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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #I86-026
24 September 1986

SUBJ: JCRC RPT I86-026, Crash of US Aircraft Near Kham Duc

1. Source/administrative data:
 - a. Name: Truong Van Dien (M)
 - b. DPOB: 15 August 1959; Binh Phu (v), Thang Binh (D), Quang Nam (P)
 - c. Profession:
 - Pre -1975: Student
 - Post-1975: Cigarette vendor
 - d. Present location: Building 17, Zone 1, Site I, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
 - e. Identification data: PG 202012
 - f. Educational level: 12 years (no degree)
 - g. Languages spoken: Vietnamese (native), English
 - h. Religion: Buddhist
 - i. Status: Refugee
 - j. Date of information: 1968
 - k. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia on 23 June 1986 by Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA.
 - l. Other: Source arrived in camp on 2 November 1985. His final address in Vietnam was Thon Linh Cang (H), Binh Phu (V), Thang Binh (D), Quang Nam-Da Nang (P). Source has a cousin, Truong Cong Man, who lives at 405 Silverdale #16, Conroe, TX 77301.
 - m. Maps used: Scale: 1:100,000, Series: L607, Sheet: 6539
2. Incident summary: Source provides hearsay information concerning the crash of an American aircraft which was evacuating the Kham Duc Camp (vicinity ZC 0008) in May 1968.

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3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. Sometime shortly after May 1968, Source recalled being told by the father of a friend named Truong Cong Man (father's name not recalled), that in May 1968 the following incident occurred. In May 1968, during the Communist attack on Kham Duc, Quang Tin Province, the Americans were forced to evacuate the camp by aircraft, due to the fact that the camp was surrounded by mountains on all four sides. During the second evacuation sortie (Source speculated they were using C-130 aircraft), the aircraft was shot down and it crashed somewhere in the mountains around Kham Duc (vicinity ZC 0008). There were American and Vietnamese troops on board along with Source's mother who worked as a cook in the Kham Duc Camp and the mother of Truong Cong Man, who was fleeing the fighting as a civilian refugee. During this time, both Truong Cong Man and Source were students at Hoi An. No family member ever located the crash site or recovered remains due to the fighting and after 1975, no family member ever dared enter the area due to their past association with the armed forces of the GVN. Source could recall no further details concerning the crash.

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