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3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact ~~Some time in early 1984~~ (exact date not recalled by Source), a friend of Source, Tran Quang Minh, a former ARVN major and Ben Cat District Chief (Binh Duong Province), of 27 Vo Tanh St, Go Vap District, HCMC, told Source that he had learned of the remains of three US pilots who had died during the war in Vietnam. Minh told Source that the three had died in the Ben Cat District (and was not more specific). Minh also claimed knowledge of the remains and associated dog tags. Source never saw the remains but did see a photocopy of a single dog tag, from which he could recall no information. Minh did not tell Source what type of aircraft they were flying or where they crashed, except that it took place in Ben Cat District (district seat located vicinity XT 7433). Source was not told the date of the crash. The remains and dog tags (total of three sets of remains and three dog tags, according to Minh) were all recovered by former subordinates of Minh (NFI), who had gone into the forested regions of the district (NFI) and recovered the items amid aircraft wreckage. Two sets of the remains (NFI) were collected and taken from the site while one set was left at the site in the wreckage. The remains that were removed from the site were later hidden in the homes of the discoverers (NFI), pending their planned later recovery and concealment of the third set still at the site.