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DIST: 04 SEPTEMBER 1987

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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN AT HUNG
DUNG, HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, VINH CITY, NGHE TINH
PROVINCE, IN LATE MAY 1965

DOI: LATE MAY 1965

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AT ABOUT 1000 HOURS IN LATE MAY 1965, A VERY SUNTANNED CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED NEAR THE EASTERN END OF HUNG DUNG VILLAGE (WF 7464), HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT, ABOUT 1.7 KILOMETERS EAST OF VINH CITY IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS A SECOND LIEUTENANT, ABOUT 1.9 METERS TALL, 28 YEARS OLD, HAD BROWN HAIR AND WAS SMOOTH SHAVEN. HE CARRIED A DIARY AND A PICTURE OF HIS WIFE AND HIS PARENTS. HE SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE ANY CHILDREN. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. AFTER ABOUT HALF AN HOUR OF PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED, HE WAS DRIVEN TO THE MUNICIPAL MILITARY UNIT OF VINH CITY AND TURNED OVER TO THE UNIT COMMANDER, CAPTAIN LE ((NAI)), BORN ABOUT 1923.

2. THE AIRMAN'S AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY OF THE NGUYEN VIET XUAN BATTALION LOCATED AT THE FOOT OF NUI QUYET HILL (WF 7461). THE PLANE CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED BETWEEN HUNG DUNG AND HUNG THUY VILLAGE, ABOUT 800 METERS EAST OF VINH. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL AIR OBSERVATION UNIT, HIS A-40 PLANE CAME IN FROM THE SEA WITH TWO SIMILAR AIRCRAFT VIA THE MOUTH OF THE CUA SOT RIVER (WF 9840). IT BOMBED ROUTE ONE AND THE BEN THUY FERRY (WF 7661) BEFORE BEING SHOT DOWN.

SAID HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE DOWNED AIRMAN BECAUSE THERE WERE TOO MANY, THE INCIDENT HAPPENED LONG AGO, AND THE NAMES WERE IN ENGLISH.)

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