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SUBJECT: JCRC REPORT HK86-012, SHOOTDOWN OF AIRCRAFT,
- DEATH OF ONE PILOT IN THAI BINH (U)

1. SOURCE: NAME: [REDACTED] DOB: 24 FEB 60;
POB: NGOC KA (V) QUE VO (D) HA BAC (P); FORMER POSITION:
2LT CUSTOMS POLICE; PRESENT LOCATION: HEI LING CHAU,
HONG KONG; IDENTIFICATION DATA: I.D. 4773; BOAT LM 2142;
DOI: 1972; MAP USED: SHEET 6350-3; SERIES L7014; DATE
OF INTERVIEW: 14 MAR 86; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E.
BELL, GS-13 DOD; OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 15 NOV 85.

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 26 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE,
PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED
SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT AND DEATH/BURIAL OF ONE
U.S. PILOT NEAR LIEU DIEN HAMLET (XH 6081), THUY HAI
VILLAGE, THAI THUY DISTRICT, THAI BINH PROVINCE. END
SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING 1972 WHILE
RESIDING IN QUE VO DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE HE HEARD
ABOUT THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE U.S. JET AIRCRAFT AND THE DEATH
OF ONE U.S. PILOT. SOURCE STATED THAT HE HEARD THE STORY
FROM HIS OLDER BROTHER WHOM SOURCE IDENTIFIED AS PAVN 2LT
TRAN VAN TRONG, DPOB 1946, NGOC KA (V) QUE VO (D) HA BAC.
SOURCE HEARD THAT SOMETIME DURING 1968 BROTHER TRONG HAD
BEEN ASSIGNED TO A PAVN MISSILE UNIT LOCATED IN THAI THUY
DISTRICT OF THAI BINH PROVINCE. SOURCE HEARD THAT A U.S.
JET AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED
NEAR LIEU DIEN HAMLET (XH 6081). SOURCE HEARD THAT ONE
PILOT PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THE CRASH
BUT THAT THE PILOT WAS DEAD WHEN HE LANDED ON THE
GROUND.

4. SOURCE HEARD THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE CRASH,
PAVN MILITARY PERSONNEL PHOTOGRAPHED THE CRASHSITE AND
THE BODY OF THE DEAD PILOT. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT
WAS A MALE CAUCASIAN BUT DID NOT HEAR ANY OTHER PHYSICAL
DESCRIPTION. SOURCE HEARD THAT TWO DAYS AFTER THE IN-
CIDENT THE BODY OF THE PILOT WAS TAKEN TO A CEMETERY

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LOCATED NEAR DIEM DIEN VILLAGE (XH 6373) WHERE IT WAS
BURIED IN A GRAVE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE CEME-
TERY. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY MARKER OR NAME
BOARD PLACED ON THE GRAVE. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT
ANY PERSONAL EFFECTS. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY
SURVIVING CREWMEMBERS OR ANY REMAINS IN THE WRECKAGE OF
THE AIRCRAFT. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS BROTHER LAST OB-
SERVED THE GRAVE APPROX SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO SOURCE'S
ESCAPE WHICH OCCURRED IN AUGUST 1985. SOURCE WAS NOT
ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AL-
LEGED INCIDENT.

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