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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED DEATH OF ONE OR TWO U.S. AIRMEN IN
AN AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED IN THE RIVER AT THUONG LY,
HAIPHONG CITY, IN LATE SUMMER 1967
DOI: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1967

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AROUND 0300 HOURS ONE NIGHT IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1967, A
U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS ON FIRE AND CRASHED INTO THE RIVER AT THUONG LY
ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF HAIPHONG CITY. IT WAS NOT
CERTAIN WHETHER ONE OR TWO AIRMEN DIED IN THE AIRCRAFT BECAUSE THE
REMAINS WERE NOT WHOLE.

2. COMMENT: THE REFUGEE CLAIMED LOCAL FISHERMEN
RANSACKED THE AIRCRAFT VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING, BEFORE HE ARRIVED
ON THE SCENE AND BEFORE THE MILITIA ARRIVED AT ABOUT 0900 HOURS. HE
OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM THE FISHERMEN. HE ALSO SAW A WATCH
THEY OBTAINED FROM THE WRECK. THE REFUGEE SAID HE WAS LATER
INTERROGATED FOR TWO DAYS BY MEMBERS OF THE HAIPHONG PUBLIC SECURITY
WHO TRIED TO RECOVER THE EQUIPMENT TAKEN BY THE FISHERMEN. HE DID
NOT KNOW HOW THE REMAINS WERE DISPOSED OF BY THE MILITIA.)

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