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SU JECT: [REDACTED] CRASH OF U.S. B-52 AND
 CAPTURE OF ONE CREWMEMBER IN [REDACTED]

REF: HK85-104 (REPORT BY SAME SOURCE)

1. [REDACTED] SOURCE. NAME: N30 BA KY; DOB: 26 SEP 52; POB:
 HANOI; FORMER POSITION: ELECTRICIAN; PRESENT LOCATION:
 HEI LINC CHAU, HONG KONG; IDENTIFICATION DATA: I.D. 4693;
 DOI: DECEMBER 1972; MAP USED: HANOI CITY MAP; SERIES
 L909; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 10 DEC 85; NAME OF INTERVIEWER:
 MR. G. E. BELL, GS-13 DOD; OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 2
 AUG 85; BOAT LM 2122.

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 33 YOA MALE VN REFUGEE,
 PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLECED FIRSTHAND
 OBSERVATION OF THE CRASH OF A U.S. B-52 AIRCRAFT AND
 HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED CAPTURE OF ONE
 U.S. CREWMEMBER. END OF SUMMARY.

3. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING LATE
 DECEMBER 1972 WHILE RESIDING IN HANOI HE OBSERVED THE
 CRASH OF A U.S. B-52 AIRCRAFT AND HEARD ABOUT THE CAPTURE
 OF ONE CREWMEMBER. SOURCE STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF THE
 INCIDENT HE WAS AT HIS HOME LOCATED ON NGUYEN QUYEN STREET
 NEAR THE VAN MIEU PAGODA (VIC WJ873252). SOURCE STATED
 THAT APPROX 2330 HOURS HE OBSERVED A B-52 AIRCRAFT FLYING
 AT A HIGH ALTITUDE FROM THE DIRECTION OF HO TAY (WEST LAKE)
 (VIC WJ 865275). SOURCE STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT
 BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AND BEGAN TO DESCEND IN THE
 DIRECTION OF HIS HOME. SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT BREAK
 INTO TWO PARTS OVER HO TAY WITH ONE PART OF THE AIRCRAFT
 FALLING INTO NCOC HA VILLAGE (VIC WJ8625) AND THE OTHER
 PART FALLING INTO DAI YEN VILLAGE (VIC WJ8526).

4. [REDACTED] SOURCE WENT TO LOOK AT THE WRECKAGE ABOUT ONE
 HOUR AFTER THE CRASH AND HEARD FROM LOCALS IN THE AREA
 THAT HUMAN REMAINS HAD BEEN FOUND AT BOTH SITES. SOURCE
 DID NOT HEAR ABOUT HOW MANY REMAINS OR ABOUT THE DISPO-
 SITION OF THE REMAINS. SOURCE STATED THAT HE RETURNED

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TO THE AREA THE FOLLOWING DAY AND THE AREA WAS CORDONED
 OFF BY PAVN AND PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL. SOURCE STATED
 THAT HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE WRECKAGE FROM A DISTANCE
 OF ABOUT SIX METERS. SOURCE SAW SEVERAL PAVN EOD PER-
 SONNEL REMOVING BOMBS FROM THE CRASHSITE IN NCOC HA VIL-
 LAGE WHERE THE WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED APPROX 20 METERS
 FROM A POND. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE BOMBS WERE HAULED
 AWAY BY THE PAVN ON A "HUNGARIAN" TRUCK. SOURCE STATED
 THAT THE PART OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD CRASHED IN NCOC
 HA VILLAGE DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF A HOUSE
 WHICH WAS NEAR THE POND. SOURCE STATED THAT WHEN HE
 ARRIVED ON THE SCENE HE HEARD THAT THE PAVN SOLDIERS HAD
 ALREADY SEARCHED THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT.

5. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT THE PART OF THE AIRCRAFT AT
 DAI YEN VILLAGE HAD FALLEN INTO THE CENTER OF A POND
 AND THAT SOME OF THE WRECKAGE WAS VISIBLE ABOVE THE
 SURFACE OF THE WATER. SOURCE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ABOUT
 ANY BOMBS AT DAI YEN VILLAGE.

6. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT OB-
 SERVED ANY PARACHUTES AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH DUE TO
 DARKNESS, HE HEARD FROM SPECTATORS THAT ONE CREWMEMBER
 HAD PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THE CRASH.
 SOURCE HEARD THAT THE SOLE CREWMEMBER WAS CAPTURED ALONG
 HO NG HOA THAM STREET SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA OF THE BEER
 BREWERY (XI NGHIEP BIA) (VIC WJ859264). SOURCE HEARD
 THAT THE CREWMEMBER WAS A CAUCASIAN AND THAT HIS PARA-
 CHUTE HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE TOP OF A TREE. SOURCE
 DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY WOUNDS OR INJURIES. SOURCE WAS
 NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A FURTHER DESCRIPTION OF THE PILOT.
 SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE PILOT.
 SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY OTHER CREWMEMBERS FROM THE
 AIRCRAFT. SOURCE'S HAND-DRAWN SKETCH OF THE AREA WILL BE
 FORWARDED SEPARATELY.
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