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3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. Sometime in late 1984 (exact date not recalled by Source), Source met a man known only to Source as "Chu Tam", or "Uncle Tam", who was formerly a teacher of Source. Chu Tam told Source that sometime in 1968 or 1969, two American soldiers were returning to their base camp (NFI) and were killed enroute by the Viet Cong. An elderly woman, approximately 55 YOA, saw the Communist soldiers bury the bodies of the two Americans but did not interfere. The time of burial was 2000 or 2100 hours and the Communists did not observe the woman.

Also sometime in 1984, B.B.C. broadcasts in Vietnam talked of American interest in recovering the remains of Americans killed in Vietnam, so the elderly woman related her information of the burial to a young man (not further identified to Source) who was also a student of Chu Tam. The student went to the area of the burial and dug up the remains, also finding a dog tag. The student carried the remains back to his home in Cam Ranh (NFI) and related his story to Chu Tam and gave him the remains to hide for him. The remains are currently hidden in the home of Chu Tam which is located somewhere in Ba Ngoi Village, Cam Ranh District, Phu Khanh Province, vicinity BP 9816 (address unknown). Also in late 1984, Chu Tam invited Source to look at the remains which he had hidden. Chu Tam showed Source the remains of both Americans. Source recalls seeing the remains of two people, but did not recall whether or not the remains included skulls. Source claimed that both sets of remains were complete, but could not recall any other details. Source did not see any original dog tag, but did view a piece of paper upon which was recorded the dog tag information alleged to be associated with one of the remains but could not recall any of the information. Chu Tam then asked Source to try to find a way to smuggle the remains out of Vietnam, and in the event of Source's escape, to report the information of the remains to US authorities. Source admitted near the conclusion of the interview that Chu Tam's sole purpose in handling the remains was to get assistance in leaving Vietnam with his family and to be resettled to the US.

NOTE: The coordinates for Ba Ngoi Village are assumed, based on the 1971 edition of the South Vietnam Gazetteer.