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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: BURIAL OF THE INCOMPLETE REMAINS OF AN  
ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT XUAN VIEN VILLAGE, NGHI XUAN  
DISTRICT, NGHI 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, NGHI TINH PROVINCE. THE PLANE EXPLODED MID-ATR,  
PROBABLY DURING ITS ATTEMPT TO FLY TO THE SEA. THE NEXT MORNING, THE  
MILITIA OF XUAN VIEN VILLAGE (WF 000600), NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, NGHI  
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 TRUY 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-6A'S THAT CAME FROM  
THE DIRECTION OF BONG LOC (WF 0042) TO THE SOUTH TO RECONNOITER ROUTE  
ONE.

3. COMMENT:

[REDACTED] SINCE THE  
DOWNING OCCURRED AT NIGHT, THE 214TH REGIMENT COULD NOT CLAIM CREDIT.  
THE REFUGEE SAID THE A-6A WAS CALLED THE SKY PHANTOM (HA BHA THOI) BY  
THE LOCAL PEOPLE BECAUSE IT FLEW NIGHT MISSIONS MOST OF THE TIME.)

4. COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

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ACQ: [REDACTED] (LATE AUGUST 1987)

DISSEM: [REDACTED] NONE.

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