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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED CAPTURE OF A CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN
AT LAN MAI VILLAGE, AN THUY DISTRICT, MAI 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 MAI VILLAGE (XJ
735015), KIEN THUY (NAM AN THUY) DISTRICT, MAI 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
COMBARDMENT WHILE HE WAS IN SCHOOL, HE TOOK SHELTER AT DONG HOA
VILLAGE (XJ 730025) THAT WAS SEPARATED FROM LAN MAI 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 MAI.)

3. COMMENT: []

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