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NEAR HUA LAC VILLAGE. ONE OF THE PILOTS WAS CAPTURED BY A PRO  
 UNIT AND WAS LATER TURNED OVER TO THE DISTRICT AUTHORITIES. THE

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OTHER PILOT, A CAUCASIAN, WAS CAPTURED BY THE VILLAGE MILITIA.

(8) NHA ADDED THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN GUARDING THE PILOT  
 AND PERSONALLY ENSURED THAT HE WAS TREATED FAIRLY. NHA SAID THAT  
 THE CAPTURED PILOT WAS BOUND AND HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE  
 CONFISCATED. THE ITEMS CONFISCATED INCLUDED A REVOLVER, A WATCH,  
 SOME CIGARETTES AND A LARGE PIECE OF PAPER WHICH WERE ALL TURNED  
 OVER TO THE DISTRICT AUTHORITIES THAT SAME DAY. THE AUTHORITIES  
 LATER PUT THE PRISONER INTO A VEHICLE AND TOOK HIM AWAY TO AN  
 UNKNOWN LOCATION. MR. NHA HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 THE PILOT.

9. THE SECOND WITNESS INTERVIEWED WAS LUONG TIEN KY (LUONG  
 TIENS KY) A 55 YOA RESIDENT AND ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF OF HUA LAC  
 VILLAGE KY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF 1968,  
 KY WAS A WORKER REPAIRING A BRIDGE IN THE AREA WHEN HE OBSERVED AN  
 AIRCRAFT FLYING NORTH TO SOUTH OVER HUA LAC TAKE GROUND FIRE FROM  
 AN UNSPECIFIED ARTILLERY UNIT AND EXPLODE IN THE AIR. AFTER THE  
 PLANE WAS HIT HE SAW TWO SMALL BLACK OBJECTS (NF1) FALL FROM THE  
 PLANE.

(2) KY FIRST DESCRIBED THE PLANE AS A "WHITE JET". THEN

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LATER SAID THE PLANE WAS GREEN, BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO  
 DISCERN THE COLOR BECAUSE THE SKY WAS VERY BRIGHT AT THAT TIME.

(3) IT TOOK KY 15 MINUTES TO GET TO THE CRASH SITE. WHEN  
 HE ARRIVED HE SAW THE SCATTERED WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT AND A  
 LARGE BLACK BOMB WEIGHING AN ESTIMATED 750 LBS. KY STAYED AT THE  
 SITE APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF HOURS, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO  
 FURTHER INFORMATION OF THE WRECKAGE, AND SAID THAT HE DID NOT SEE  
 ANY SIGN OF THE PILOTS OR REMAINS AT THAT TIME.

(4) ABOUT THREE YEARS AFTER THE INCIDENT KY HEARD FROM AN  
 UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE THAT A SET OF REMAINS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN  
 THE VICINITY OF THE CRASH SITE. HE AND A FRIEND (CHU VIET CHAU)  
 RETURNED TO THE AREA AND FOUND A SCATTERED SET OF REMAINS ABOUT ONE  
 KILOMETER FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE TWO COLLECTED THE REMAINS AND  
 PLACED THEM ON THE GROUND AT THE BASE OF A TREE. KY HAS NEVER  
 RETURNED TO THAT SPOT AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THE REMAINS ARE  
 STILL LOCATED IN THE SAME SPOT.

E. THE THIRD WITNESS INTERVIEWED WAS LUONG VAN CONG (LUONG  
 VAWN GOONGJ) A 54 YOA RESIDENT OF HUA LAC VILLAGE WHO PROVIDED THE  
 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS ON AN UNRECALLED DAY IN

NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF 1965. CONG WATCHED A PLANE, WHICH WAS FLYING NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST OVER HOA LAC VILLAGE, BE SHOT DOWN BY AAA FIRE. CONG COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE AIRCRAFT, BUT SAID THAT TWO "BLACK DOTS" FELL FROM THE AIRCRAFT AFTER IT WAS HIT. CONG SURMISED THAT A MOBILE PRO 57MM AAA UNIT THAT ONLY ARRIVED IN THE AREA ONE WEEK PRIOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTDOWN.

(2) CONG, WHO WORKED AS AN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE SPECIALIST, WAS LATER CALLED TO THE CRASH SITE, WHICH WAS ABOUT 4-5 KM FROM HOA LAC VILLAGE, TO DISARM TWO BOMBS WHICH HAD BEEN FOUND.

(3) WHEN CONG ARRIVED AT THE CRASH SITE, HE SAW THAT THE PLANE HAD BROKEN UP COMPLETELY AND SCATTERED WRECKAGE OVER THE ENTIRE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. THE BOMBS WERE LOCATED 300 TO 400 METER FROM THE WRECKAGE.

(4) CONG DESCRIBED THE BOMBS AS WEIGHING 2000 LBS, 2.6 METERS LONG AND HAVING NO FINS. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO DISARM THE TWO BOMBS, LOAD THEM ON A VEHICLE AND ACCOMPANY THEM AS THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES. CONG RECALLED THAT THE HEAD PROVINCIAL ENGINEER AT THE TIME WAS MR. NUNG VAN NGHI (NUONG VAWN NGHI) WHO NOW LIVES IN DA DONG (DA DUONG) VILLAGE, TRANG DINH (TRANG DINH) DISTRICT, LANG SON (LANG SON) PROVINCE.

(5) CONG SAID HE COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE WRECKAGE BECAUSE HE WAS ONLY CONCERNED WITH THE BOMBS AND DID NOT PAY ATTENTION TO ANYTHING ELSE.

E. THE FOURTH WITNESS INTERVIEWED WAS CHU VAN SU (CHU VAWN SU) A 45 YOA RESIDENT OF HOA LAC VILLAGE WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) SU RECALLS THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HRS ON 30 NOVEMBER 1965. AN AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS FLYING A BOMBING RUN ON AN UNKNOWN TARGET WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE FROM A PRO 57MM AAA UNIT AND CRASHED.

(2) SU WAS A MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE MILITIA AT THE TIME, AND HE ALONG WITH SOME OTHER MILITIAMEN WENT LOOKING FOR THE PILOTS. THEY WENT DIRECTLY TO THE CRASH SITE AND SAW A LARGE GROUP OF PRO SOLDIERS SURROUNDING THE WRECKAGE. SU STAYED AT THE CRASH SITE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 0200 HRS THE NEXT MORNING, BUT DID NOT SEE ANY SIGN OF THE PILOTS.

(3) SU ADDED THAT THERE WAS A PRO OBSERVATION POST ONLY ABOUT 500 METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE, AND HE WAS UNABLE TO SEE OR GATHER ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE PILOTS.

(4) OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, SU OBSERVED PRO SOLDIERS

LOADING THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE ONTO TRUCKS AND TRANSPORTING IT TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. HE ADDED THAT THE SITE WAS COMPLETELY SCAVENGED, AND ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT HAVE BELONGED TO THE PILOTS WAS TAKEN BY THE PRO SOLDIERS.

(5) SU ALSO PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION ON INCIDENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON 5 OCTOBER 1965. ALTHOUGH HE CLAIMED THAT FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE DOWNED ON THIS DAY, HE RELATED THE CRASH SITES OF ONLY THREE. TWO AIRCRAFT ALLEGEDLY WENT DOWN IN HA BAC PROVINCE, AND ONE OTHER CRASHED IN CHI LANG (CHI LAWNG) VILLAGE.

(6) SU HEARD THE NEXT DAY THAT TWO PILOTS WERE CAPTURED BY PRO SOLDIERS, BUT WAS NOT SURE WITH WHICH SITE THEY WERE CONNECTED.

F. THE FIFTH WITNESS INTERVIEWED BY THE JOINT TEAM WAS NGUYEN VAN TAY (NGUYEEN VAWN TAYS) A 59 YOA FARMER AND RESIDENT OF HOA LAC VILLAGE WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS ON 3 DECEMBER 1965 TAY WITNESSED THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS FLYING SOUTHEAST OVER HOA LAC VILLAGE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS PRESUMABLY SHOT DOWN BY A LOCAL AAA UNIT. HE RECALLED SEEING THE AIRCRAFT RELEASE TWO "LIGHTS" AFTER IT WAS HIT, BUT DID NOT SEE ANY

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