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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED CAPTURE OF A CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN
AT LAN HAI VILLAGE, AN THUY DISTRICT, HAI PHONG
MUNICIPALITY, ABOUT LATE JULY 1966

NOT: LATE-JULY 1966

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT LATE JULY 1966, AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN WAS CAPTURED BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE AT LAN HAI VILLAGE (XJ 735015). KIEN THUY (NOW AN THUY) DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY. HE WAS A BIG CAUCASIAN. HIS BANDAGED NOSE WAS BLEEDING BADLY. THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCE CAME FROM KIEN AN TOWN WITHIN AN HOUR AND DROVE HIM TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT WHEN HE LANDED IN A GARDEN, A WOMAN HIT HIM WITH A WOODEN HAMMER. HE WAS USING HIS RADIO AND WAS ARMED. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE MILITIA STOPPED THE LOCAL PEOPLE FROM BEATING HIM. THEY DISARMED, UNDRESSED AND BANDAGED HIM.

2. [] COMMENT: [] CLAIMED THAT DURING A BOMBARDMENT WHILE HE WAS IN SCHOOL, HE TOOK SHELTER AT DONG HOA VILLAGE (XJ 730025) THAT WAS SEPARATED FROM LAN HAI BY A RICE FIELD, ABOUT ONE AND ONE-HALF KILOMETERS WIDE. PEOPLE YELLED TO THE INHABITANTS TO GO AFTER A LANDING AIRMAN. HE JOINED THEM. HE SAW THE RED PARACHUTE FROM FAR AWAY. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE LANDING SITE, HE SAW THE AIRMAN IN HIS SHORTS, BLEEDING FROM THE NOSE. THE AIRMAN APPEARED BIG TO [] WHO WAS THEN [] YEARS OLD. AFTER THE AIRMAN WAS TAKEN AWAY, [] LEARNED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS CAPTURE FROM THE INHABITANTS OF LAN HAI.)

3. [] COMMENT: []

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