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3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. Sometime in early 1985 (exact date not recalled by Source) Source met a nephew known only to him as Paul, (aka Bon, which was Source's transliteration of Paul), whose wife was named Thao. Paul and his wife lived in Trang Bang, Tay Ninh Province. (Note: Paul was approximately 30 YOA, has four children and was formerly a VNAF corporal. Paul never had worked as a driver and was always called Paul. He is 100 percent Vietnamese and has no foreign ethnic mixture. This information was obtained to help determine whether or not this person was the same Paul which worked as a driver as told by Tran Ngoc Ca in JCRC Msg report T86-180, DTG 070407Z May 86.)

Paul told Source that he understood that if an individual possessed information pertaining to American remains or possessed the actual remains, then escaping from Vietnam would be much easier (NFI). Considering this, Source contacted a friend and fellow with whom he intended to escape, named Vo Van Ut (also the Source of Reference), who was a former VNAF, to assist him in searching for American remains. A distant relative of Source was introduced to a distant relative of his nephew (NFI) who lived near the Vietnam/Cambodian border in the area known to Source as Mo Vet. This relative of Paul helped them obtain American remains. Three individuals, Source, Ut and the nephew all went to the Ba Thu area at vicinity XT 2703. Source recalled leaving from HCMC and travelling first to Duc Hau District Town in Long An Province, and then to the Mo Vet area which was located approximately 15 kilometers northeast of the Ba Thu area and then travelling southwest to Ba Thu along a red dirt road. No streams or rivers were in the area. In the area, they recovered the remains of two Americans with associated dog tags near the wreckage of what appeared to Source to be of a chinook helicopter which had been completely stripped and was well weatherbeaten. Source opined that this was the site of an aircraft crash which occurred many years earlier. The remains of both Americans were discovered on the surface of the earth and had never been buried.