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SUBJECT: QUESTIONABLE POW/MIA INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] REFUGEES

1. IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE POW/MIA ISSUE, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS INFORMATION AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO A STONY BEACH REPRESENTATIVE WHEN AVAILABLE.
2. PARAGRAPH THREE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY [REDACTED]

3. SUBJ: POW/MIA: REMAINS OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN IN AN F-4 AIRPLANE THAT CRASHED AT CAM LO HAMLET, AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY, CIRCA MARCH 1968

DOI: CIRCA MARCH 1968

TEXT: A. CIRCA MARCH 1968 AN ALLEGED U.S. F-4 CRASHED NEAR THE BAMBOO BOUNDARY OF THE GARDEN OF [REDACTED] AND A RICE FIELD AT CAM LO HAMLET (XJ 710085), AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY, ABOUT 500 METERS FROM A CANAL. THE AIRPLANE CAME FROM THE DIRECTION OF KIEN AN CITY TO THE SOUTH. THE DEAD AIRMAN WAS FOUND WHEN THE LOCAL PEOPLE, WHO PROGRESSIVELY DISMANTLED THE PLANE, REACHED THE COCKPIT THAT WAS BURIED DEEP IN THE GROUND. THEY LATER FILLED THE HOLE AND LEVELED THE GROUND WITHOUT REMOVING THE REMAINS.

B. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

HE VISITED THEM OCCASIONALLY AND LEARNED THE INFORMATION. OTHER LOCAL PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT THE SITE INCLUDED [REDACTED] WHOSE LATE SON [REDACTED] TOOK A WATCH FROM THE AIRMAN'S BODY.)

4. PARAGRAPH FIVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED] ENROLLED [REDACTED]

5. SUBJ: POW/MIA: CRASH SITE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRPLANE AT CAM LO HAMLET, AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY IN 1967 OR 1968

ACTION DIA/SPEC(10)

A. TEXT: AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT, TYPE NOT KNOWN, CRASHED AT CAM LO HAMLET (XJ 710085), AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY, ON AN UNKNOWN DATE IN 1967 OR 1968. THE COCKPIT OF THE AIRPLANE WAS BURIED DEEP IN THE GROUND. AFTER THE WAR ENDED IN 1975, TWO FOREIGN REPORTERS, ALLEGEDLY AMERICANS WHO COULD SPEAK VIETNAMESE, WERE ESCORTED TO THE SITE BY PUBLIC SECURITY CADRE TO PHOTOGRAPH IT. LOCAL PEOPLE WERE FORBIDDEN TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. THE AUTHORITIES WARNED THAT THE CRASH COULD NOT BE EXCAVATED. IN 1985 OR 1986, HOWEVER, A VIETNAMESE STRANGER CALLED ON THE OWNER OF THE SITE. THE STRANGER ALLEGEDLY PAID THE OWNER GOLD TO PERMIT EXCAVATION OF THE SITE, UNDER THE PRETEXT OF BUILDING A FISHPOND, IN ORDER TO GET TO THE COCKPIT. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE HIRED TO DO THE EXCAVATION. THE LANDLORD, HOWEVER, WAS SOON SUMMONED TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE (PSO) OF AN HAI DISTRICT AND THE DIGGING CEASED.

B. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE REFUGEE SAID THAT IN NOVEMBER 1987 HE VISITED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN CALLED TO THE AN HAI PSO TO BE A WITNESS IN THE CASE. [REDACTED] KNEW THE LANDLORD DID NOT PAY THE HIRED PEOPLE FAIRLY. THEY, THEREFORE, COMPLAINED AND THE PSO SOON LEARNED ABOUT THE DIGGING. THE REFUGEE DID NOT ASK [REDACTED] FOR FURTHER DETAILS.)

6. PARAGRAPH SEVEN INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] THE SOURCE OF PARAGRAPH THREE INFORMATION.

7. SUBJ: POW/MIA: DEATH AND BURIAL SITE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT HOP THANH VILLAGE, THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAI O PHONG, CIRCA SEPTEMBER 1967

DOI: SEPTEMBER 1967 - MID-1987

A. TEXT: CIRCA SEPTEMBER 1967 A BURNING ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN A FIELD WEST OF CAO KENH HAMLET (XJ 658-200), HOP THANH VILLAGE, THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY. ONE CAUCASIAN AIRMAN WAS BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION. THE LOCAL MILITIA UNDER THE COMMAND OF [REDACTED] BURIED THE AIRMAN'S BODY ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE EASTERN DIKE OF THE HAN RIVER. THE AREA WAS HIGH AND HAD NEVER BEEN FLOODED. AS OF MID-1987 THE GRAVE WAS STILL THERE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN BY THE

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GUERRILLAS OF AN HONG VILLAGE (XJ 6112), AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG.

B. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE REFUGEE SAID HE SAW THE BURNING AIRCRAFT. HE REACHED THE SITE TWO HOURS AFTER THE CRASH AND SAW THE BURNED AIRMAN BEING MOVED TO THE BURIAL SITE. THE PERSON IN CHARGE WAS [REDACTED] HE THE GRAVE WAS STILL THERE. THE LOCAL PEOPLE DID NOT REPORT IT BECAUSE THEY SAID THEY HAD NOTHING TO GAIN; BESIDES, THEY ARE SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT GRAVES BEING EXCAVATED.)

8. IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF PARAGRAPHS FIVE AND SEVEN INFORMATION AND THE VAGUE INFO IN PARAGRAPH NINE BELOW ARE IDENTICAL, IF THE FACTS HAVE BEEN TWISTED BY ANY OF THE SOURCES/SUBSOURCES AND/OR DISTORTED BY RUMORS.

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[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1986. HE SAID THAT IN EARLY 1988

[redacted] RELATED, IN GENERAL TERMS, A SIMILAR VERSION WHEREIN THE LANDLORD TRIED TO BUILD A FISH POND AND FOUND THE REMAINS OF AN AIRPLANE. THE DIGGERS WERE ARRESTED BY THE PSO; THE LANDLORD WAS LATER DETAINED AT TRAN PHU PRISON IN HAI PHONG CITY. [redacted] SAID A SKELETON AND A BRIEFCASE, PROBABLY CONTAINING DOCUMENTS, WERE REPORTEDLY FOUND. THE BRIEFCASE ALLEGEDLY DISAPPEARED. [redacted] SAID HE SAW THE HOLE THAT HAD BEEN DUG AND THE AIRPLANE REMAINS SUBMERGED IN WATER. [redacted] WHO HAD BOUGHT ALUMINUM FROM ONE OF THE DIGGERS WAS INTERROGATED BY THE PSO. [redacted] LEFT VIETNAM IN EARLY AUGUST 1986

10. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. DECL OADR DRV [redacted]
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