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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED CAPTURE OF A CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN
AT VAN THAI, UNG HOA DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE,
ABOUT MID-DECEMBER 1972

DOI: MID-DECEMBER 1972

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. EARLY ONE MORNING ABOUT MID-DECEMBER 1972, ALLEGEDLY A
CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED INTO A RICE FIELD AT VAN THAI
VILLAGE (WH 815915), UNG HOA DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE. HE WAS
SAID TO BE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED AND
DETAINED BY THE LOCAL MILITIA. HIS DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND
HIS LATER SITUATION WERE NOT KNOWN. HIS AIRCRAFT WAS ON FIRE AND
HEADED TOWARD HOA BINH TOWN (WJ 3703). ITS CRASH SITE WAS NOT KNOWN.

2. COMMENT: [REDACTED] CLAIMED THE INCIDENT OCCURRED
NOT LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS. HE WAS AT HOA XA VILLAGE (WH 820920), UNG
HOA, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM THE AIRMAN'S LANDING SITE. HE SAW THE
AIRMAN COMING DOWN. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SITE, HOWEVER, THE AIRMAN
HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND TAKEN TO THE MILITIA OFFICE; THEREFORE, HE DID
NOT KNOW HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS. HE ONLY HEARD THAT THE AIRMAN WAS
LIGHTLY WOUNDED.)

3. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

ACQ: (MID-DECEMBER 1987).

DISSEM: FIELD: NONE.

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