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SUBJECT: Sighting of Possible U.S. Missing-in-Action Remains in Socialist Republic of Vietnam Gia Lai-Cong Tum Province

TEXT: 1. In February 1982 a Vietnamese national, [Redacted] (([Redacted])), aka (([Redacted])), [Redacted] while searching for wild fruit in An Khe District, Gia Lai-Cong Tum Province, met a group of Montagnards. The latter said that they had found the wreckage of a U.S. plane with the remains of a person still in it.

2. [Redacted] went to this area, which was northwest of An Khe Town near Hill 2816, where he found the plane wreckage, which he believed to be that of an I-19. The remains of the person in the aircraft, which he believed was the pilot, consisted of a skeleton, which was intact except for the lower jawbone apparently torn off. [Redacted] described the remains as being those of a male Caucasian, whose identity card began with "19...", and whose name may have been "Robert [Redacted]". Comment: How [Redacted] was able to identify the remains as being those of a Caucasian is unknown.) [Redacted] took the identity card and dog tags and then buried the remains.

3. In August 1982 [Redacted] told a friend, [Redacted] (([Redacted])), that he was planning to leave Vietnam, and he gave [Redacted] both the card and the tags with instructions to pass them on to the first U.S. official he met in [Redacted] Comment: [Redacted] is the refugee [Redacted] of this report.) Enroute to Malaysia, [Redacted] boat, the [Redacted] was attacked by pirates and the documents from the crash site were lost.

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