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DIST: 23 SEPTEMBER 1987

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: DOWNING OF ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT AND
BURIAL OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT THU LOC
VILLAGE IN THE FORMER DISTRICT OF THANH TRACH, QUANG
BINH (NOW BINH TRI THIEN) PROVINCE, ABOUT 28 DECEMBER
1968

DOI: ABOUT 28 DECEMBER 1968

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ABOUT 28 DECEMBER 1968, AN ALLEGED AMERICAN AIRCRAFT
CRASHED AT THU LOC VILLAGE (XE 5051) IN THE FORMER DISTRICT OF THANH
TRACH, QUANG BINH (NOW PART OF BINH TRI THIEN) PROVINCE. THE AIRMAN
DIED FROM BURNS. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL. A DIARY
AND A PICTURE OF A WOMAN HOLDING A CHILD WERE RECOVERED FROM THE
AIRCRAFT. HIS REMAINS WERE PUT IN A PLASTIC BAG AND BURIED ABOUT 200
METERS BEHIND AND SOUTHEAST OF THE VILLAGE COOPERATIVE STORE AT CU
NAM HAMLET (XE 5051).

2. COMMENT:

THE DOWNING
OCCURRED ABOUT THREE DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS. BY THIS TIME, MOST ANTI-
AIRCRAFT UNITS AT VINH CITY HAD BEEN RELOCATED IN QUANG BINH TO
DEFEND THE XUAN SON FERRY (XE 4854), ROUTE 15A AND ROUTE 15B. THE
DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY AN F-4H THAT BOMBED XUAN SON FERRY (XE
4854) AND WAS HIT BY NGUYEN VIET XUAN BATTALION. DID NOT
KNOW THE NEW NAME OF THANH TRACH DISTRICT.)

3. COMMENT:

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