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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF TWO CAUCASIAN ALLEGED U.S.
AIRMEN AND THE KILLING OF TWO ASIAN AIRMEN AT QUYNH
LUU VILLAGE, QUYNH LUU DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE,
CIRCA APRIL 1972

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SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. LATE ONE AFTERNOON CIRCA APRIL 1972 TWO CAUCASIAN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMEN LANDED IN A FIELD AT QUYNH LUU VILLAGE (WG 6718), QUYNH LUU DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. ONE MAN APPEARED TO BE SEVERELY WOUNDED. ONE OF HIS FEET DID NOT HAVE A SHOE. HE COULD WALK ONLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THREE LOCAL MILITIAMEN. THE SECOND AIRMAN APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. HE WAS ABOUT 1.80 TO 1.90 METERS TALL. THEY WALKED WITH THEIR HEADS DOWN SO THEIR PHYSICAL FEATURES COULD NOT BE SEEN. THEY WERE CAPTURED AT ABOUT 1800 HOURS. THEIR LATER DISPOSITION WAS NOT KNOWN.

2. ABOUT 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE LANDING OF THE TWO AIRMEN, TWO ASIAN AIRMEN LANDED IN A NEARBY AREA. ONE, WHO WAS ARMED WITH A PISTOL, ATTEMPTED TO RESIST CAPTURE. BOTH WERE WOUNDED BY THE MILITIA AND THEN BEATEN TO DEATH BY THE LOCAL INHABITANTS.

3. ACCORDING TO PEOPLE WHO WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE ABOVE INCIDENTS, THE AIRCRAFT OF THE ABOVE AIRMEN, TYPE NOT KNOWN, HAD SUCCEEDED IN DOWNING A NORTH VIETNAMESE PLANE. IT WAS FLYING AWAY FROM THE AREA TOWARD THE SEA WHEN IT WAS DOWNED BY AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT AT MUI THOI ON THE BOUNDARY OF THANH HOA AND NGHE TINH PROVINCES, APPROXIMATE COORDINATES WG 8532. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED TOWARD DONG HOI MOUNTAIN ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS WEST OF HON ME ISLAND (WG 9842).

4. COMMENT: [] CLAIMED HE SAW THE DOGFIGHT AND ONE AIRCRAFT CRASH. HE RAN TO THE AREA WHERE THE PARACHUTES, ONE GREEN AND THREE WHITE, CAME DOWN ONE AFTER THE OTHER. WHEN HE ARRIVED HE ONLY SAW THE TWO ALLEGED AMERICANS BEING TAKEN AWAY. [] PEOPLE AT THE SCENE ASSUMED

THAT THE TWO ASIAN AIRMEN WERE SOUTH VIETNAMESE, THAT ALL FOUR AIRMEN WERE IN ONE AIRCRAFT THAT WAS DOWNED, AND THAT ONE OF THE TWO AIRMEN IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PLANE WAS KILLED. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE THIRD LUNAR MONTH.)

5. COMMENT: NO SUCH INCIDENT IS KNOWN TO HAVE OCCURRED CIRCA APRIL 1972. ONE KNOWN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THIS GENERAL AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM INVOLVED AN ASIAN-AMERICAN. WHILE U.S. FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD FOUR MEN, POSSIBLY A U.S. SEARCH-AND-RESCUE HELICOPTER OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA COULD CARRY MORE PERSONNEL.)

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