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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CRASH OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT AND PRESUMED DEATH OF ANY AIRMAN ABOARD AT THE GHEP FERRY, TINH GIA DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE, ABOUT MID-AUTUMN 1967

DOI: ABOUT MID-AUTUMN 1967

SOURCE:

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TEXT: 1. ABOUT 0900 HOURS ONE DAY AROUND MID-AUTUMN 1967, AN ALLEGED F-8U AIRCRAFT THAT CAME FROM THE SOUTH WAS HIT BY THE 256TH REGIMENT LOCATED SOUTH OF THE GHEP FERRY (WG 8467) IN TINH GIA DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE. IT CRASHED AND SANK COMPLETELY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE YEN/LAM RIVER SOME 100 METERS WEST OF THE FERRY. NO AIRMAN WAS SEEN BAILING OUT OF THE PLANE OR SURFACING IN THE RIVER. HE WAS PRESUMED DEAD INSIDE THE AIRPLANE SINCE NO SIGNS OF HIM APPEARED DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

2. [Redacted] COMMENT: [Redacted]

[Redacted] PEOPLE KEPT WATCH FOR SIGNS OF THE AIRMAN IN THE SURROUNDING AREA FOR FIVE DAYS BUT DID NOT SEE ANY. HE BELIEVED THAT NOW THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE STILL BURIED DEEP IN THE RIVER BED.)

3. [Redacted] COMMENT: [Redacted]

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