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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF A BLACK ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT
THUAN BAI VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH
(NOW BINH TRI THIEN) PROVINCE, IN LATE AUTUMN 1967;
HIS ASSUMED DEATH AT DONG LOC, DUC THO DISTRICT,
NGHE TINH PROVINCE

DOI: LATE AUTUMN 1967

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. IN LATE AUTUMN 1967, A BLACK ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT THUAN BAI VILLAGE (XE 5760), QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH (NOW PART OF BINH TRI THIEN) PROVINCE. HE WAS ABOUT 1.90 METERS TALL AND IN HIS LATE 20'S. HE CLAIMED TO BE SINGLE AND A CAPTAIN. HE WAS TURNED OVER TO LA HUY ((PHONG)), BORN ABOUT 1925, WHO WAS CHIEF OF A VEHICLE DISPATCH SECTION OF THE 559TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP, TO BE TAKEN TO VINH CITY IN A SIX VEHICLE CONVOY. THE CONVOY WAS REPORTEDLY ATTACKED BY U.S. AIRCRAFT AT THE DONG LOC ROAD JUNCTION (MF 8042) AND SOME VEHICLES WERE HIT. ACCORDING TO OFFICE 16 OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY AT VINH CITY, THE AIRMAN'S CASE WAS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR. HE WAS, THEREFORE, PRESUMED DEAD AT DONG LOC, DUC THO, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HIS AIRCRAFT WAS BELIEVED TO BE AN A-4 THAT WAS DOWNED BY A UNIT AT THE NON FERRY IN NORTHERN QUANG BINH AND CRASHED IN THE SEA.

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COMMENT:

HEARD ABOUT THE ATTACK ON THE
CONVOY AND PRESUMED DEATH OF THE AIRMAN FROM OFFICE 16 IN VINH CITY.)

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COMMENT:

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