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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK85-055  
20 June 1985

SUBJ: Alleged Crashsites With U.S. Remains  
In Quang Nam-Danang

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Van Thanh
- b. DOB: 6 Jan 62
- c. POB: Tho Quang (V), 3d (D), Danang City
- d. Former position: Student
- e. Present location: Chimawan, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 8481
- g. DOI: 1979-83
- h. Map used: Sheet 6641-2, Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 6 Jun 85
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 31 Jul 84; Boat LM 2045.

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Source, a 23 YOA male VN refugee and former student, provided information concerning his alleged observation of U.S. remains and the crashsites of an L-19, an "F" Type, and an unidentified jet type aircraft on Son Tra Mountain near Danang City.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during late 1979 he was scavenging for scrap metal on Nui Son Tra aka Nui Son Cha Mountain (vic BT 102837 COM) when he found the wreckage of an aircraft and two nearby graves. Source heard from locals that the graves contained the remains of two U.S. pilots but Source did not actually see any remains or personal effects. Source stated that the crashsite was approx 300 meters inland from the beach and 50 meters east of a small stream called Khe Lang which ran down the mountain from a rocky knob called "Da Dinh" by locals. Source was not able to identify the type of aircraft but stated that it appeared to be a jet type. Source last returned to the area to scavenge in late 1983 and stated that the two alleged graves had remained undisturbed.

Source stated that he learned from a friend Vo Mot that he had discovered the wreckage of an L-19 aircraft also on Son Tra Mountain. Source accompanied Mot to the crashsite in March 1983 and saw one remains which had been buried in a shallow

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grave but had been partially exposed by the rain. Source gathered up the remains and reburied them in the same grave. Source said that Mot told him that he had found a dogtag on a previous visit but Source did not see the dogtag. Source stated that the crashsite was located up the southern side of the mountain about 200 to 250 meters from the beach.

Source stated that also during 1983 he found the partial wreckage of an aircraft which locals said was an "F" type. Source stated that there was very little wreckage remaining and that he did not see or hear about any remains or personal effects. Source stated that the "F" type aircraft was located on the eastern side of Son Tra Mountain near a lighthouse (vic BT 141859).

Source was not able to provide further information concerning the crashsites or alleged U.S. remains. Source did not see or hear about any Americans remaining in Vietnam. Source gave a possible forwarding address as: c/o Nguyen Kim Hai (friend), 3676 Eastwood Circle, Santa Clara, CA 95054. Source's hand drawn memory sketch is attached.



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Incl: (1)  
Sketch of Son Tra

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(Nai Hien Dong village)

xuoi Hien Dong

bờ đá rock levy

cồn bãi Sand bar

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grave of U.S.

Cây bần

canh song (Han River)

Road to Coastal Zone Headquarters

Truong Vi diat Hai

Tien Xa Area

U.S. Restroom here

Nguyen Van Thuong  
LM 1426  
map 6641-3