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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN FROM AN
A-4 AT THE MOUTH OF THE CUA HOI RIVER AND TWO
VIETNAMESE AIRMEN FROM AN AD-6 AT NOI THONG, VINH
CITY, NINH TINH PROVINCE, IN LATE DECEMBER 1966 OR
EARLY JANUARY 1967

DOI: LATE DECEMBER 1966 OR EARLY JANUARY 1967

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ABOUT 1700 HOURS IN LATE DECEMBER 1966 OR EARLY JANUARY 1967, ONE AMERICAN AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED ON THE BEACH AT THE MOUTH OF THE CUA HOI RIVER, APPROXIMATE COORDINATES (WF 815745). HIS AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY AN A-4, CRASHED IN THE SEA. WHILE HE WAS BEING CAPTURED, AN AD-6 THAT TRIED TO COVER HIM, WAS HIT AND CRASHED AT NOI THONG (WF 8373). THE AIRMAN FROM THE A-4 WAS CAPTURED BY THE TEAM LED BY NGUYEN THANH ((VIEN)), BORN 1942, THAT INVESTIGATED CASES OFF THE COAST. THEREFORE, THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS AIRMAN AND HIS LATER DISPOSITION ARE NOT KNOWN. THE CREW OF THE AD-6 WAS COMPOSED OF TWO ETHNIC VIETNAMESE, ONE FIRST LIEUTENANT AND ONE WARRANT OFFICER. THEY WERE TAKEN TO VINH CITY AND HANDED OVER TO THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT C-16 OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

2. COMMENT:

CLAIMED THAT WHEN HE ARRIVED AT CUA HOI, FOLLOWING THE
DOWNING OF THE A-4, VIEN SAID HIS TEAM HAD CAPTURED THE AIRMAN BUT
DID NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS. BY THIS TIME, THE TWO VIETNAMESE FROM THE
AD-6 HAD BEEN CAPTURED; DROVE THEM TO VINH CITY.

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IT WAS ALSO DARK BY THEN, HE DID NOT REMEMBER THEIR DESCRIPTION.)

3. COMMENT:

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