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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN ON AN ISLAND IN THE CA RIVER, HUNG HOA VILLAGE, HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, IN LATE APRIL 1968

DOI: LATE APRIL 1968

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ABOUT 2100 HOURS ONE NIGHT IN LATE APRIL 1968, AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED ON AN ISLAND (WF 7764) IN THE CA RIVER NEAR HUNG HOA VILLAGE, HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS CAPTURED BY THE MILITIA OF HUNG THUY AND HUNG DUNG VILLAGES AND TAKEN TO THE GRANARY AT DONG LAC HAMLET, HUNG THUY VILLAGE. HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE HIM UNSUCCESSFULLY. HE WAS INTERROGATED THE NEXT MORNING. HE WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL AND DARKLY SUNTANNED. HIS BEARD WAS SHORT. HE HAD A RADIO. HE CLAIMED TO BE MARRIED WITH ONE CHILD AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS ASSIGNED THREE TARGETS FOR THIS MISSION, HE COULD NOT CARRY THEM OUT BECAUSE HIS AIRCRAFT HAD MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. IT CRASHED TOWARD THE SEA. HE WAS EITHER A FIRST LIEUTENANT OR A CAPTAIN. HE WAS LATER TAKEN TO THE OFFICES OF DEPARTMENT C-16 OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (80 NOI VU-BNV) AT VINH CITY.

2. COMMENT:

WAS NOT SURE OF THE AIRMAN'S RANK. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS AN A-6A AND THAT IT WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE 233RD REGIMENT WHEN IT BOMBED BEN THUY FERRY (WF 7581) WITH ANOTHER A-6.)

3. COMMENT:

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