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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT XUAN VIEN VILLAGE, NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, OF NGHE TINH PROVINCE, ABOUT EARLY AUTUMN 1966

DOI: ABOUT EARLY AUTUMN 1966

TEXT: 1. ABOUT EARLY AUTUMN 1966, AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND WAS CAPTURED AT XUAN VIEN VILLAGE (WF 8060), NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE HAD DARK SKIN, WAS ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, IN HIS EARLY 30'S AND BEARDED. HE CLAIMED TO BE A CAPTAIN. HE WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT LEG WHEN HE LANDED AND WAS TREATED AT THE XUAN VIEN VILLAGE DISPENSARY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN TO THE EASTERN PRISON AT VINH CITY. ONE MONTH LATER HE WAS STILL IN THE PRISON. HIS AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY AN F-4, CRASHED TOWARD THE MOUTH OF THE CUA NOI RIVER (WF 8274).

2. COMMENT:

HE TOOK THE AIRMAN TO THE DISPENSARY AND FOLLOWED HIS CASE FOR ONE MONTH UNTIL THE AIRMAN WAS DELIVERED TO VINH CITY WHERE HE CONTINUED TO UNDERGO TREATMENT. THE VILLAGE DISPENSARY WAS DIFFERENT FROM THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL ALSO LOCATED AT XUAN VIEN. HE COULD NOT BE SURE IF THE DARK-SKINNED AIRMAN WAS BLACK OR CAUCASIAN.)

3. COMMENT:

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