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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOMHIT BUT FLEW TOWARD THE SEA. THE 233RD REGIMENT SUFFERED THE LOSS OF
THE ENTIRE THIRD COMPANY OF THE 5TH BATTALION.**SECRET**

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT NAM
THAI VILLAGE, NAM DAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE;
EXPLOSION OF A SECOND AIRCRAFT AND PRESUMED DEATH OF
THE AIRMAN IN IT; CRASH OF A THIRD AIRCRAFT IN THE
SEA OFF VINH CITY, NGHE TINH PROVINCE; ALL INCIDENTS
OCCURRING IN EARLY MAY 1966

DOI: EARLY MAY 1966

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ONE MORNING IN EARLY MAY 1966, AN ALLEGED U.S. CAUCASIAN
AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT NAM THAI VILLAGE (WF 5268), NAM
DAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS ABOUT 28 YEARS OLD, WEIGHED
80 KILOGRAMS, WAS 1.75 METERS TALL, MARRIED WITH ONE OR TWO CHILDREN,
HAD BLACK HAIR AND WAS CLEAN SHAVEN. HE WAS CAPTURED IN FAIR
PHYSICAL CONDITION. HE CLAIMED TO BE A FIRST LIEUTENANT FROM THE
PACIFIC FLEET. HE HAD WITH HIM A DIARY, A PHOTO ALBUM AND THE ATTACK
PLAN FOR THE NAM DAN AREA. HIS AIRCRAFT, REPORTEDLY AN A-4, CRASHED
AND EXPLODED FURTHER NORTH AT NAM HIEN VILLAGE (WF 5269). AFTER TWO
HOURS OF ON-THE-SPOT PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION, HE WAS DRIVEN TO VINH
CITY AND TURNED OVER TO MAJOR HOANG ((HA)), BORN ABOUT 1920.

2. EARLIER, DURING THE SAME AIR ATTACK, ONE AIRCRAFT,
ALLEGEDLY AN A-6, EXPLODED MID-AIR OVER THE NAM DAN AREA REPORTEDLY
BEFORE IT COULD RELEASE ITS BOMBS. THERE WAS NO SIGHT OF ANY AIRMAN
BAILING OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL REPORT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE
ABOVE TWO CASES, BETWEEN 0600 AND 0700 HOURS IN EARLY MAY 1966, TWO
F-8U AIRCRAFT FIRST RECONNOITERED THE LOCATION OF THE 233RD REGIMENT
THAT HAD MOVED TO NAM DAN DISTRICT. ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES LATER, FIVE
A-4'S, TWO F-4'S AND TWO A-6'S CAME FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AT
DIFFERENT ALTITUDES AND BOMBED THE 233RD REGIMENT FOR TWO HOURS. THE
TWO ABOVE AIRCRAFT WERE LOST IN THE ATTACK AND A POSSIBLE THIRD WAS

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HE SAID HE COULD NOT
REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE DOWNED AIRMAN BECAUSE THERE WERE TOO MANY,
THE INCIDENTS HAPPENED LONG AGO, AND THEY WERE IN ENGLISH.)

8. COMMENT:

ACQ: (LATE AUGUST 1987).

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