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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED RECOVERY AND BURIAL OF THE BODY OF
A U.S. AIRMAN AT VAN UC RIVER, VINH QUANG VILLAGE,
TIEN LANG DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY, AND THE
SALVAGE OF HIS AIRCRAFT IN EARLY DECEMBER 1972

DOI: EARLY DECEMBER 1972

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE 12-DAY CARPET BOMBING OF THE
HAI HONG AREA BY U.S. AIRCRAFT IN DECEMBER 1972, A U.S. PILOTED NOSE
AIRCRAFT, NICKNAMED THE AMERICAN MIG-21, CRASHED AT THE MOUTH OF THE
VAN UC RIVER (XM 780570), VINH QUANG VILLAGE, TIEN LANG DISTRICT, HAI
HONG MUNICIPALITY, SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE AIRCRAFT WAS
SALVAGED FIVE DAYS LATER. ONE AIRMAN, WEIGHING ABOUT 90 KILOGRAMS
AND 1.97 METERS TALL, IN FULL FLIGHT GEAR WAS IN IT. DOCUMENTS WITH
HIM SAID HE WAS MARRIED. HE WAS BURIED NEXT TO A MOUND OF LIMESTONE,
ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE ENTRANCE TO PUBLIC SECURITY POST NUMBER 38
AND 30 METERS FROM THE NAM HAI FERRY. CACTUS WAS GROWN ON THE GRAVE
AREA OF ABOUT FOUR SQUARE METERS.2. COMMENT: OTHERS WERE
PAID 50 DONG EACH TO SALVAGE THE AIRCRAFT. HE SAW THE PILOT'S BODY
AND ITS BURIAL. COMMENT: AT THE CURRENT OFFICIAL
RATE OF EXCHANGE U.S.\$1.00 EQUALS 80 DONG.)

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