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FROM: JCRC-LNB

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC

SUBJ: Hearsay of Crashsite and Two Graves at Xieng Khouang.

SOURCE:

- a. Name: Thongvanh Sounnarath
- b. DOB: 29 Feb 57
- c. POB: Vientiane
- d. Former position: Rice farmer
- e. Present location: Na Pho 96/9
- f. Identification data: NK #20306, T #124790
- g. DOI: 1970-72
- h. Map used: Sheet 5747-1, Series L7015
- i. Date of interview: 25 Sep 84
- j. Name of interviewer: Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Thailand 1979 (landroute)


Source, a 27 YOA male Lao refugee and former ricefarmer, provided hearsay information concerning the crash of a U.S. aircraft at Xieng Khouang Province.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during 1977 or 1978 (not sure of year) while at Xieng Khouang he heard from his uncle that a U.S. F105 aircraft had crashed at Nong Het Airfield (vic UG 9557) during 1971 or 1972. Source also heard that two pilots were killed at the time (didn't hear about circumstances) and that they were buried near Hwy 7 in the area of Nong Het Airfield. Source did not hear about any personal effects and did not possess any identity data.

Comments:

Source provided a hand drawn sketch which he claimed was given to him by his uncle during the 1977-78 encounter at Xieng Khouang. Source was not at all familiar with the sketch and could provide no further details concerning the alleged crash and subsequent burial of two pilots. Source declined to identify his uncle due to Source's previous involvement with the U.S. CIA, according to Source. Source stated that he was a member of "Special Unit 917" and that he had been dispatched on photo taking missions at Pha Thang in the Vang Vieng area during 1978. Source's sketch indicates that the F-105 aircraft crashsite is located vic UG943557 and that the incident occurred during 1970-1971.


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Sketch

