission: Catch The Pigeon

SUMMARY: 2ship SEAD & 2ship Intercept out of Pyeontaeg Airbase. Loadouts FIXED

BACKGROUND

Following a number of successful SEAD and OCA strikes in the Hyon Airbase area, the Air Defence Commander of the Central DPRK sector is to pay a morale-boosting visit to his battered troops. General No Vanh is a supremely competent and charismatic leader and his exceptional strategic awareness and positioning of troops in Air Defence ambushes has led to the downing of a number of Allied aircraft, with the loss of their crews.

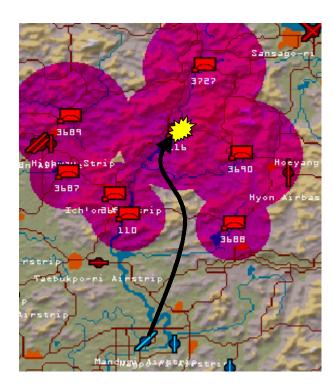
Following much debate at the Chiefs of Staff level, the National Command Authority have deemed that it is within legal boundaries (just) to deliberately target his personal aircraft (an MD500) during his transit to the Airbase, and that the loss of the General would seriously wound the DPRK, both mentally and physically.

SITUATION

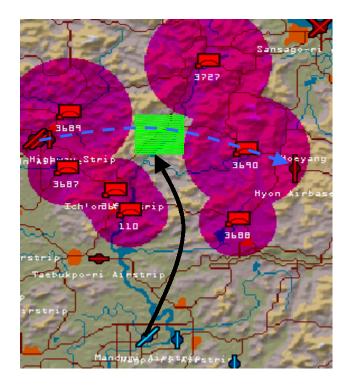
Intelligence indicates that the General is to travel from Koksan Airbase, landing his own helicopter in front of a parade of Air Defence troops at Hyon Airbase to carry out an inspection. Analysis of previous visits by the General indicates that he likes to fly alone and at low level, with his escorts (both helicopters and fighters) at a discrete distance. He is known for his punctiliousness and the parade is due to start at the Airbase at exactly 0935 hrs. The Intelligence Cell has predicted his transit route and estimated that he will be within the shaded box and out of SAM/AAA cover (Map2, below), between roughly 0903 and 0912 hrs.

MISSION

A SEAD strike onto an SA2 site (Map 1) will clear a lane through the SAM and AAA network into an area with no SAM/AAA coverage (Map 2), allowing safe access for an intercept package to enter the kill-box, locate and destroy the singleton MD500.



Map1: Full AD threat, showing SEAD Strike target.



Map 2: Post SEAD, showing route in/out, predicted enemy transit route and killbox.

EXECUTION (excuse the pun!)

Callsign	Acft	Mission	Loadout (**FIXED**)
Weasel1	2xF16	SEAD	1x AGM88, 3x CBU58, 2x AIM120, 3x AIM9M, 1x 370gal.
Cobra1	2xF16	Intercept	2x AIM120, 2x AIM9M, 2x AIM9P, 2x 370 gal tanks.
Avenger1	1xF16	Training	Unarmed - to facilitate seat hopping before takeoff.

The mission will need to be executed accurately and on time. If the intercept package is early or late, it may have to risk entering SAM and AAA engagement zones in order to locate the General. The kill-box is also quite tight – excessive roaming off course will result in the package becoming a target for the Air Defences. Good flying and situational awareness will result in the DPRK gunners getting no chances to engage our aircraft.

You have authority to engage all enemy ground and air targets in the area, but priority must be given to locating and destroying the General's MD500. Visual ID of the General's MD500 is not required, but would be advisable – it is likely there will be a lot of helicopters in the air – remember – it is the singleton MD500 you are after.

Good Hunting.

