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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN IN VINH CITY, NGHE AN (NOW PART OF NGHE TINH) PROVINCE, IN LATE 1965

DOI: LATE 1965

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. IN LATE 1965, AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF VINH CITY (WF 713638), NGHE AN (NOW PART OF NGHE TINH) PROVINCE, AND WAS CAPTURED. HE WAS A MARRIED CAUCASIAN WITH A RED COMPLEXION, RECEDING HAIRLINE, CLEAN SHAVEN, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL AND AVERAGE BUILD. HIS LEFT LEG WAS BLEEDING AND DID NOT HAVE A SHOE WHEN HE LANDED IN FULL GEAR, INCLUDING A RADIO SET AND A PISTOL. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN VIETNAM FOR THREE MONTHS AND FLOWN NINE MISSIONS, MOSTLY RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS FOR A NEW FIGHTING FORCE, AND THAT HIS AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY AN F-8, HAD BEEN SHOT OVER DONG HOI (XE 7332) BEFORE IT WAS DOWNED AT VINH. THE PLANE REPORTEDLY CRASHED AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN THE HONG LINH MOUNTAINS (WF 7758). THE AIRMAN WAS TAKEN TO HANOI THE NEXT DAY.

2. COMMENT:

CAPTAIN LE ((HAI)), COMMANDER OF THE NGHE AN PROVINCIAL MILITARY UNIT, HANDLED THE CASE BEFORE SENDING THE AIRMAN TO HANOI.)

3. COMMENT:

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