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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT NGH
PHU/NGHI HAI VILLAGE, NORTHEAST OF VINH CITY, NGHE
TINH PROVINCE, IN LATE NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER 1966
AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF THE AIRMAN FROM A BEATING BY
LOCAL VILLAGERS

DOI: LATE NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER 1966

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON ONE DAY IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1966, AN ALLEGED CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT NGH PHU/NGHI HAI VILLAGE (WF 7874), ABOUT 14 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS BEATEN BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE. A SEVERE INJURY WAS INFLICTED WITH AN OAR ABOUT TEN CENTIMETERS ABOVE THE RIGHT EAR. HE WAS HELD IN THE GRANARY AT NGH PHU VILLAGE UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING WHEN HE WAS TAKEN TO VINH CITY. HE DIED ON THE WAY. THE DISPOSITION OF HIS BODY WAS NOT KNOWN. THE AIRMAN WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL; HE WAS IN HIS LATE 20'S OR EARLY 30'S AND HAD BLACK HAIR. HE HAD A DIARY AND THE PICTURE OF A WOMAN ASSUMED TO BE HIS WIFE. ON THE BACK OF THE PICTURE WAS A DATE ASSUMED TO BE THAT OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO VIETNAM ABOUT FOUR MONTHS BEFORE. HIS BODY WAS TURNED OVER TO THE OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT C-10 OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BO NOI VU-BHV) AT VINH CITY.

2. COMMENT:

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DOWNING AND CAPTURE OF THE AIRMAN WERE NOT KNOWN. HIS AIRCRAFT REPORTEDLY CRASHED IN THE SEA. THE NAME OF THE DISTRICT WAS NOT KNOWN.)

3. COMMENT:

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