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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOMTWO SEATS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND MISSILES. [] SAID THE FILE
ON THE AIRMAN'S BURIAL WAS LATER SENT TO HANOI.)

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: BURIAL OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT HUNG
BUNG VILLAGE, HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, VINH CITY, NGHE
TINH, PROVINCE IN EARLY JULY 1965
DOI: EARLY JULY 1965

SOURCE: []

TEXT: 1. AROUND 1130 HOURS IN EARLY JULY 1965, AN ALLEGED U.S.
PILOT WAS BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION IN A F-4H AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED
AT HUNG BUNG (WF 7464), HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, ABOUT 1.8 KILOMETERS
EAST OF VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BETWEEN
1.8 AND TWO METERS TALL, SLIM, AND IN HIS EARLY TWENTIES. HIS BODY
WAS PUT IN A PLASTIC BAG AND BURIED IN THE SOUTHEASTERN OUTSKIRTS OF
THE LOCAL GRAVEYARD THAT IS ABOUT 700 METERS SOUTH OF THE WATER PLANT
ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF VINH CITY. A WOODEN MARKER WAS PLACED IN THE
GRAVEYARD WITH AN INSCRIPTION IN RED PAINT INDICATING THE AIRMAN'S
DATE OF BURIAL/DEATH AND HIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.2. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AIR OBSERVATION TEAM, THE DOWNED
AIRCRAFT WAS ONE OF SIX PLANES, F-4'S AND A-4'S. THEY CAME IN FROM
THE SEA TO THE MOUTH OF THE NOI RIVER (WF 8274), FLEW TO BAN BAN
DISTRICT, THEN TURNED BACK TO BOMB THE BRIDGES ON ROUTE ONE, THE BEN
THUY FERRY (WF 7561) AND VINH CITY WHEN ONE F-4H WAS HIT BY THE ANTI-
AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY OF THE 233RD REGIMENT LOCATED AT THE BUNG BRIDGE
TO DEFEND THE TRAIN STATION.3. [] COMMENT: []
[] BELIEVED THIS WAS THE FIRST CASE OF A U.S.
AIRMAN KILLED IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE. WHEN SHOWN THAT THE F-4 WAS TWO
SEATS, [] MAINTAINED THAT []
[] THE F-4H, THAT USED TO FLY COMBAT MISSIONS WITH A-40'S,
HAD ONLY ONE SEAT; THE RF-4H, THAT FLEW RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS, HADACTION DIA/SPEC(8)
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