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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK85-053
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SUBJ: Alleged Grave of American In ~~Danang~~

REF: HK85-052 (Report by same Source)

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sketch*

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Van Thuong
- b. DOB: 5 Aug 53
- c. POB: Hoa Cuong (V), Hoa Vang (D), Quang Nam (P)
- d. Former position: Fisherman
- e. Present location: Jubilee, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 40992
- g. DOI: 1969
- h. Map used: Sheet 6641-3
- i. Date of interview: 1 Jun 85
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 4 Jul 81; Boat LM 1426/39.

Source, a 31 YOA male VN refugee and former fisherman, provided information concerning his alleged discovery and burial of the body of an American in Danang Harbor during 1969.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during 1969 (poss April) while fishing near Son Tra Island, Danang, he found the body of an American floating in the water about 100 meters from shore. Source stated that at the time he was accompanied by his older sister Nguyen Thi Huong, 43 YOA, POB Hoa Cuong (V), Hoa Vang (D), Quang Nam (P), fisherwoman, currently residing in An Dong (V), Danang City. Source estimated that the location where he found the body was near BT 0482.

Source described the body as being male caucasian with blonde hair. Source recalled that the eyes were closed. Source stated that the body was wearing a white pullover (t-shirt) and green military pants called six pocket pants (quan sau tui) (probably jungle fatigues) by the Vietnamese. Source also saw a chain around the neck of the body which had two dogtags. Source removed the man's wallet and found a U.S. one hundred dollar bill and another bill which had a value of 10 cents (probably MPC). Source also saw a green I.D. card in the wallet. Source recalled that the body was also wearing black leather boots.

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Source claimed that the body was swollen and emitting a foul odor so he did not keep any of the personal effects and buried them with the body. Source stated that he found the body in his fish net at night and then took the body to the beach and buried it the following day. Source stated that he buried the body near a tall cement pole located on the beach near Nai Hien Dong Village (BT 0480) at the mouth of the Song Han River. Source stated that he placed a wooden board at the feet of the body and oriented the head toward the high ground of Son Tra Mountain (according to local custom of pointing the head toward high ground). Source stated that he did not report the grave to anyone because he didn't want to be the subject of an investigation as to how the man died. Source stated that after the communist takeover the grave was still there and he assumed that communist authorities had never discovered it.

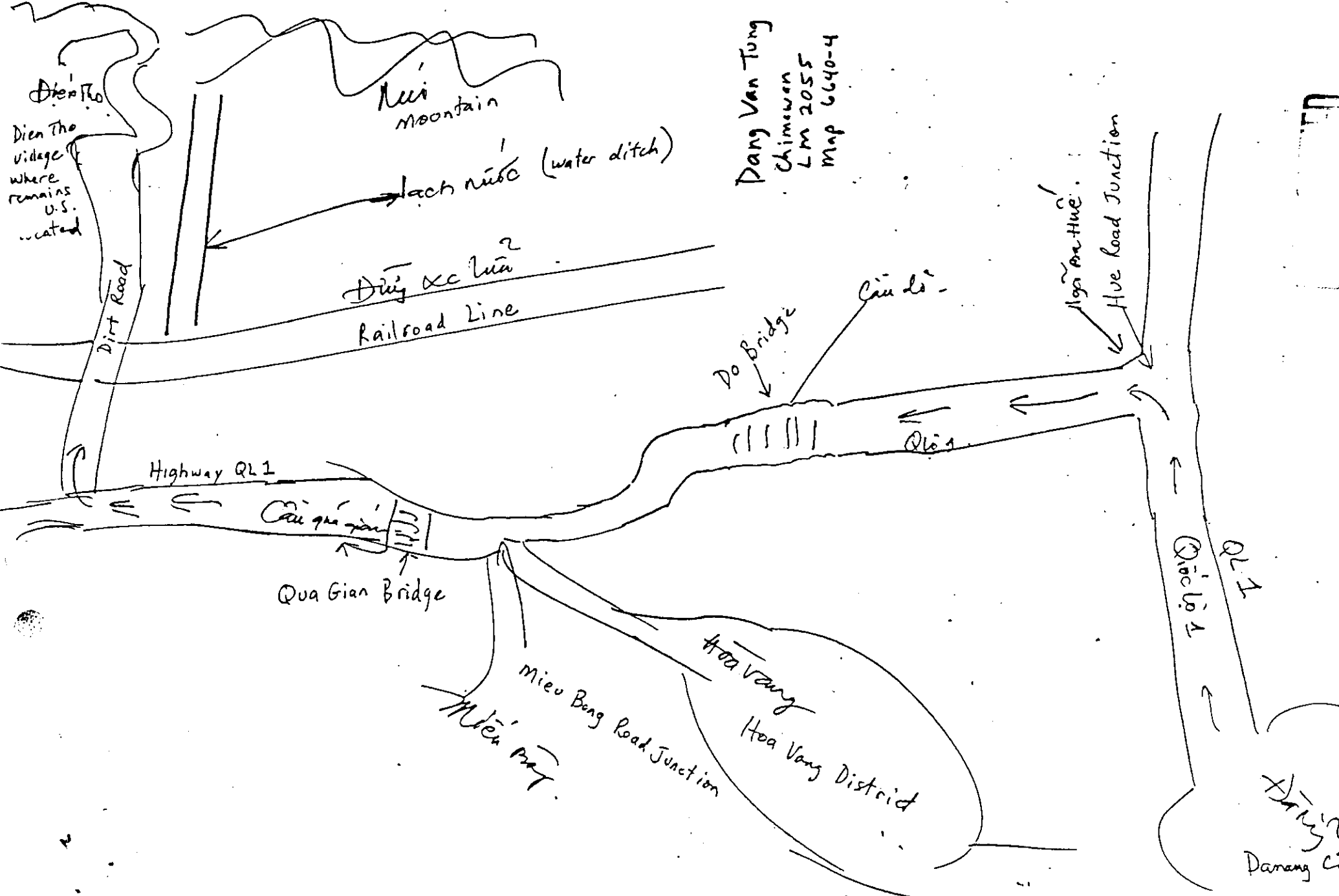
Source was not able to further describe the body and stated that he did not see any ring, watch, tatoos, scars, wounds, rank, or insignia. Source last observed the grave in 1980 and it appeared to be undisturbed. Source's very elementary sketch is attached.


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Memory Sketch

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Dien Tho
village
where
remains
U.S.
located

Núi
Mountain

kênh nước (water ditch)

Đường xe lửa
Railroad Line

Dang Van Tung
Chimewen
LM 2055
Map 6640-4

Đo Bridge
Cầu Lộ

Ngã ba Huế
Huế Road Junction

Highway QL1

Cầu qua Gian
Qua Gian Bridge

Mieu Bang Road Junction
Miêu Bàng

Hoa Vang
Hoa Vang District

QL1
Độc Lộ 1

Đường
Đanang Ci