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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED CAPTURE OF A CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN
AT VAN THAI, UNG HOA DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE,
ABOUT MID-DECEMBER 1972
DOI: MID-DECEMBER 1972

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. EARLY ONE MORNING ABOUT MID-DECEMBER 1972, ALLEGEDLY A CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED INTO A RICE FIELD AT VAN THAI VILLAGE (WH 815915), UNG HOA DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE. HE WAS SAID TO BE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED AND DETAINED BY THE LOCAL MILITIA. HIS DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND HIS LATER SITUATION WERE NOT KNOWN. HIS AIRCRAFT WAS ON FIRE AND HEADED TOWARD HOA BINH TOWN (WJ 3703). ITS CRASH SITE WAS NOT KNOWN.

2. [] COMMENT: [] CLAIMED THE INCIDENT OCCURRED NOT LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS. HE WAS AT HOA XA VILLAGE (WH 820920), UNG HOA, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM THE AIRMAN'S LANDING SITE. HE SAW THE AIRMAN COMING DOWN. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SITE, HOWEVER, THE AIRMAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO THE MILITIA OFFICE; THEREFORE, HE DID NOT KNOW HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS. HE ONLY HEARD THAT THE AIRMAN WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.)

3. [] COMMENT: []

ACQ: (MID-DECEMBER 1987).

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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