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SUBJECT: WRECKAGE OF U.S.-MADE AIRCRAFT CONTAINING THE REMAINS  
OF POSSIBLY U.S. MIA PERSONNEL IN VAN NINH DISTRICT,  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PHU KHANH PROVINCE

1. SOMETIME IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1982 IN VAN NINH DISTRICT, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) PHU KHANH PROVINCE, WOODCUTTERS SEARCHING FOR FRAGRANT TIMBER FOR EXPORT TO HONG KONG DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF SEVEN U.S.-MADE AIRCRAFT IN THE MOUNTAIN RANGES WEST AND NORTH OF VAN NINH TOWN. ACCORDING TO THE WOODCUTTERS, THE SKELETAL REMAINS AND SCRAPS OF CLOTHING OF THE CREW MEMBERS WERE STILL CLEARLY VISIBLE WITHIN THE AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH SEARCHES OF THE REMAINS BY THE WOODCUTTERS FAILED TO REVEAL ANY CLUES AS TO PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION, THEY BELIEVED FROM THE EVIDENCE THEY SAW THAT THE REMAINS MAY BE THOSE OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA).

2. THE LOCATIONS OF THREE AIRCRAFT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ONE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT ON DA BAN MOUNTAIN 10-15 KILOMETERS WEST OF VAN NINH TOWN.

B. ONE C-123 AIRCRAFT ON HON DUA MOUNTAIN, 10-16 KILOMETRS WEST OF VAN NINH TOWN.

C. ONE HELICOPTER ON THE CA PASS OVER THE RANGE OF MOUNTAINS NEAR DAI LANH.

COMMENT: THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TYPE AND THE LOCATIONS FOR THE FOUR OTHER AIRCRAFT WERE NOT GIVEN.)

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3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE INFORMATION WAS DERIVED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WOODCUTTERS, SOME OF WHOM BOUGHT BACK FOR SALE PARTS OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN DISMANTLING.)

4. [REDACTED] THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY LONDED [REDACTED] IN JULY 1982.)

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