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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POM/MIA: BURIAL OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT XA
VILLAGE, HUNG HUYEN DISTRICT, NGHIE TINH PROVINCE,
ABOUT AUTUMN 1986
DOI: ABOUT AUTUMN 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. EARLY AFTERNOON ONE DAY IN THE MIDDLE OF AUTUMN 1986, ONE BELIEVED F-4 AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN A RICE FIELD SOUTHEAST OF VINH AIRFIELD (WF 7173). THE AIRMAN DIED FROM BURNS IN THE AIRCRAFT ALTHOUGH THE AIRPLANE WAS NOT AFIRE. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN IN HIS LATE TWENTIES WITH PINK COMPLEXION AND RUSSETT HAIR. HE WAS EITHER A MAJOR OR A CAPTAIN. HE WAS BURIED BY THE MILITIA IN A GROVE OF SEA PINES ABOUT 400 METERS FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THE AIRFIELD, AND 300 METERS FROM A TEMPLE ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF XA VILLAGE (WF 7371), HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, NGHIE TINH PROVINCE. ALLEGEDLY HIS AIRCRAFT ATTACKED DO LUONG DISTRICT AREA TO THE WEST AND WAS HIT BY A MISSILE FIRED FROM THE NEIGHBORING BAN DIA DISTRICT.

2. COMMENT: [REDACTED] SAID THAT WHEN THE BURIAL WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE [REDACTED] REQUESTING THAT THE DEAD AIRMAN SHOULD BE PHOTOGRAPHED. [REDACTED] TOOK FOUR PICTURES FROM DIFFERENT ANGLES

3. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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