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10 October 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNB

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC

SUBJ: Shootdown of U.S. Aircraft at Nghe-Tinh During 1969.

SOURCE:

- a. Name: SC
- b. DOB: SD
- c. POB: SD
- d. Former position:
- e. Present location: : SD
- f. Identification data
- g. DOI: 1969
- h. Map used: Sheet 5847-4; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 24 Sep 84
- j. Name of interviewer: Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived DT 18 Mar 84 (landroute)

Source, a 48 YOA male Hmong refugee and former SD provided information concerning his observation of the shootdown of a U.S. aircraft near Muang Sen Vietnam during 1969.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during mid September 1969 at approx 0800 hours he was farming near Highway #7, at Muang Sen Village (VG1045) Ky Son (D) Nghe An (P) when he observed the crash of a U.S. jet aircraft. Source stated that he saw two U.S. jet aircraft flying from Laos over Muang Sen in the direction of Vinh (from west to east) along the Nam Mo River. Source saw both aircraft dive down and attack a truck park where trucks carrying supplies into Laos were parked. Source recalled that when the aircraft pulled up from the attack one of them hit a tall tree near the Muang Sen boat dock (pier) on the Nam Mo River two km east of Muang Sen. Source saw the aircraft hit the tree and then tumble over and crash to the ground breaking up into several pieces. PAVN soldiers immediately sealed off the area and Source was not able to go to the crashsite. Source heard from PAVN soldiers that the pilot had died in the crash. Source later saw a large truck arrive and PAVN soldiers load part of the aircraft wreckage into the truck. Source recalled that several officials of Ky Son District

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arrived and photographed the crashsite. Source stated that the official in charge of the group which arrived was Mr. Vue Chung Pao, the Ky Son District Committee chairman. Source stated that some of the wreckage was hauled away by the large truck east in the direction of Vinh City. Source did not see the body of the pilot but speculated that the body was also taken to Vinh City since he did not see or hear about any grave. Source stated that the area where the plane crashed was called Ban Nam Chao (Hamlet of Muang Sen) by the local people. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident. Source also provided information in JCRC-LNB LTR RPTS T84-207 dated 9 October 84 and T84-208 dated 10 October 1984.

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