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 PARACHUTES EXIT THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) TAY TRAVELLED TO THE CRASH SITE SHORTLY THEREAFTER. HE

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DESCRIBED SEEING SCATTERED WRECKAGE AND TWO UNEXPLODED BOMBS ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE MAIN BODY OF WRECKAGE. THE BOMBS WERE LATER DISARMED BY MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE MILITIA AND TRANSPORTED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.

(3) TAY STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANY REMAINS AT THE CRASH SITE BUT HEARD ABOUT ONE YEAR AFTER THE INCIDENT THAT AN UNDISTURBED SET OF REMAINS WAS FOUND IN DENSE UNDERGROWTH ABOUT 1000 METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE MAN WHO ORIGINALLY FOUND THE REMAINS IS NOW DEAD, BUT TAY BELIEVES THAT A MAN NAMED LUONG VAN KY LED A GROUP TO LOOK FOR THE REMAINS. TAY COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS.

G. THE SIXTH AND FINAL WITNESS INTERVIEWED WAS CHU VIET CHAU (CHU VIEET CHAAU). CHAU, A 66 YOA RESIDENT AND FARMER OF CAY HUNG (CAY HUONG) HAMLET WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) CHAU RECALLED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS ON 9 JULY 1965, HE WAS IN DEU KIEN (DEU KIENH) HAMLET, FOUR KILOMETERS FROM HIS PRESENT HOME IN CAY HUNG, WHEN HE SAW AN AIRCRAFT HIT BY A CHINESE AAA UNIT AND CRASH. THE AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN IN A RICE FIELD IN CAY HUNG VILLAGE AND CHAU DID NOT SEE ANY PARACHUTES EXIT THE AIRCRAFT.

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(2) AT ABOUT 1600 HRS THAT SAME DAY, CHAU TRAVELED TO THE CRASH SITE. WHEN HE ARRIVED HE NOTED THAT PRC TROOPS STATIONED IN THE AREA HAD ALREADY SET UP A PERIMETER AROUND THE SITE TO PROVIDE SECURITY.

(3) CHAU DESCRIBED THE WRECKAGE AS BEING CAMOUFLAGED IN COLOR AND SCATTERED OVER AN APPROXIMATELY 100 METER AREA. HE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO PICK UP A SMALL PIECE OF WRECKAGE WHICH HAD THE INSCRIPTION F-105 ON IT (HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE MISSING DIGIT), BUT THIS PIECE HAS SINCE BEEN LOST. HE DID NOT SEE ANY REMAINS AMONG THE WRECKAGE.

(4) CHAU ADDED THAT THE CHINESE COLLECTED THE AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE AND OTHER WRECKAGE AND TRANSPORTED IT TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION.

(5) APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS LATER, CHAU AGAIN VISITED THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE AFTER HEARING THAT REMAINS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GROUP OF TAN THANH VILLAGERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEARCH. CHAU CLAIMED THAT HE AND HIS GROUP FOUND A SCATTERED SET OF REMAINS UP ON A HILL ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM THE CRASH SITE. THEY THEN GATHERED THE REMAINS INTO A PILE AND SET THEM ON THE GROUND BENEATH A TREE.

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DEFENSE (MND) SPECIALIST)
PHAM VAN NGOC (PHAN VAWN NGOC) (MINISTRY OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE (MND) SPECIALIST)
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SPECIALIST)
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INTERIOR (MOI) SPECIALIST)
HUANG NGOC GIAN (HUANGF NGOCJ GIANR) (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
(MOI) SPECIALIST)

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TRAN BINH QUAN (TRAAF BINHF QUANF) (TEAM LEADER)

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PHAM BA QUY (PHAMJ BAS QUYS) (SPECIALIST)
LUONG LA CHIEN (LWONG BAS CHIEENS) (SPECIALIST)
GIAP MINH TAN (GIAPS MINH TANF) (SPECIALIST)
BUI TA KHANH (BUIF TAS KHANH) (SPECIALIST)

B. ON OCTOBER 26, 1992 IET VISITED HOA LAC (HOA LACJ) VILLAGE,
HUU LONG (HWUX LONGX) DISTRICT, LANG SON (LANGJ SOWN) PROVINCE TO
INTERVIEW POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR CASE 0200. THE TEAM WAS GREETED
BY MR. HIEN, THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE
AND THEN INTRODUCED TO THE FIRST WITNESS, NGUYEN VAN NHA (NGUYEENX
VAWN NHAF), A 63 YOA RESIDENT OF HOA LAC VILLAGE WHO PROVIDED THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) WHILE SERVING AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE HOA LAC
VILLAGE MILITIA FROM 1961 TO 1976, NHA WITNESSED TWO SEPARATE
INCIDENTS OF AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THE AREA. ONE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN
1965 AND THE OTHER OCCURRED IN 1966.

(2) THE FIRST INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HRS
ON AN UNRECALLED DAY IN NOVEMBER OF 1965. A FLIGHT OF FOUR
AIRCRAFT FLEW INTO THE AREA AND ONE WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN UNSPECIFIED
VIETNAMESE AAA UNIT. NHA WATCHED AS THE PLANE WAS HIT AND BURST
INTO FLAMES, BUT HE DID NOT SEE ANY PARACHUTES EXIT THE PLANE.

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(3) THE PLANE THEN CRASHED ON THE SIDE OF A NEARBY HILL,
WHICH NHA ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 5 KILOMETERS FROM HOA LAC VILLAGE.

(4) NHA IMMEDIATELY WENT TO THE CRASH AND SAW THAT A
VIETNAMESE UNIT HAD ALREADY ARRIVED TO SECURE THE AREA. AS HE AND
OTHER VILLAGERS STOOD AROUND, NHA OBSERVED WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT
SCATTERED OVER AN AREA OF 300 TO 500 METERS. THE LARGEST PART OF
THE AIRCRAFT WAS THE COCKPIT. NHA DID NOT KNOW WHAT TYPE OF
AIRCRAFT IT WAS, BUT ADDED IT COULD HAVE BEEN AN F105. HE ALSO
SAW A LARGE UNEXPLODED BOMB LYING ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE MAIN
BODY OF WRECKAGE. NHA ADDED THAT TWO CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE WERE
STRUCK AND KILLED BY FALLING PIECES OF THE AIRCRAFT.

(5) NHA REMAINED AT THE SITE FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR EXAMINING
THE WRECKAGE, BUT DID NOT SEE ANY REMAINS AMONG THE WRECKAGE AND
COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AIRCRAFT
OR THE FATE OF THE PILOTS.

(6) THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 1 JUNE 1966. NHA COULD
NOT PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE DOWNING OR THE CRASH OF THE AIRCRAFT,
BUT KNEW THAT BOTH PILOTS SURVIVED THE CRASH AND WERE CAPTURED.

(7) THE TWO PILOTS PARACHUTED FROM THEIR DISABLED AIRCRAFT

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