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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MAI: DEATH AND BURIAL OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN  
AT TAN LIEN VILLAGE, VINH BAO DISTRICT, HAI PHONG  
MUNICIPALITY, IN LATE 1965

DOI: LATE 1965

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AROUND NOON ONE DAY IN LATE 1965 AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT  
CRASHED NEAR THE QUI CAO FERRY ON THE VAN UC RIVER BORDERING HAI HUNG  
PROVINCE AND HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY AT THE APPROXIMATE COORDINATES OF  
XJ 560025. THE AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT TAN LIEN  
VILLAGE, VINH BAO DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY. HE WAS FILLED BY  
A TEAM OF ONE MALE AND TWO FEMALE GUERRILLAS. HIS BODY WAS BURIED ON  
THE SPOT. THE GRAVE WAS NOT MARKED. ALLEGEDLY THE AIRMAN WAS A  
CAUCASIAN FIELD GRADE OFFICER ALMOST TWO METERS HIGH.

2. COMMENT:

SAW THAT THE CRASHED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY  
TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE CRASH SITE, THE AIRMAN  
HAD BEEN KILLED. THE REFUGEE COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE AIRMAN'S  
PHYSICAL FEATURES BECAUSE HIS BODY WAS COVERED WITH BLOOD. THE  
GUERRILLAS BURIED HIM IN A HURRY BEFORE HIGHER AUTHORITIES CAME AND  
REPREMENDED THEM FOR NOT CAPTURING THE AIRMAN ALIVE. THEREFORE, THE  
GRAVE WAS SUMMARILY COVERED. THE REFUGEE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE LEVELLED  
NOW BUT LOCAL PEOPLE SHOULD STILL REMEMBER THE INCIDENT.)

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