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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

DOI: LATE MAY 1966

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AROUND NOON ONE DAY IN LATE MAY 1966, ONE ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED ON A DEAD-END DIKE SOUTH OF HUNG THUY VILLAGE (WF 7463), HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE HAD A DARK SUNTANNED COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR AND WAS CLEAN SHAVEN. HE WAS ABOUT 1.9 METERS TALL AND MUSKY. HE HAD A PISTOL AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING THE NGHE TINH PROVINCE ROAD SYSTEM. HE WAS IN FAIR PHYSICAL CONDITION WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE LOCAL MILITIA. HE CLAIMED HE WAS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD.

2. AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED IN THE CENTER OF HUNG THUY VILLAGE. HE WAS ABOUT 1.7 METERS TALL AND HANDSOME. HE WAS CLEAN SHAVEN AND HAD A BIG STOMACH. HE CLAIMED TO BE A MAJOR, MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN AND THAT HIS FATHER WAS WITH THE "MADON" FLEET.

3. AFTER ON-THE-SPOT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION FROM 1300 TO 1700 HOURS, BOTH AIRMEN AND THEIR DOCUMENTS WERE DRIVEN TO HANOI BY TRAN VAN ((KIEN)) AND NGUYEN HUU ((TAM)), AND HANDED OVER TO DEPARTMENT C-10 OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AT A GUEST HOUSE IN A PARK, EXACT LOCATION NOT KNOWN. THEIR AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY AN A-33 THAT HAD BEEN DOWNED BY THE NGUYEN VIET XUAN BATTALION, CRASHED BEYOND QUYET HILL (WF 7461). ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AIR OBSERVATION TEAM, THE A-33 CAME IN WITH AN F-8 FROM THE MOUTH OF THE NOI RIVER (WF 8274), FOLLOWED THE RIVER AT LOW ALTITUDE TO DAC THO DISTRICT,

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LIFTED TO A HIGHER ALTITUDE FLYING SOUTH AND THEN NORTH TO RECONNOITER ROUTE ONE, BEN THUY FERRY (WF 7861) AND THE POWER PLANT AT VINH CITY.

4. COMMENT:

AT THE TIME, ALL CASES INVOLVING INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OR RECONNAISSANCE WITH DOCUMENTS WERE TAKEN TO HANOI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEENED NOT TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BLACK AMERICAN AND A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO BE PRECISE AS TO WHAT HE MEANT BY A DARK SUNTANNED COMPLEXION. HE SAID THE FIRST AIRMAN WAS A CAUCASIAN.)

5. COMMENT:

ACQ: (LATE AUGUST 1987).

DISSEM: NONE.

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