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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

THE MOST CERTAIN FACT HE COULD REMEMBER [REDACTED] WAS ITS
LOCATION AT A BIG CATHOLIC CHURCH IN DUC BUI.)

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: INTERVIEW DEBRIEFING SHOWED THAT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SEEMED TO HAVE AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE. HE SAID HE HAD A JO
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. HIS INTERROGATION OF DOWNED U.S. AIRMAN W
DONE, IN MOST CASES, WITH THE HELP OF THE PROVINCIAL INTERPRETER [REDACTED]

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REPORT CLASS ~~SECRET~~ [REDACTED]

DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1967

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT DUC
BUI VILLAGE, DUC THO DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE,
BETWEEN MID-JANUARY AND MID-FEBRUARY 1968

DOI: MID-JANUARY TO MID-FEBRUARY 1968

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

ACQ: [REDACTED]

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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DECL: OADR DRV [REDACTED] BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. ALL POW
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TEXT: 1. ABOUT 0800 HOURS ONE DAY BETWEEN MID-JANUARY AND MID-
FEBRUARY 1968, AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN, LANDED AND WAS
CAPTURED NEAR A CATHOLIC CHURCH AT DUC BUI VILLAGE (APPROXIMATE
COORDINATES WF 8044), DUC THO DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS
ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, SLIM, BLACK HAired AND HANDSOME. HE HAD WITH
HIM TWO PLANS OF HIS MISSION, A GOSPEL, A WATCH AND A PISTOL. HE
CLAIMED TO BE A COMPANY GRADE OFFICER, MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD. HE
WAS FIRST INTERROGATED AT THE VILLAGE GRAMARY BEFORE BEING DRIVEN TO
VINH CITY TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT C-18
OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BU NOI VU, BINH). HIS AIRCRAFT CAME FROM
THE SOUTH, WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE HEAVY WEAPONS OF THE LOCAL MILITIA
AND CRASHED FURTHER NORTH, EXACT LOCATION NOT KNOWN.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE AIRMAN WAS A BLACK
LIEUTENANT AND THAT DUC BUI IS ONE KILOMETER WEST OF ROUTE ONE, ABOUT
FOUR KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE DONG LOC ROAD JUNCTION (WF 8042). HE
LATER CORRECTED HIMSELF SAYING THE AIRMAN WAS A CAUCASIAN CAPTAIN
WHOM THE MILITIA FEMALES FOUND HANDSOME AND THAT DUC BUI IS ONE
KILOMETER EAST OF ROUTE ONE.

[REDACTED] THE UNCERTAINTY OF HIS INFORMATION WAS DUE TO HIS
ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE MANY HOURS AFTER THE AIRMAN'S CAPTURE, HIS
TIREDNESS AFTER HIS RETURN [REDACTED] THE FACT THAT IN 1968 THE
AMERICAN BOMBARDMENT INTENSIFIED, [REDACTED]
AND, THEREFORE, HE MIGHT CONFUSE ONE CASE WITH ANOTHER. HE SAID
HE BELIEVED THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS EITHER AN F-4 OR AN F-8. HE SAID

ACTION DIA [REDACTED]

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