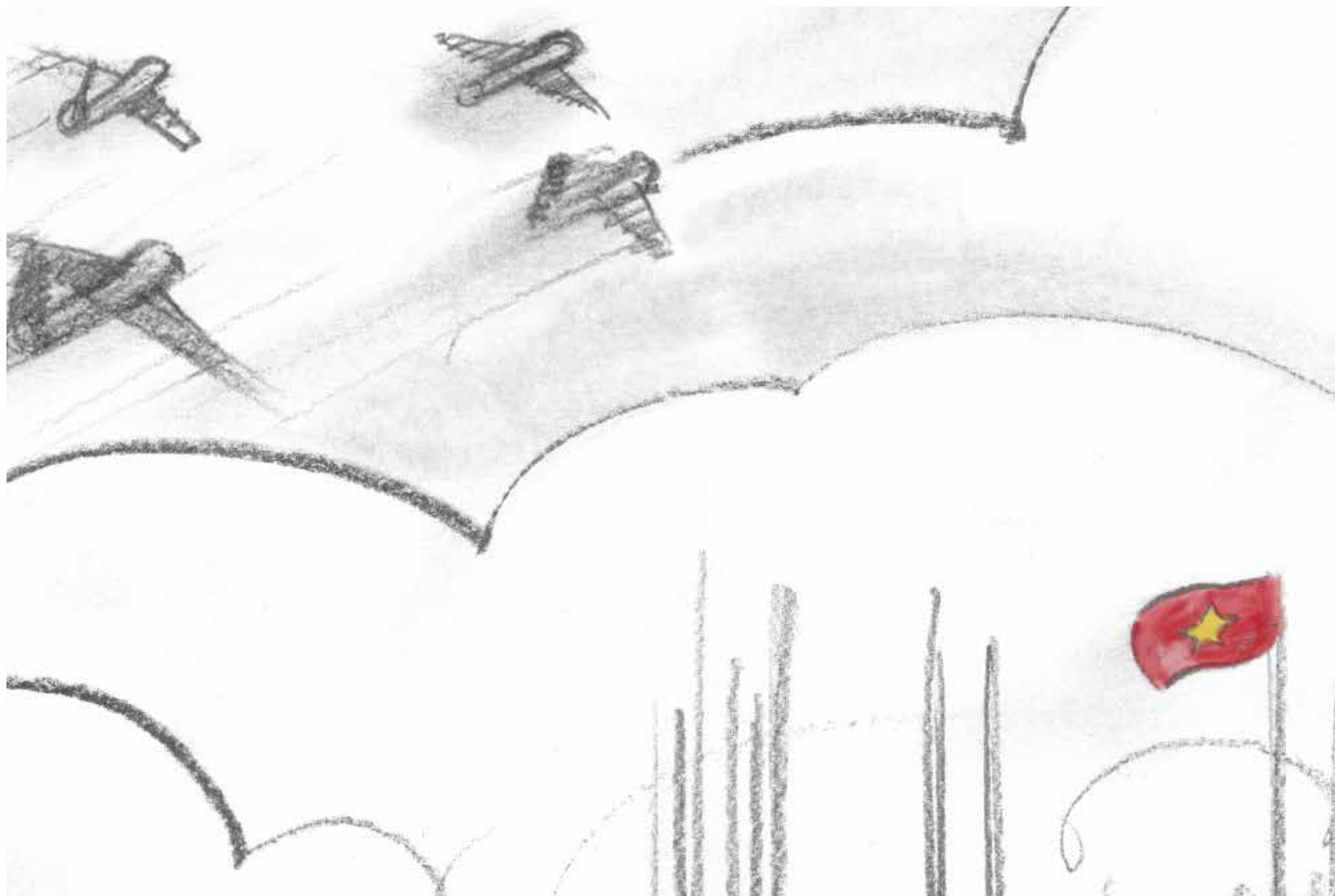




# SCENE 3

ON THE WAY TO MAKE HISTORY



Same last shot part one.



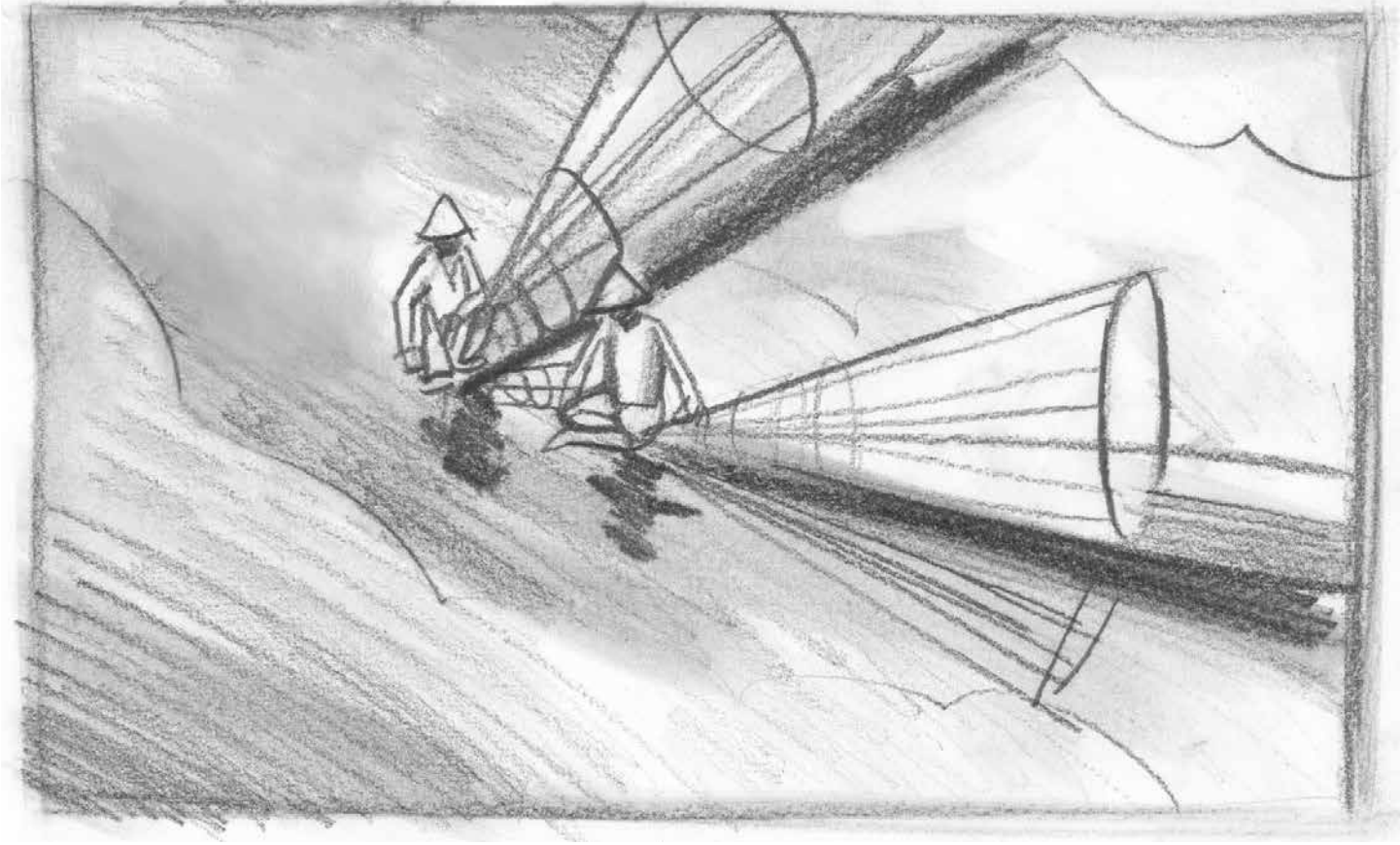
Long shot. Slight low angle view. 4 MiGs are passing over a war poster planted in a rice field.



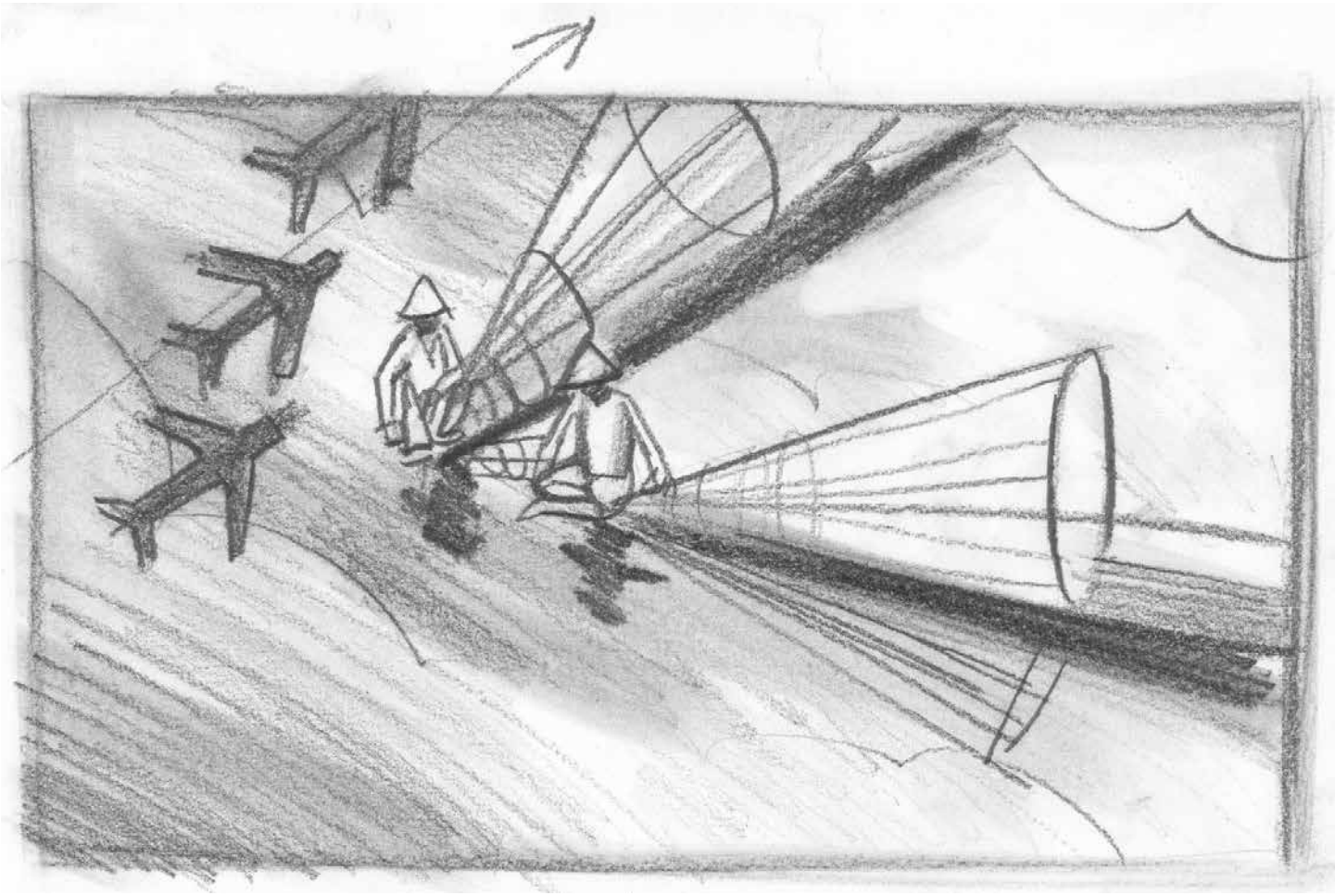
Low angle view. Close-up of the picture of Uncle Ho on the war poster. Slow zooming in.



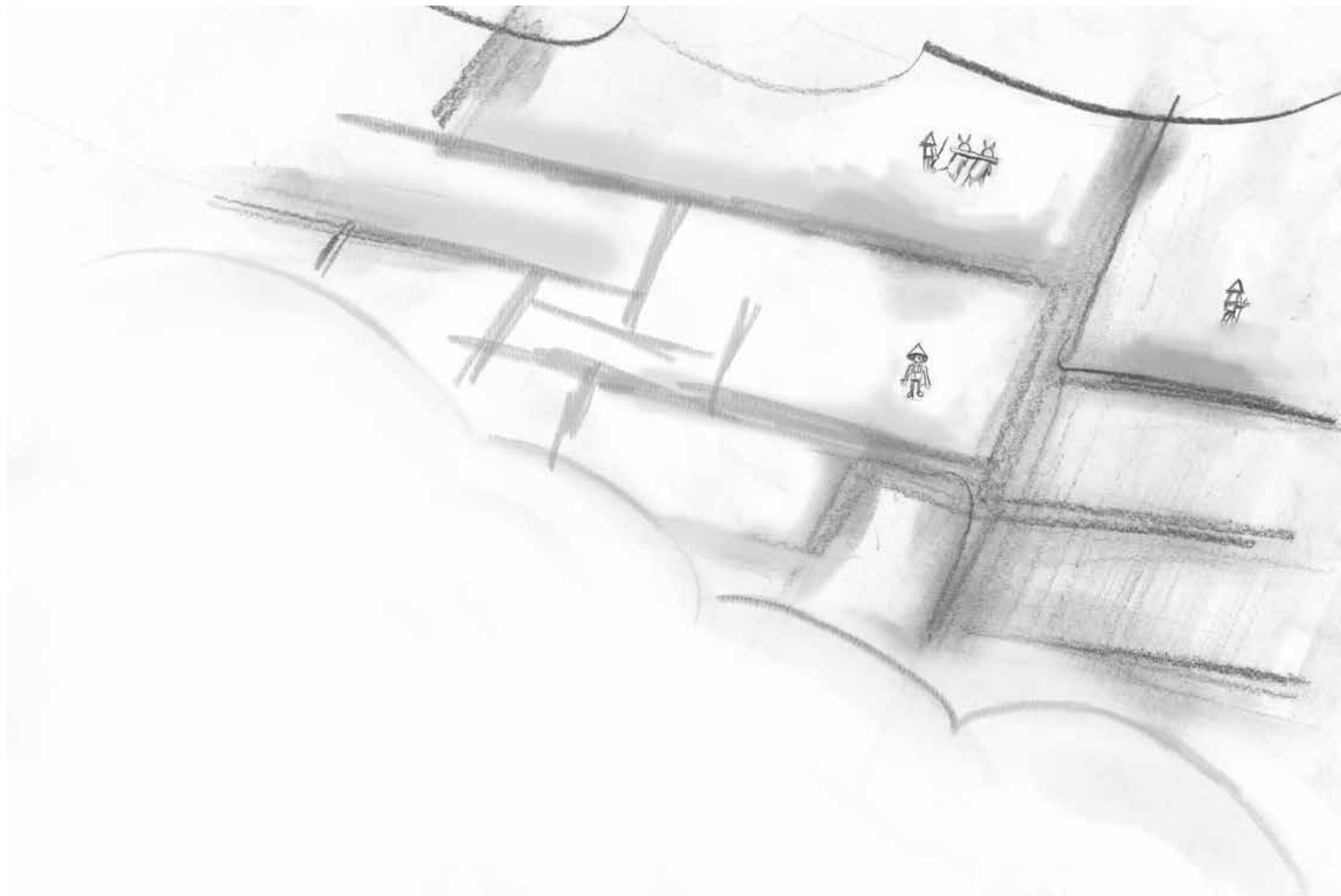
Same as shot 1. The MiGs are leaving the screen.



High angle view of fishermen. Parallel tracking upward to the left.

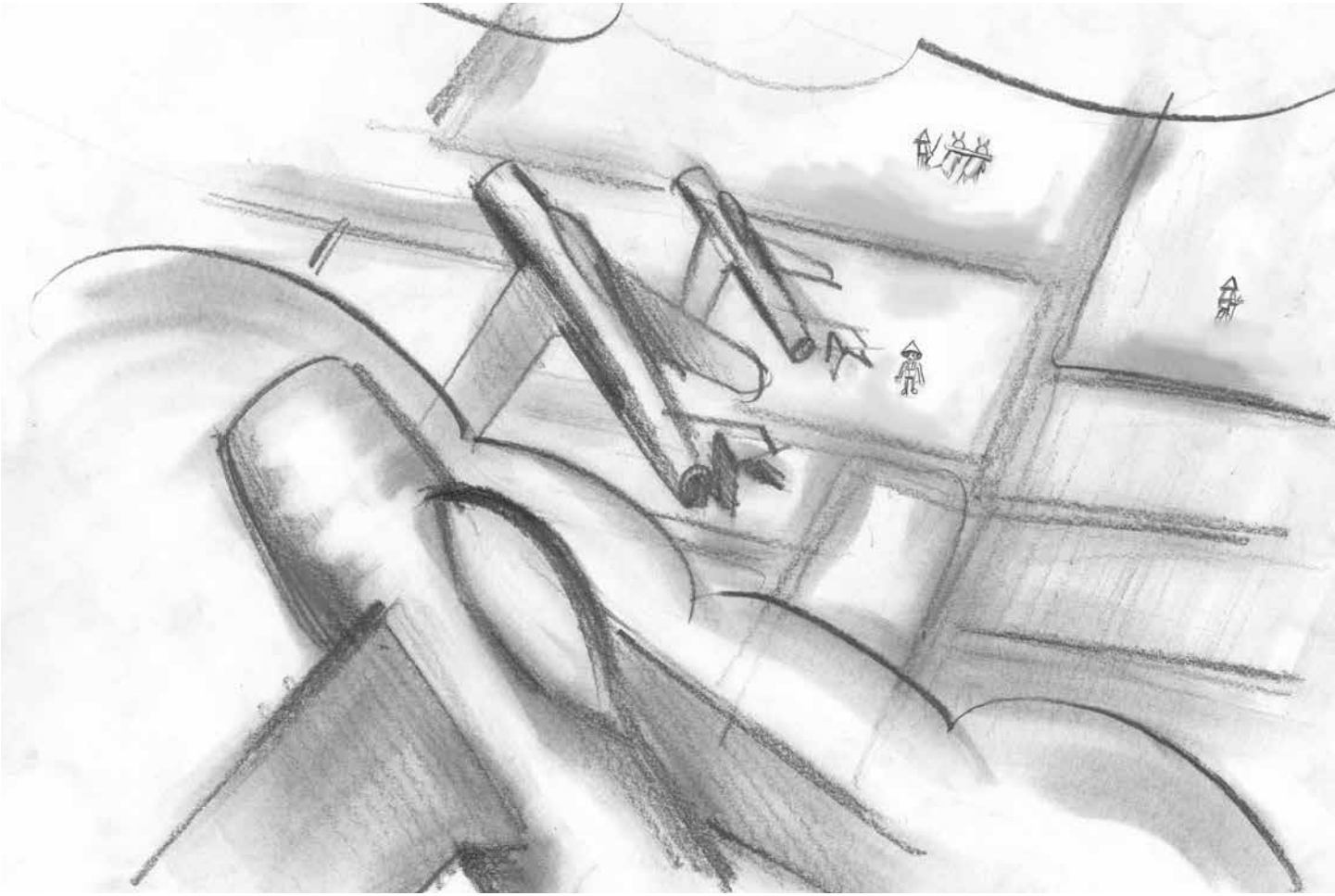


Reflection of the MiGs in the water.

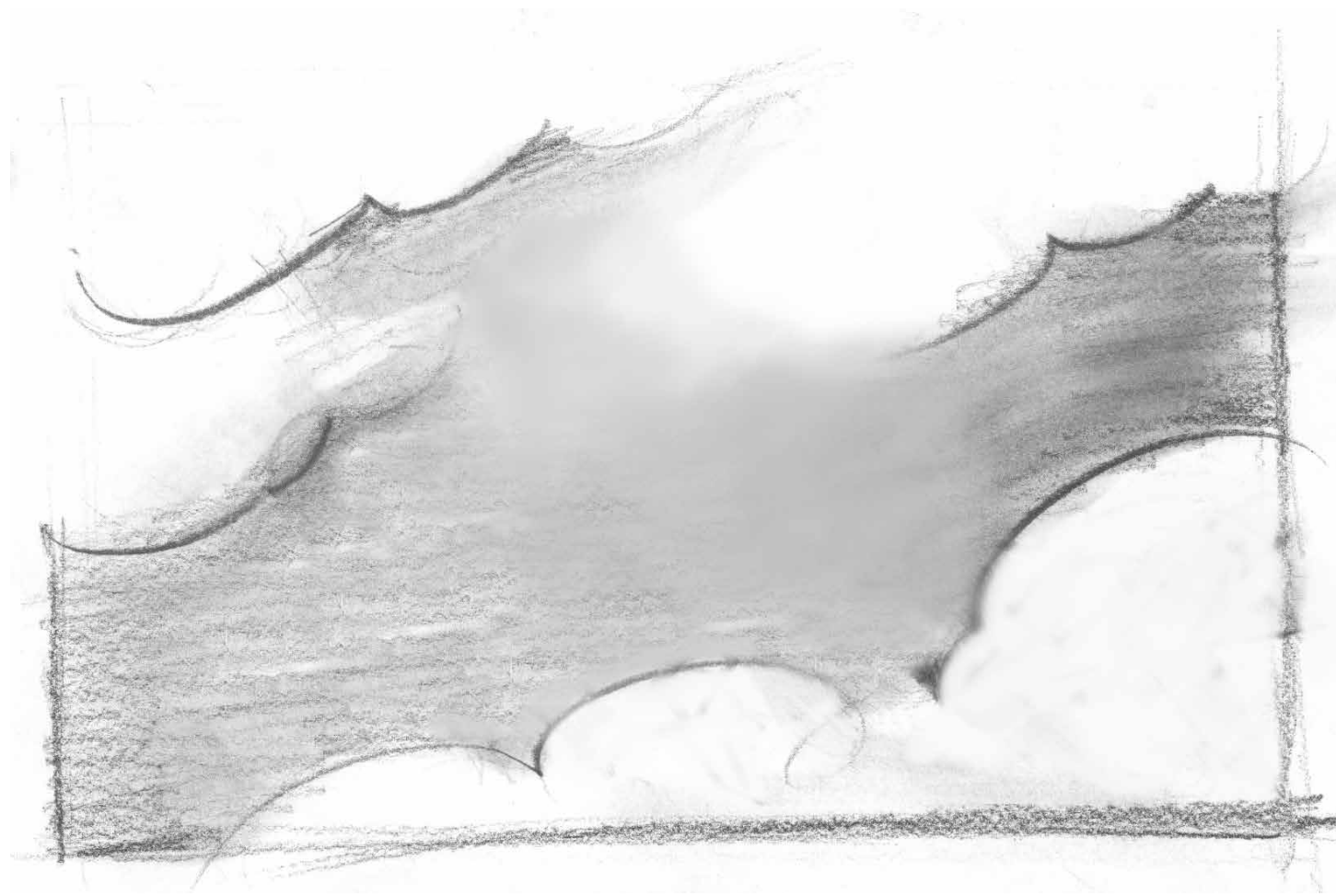


High angle view of the rice field with farmers and buffalos. Parallel tracking.

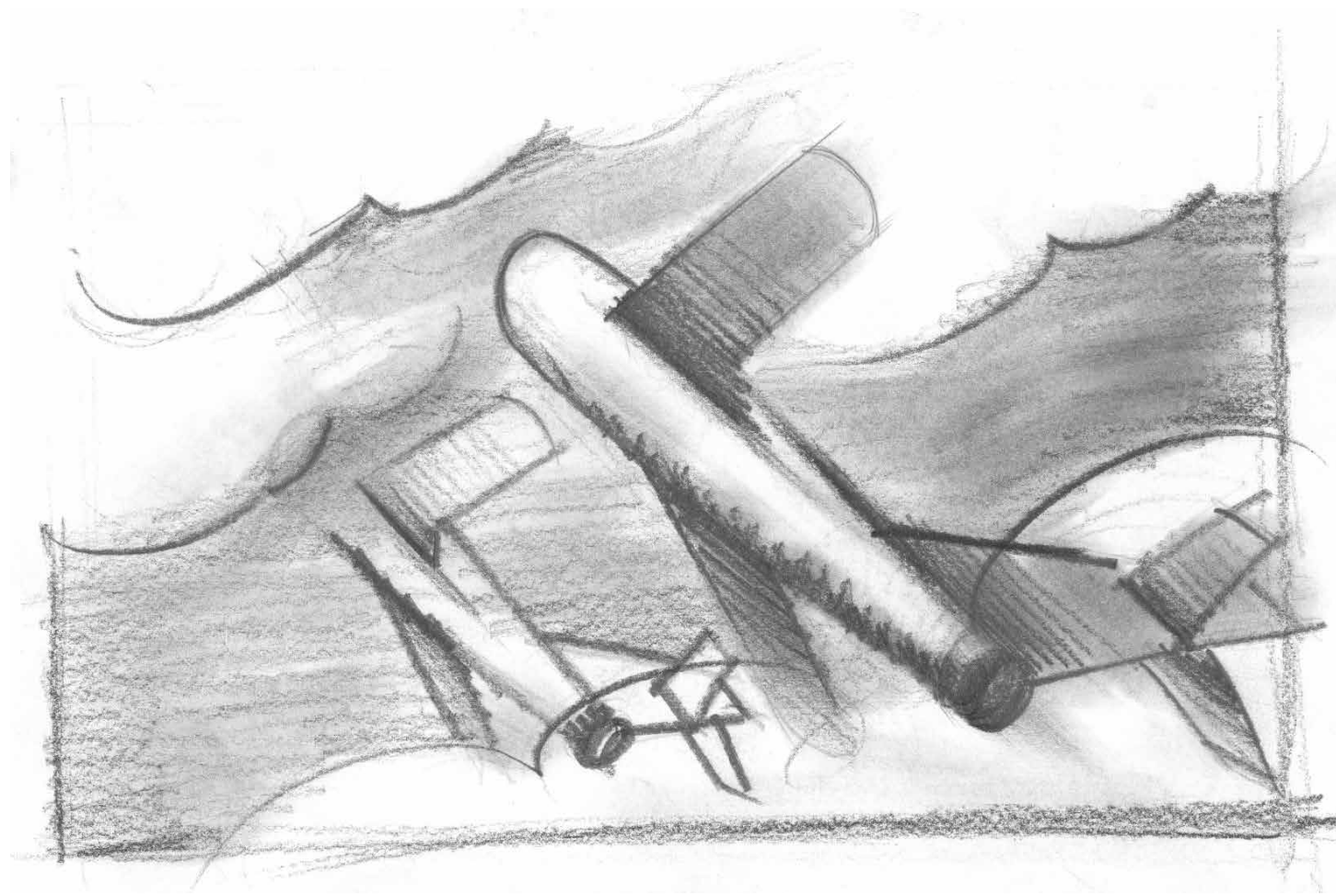




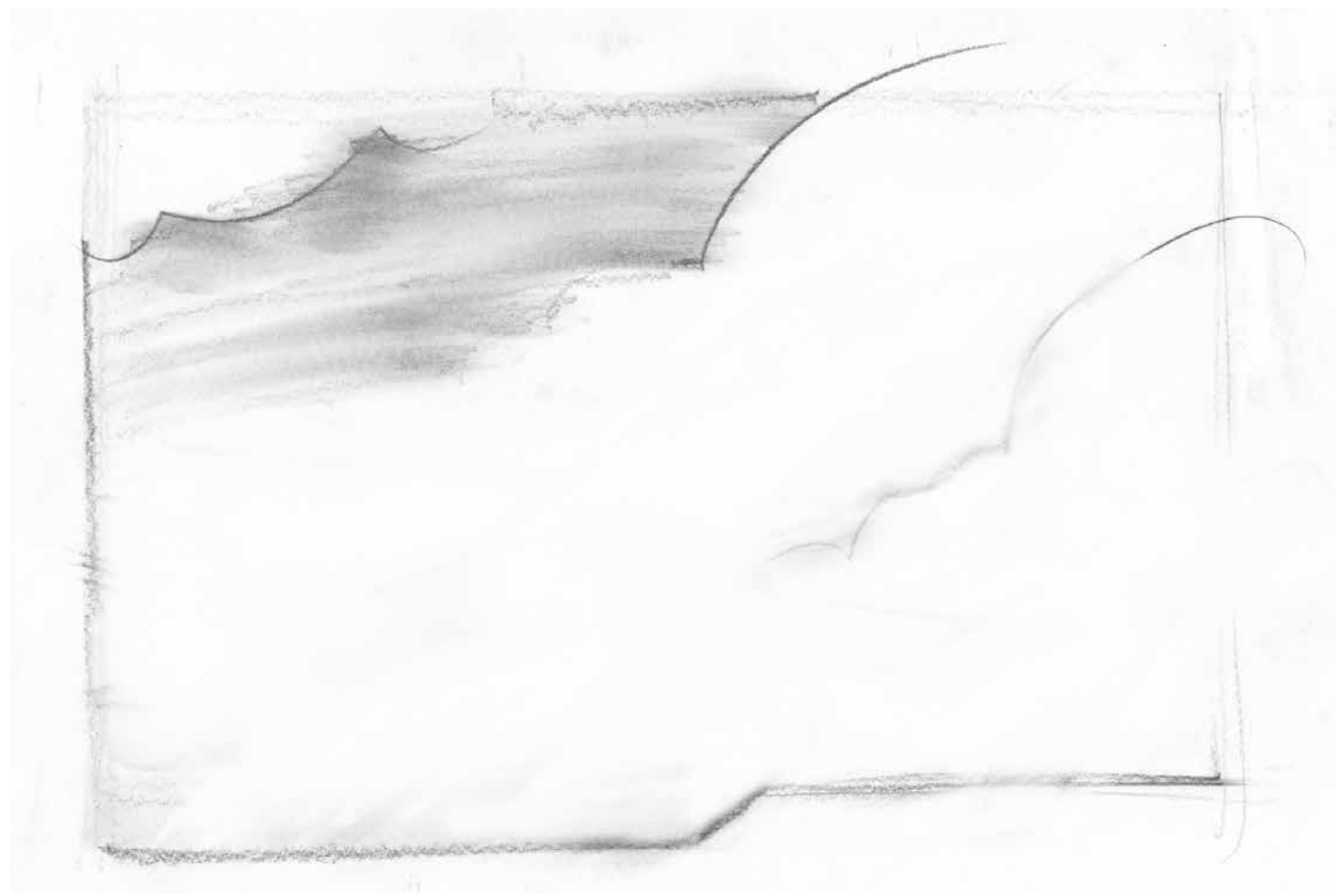
Same shot. High angle view. MiGs are banking right and passing over the rice field.



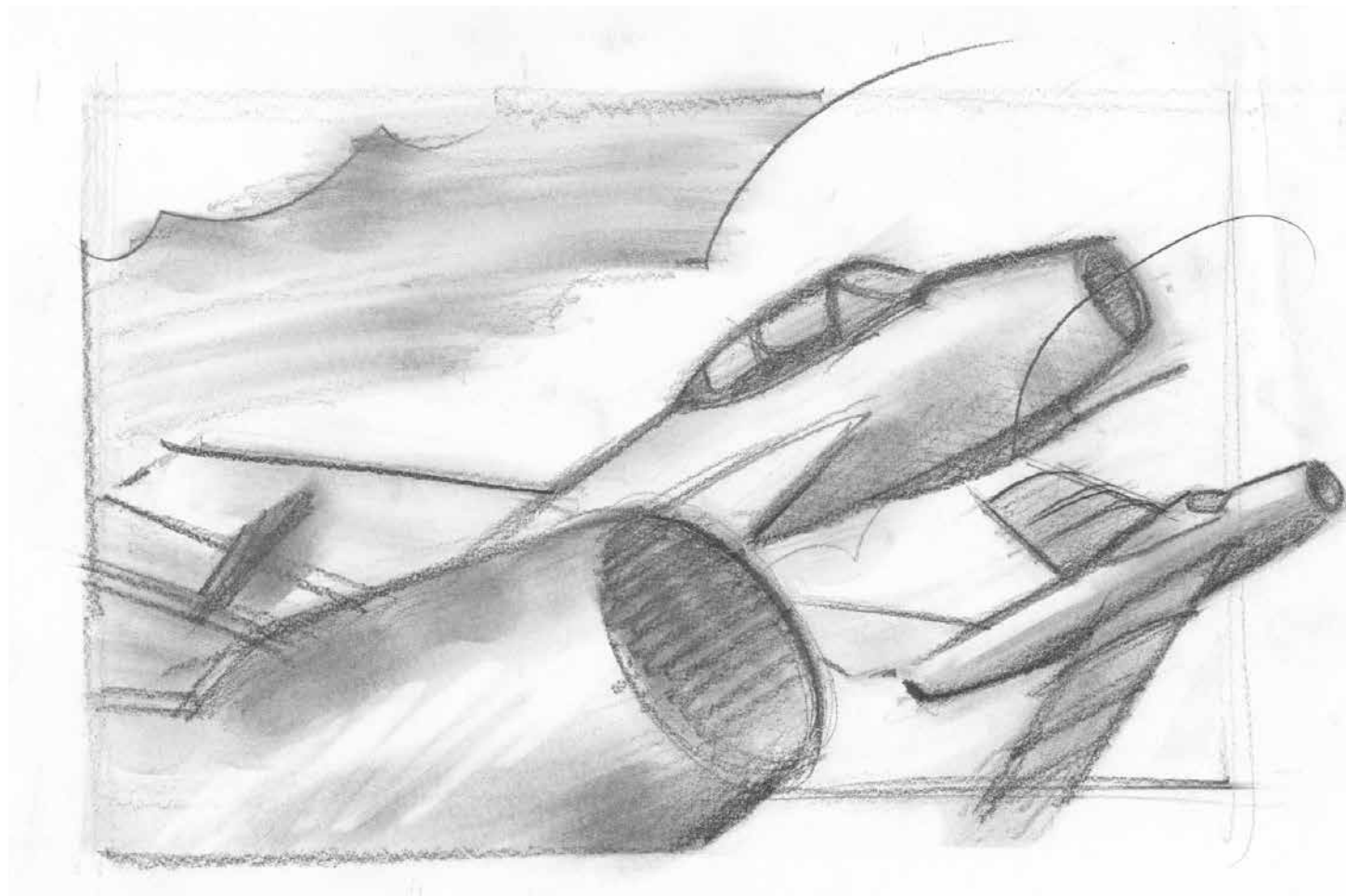
Low angle view of the sky and the clouds. Tracking upward.



Same shot. MiGs are soaring up, passing trough the clouds.



High angle view of the sky and the clouds. Tracking upward.



Same shot. MiGs are soaring up, passing through the clouds.



Gen. Tran Hanh:

"From the height between 150 metres and 200 metres, we flew up to the height of 1000 metres where we were out of the two layers of clouds and there the whole flying formation could be seen."

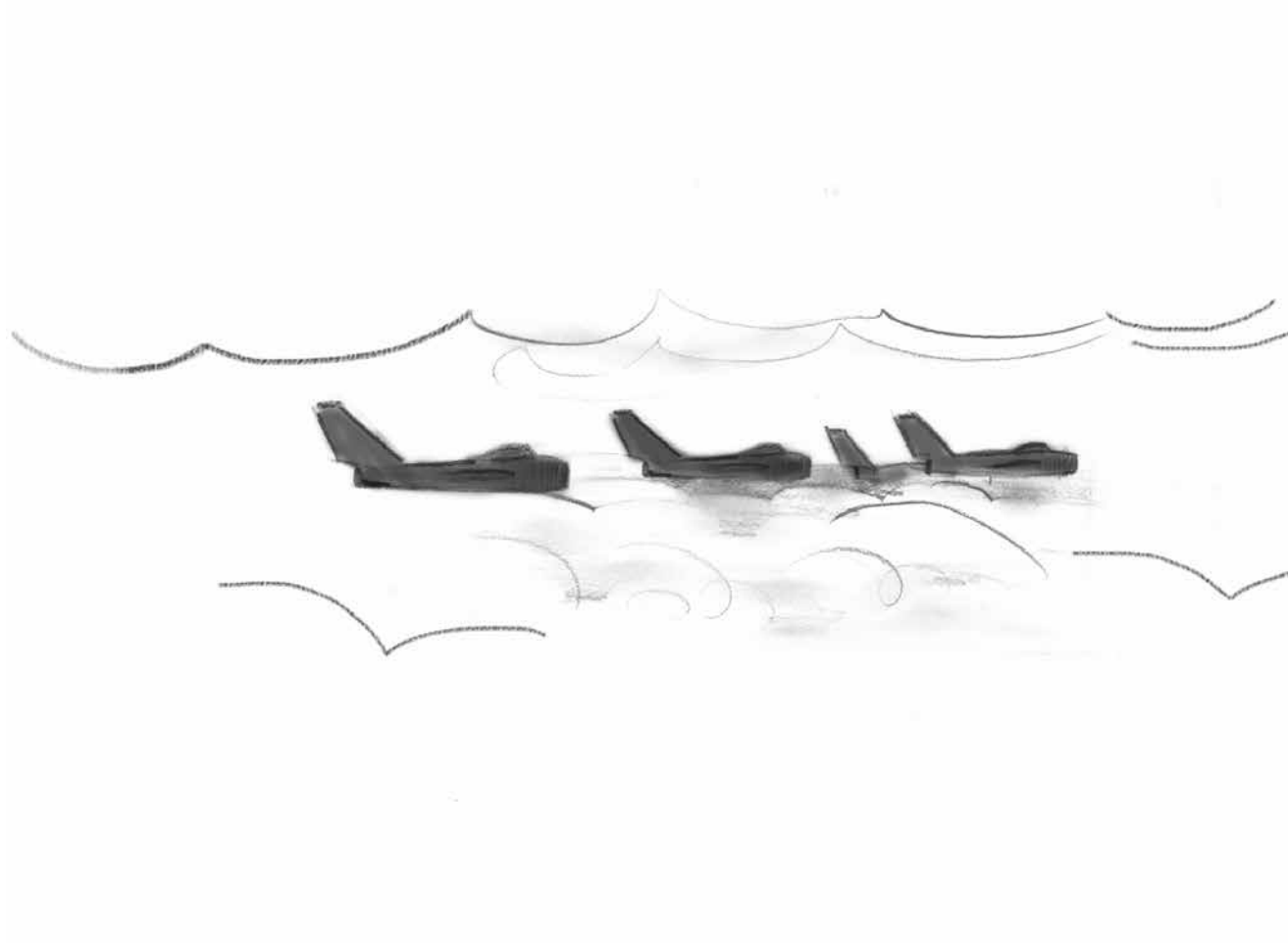


Backlight shot. Long shot. Left-to-right tracking. The leadar is emerging from the lower cloud layer...

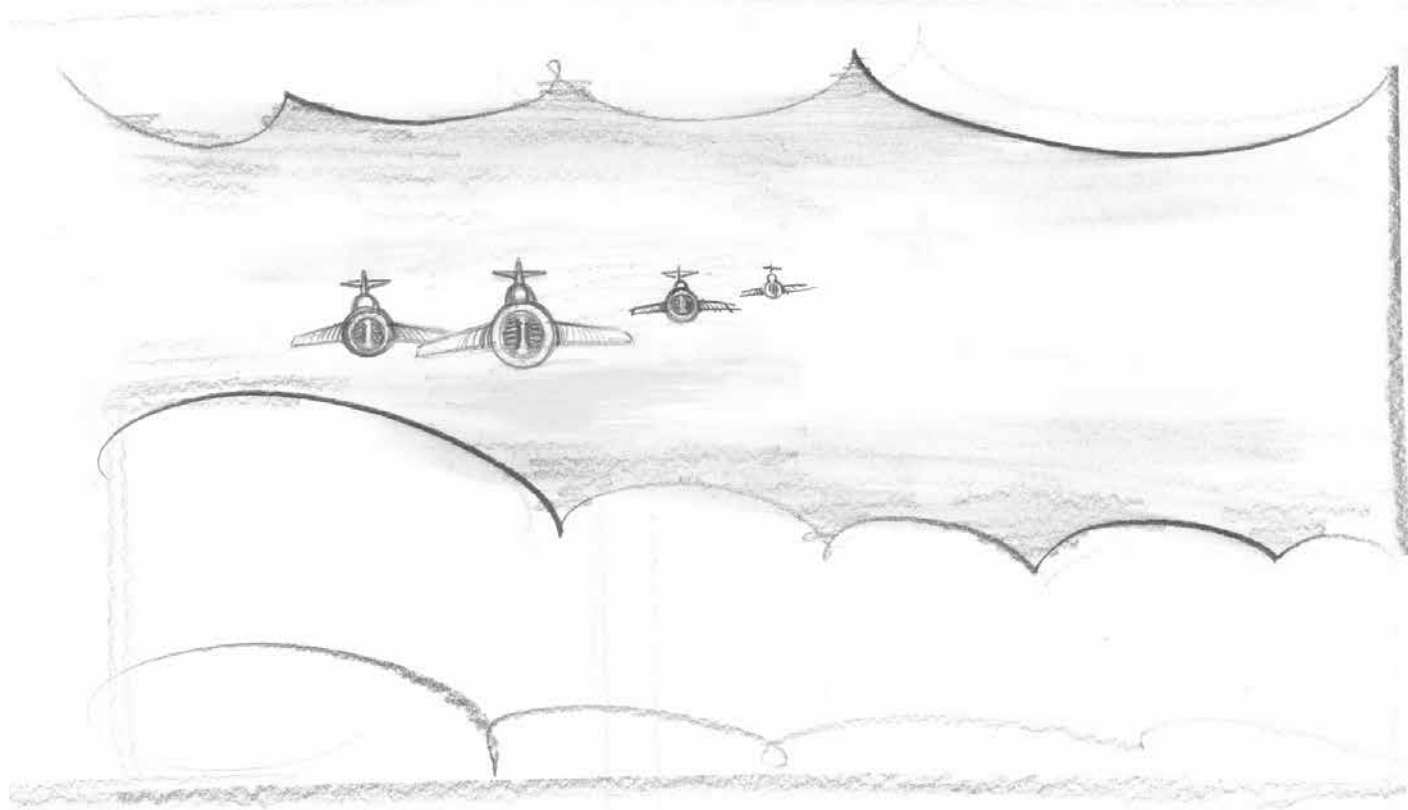


...Same shot. The all formation can be seen...

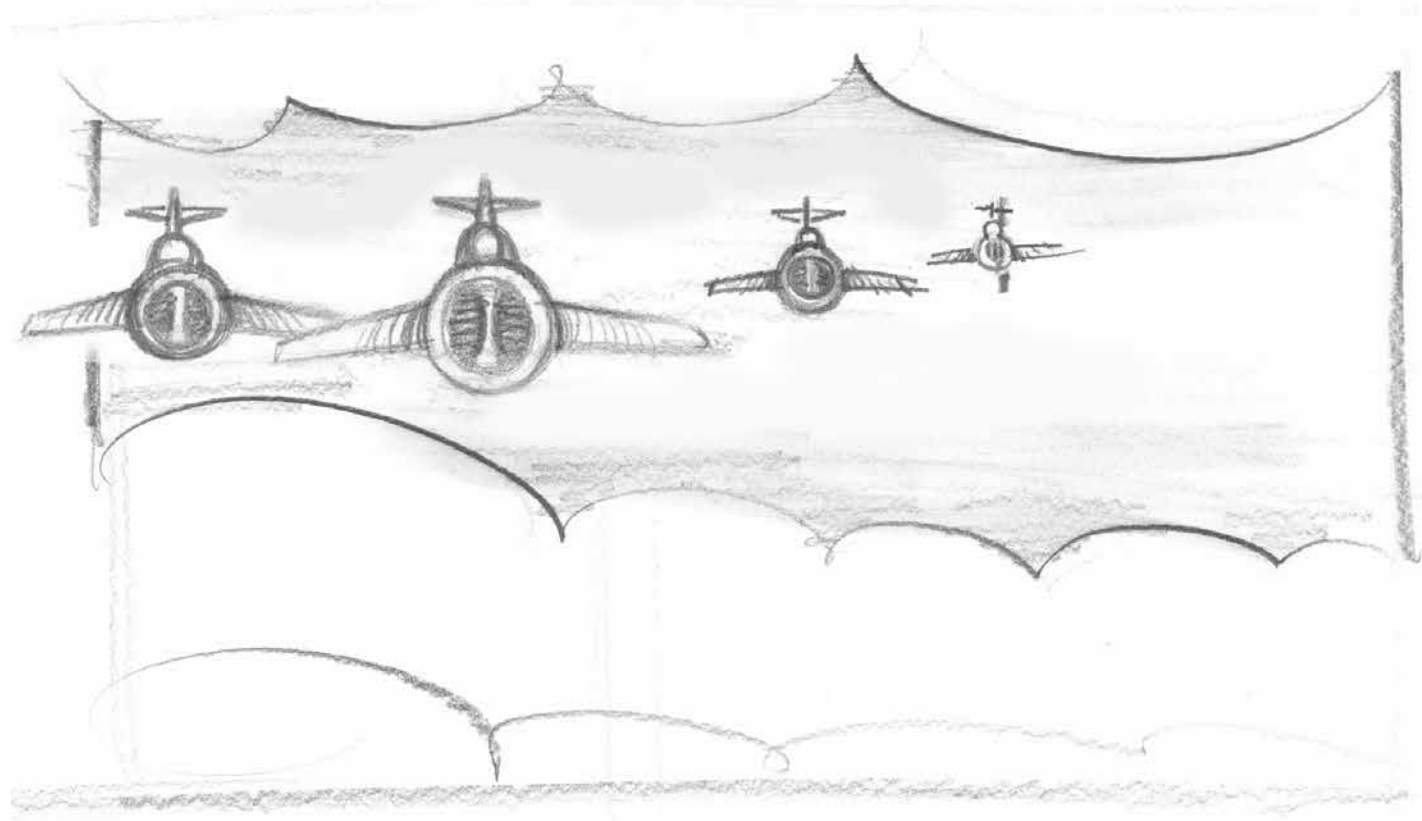




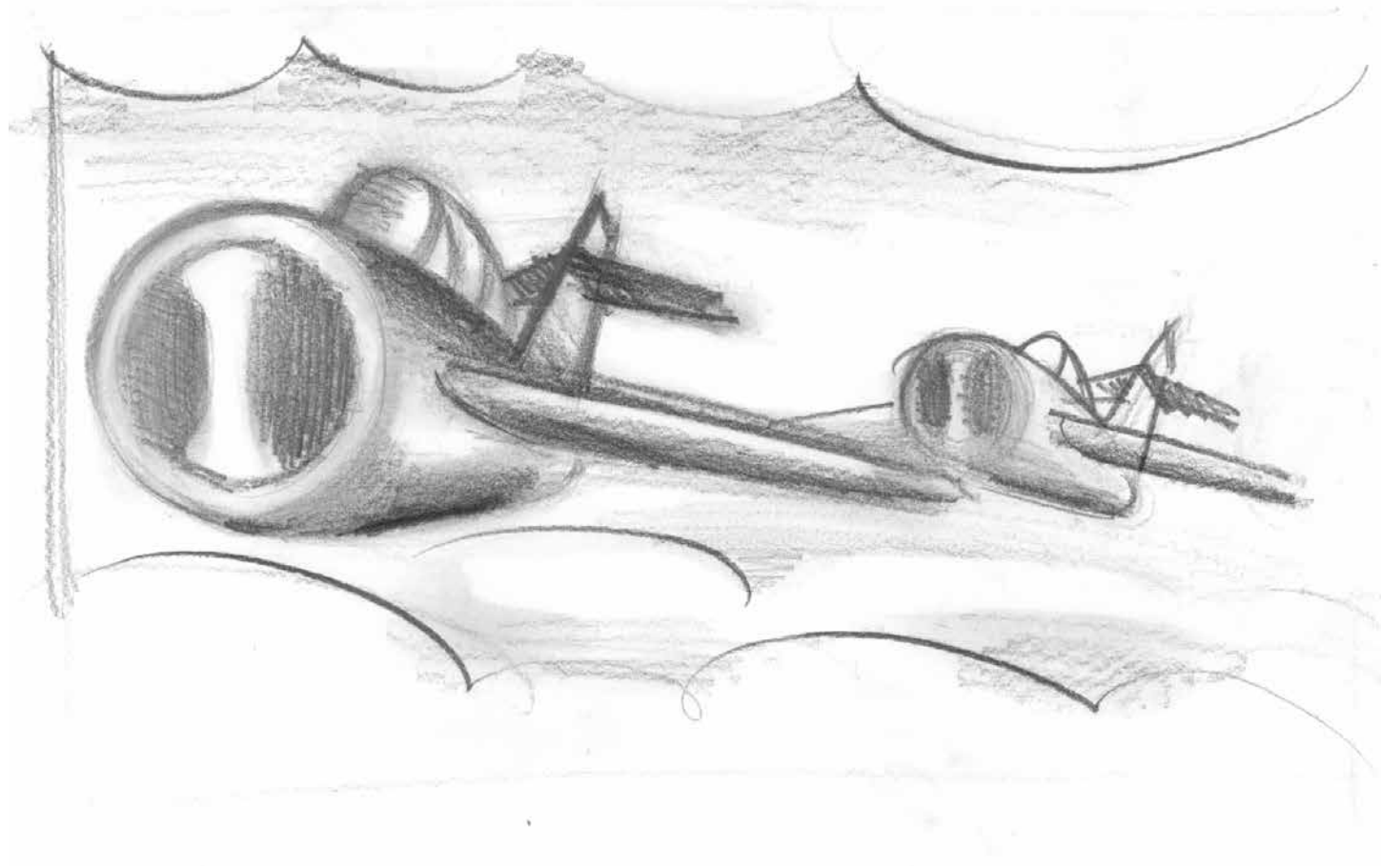
...Same shot. Profile view of the 4 MiGs flying between two layers of clouds.



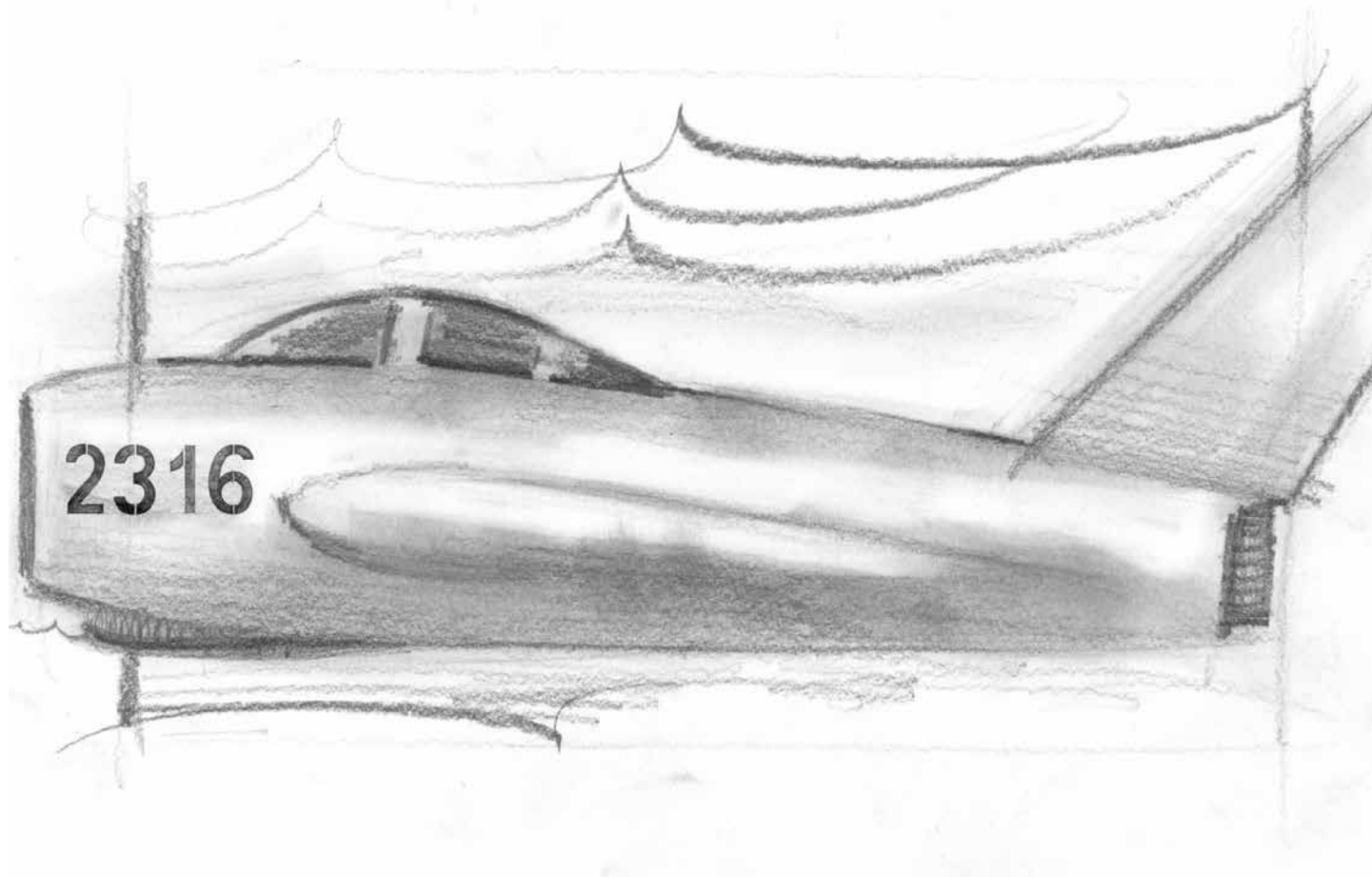
Long shot. Tracking backward. 4 MiGs flying between two layers of clouds, in the direction of the camera.



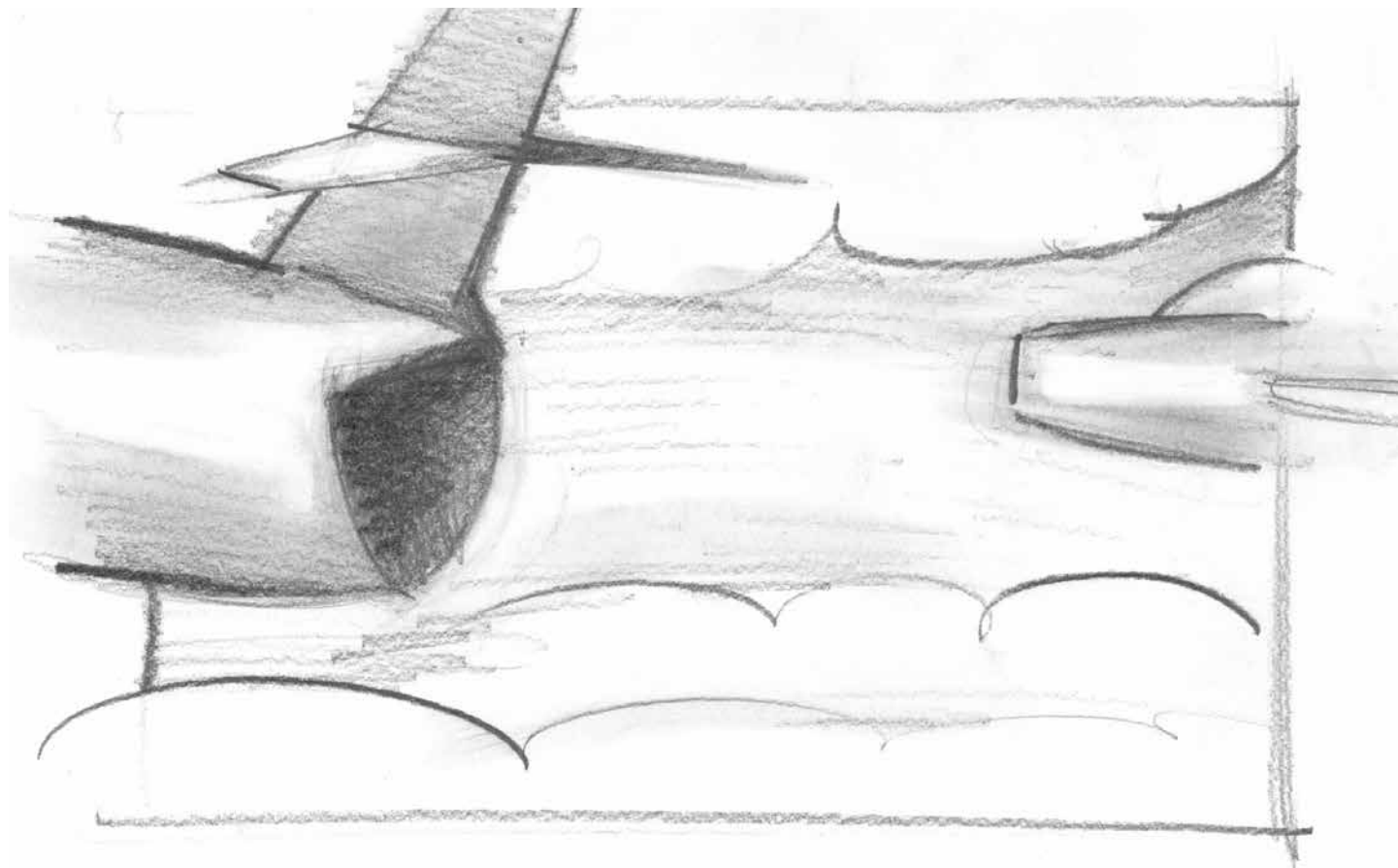
Long shot. 4 MiGs flying between two layers of clouds, in the direction of the camera.



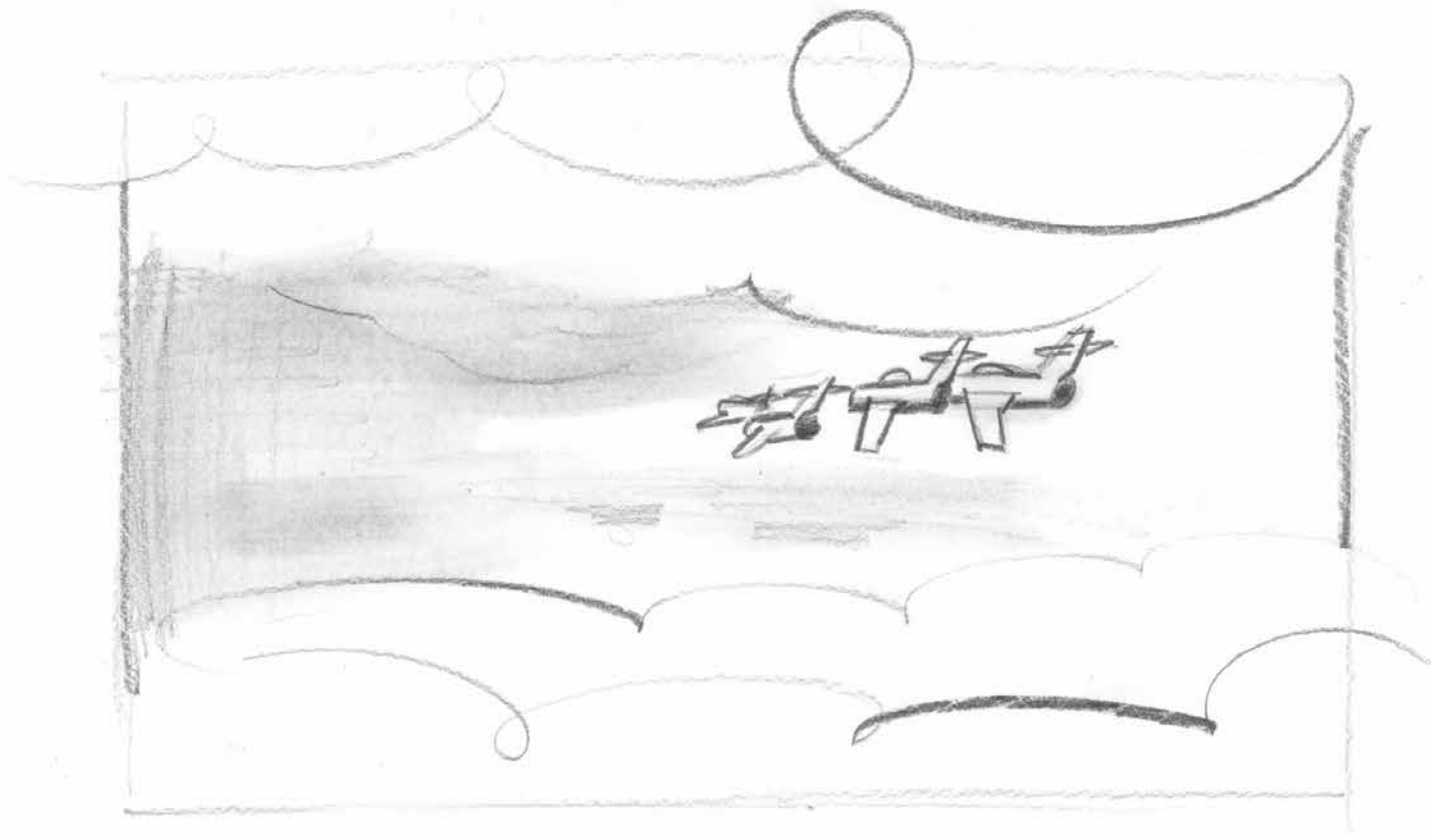
Pan to the left. The camera follows the leader, Capt. Tran Hanh.



Same shot.



Same shot.

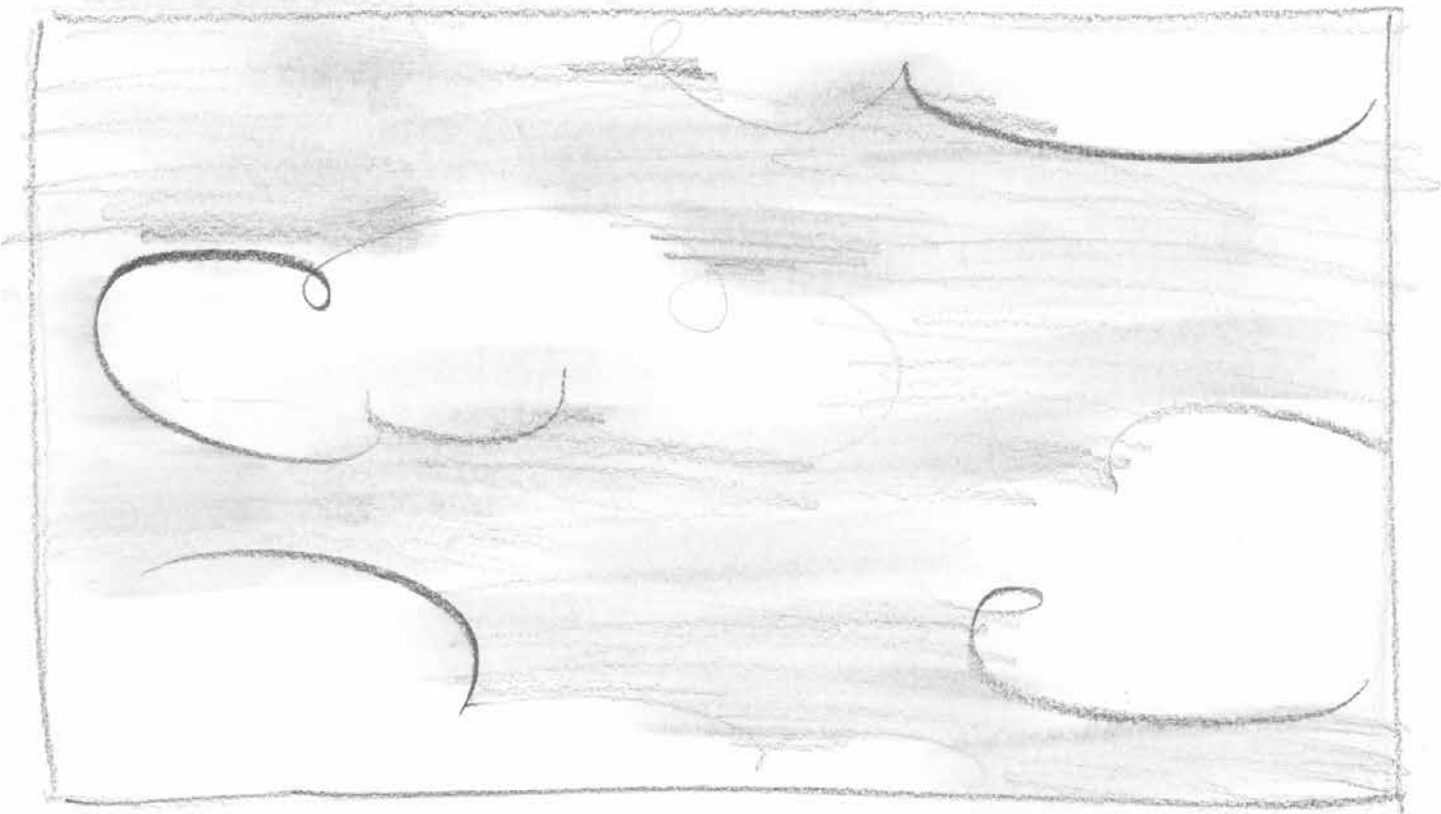


Same shot. MiGs are flying away.

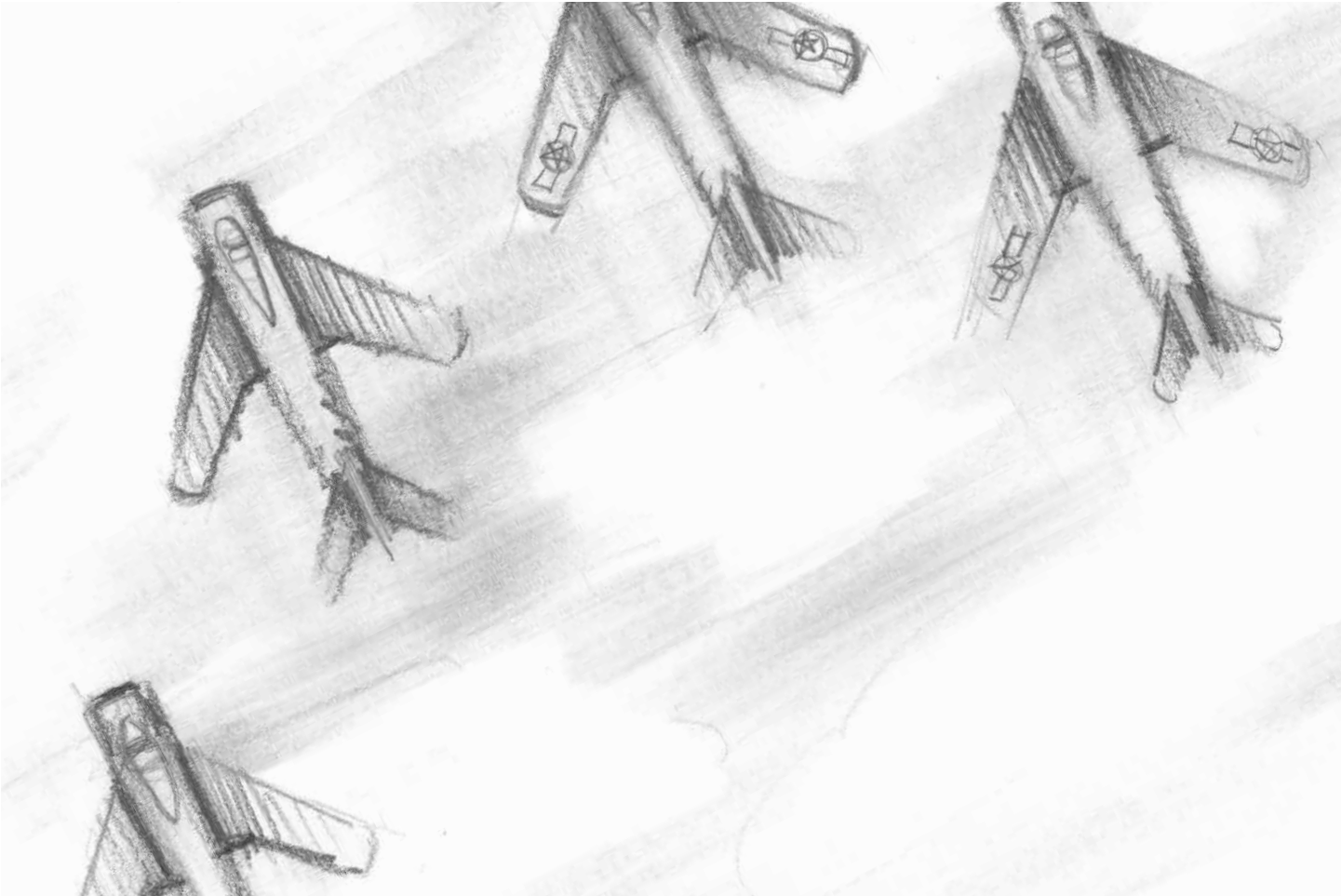


Medium long shot. Parallel tracking. Extreme high angle view. Shadows of the MiGs on the white clouds.

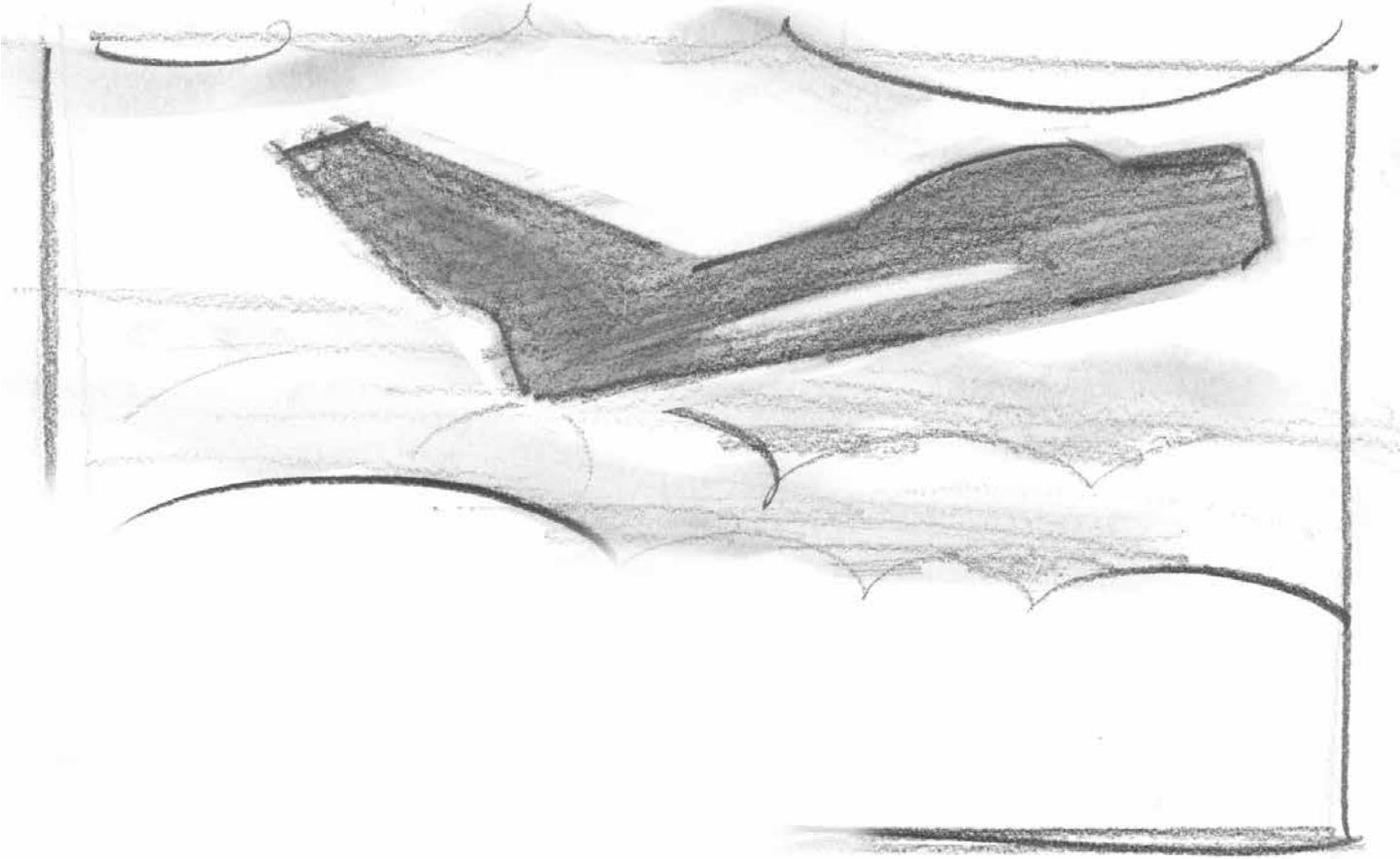




Same shot. The shadows of the MiGs are hidden by another layer of clouds.



Medium long shot. Parallel tracking. Extreme high angle view. Real view of the MiGs.



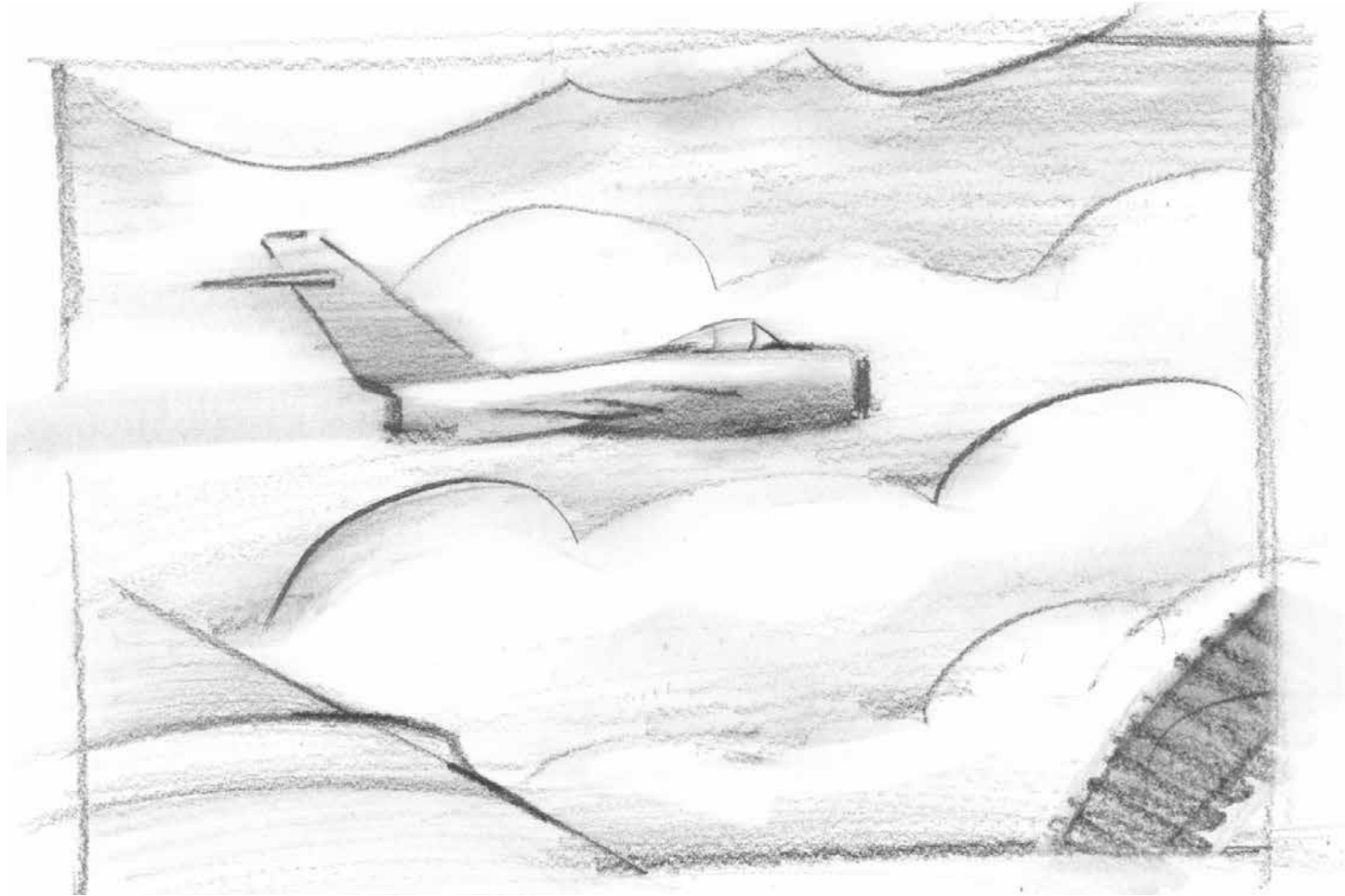
Backlight medium shot. Left-to-right tracking. MiG is flying between two layers of clouds.



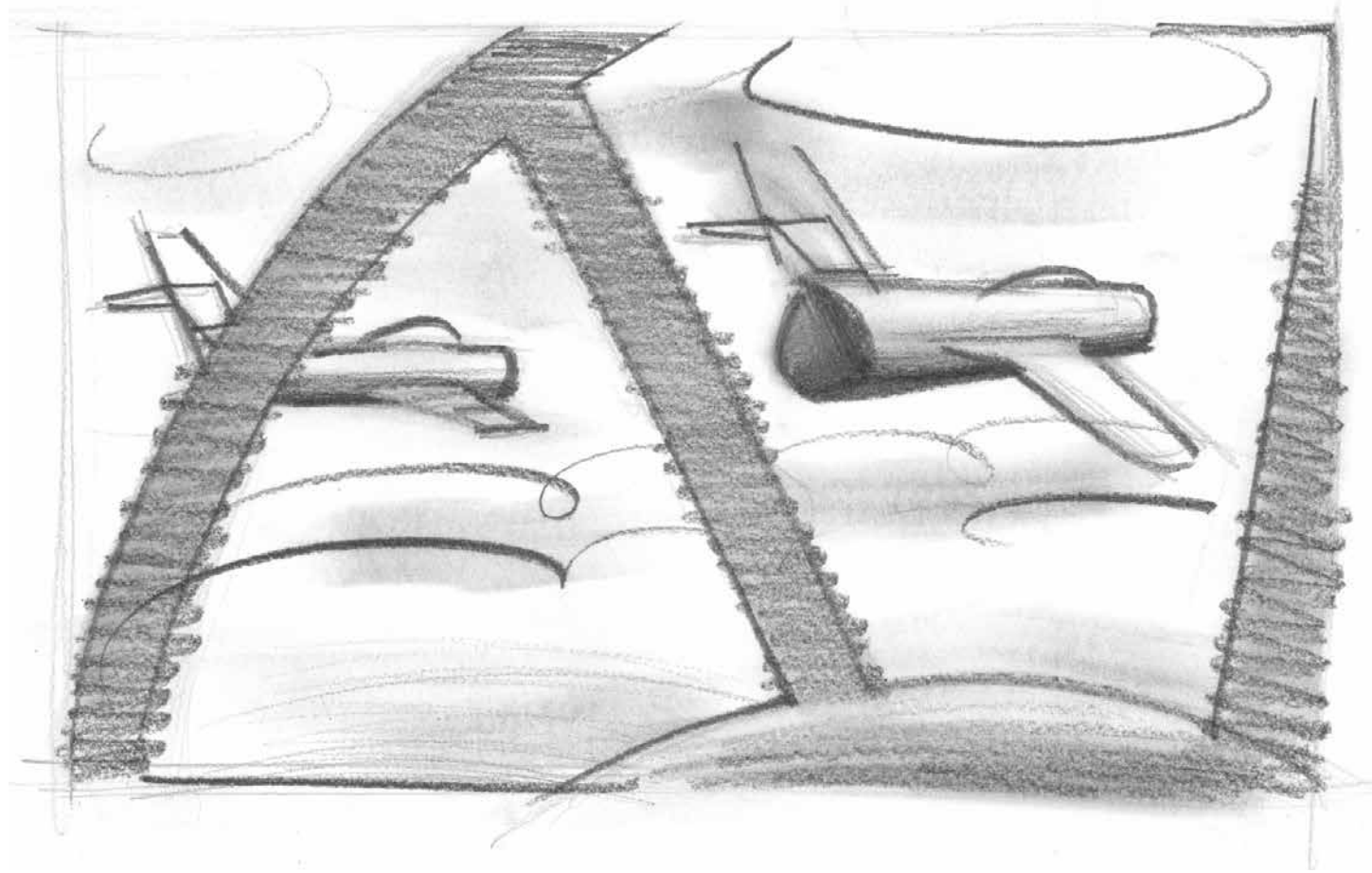
Same shot. The nose of another MiG appears in the foreground.



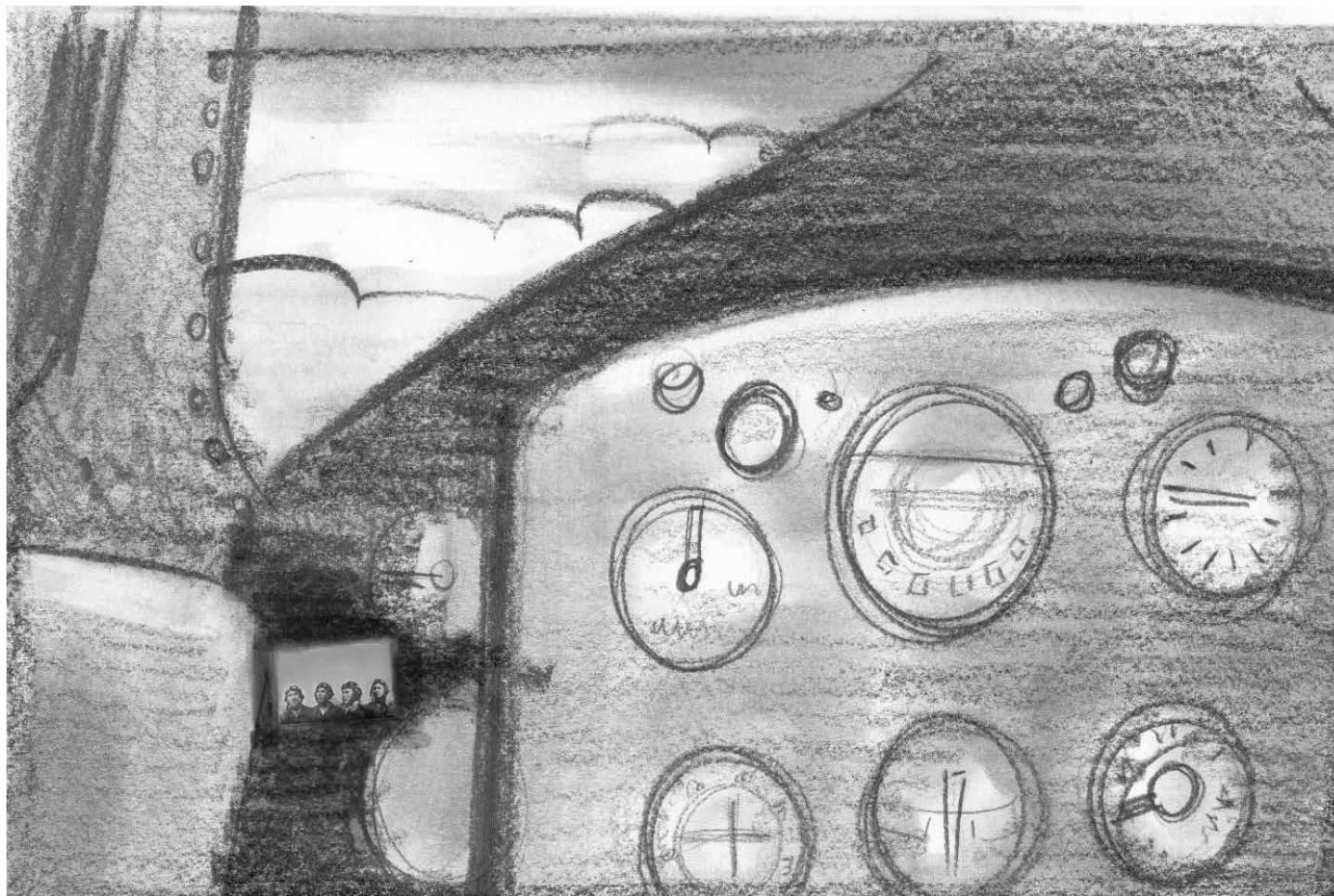
Same shot. Focus on the nose.



Medium long shot. Inside cockpit. Subjective view of a pilot.



Same shot. Pan to the right. We discover two other MiGs.

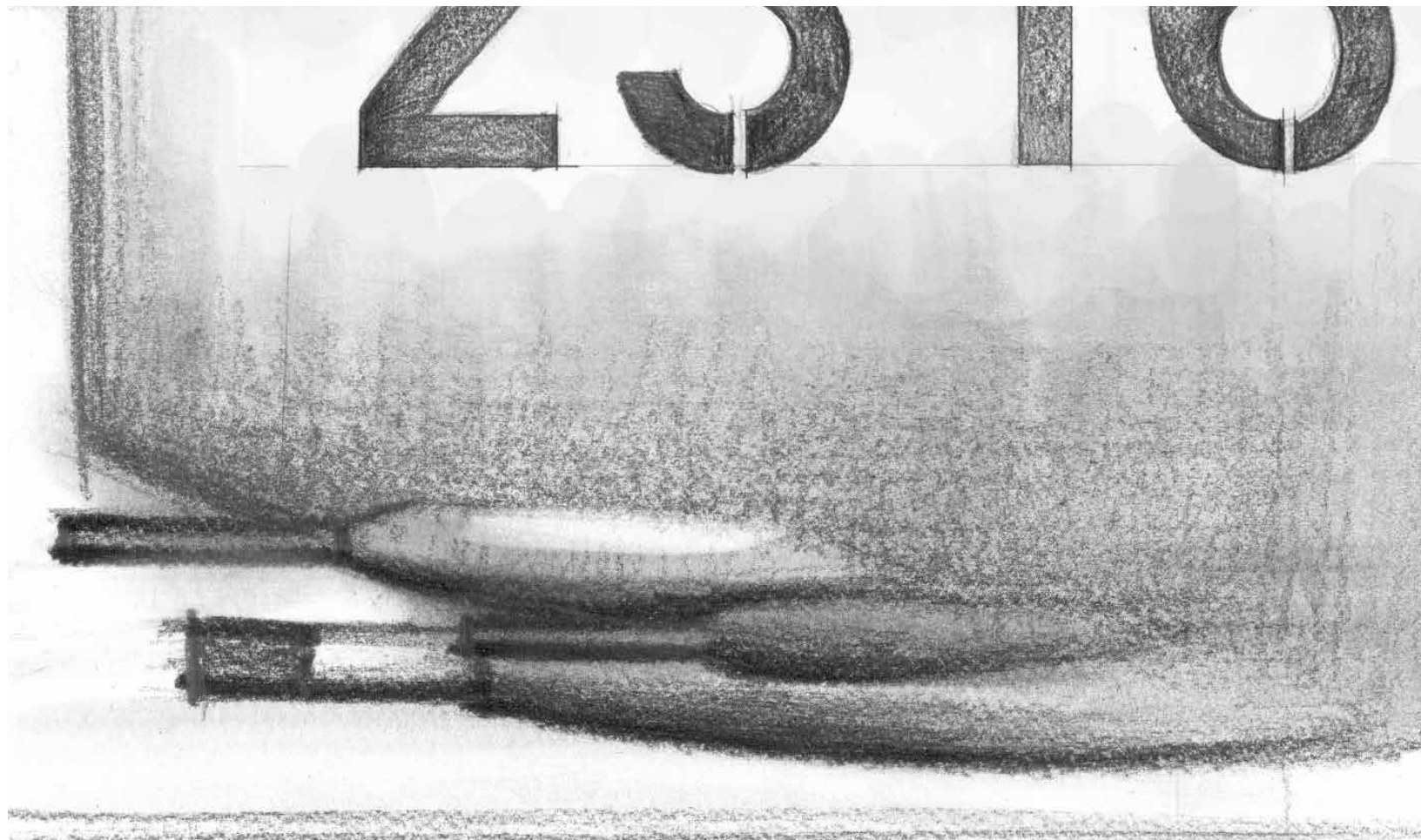


Tilt down. Picture of the 4 pilots on the left corner of the dashboard.





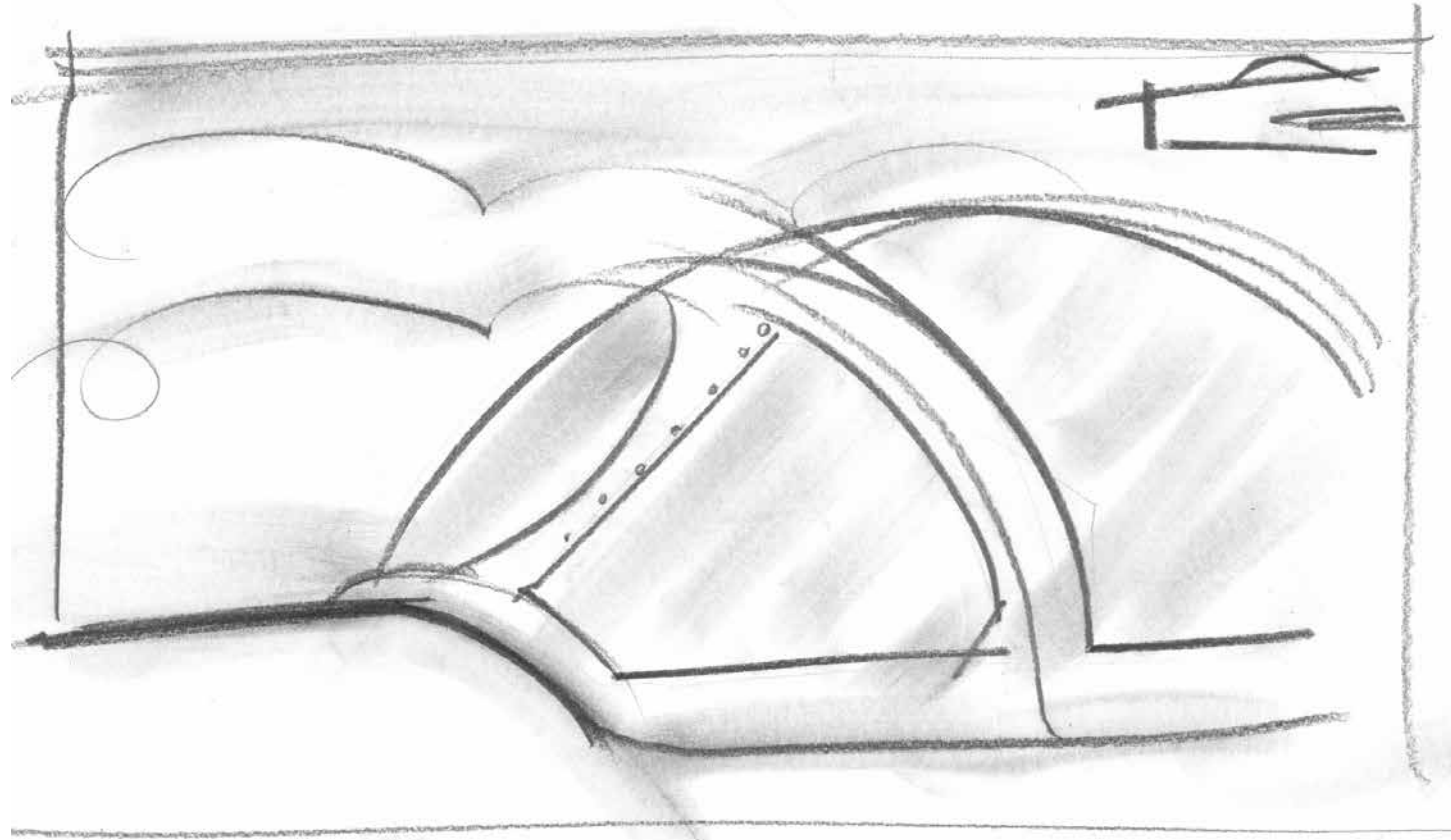
Zooming in. Close-up of the picture. From left to right:  
Tran Hanh, Pham Giay, Le Minh Huan, Tran Nguyen Nam.



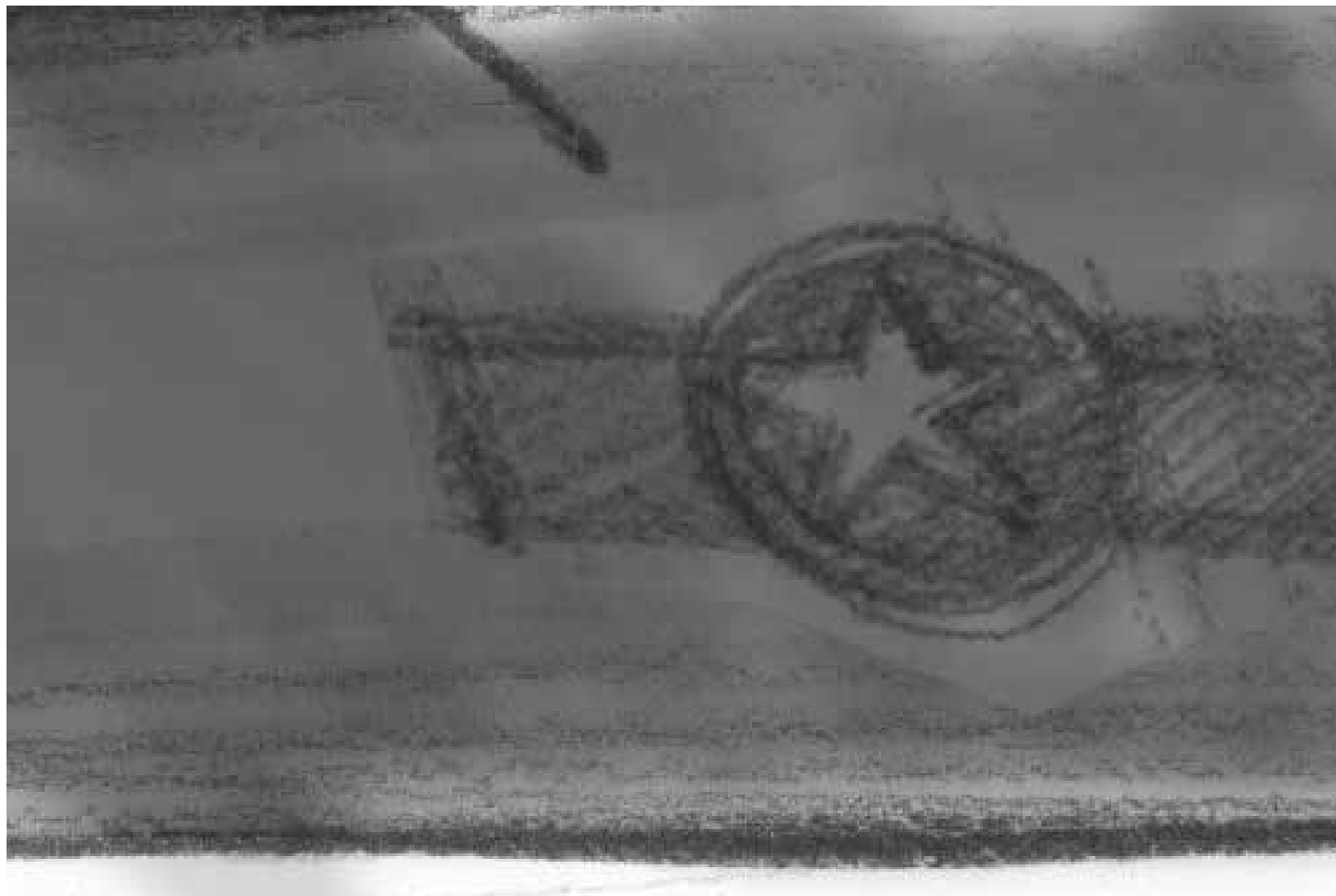
Close-up of the 3 cannon.



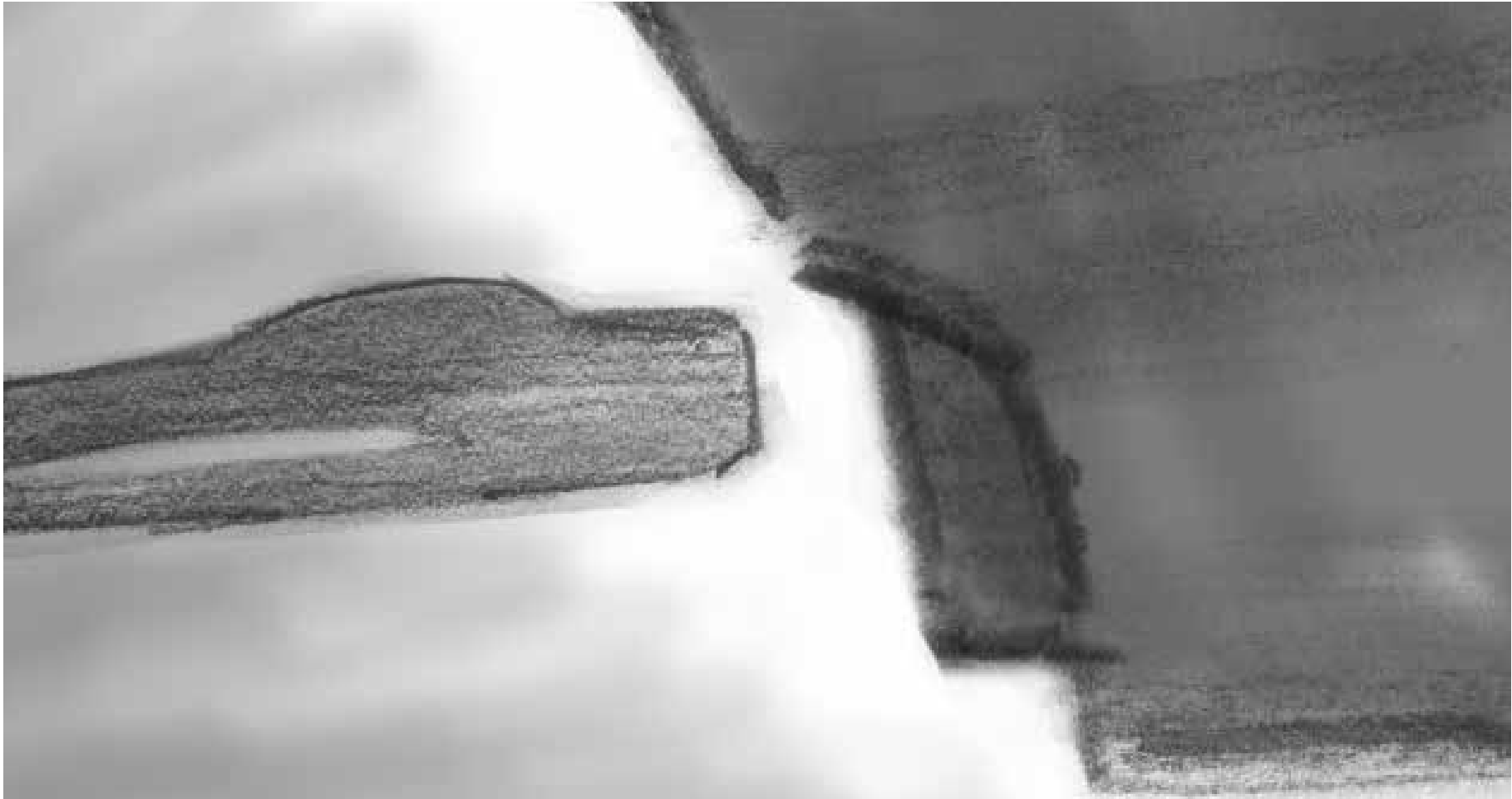
Tracking up. Close-up of the number of the leader.



Tracking up. Close up of the cockpit with sunlight reflection.



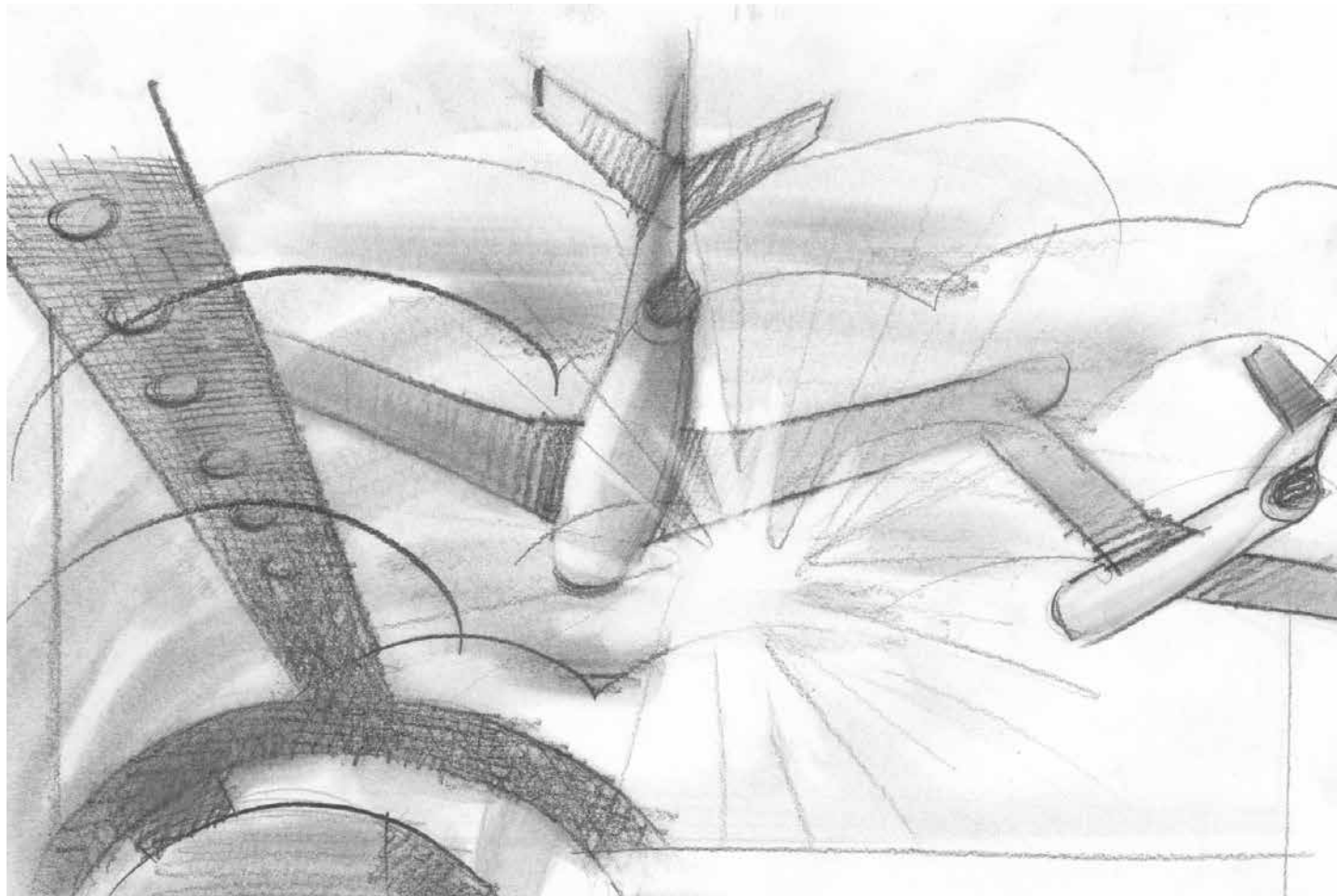
Backlight shot. Close-up of the red star.



Same shot. Lateral tracking to the left until tailpipe of the MiG. The diffuse white light of the sun dazzles.

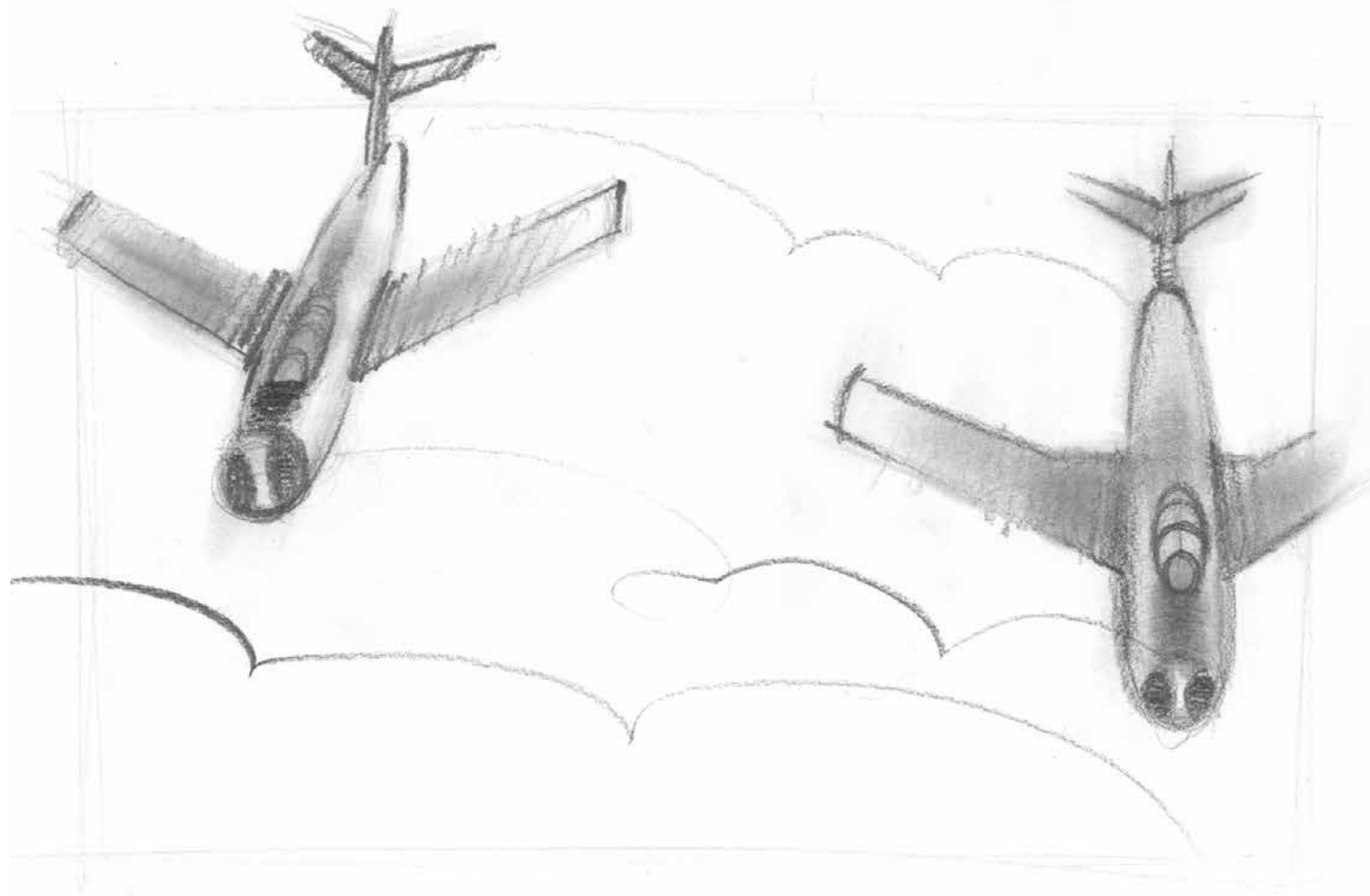


Close-up. Inside cockpit. Reflection of a MiG in the goggle.

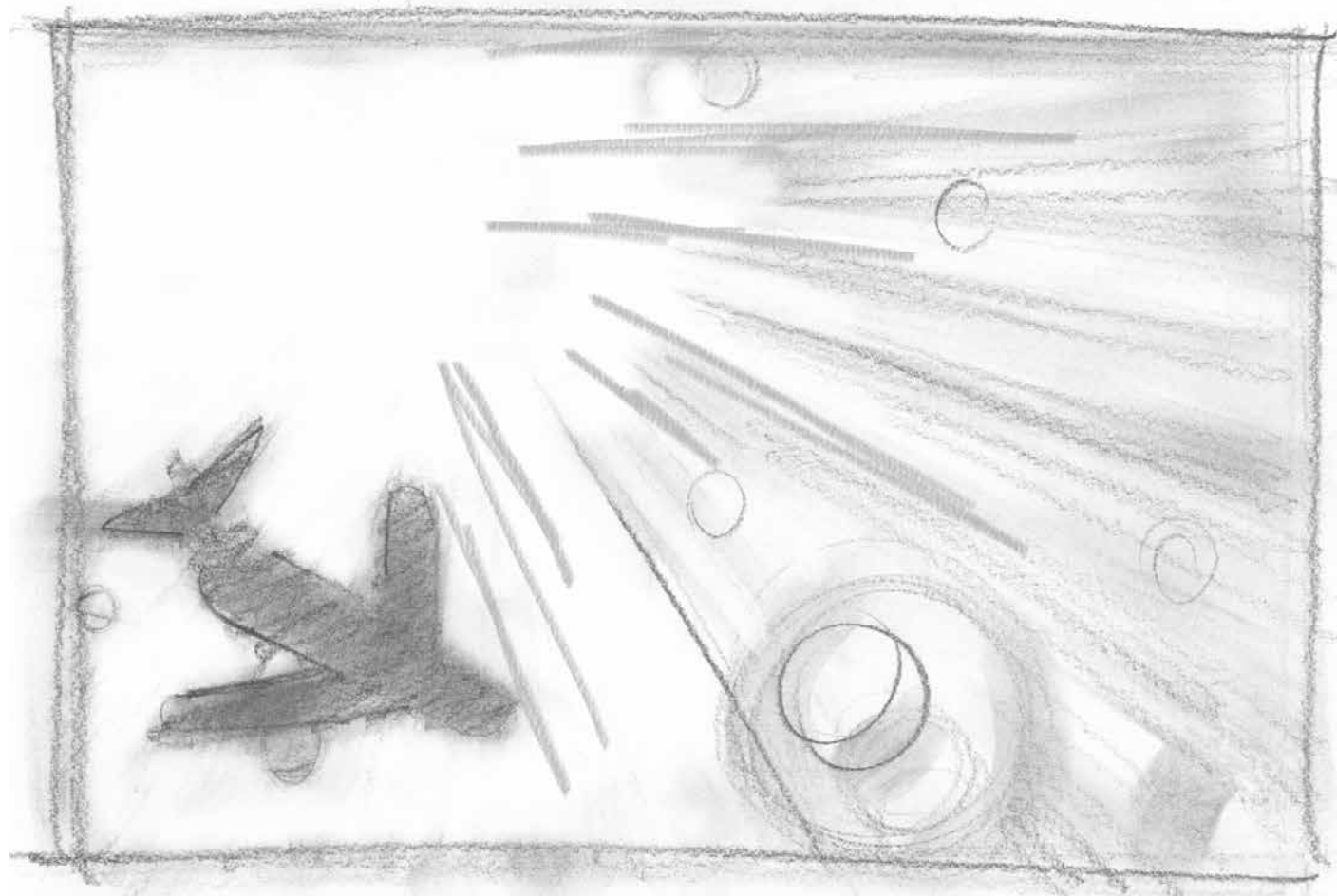


Low angle. Medium shot. View of 2 MiGs from inside cockpit. Light reflection on the canopy.

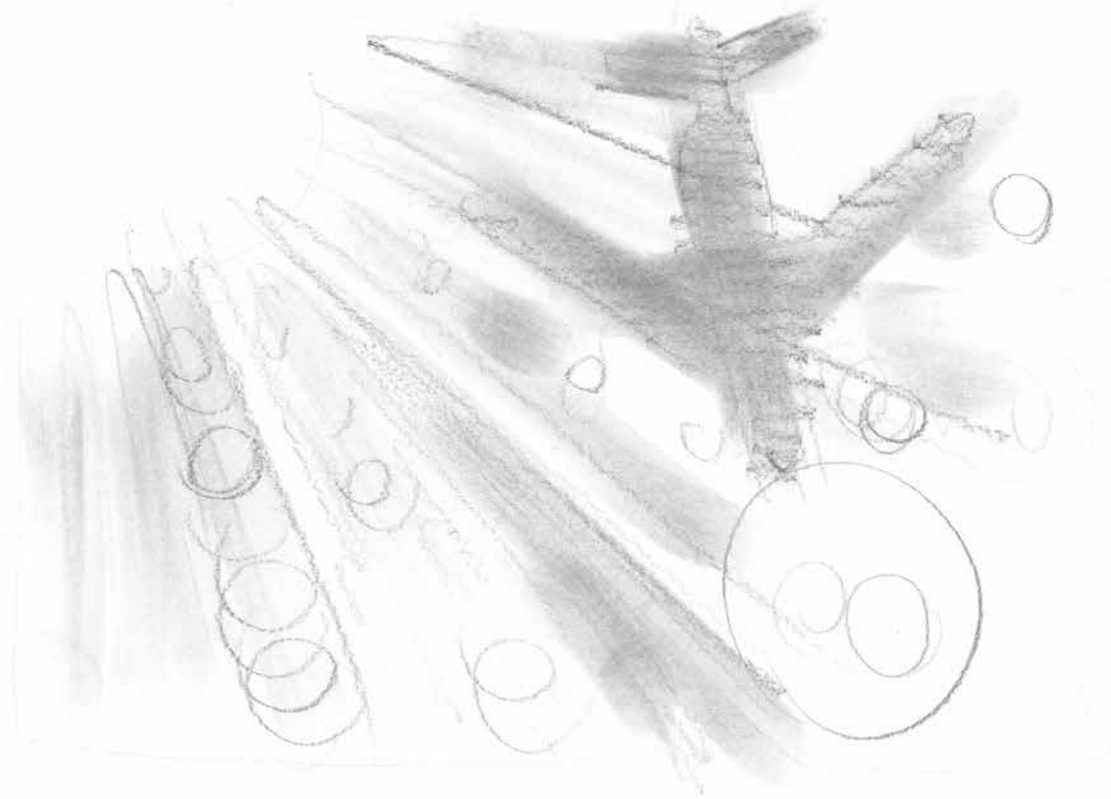




High angle view. Medium long shot. Tracking backward. 2 MiGs are passing under the camera.



Backlight shot. Tracking. Low angle view of a MiG.

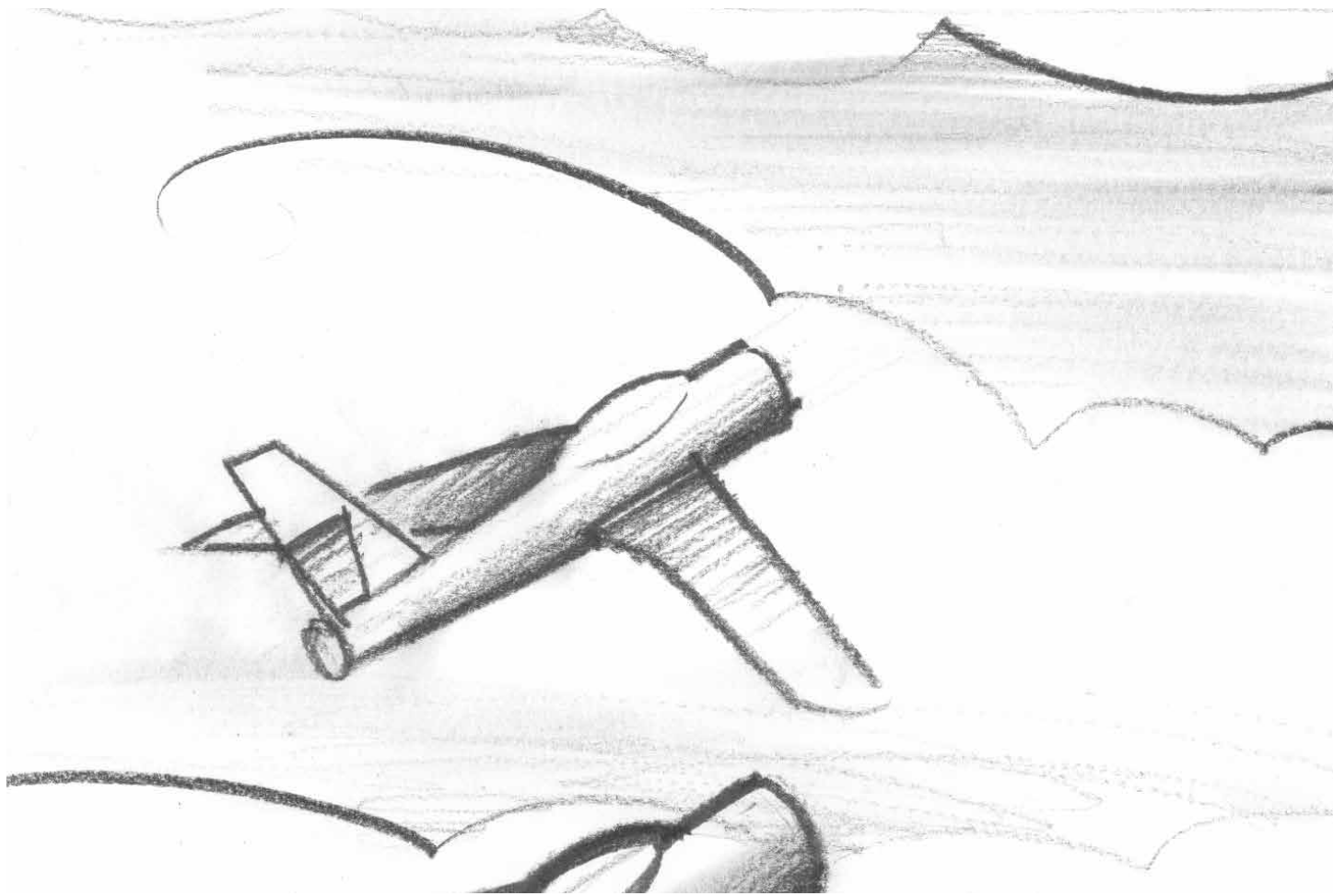


Same shot. Lateral tracking to the left.

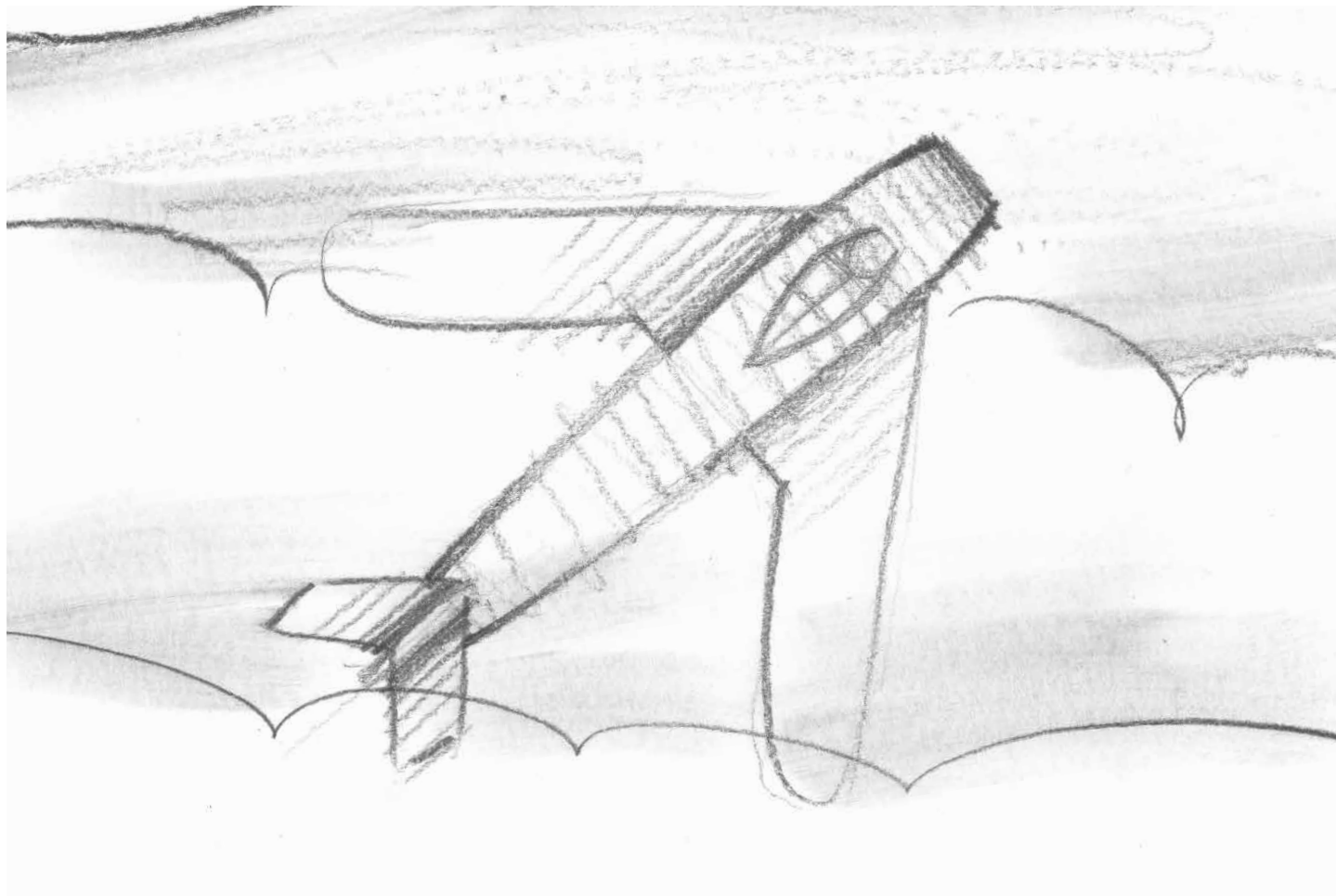


Gen. Tran Hanh:

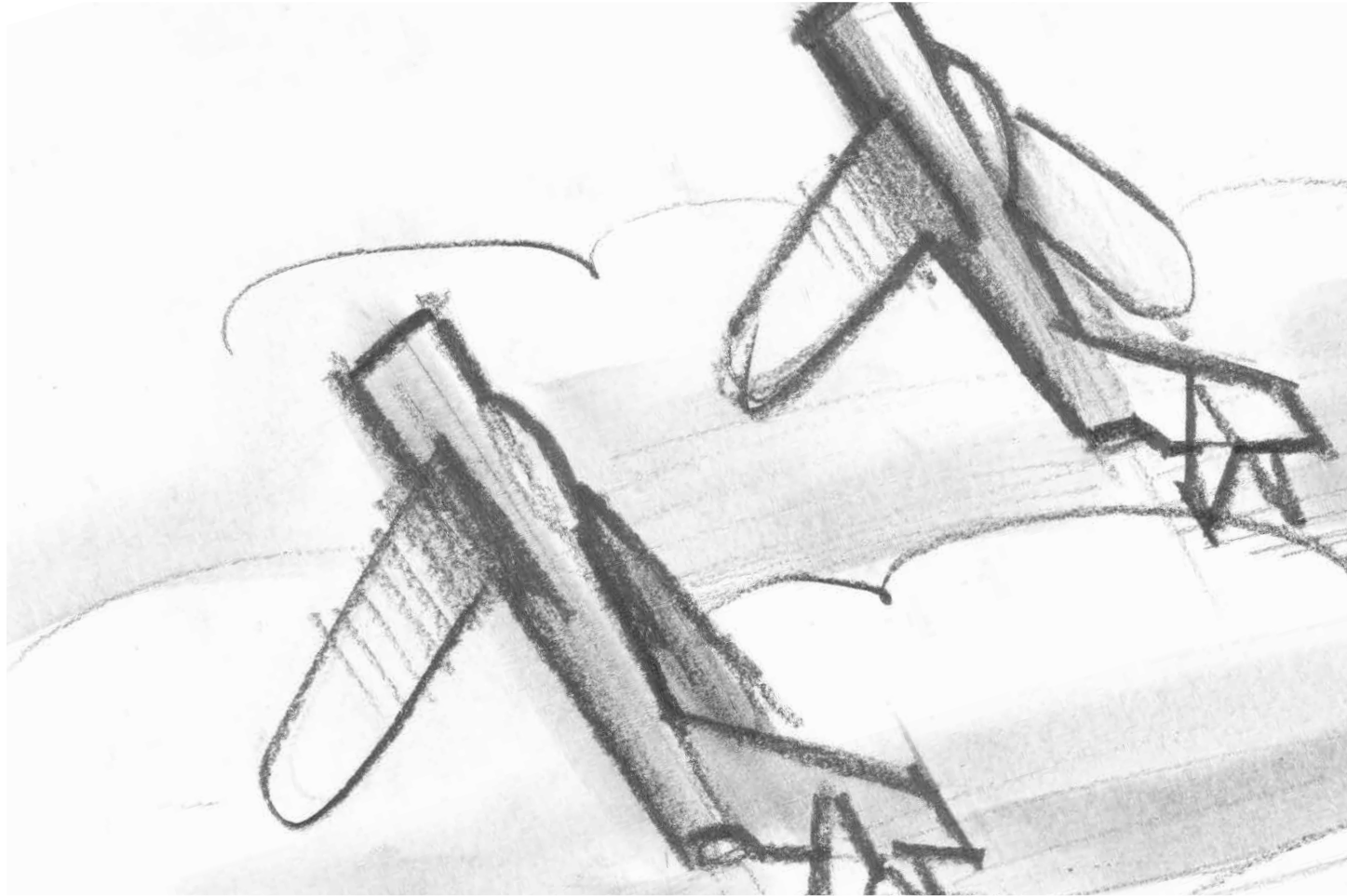
“Then we flew along Truong Son Mountain to the South. At that time we didn’t know where we were, but we knew that if flying along Truong Son Mountain, we could reach the South.”



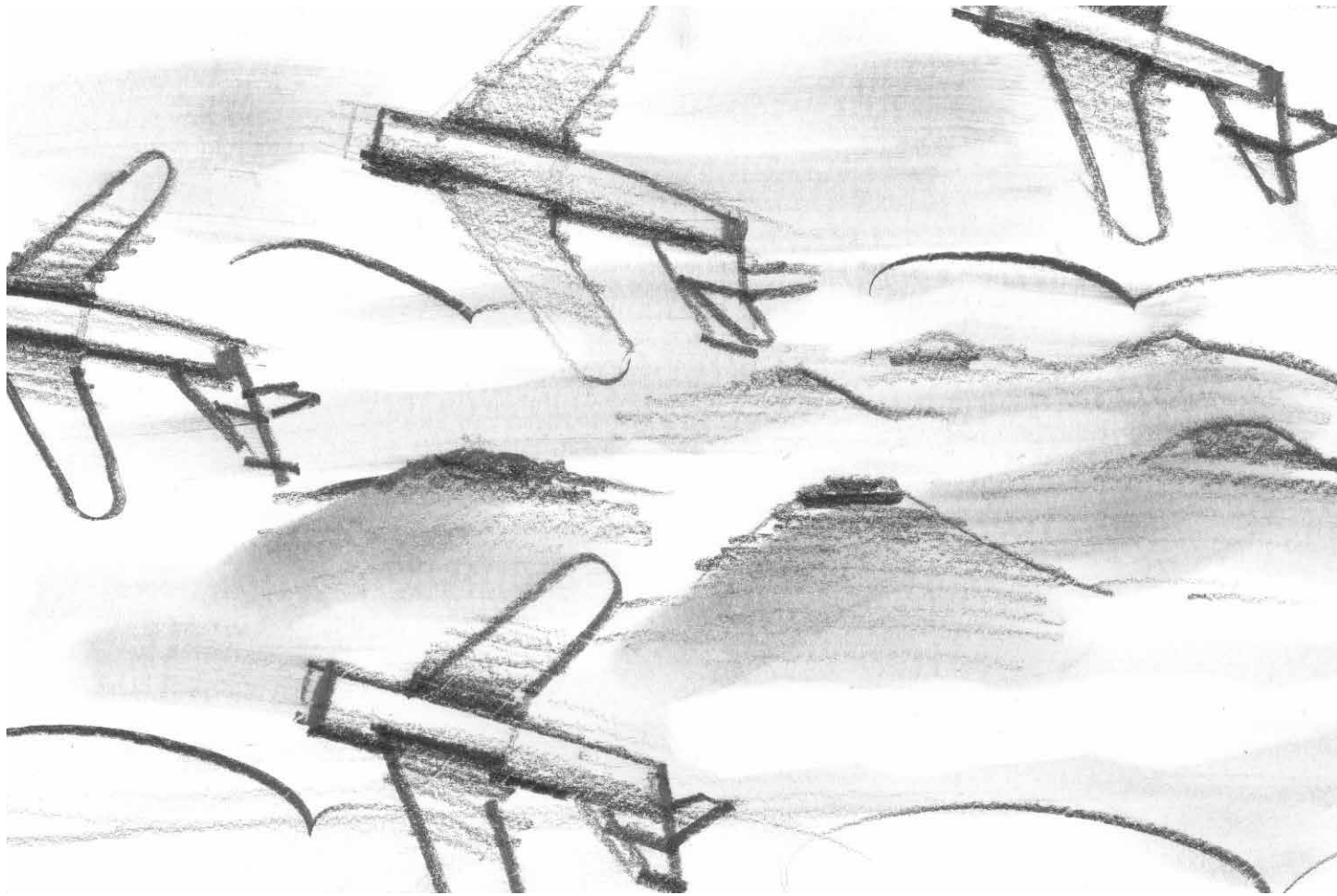
High angle tracking shot of the leader...



...Same shot. The MiG banks right.

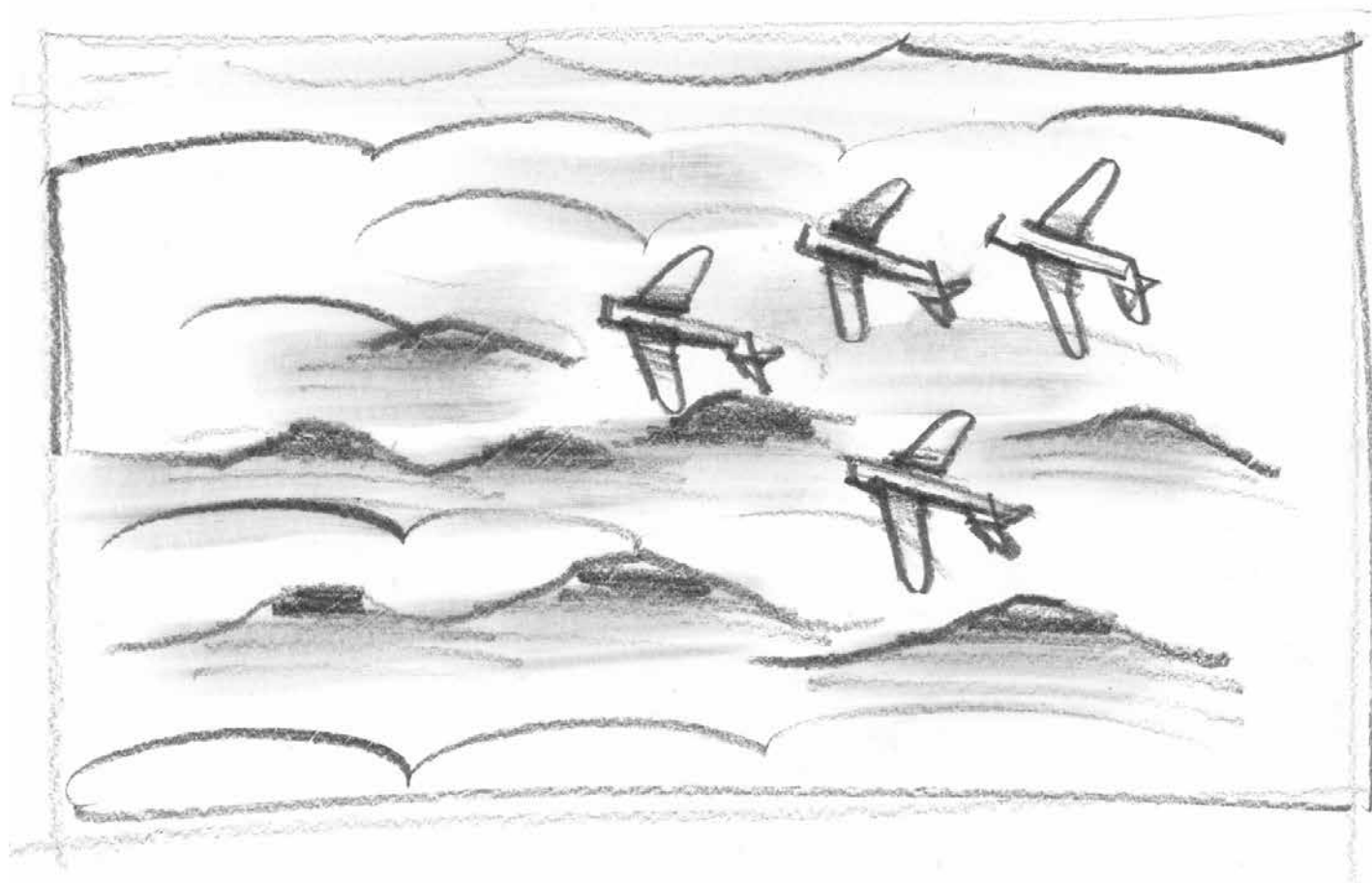


Pan to the right. 2 MiGs are passing below the camera.

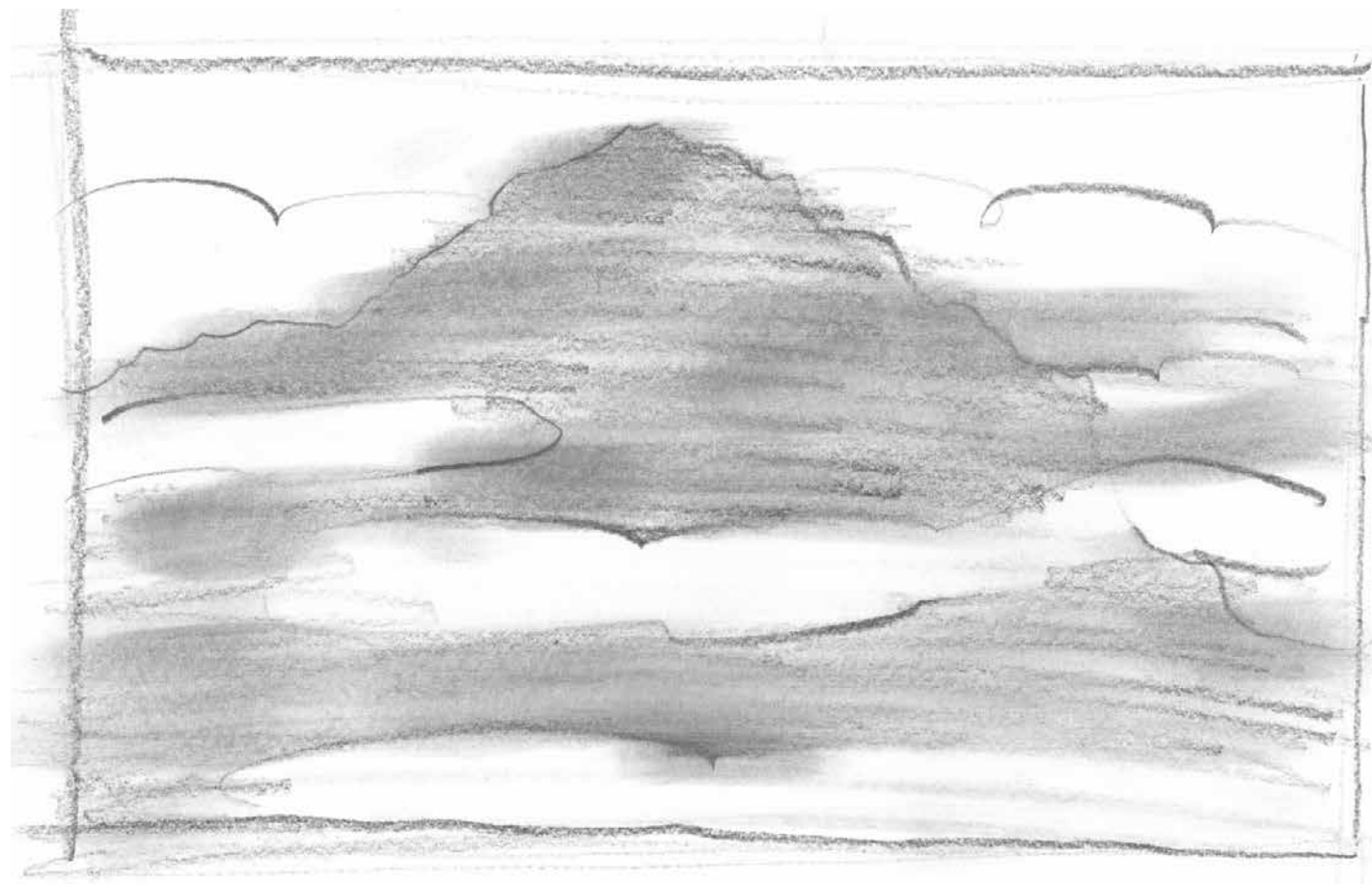


Pan to the right. 4 MiGs are flying towards Truong Son Mountains.

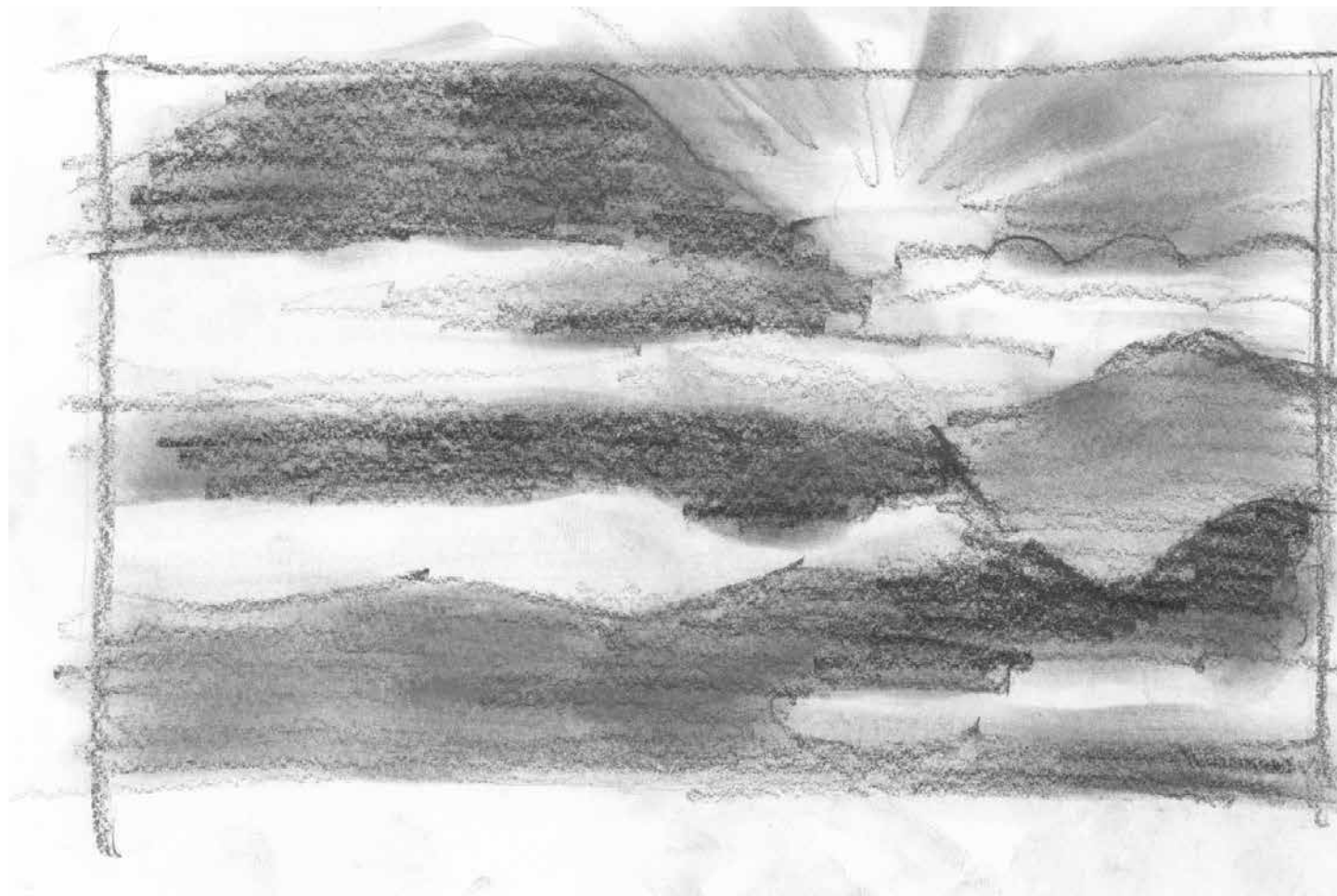




Same shot.



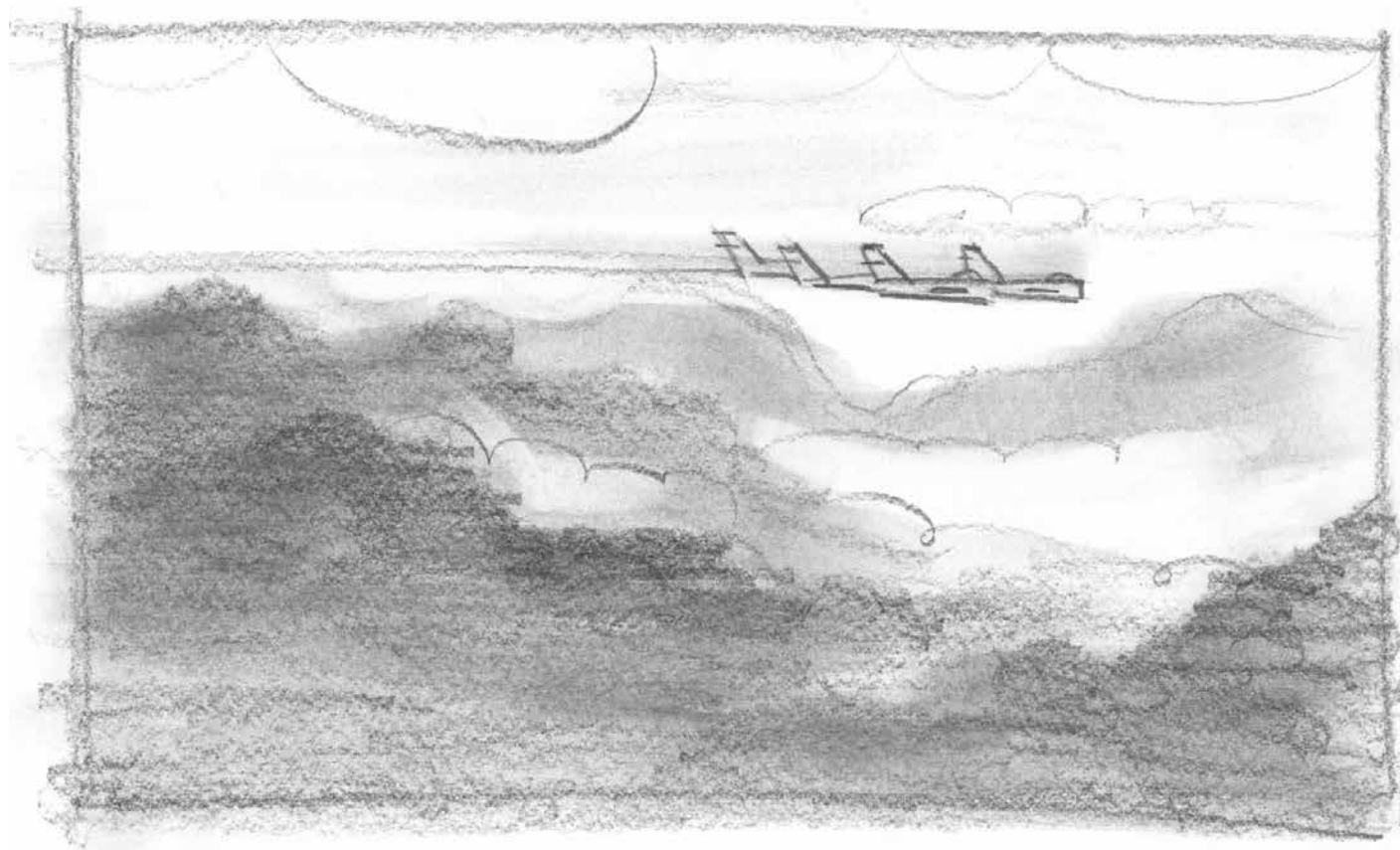
Backlight shot. Long shot. View of Truong Son Mountains. Lateral tracking to right.



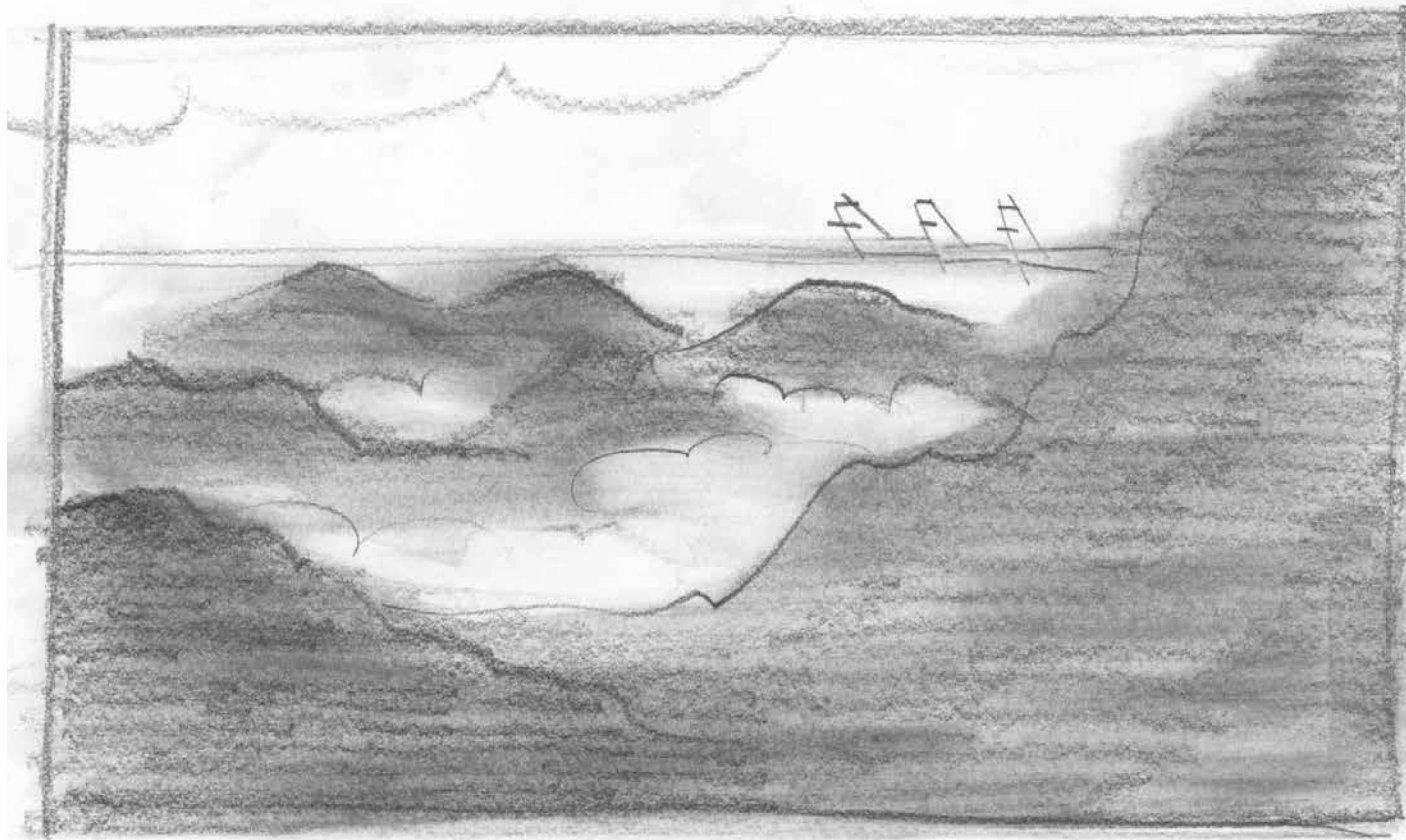
Same shot



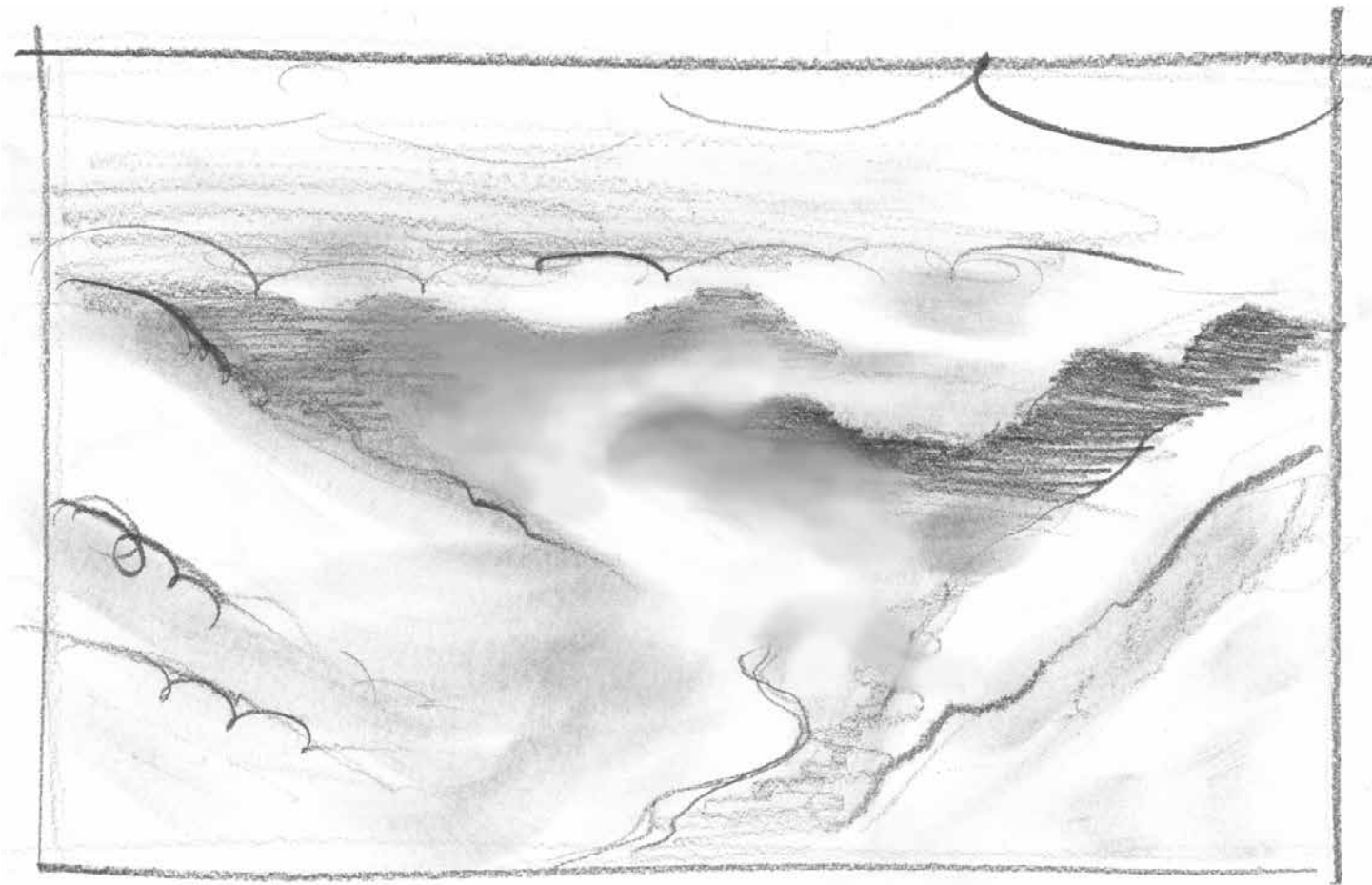
Same shot. The camera follows the MiGs. In the background the diffuse white light of the sun dazzles.



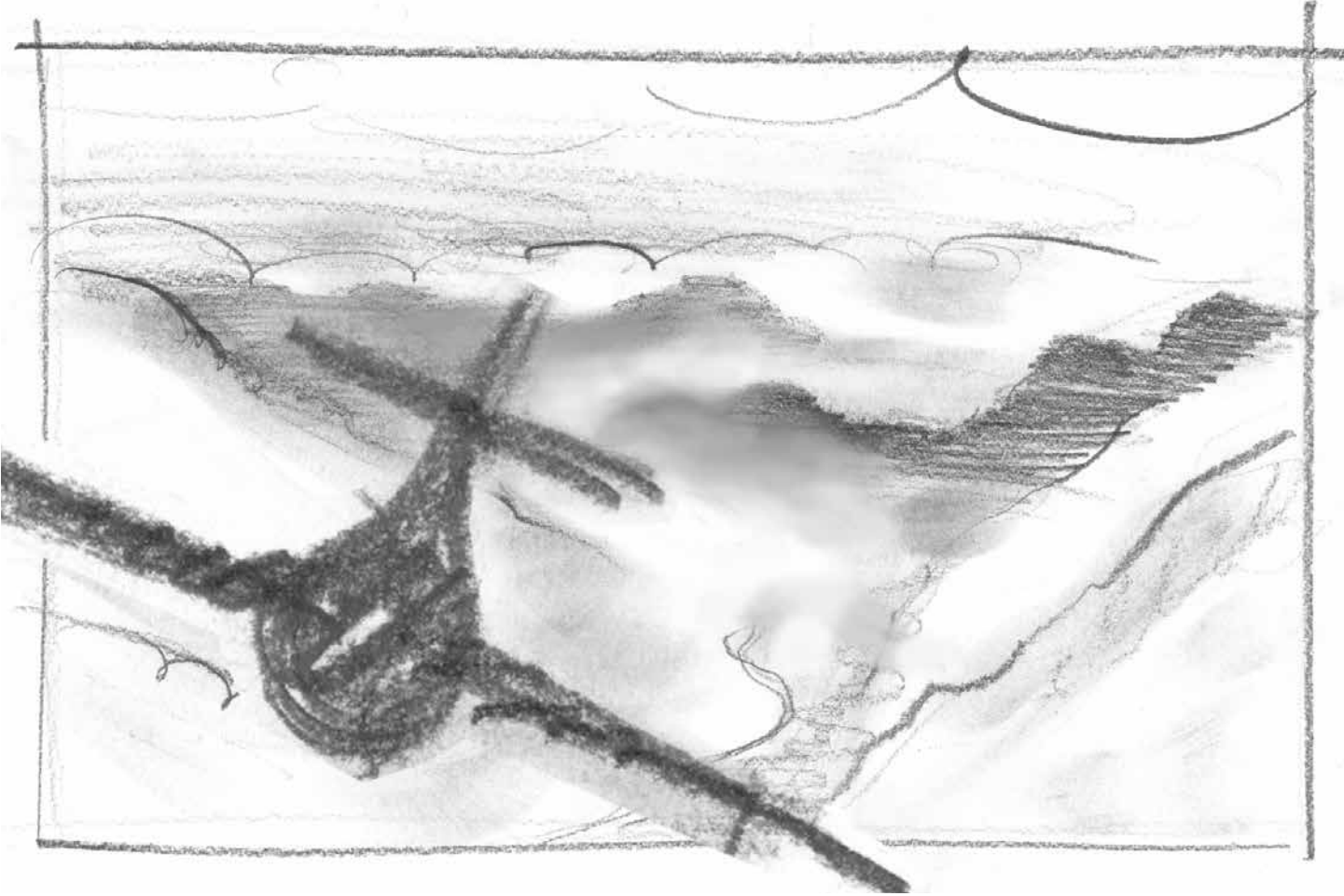
Same shot. The camera follows the MiGs. In the background the white light of the sun dazzles.



Same shot. MiGs disappear behind the mountains.

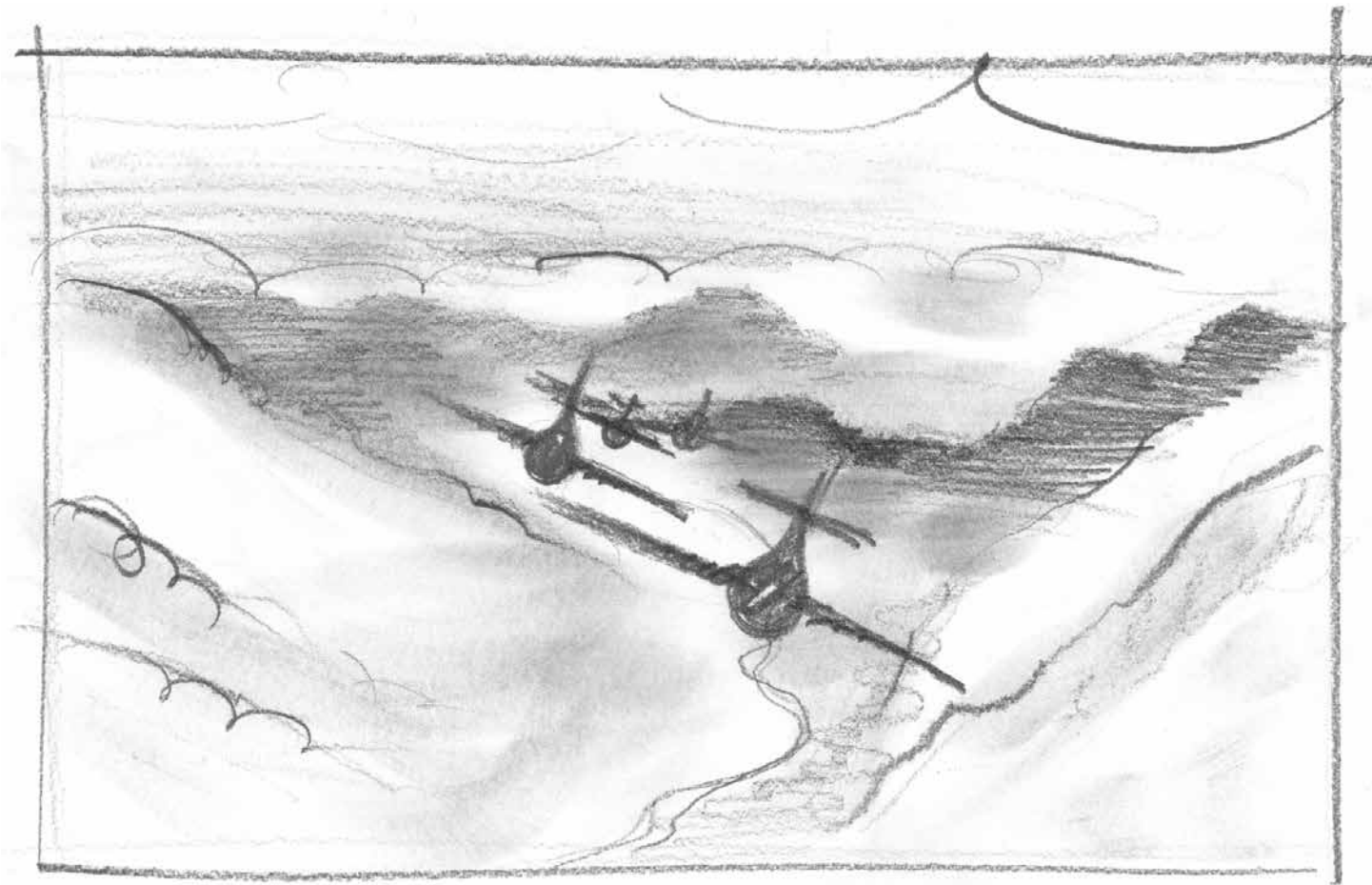


Long shot. Tracking forward. View of the mountains and valley.



Same shot. The leader is passing the lower left corner.





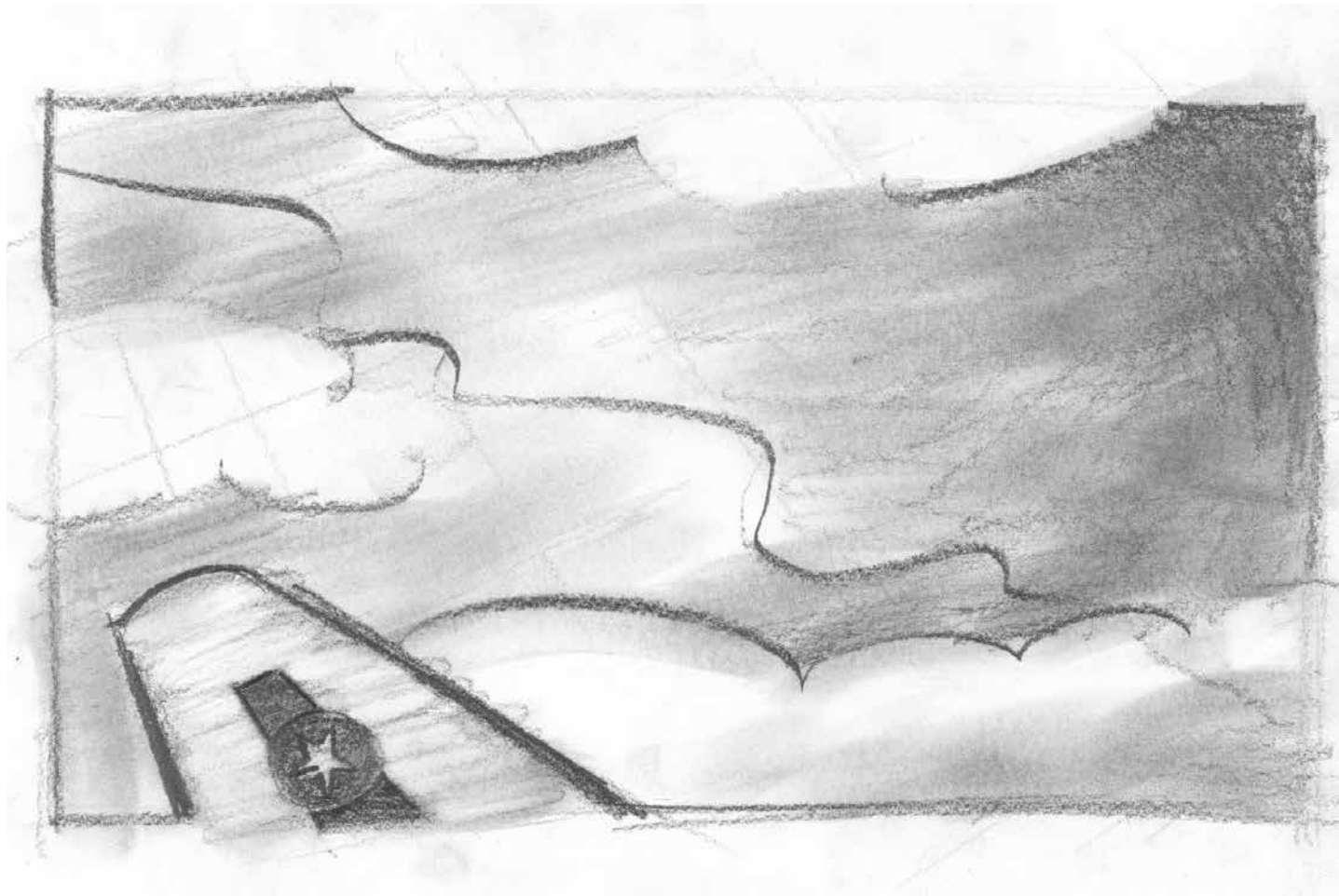
Same shot. The 3 other MiGs follow the leader.



Tracking backward. Long shot. MiGs and mountains in the background.



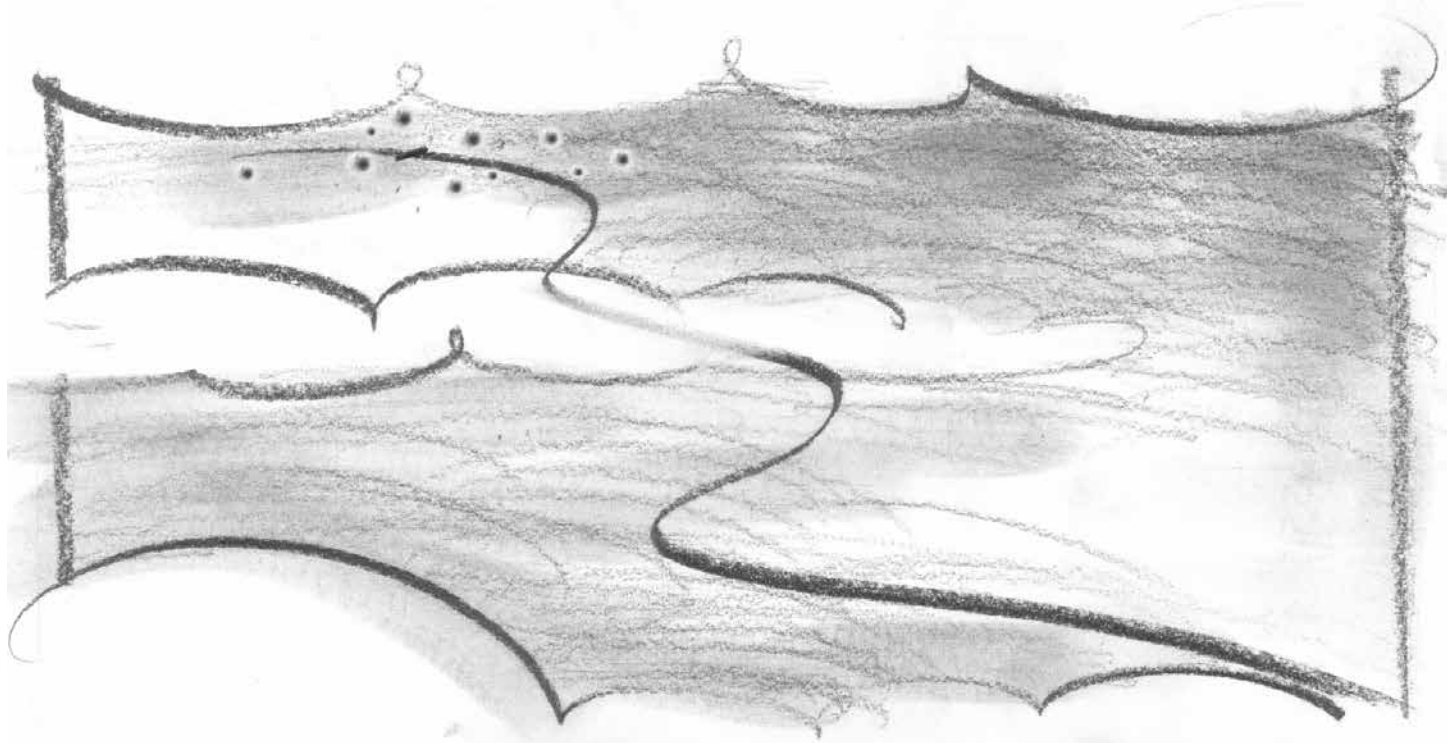
Same shot. Tracking backward. Long shot.  
In the foreground khõ mú people (ethnic group living in Thanh Hoa province) are looking at the MiGs.



28. Inside cockpit. Subjective view of Capt Tran Hanh. Pan to the left, downward. Ma River can be seen.

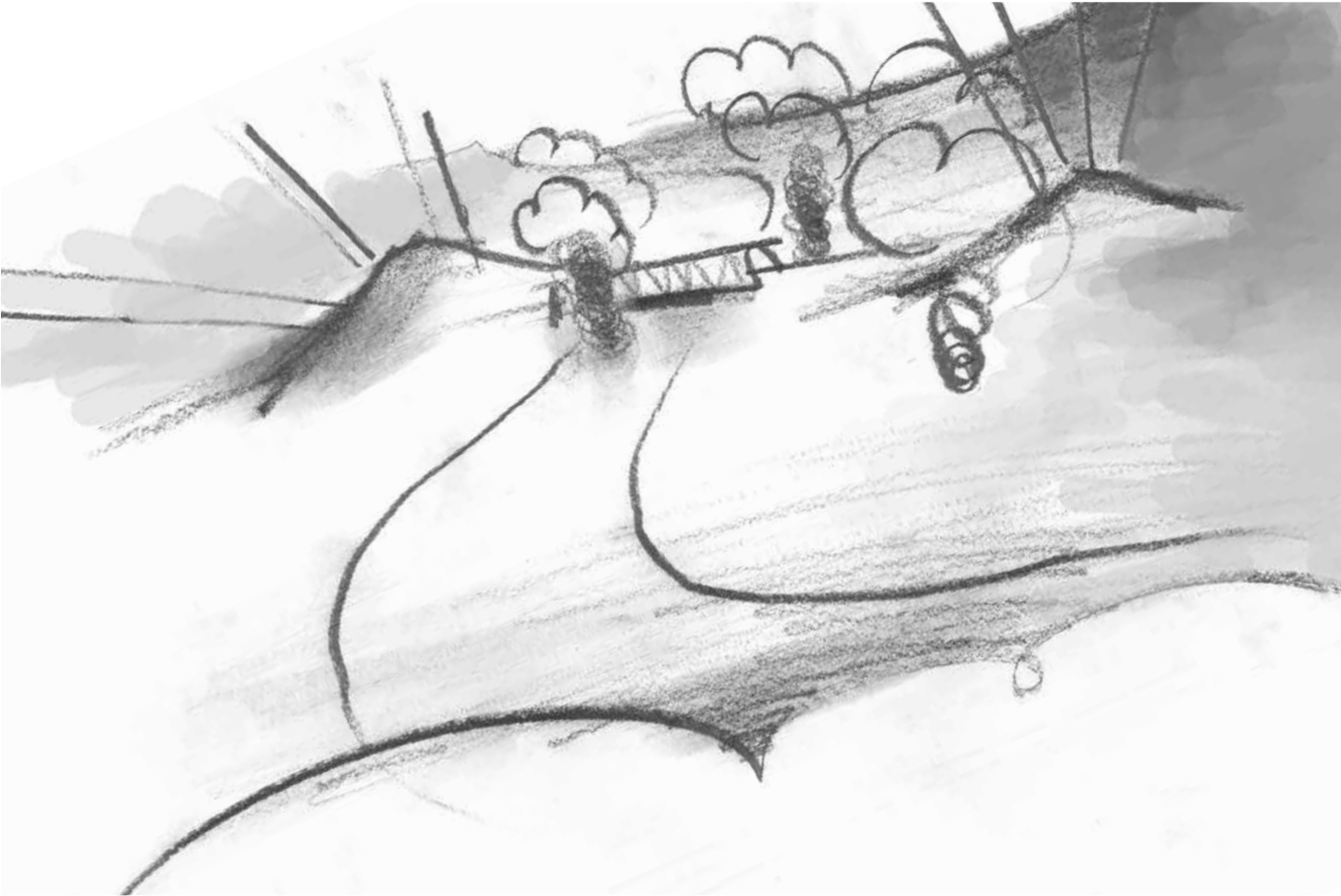


Gen. Tran Hanh: "As soon as we saw Ma River, we all realized that we were passing Ham Rong Bridge, at the south of it."



Tilt up. Flaks in the background.

VO Gen. Tran Hanh: " [...] we saw two big fires at the ends of the bridge."

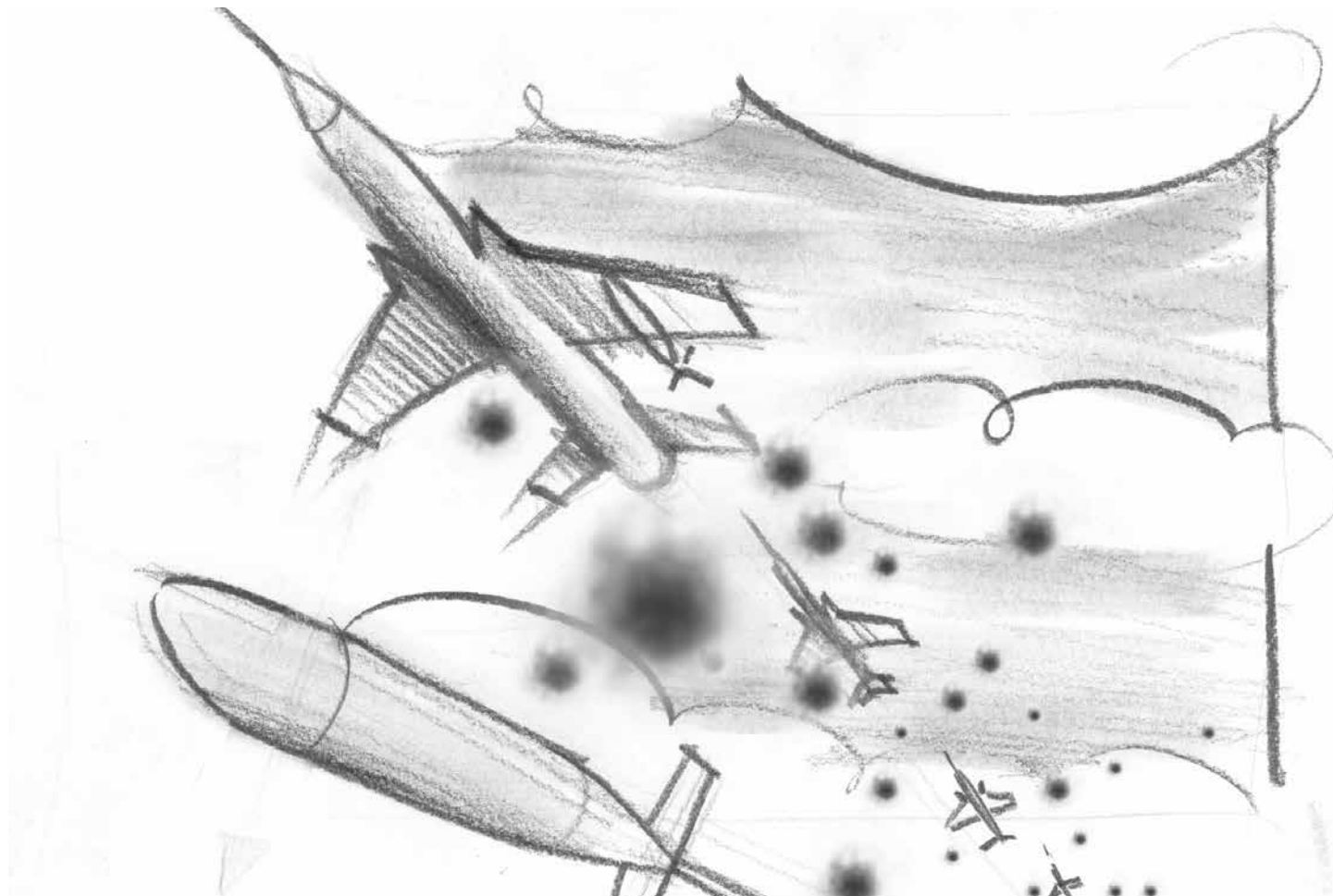


Zoom in. Focus on Ham Rong bridge. Bombs exploding in the river and around Ham Rong. Pans of fire from AAA on each side of the bridge.



Gen. Tran Hanh: "We called them "the pans of fire" where we should never enter, since Air Forces only attack outside the pan of fire. Seeing the huge terrible fires at two ends of the bridge..."





Tilt up to the sky, flaks and F-105s dropping their bombs.

VO Gen. Tran Hanh: "we knew that F105s of American had been hitting Ham Rong bridge, and perhaps it wasn't the first attack."

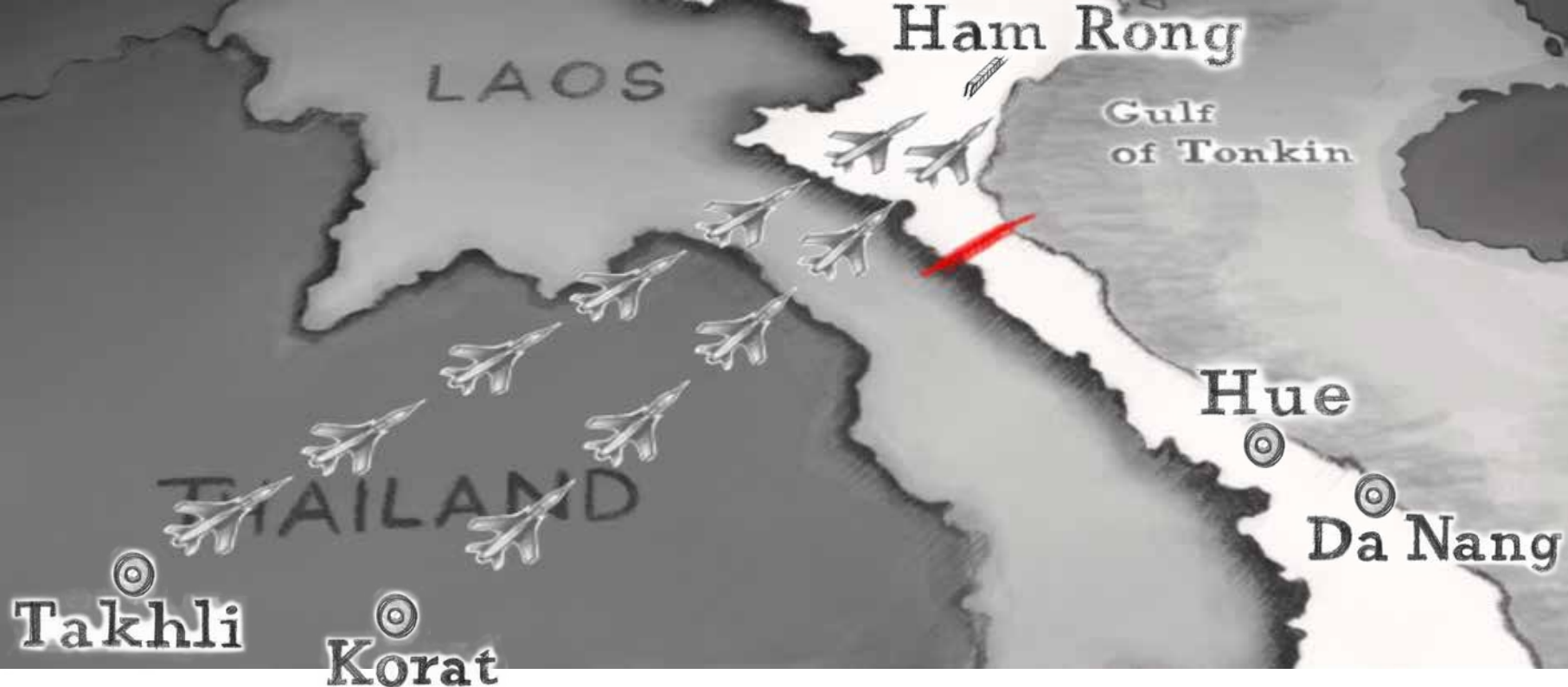


Map of South-East Asia.



Tracking downward and forward. F-105s take off from Takhli and Korat.

VO: "The first strike of Ham Rong bridge on April 3 was a failure. A second strike was ordered the next day. 48 F-105s Thunderchiefs, each carrying 8 "Mark 117" 340 kg bombs took off from Thailand".

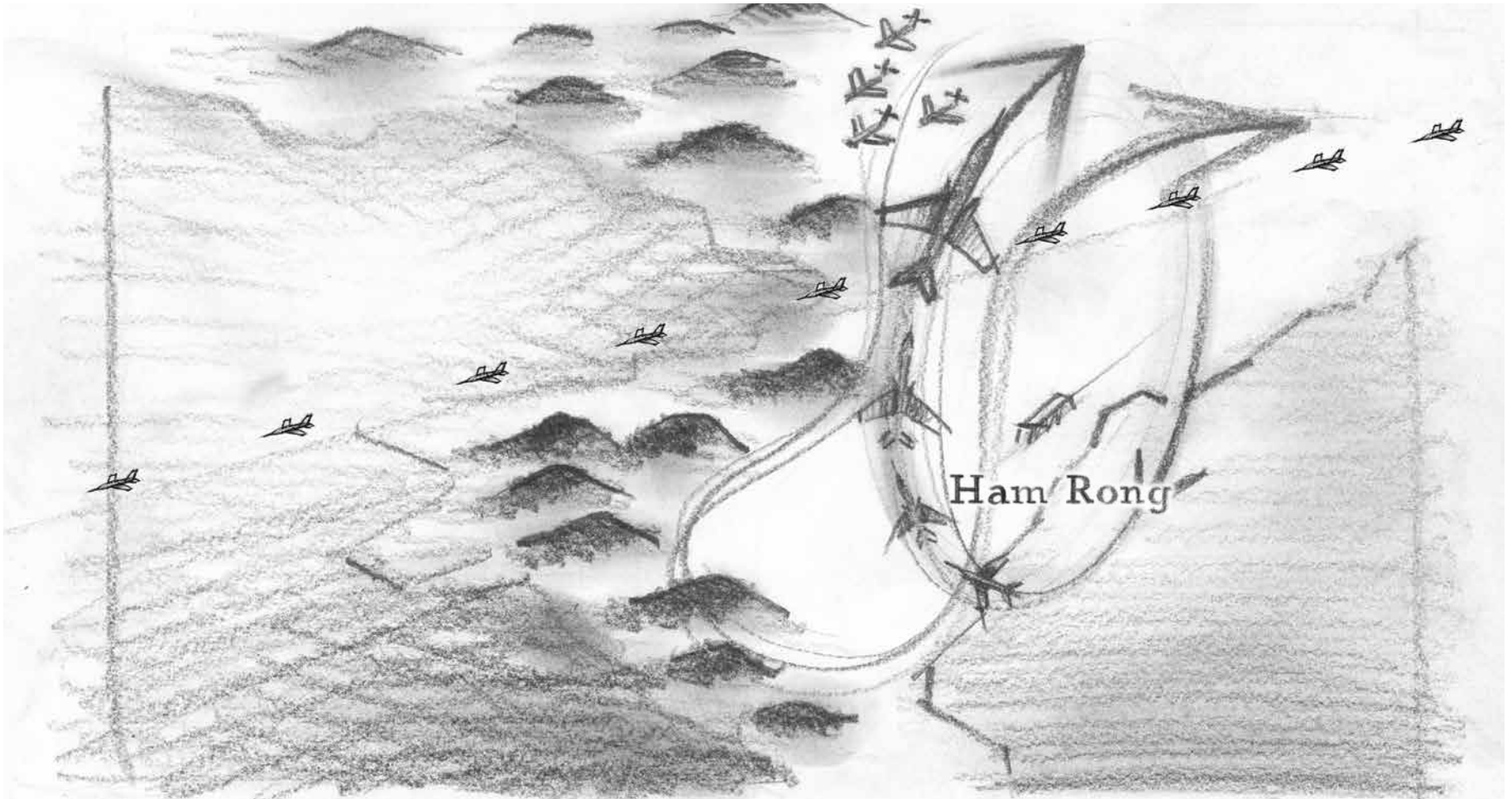


Camera follows the journey to North, F-105s cross Laos.

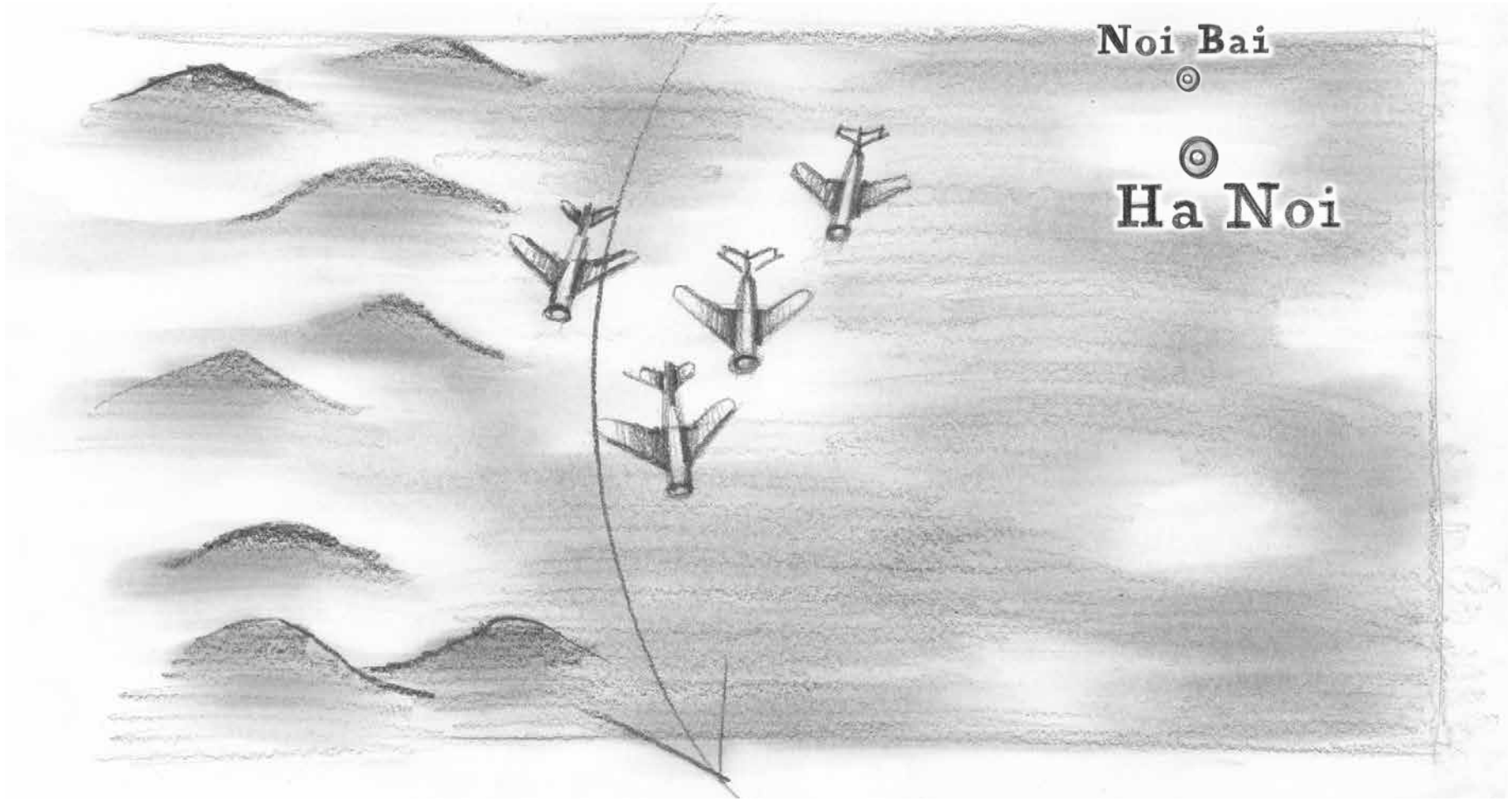


F-105s fly to Thanh Hoa, to the south of the bridge. Then, the formation goes to east until over the Gulf of Tonkin. Parallel tracking upward. F-100s are coming from the South of Vietnam following the coast.

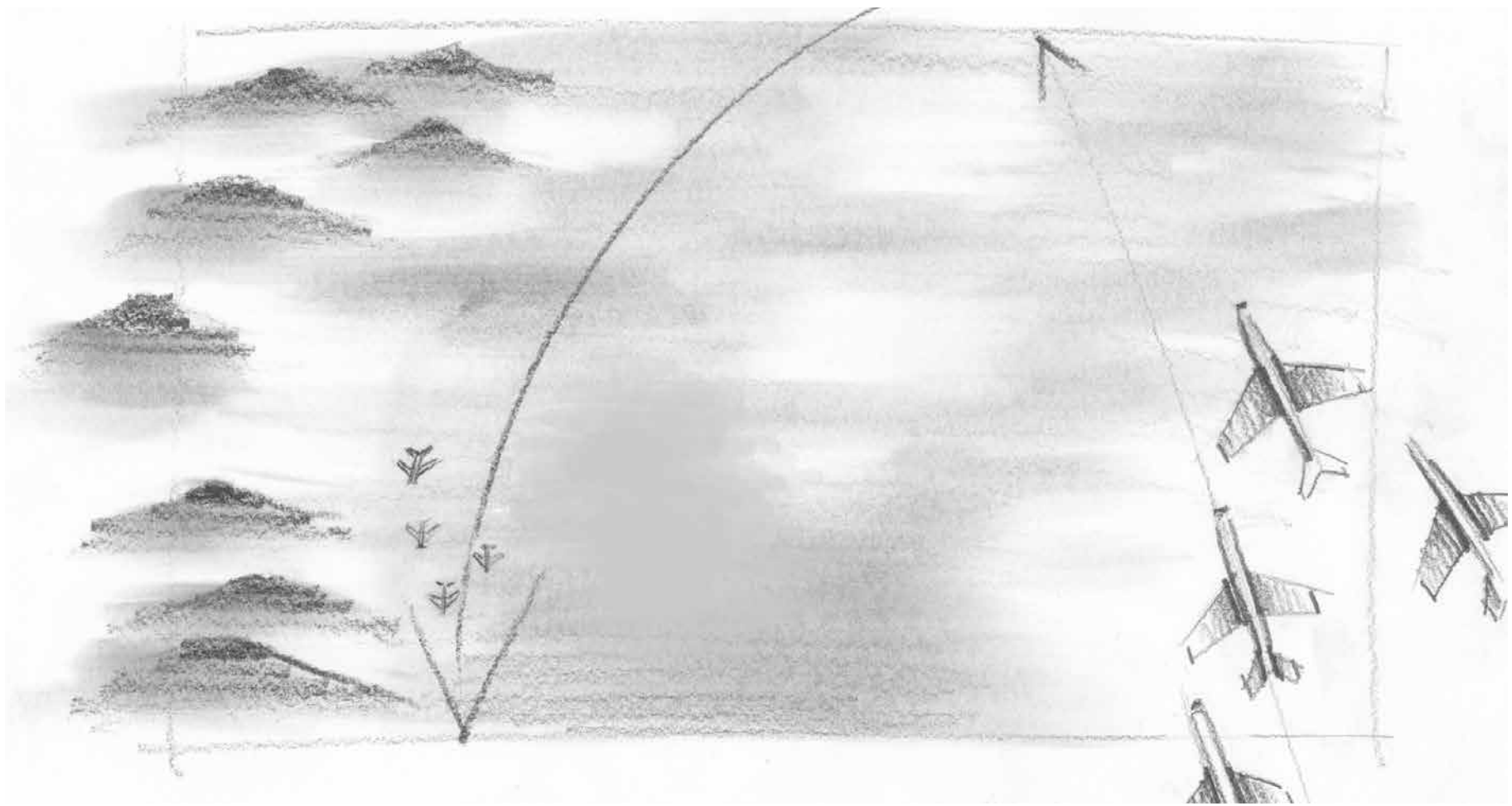
VO: "They were escorted by 16 F-100s Super Sabres from bases in South Vietnam. The F-105s flight was air refueled over the Mekong river then cross Laos to just the south of the bridge".



F-105s bombing from east to west, cutting diagonally across the length of the bridge. Bomb explosions. Other F-105s are waiting for their turn. F-100s patrols offshore on east and on north. In the background path of the MiGs from Hanoi to Ham Rong, at lower level, following Truong Son mountains at lower level than US aircraft. VO: "The bombing was done from east to west, cutting diagonally across the length of the bridge. F-100s orbited offshore on east and north of Ham Rong."

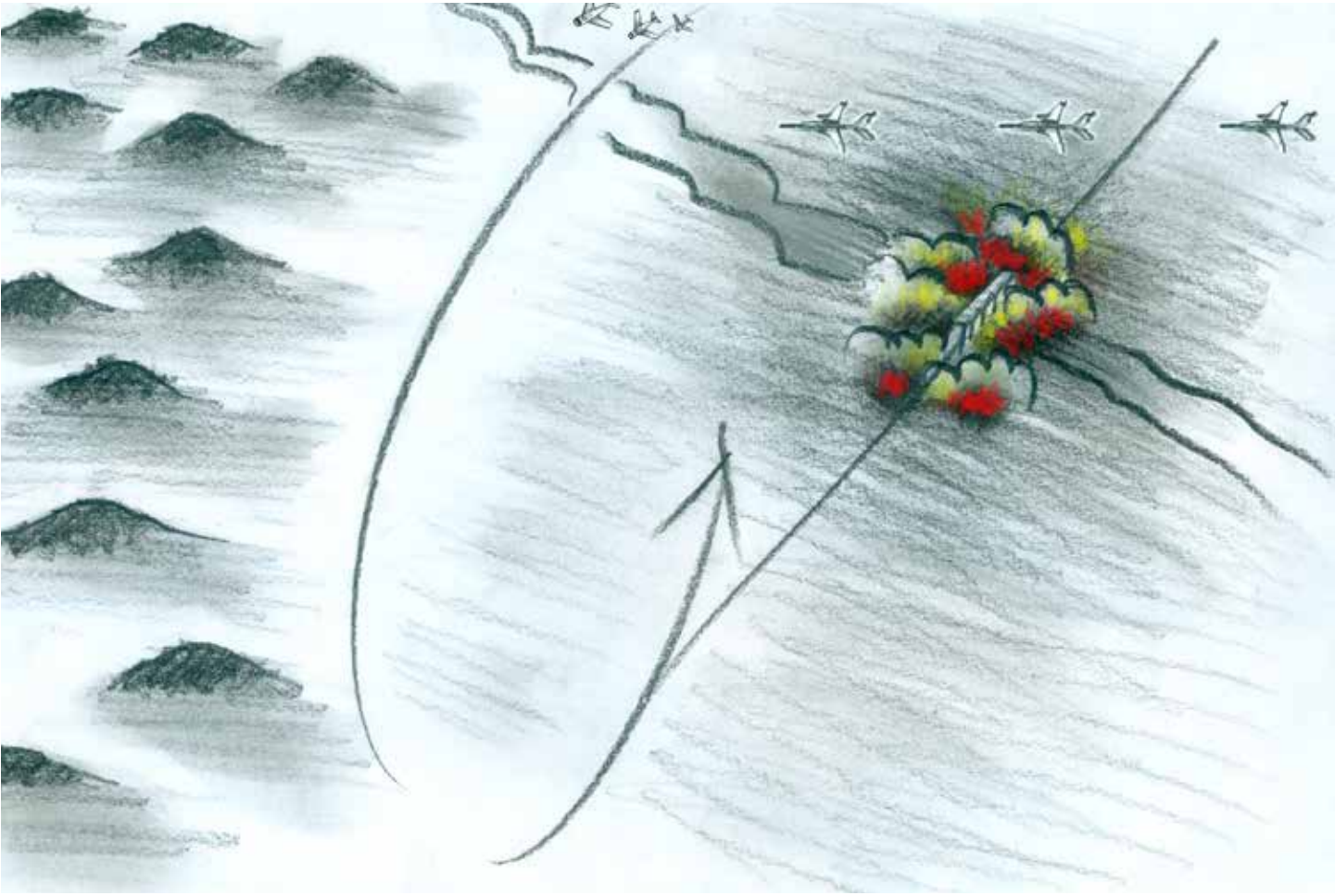


Zooming in. MiGs are leaving Noi Bai and following the Truong Son Mountains. Parallel tracking downward.

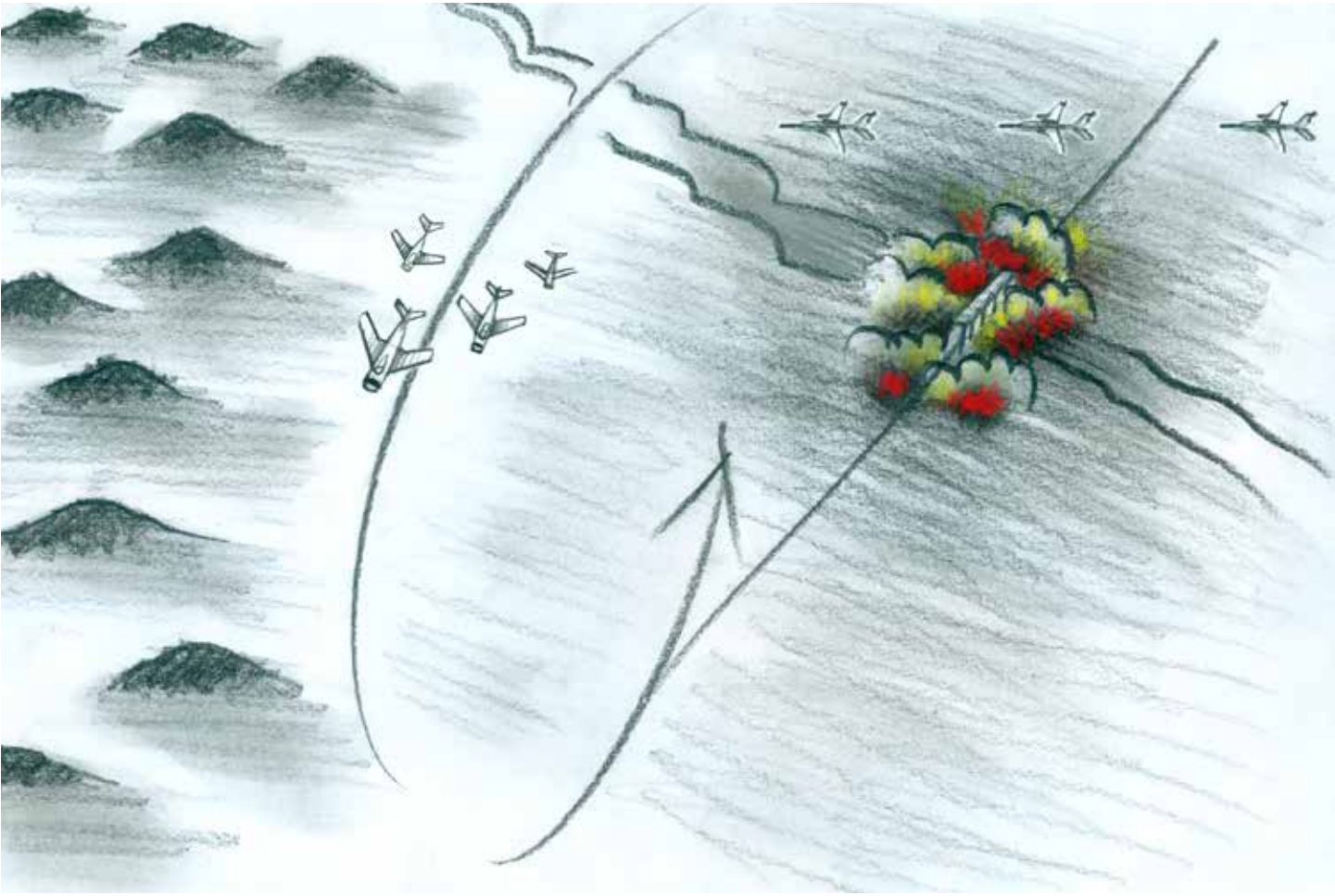


Tracking upward. View of the F-100s flying on north-east at higher level of MiG-17s.  
VO: "the MiGs flew undetected to west at lower level than F-100s escort that orbited 100 km north of Ham Rong to block the presuming ingress route of the MiGs.





Tracking upward. "air traffic jam" of US aircraft over Ham Rong area.  
MiG are soaring up south of Ham Rong.



Tracking upward. "air traffic jam" of US aircraft over Ham Rong area. MiG are soaring up south of Ham Rong.