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Ref: RPT #HK84-136
21 January 1985FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

SUBJ: Aircraft Wreckage and Remains Discovered At Quang Nam-Danang

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Manh Vinh
- b. DOB: 19 August 1961
- c. POB: Hoi An, Quang Nam-Danang
- d. Former position: Scavenger
- e. Present location: Chimawan, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 8885, Boat LM 2063
- g. DOI: 1982
- h. Map used: Sheet 6541; Series L607
- i. Date of interview: 11 December 1984
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 19 September 1984

*Added
but not sketch*

Source, a 23 YOA male VN refugee and former scavenger, provided information concerning his discovery of aircraft wreckage with human remains at Quang Nam-Danang during March 1982.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during March 1982 while gathering wood in the forest, he observed the wreckage of a crashed fixed wing aircraft (type unknown) and human skeletal remains.

Source stated that at the time of his observation he was with three other villagers from Hoa Lien Village who had gone with Source to gather wood and to scavenge for scrap metal. Source found the wreckage in the forest approximately three to four kilometers south of Deo Mui Trau Pass (ZC 1584).

Source saw two large wings and part of a fuselage with two seats inside. Source observed that the nose of the aircraft had broken off upon impact into the mountain.

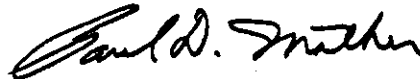
Source saw one skull, several long bones, and two feet. Source also saw a wristwatch with a black face and some gray colored pilot's clothing which was badly rotted. Source did not observe any name, rank, insignia, or dogtags with the remains.

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Source stated that he and the other villagers buried the remains near the crashsite and then removed most of the wreckage and sold it for scrap. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the aircraft wreckage or remains.

Source stated that while scavenging the wreckage, he saw some other residents of the area with aircraft wreckage in their possession. Source heard from the villagers (U/I) that they had located the wreckage of another aircraft located approximately 90 minutes walking time from the wreckage that Source found. Source heard that the other group of villagers also found some remains but he did not hear how many. Source did not hear about any personal effects or dog tags. Source recalled that the villagers who found the second crashsite resided in the area of the Cau Song Nam Bridge (ZC 196842) but he could not recall any names. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the second crashsite.

Source gave a possible forwarding address as: c/o Nguyen Manh Khang (brother), 5024 Avenida De Lago, Santa Clara, CA 95054.



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Inclosure (1)
Sketch of Crashsite Area

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DATA: NGUYEN MANH VINH, 24

REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: HK84-136, 21 January 1985?

ANALYST: SFC R. R. HILL

CROSS REFERENCE (S): RP86-052

CATEGORY DATA: Crash Sites and Remains/First-Second Hand Accounts

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the Source reveals no correlation to data in JCRC files.

CORRELATE DATA: None.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Based on the general location data provided by Source, the alleged crash site may be located in the vicinity of grid coordinates ZC 1581 or ZC 1580. A five kilometer radius search was conducted with negative results. A check of All Loss Records indicates that a US Army UH-1 helicopter, tail number 7016712, crashed in the vicinity of grid coordinates ZC 156784 on 16 September 1971. Three personnel were rescued after the crash. A subsequent reinterview of Source was conducted on 2 May 1986 to establish a more specific crash site location and to identify the type aircraft observed by Source. The Source could only provide limited details, however. No correlation could be made to the hearsay crash site as both JCRC files and All Loss Records list no crash sites in the ZC 196842 area.

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Commander

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