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REPORT CLASS **SECRET**

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: BURIAL OF THE INCOMPLETE REMAINS OF AN
ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT XUAN VIEN VILLAGE, NGHE XUAN
DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, IN MID-MARCH 1966

DOI: MID-MARCH 1966

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AROUND 0400 HOURS IN MID-MARCH 1966, ONE ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY OF THE 214TH REGIMENT SOUTH OF VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. THE PLANE EXPLODED MID-AIR, PROBABLY DURING ITS ATTEMPT TO FLY TO THE SEA. THE NEXT MORNING, THE MILITIA OF XUAN VIEN VILLAGE (WF 000600), NGHE XUAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, FOUND ONE RIGHT LEG AND ONE RIGHT HAND BELIEVED TO BELONG TO ONE AIRMAN. THEY BURIED THE REMAINS ON THE NORTHERN OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE GRAVEYARD THAT IS TOWARD THE SOUTHERN END OF XUAN VIEN OR ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF BEN THUY FERRY (WF 7561). THERE IS NO MARKER IN THE GRAVEYARD.

2. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AIR OBSERVATION TEAM, THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS ONE OF TWO PLANES BELIEVED TO BE A-BA'S THAT CAME FROM THE DIRECTION OF BONG LOC (WF 8042) TO THE SOUTH TO RECONNOITER ROUTE ONE.

3. COMMENT:

SINCE THE
DOWNGRADE OCCURRED AT NIGHT, THE 214TH REGIMENT COULD NOT CLAIM CREDIT.
THE REFUGEE SAID THE A-BA WAS CALLED THE SKY PHANTOM (HA DIA THOT) BY
THE LOCAL PEOPLE BECAUSE IT FLEW NIGHT MISSIONS MOST OF THE TIME.)

4. COMMENT:

ACTION DIA/SPEC(8)

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ACQ: (LATE AUGUST 1987).

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