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DIST: 16 SEPTEMBER 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: BURIAL OF A DROWNED ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN ON
THE NORTHEASTERN END OF XUAN GIANG VILLAGE ISLAND,
NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, ABOUT
SEPTEMBER 1968

DOI: ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1968

SOURCE:

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TEXT: 1. ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1968 LOCAL MILITIA RECOVERED THE SWOLLEN
BODY OF A CAUCASIAN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN ON THE NORTHEASTERN COAST OF
XUAN GIANG VILLAGE ISLAND (WF 7863), NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH
PROVINCE. THE BODY WAS 1.70 METERS TALL, HAD A SCAR ABOUT TWO
CENTIMETERS ABOVE THE LEFT EYEBROW, MUCH HAIR ON ITS LEGS AND ARMS,
AND WAS DRESSED ONLY IN ITS UNDERWEAR. ITS COMPLEXION HAD TURNED
DARK BROWN. IT WAS BURIED BY THE MILITARY LABOR UNIT ON THE SPOT.

2. THREE DAYS BEFORE THE BODY WAS DISCOVERED, AMERICAN
AIRCRAFT BOMBED THE AREA FROM 0100 HOURS UNTIL NOON. THE TARGETS
INCLUDED THE BEN THUY FERRY (WF 7561), THE ARTILLERY BATTERIES AT
XUAN VIEN HOSPITAL AND THE AMMUNITION DEPOT. THE AMMUNITION DEPOT
WAS HIT AND BURNED FOR ALMOST 24 HOURS. AROUND 0300 HOURS IT WAS
NOTED THAT ONE AIRCRAFT WAS ON FIRE AND CRASHED TOWARD THE MOUTH OF
THE HOI RIVER (WF 8274) BUT NO AIRMAN WAS REPORTED CAPTURED FROM THE
CRASH.

3. [Redacted] COMMENT: [Redacted]

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[Redacted] IT WAS ASSUMED NNI-982020

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AN AIRMAN FROM THE AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED THREE NIGHTS BEFORE BUT THIS WAS NOT CERTAIN. [REDACTED] THE RIVER, CALLED SONG CA ON THE MAP, IS CALLED SONG LAM BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE. [REDACTED] DID NOT REMEMBER THE MONTH EXACTLY BUT SINCE IT WAS TURNING CHILLY IN THE MORNING, HE BELIEVED IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING OF FALL OR LATE SUMMER.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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ACQ: [REDACTED]

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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