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From: CH-OPS
To: CDR, JCRC

Subj: GRAVE OF ALLEGED AMERICANS IN TRA VINH (P) (U)

(C) Source:

- a. Name: Pham Van Kiem
- b. DOB: 1962
- c. POB: Tra Vinh, SVN
- d. Former Position: Fisherman
- e. Present Location: VRC, Palawan, RP
- f. Identification Data: PA #11493
- g. DOI: 1975
- h. Date of Interview: 5 July 1985
- i. Interviewed by: GYSGT D. M. McIntyre, USMC

Tra Vinh
0843

(U) Source is a 23 year old Vietnamese refugee who provided very limited information pertaining to the location of a grave of an alleged American.

Information:

(U) In 1975, source was told that an American was buried near his home in Vinh Hoi (H), Long Duc (V), Chau Thanh (D), Tra Vinh (P). The grave is located between a trail and Cam Son Stream. It is covered by a mound of dirt about six inches high and is the only grave in the area. The last time source saw the grave was in 1977. (NFI).

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SOURCE DATA: PHAM VAN KIEM, 23
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: RP85-060, 29 July 1985
ANALYST: MSG D. W. ATHERTON
CROSS-REFERENCE(S): NONE.

CATEGORY DATA: Grave Site/Second Hand Account

FINDINGS: Information in this report is insufficient to establish a definite correlation; however, it will be placed in the following file(s) for possible ~~XXXXXX~~ future reference: REFNO 0843.

CORRELATE DATA: On 28 September 1967, EN2 Joseph T. Musetti, Jr., and SN Gilbert J. Graham were aboard the lead patrol boat, Riverine 100, on a routine patrol on the My Tho River. They were ambushed in the vicinity of grid coordinates XS1535 by communist troops using B-40 rockets. Both men were killed instantly by the initial blast and their boat was completely consumed by the resultant fire. Despite an extensive search of the rivers in this area of Cuu Long Province (formerly Binh Long Province), Vietnam, no sign of their bodies was ever discovered. EN2 Musetti and SN Graham are currently carried in the status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

VINH LONG

VINH BINH

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Source stated that he was from Chau Thanh (D), Tra Vinh (P). A search of available reference materials reveals no coordinates or maps of this province. A reference sheet stated that on 16 January 1976, Cuu Long Province was formed from the merger of Vinh Long and Tra Vinh Provinces. It is probable that source is describing Long Duc (V) (XS125317), Chau Thanh (D), Vinh Long (P). A possible correlation to REFNO 0843 is based on the proximity of this village to this incident location. A stronger correlation is not made since EN2 Musetti and SN Graham's bodies were likely consumed by the fire that destroyed the boat.

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