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SUBJ: JCRC RPT #189-374; U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AT
SONG GIANH FERRY, QUANG BINH (U)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
 - A. NAME: PHI NGOC LINH (M)
 - B. DOB: 20 DEC 30
 - C. POB: THAI THANH (V), PHAI THUY (D), THAI BINH (P)
 - D. FORMER POSITION: WARRANT OFFICER PAVN, MEDICAL TECHNICIAN
 - E. PRESENT LOCATION: HUT 5P, SHA TIN
 - F. IDENTIFICATION DATA: I 22978
 - G. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1566-67
 - H. MAP(S) USED: SHEET 6244-2; SERIES L7014
 - I. DATE OF INTERVIEW: 9 DEC 89
 - J. NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E. BELL, GS-13, DOD
 - K. OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 16 AUG 95.

SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 50 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE, PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR THE SONG GIANH RIVER FERRY (XE572577) IN QUANG TRACH (D), QUANG BINH (P). SOURCE HEARD TWO BURNED BODIES WERE RECOVERED AND BURIED IN QUANG HOA (V) (XE5554).

3. (C) INFORMATION: SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING LATE 1966 OR EARLY 1967, WHILE ASSIGNED AS A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (Y SI) IN THE 13TH TREATMENT TEAM (DOI DIU TRI 13), HE OBSERVED THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. SOURCE SAID ONE OVERCAST EVENING DURING THE SPRINGTIME AT AROUND 1900 HE SAW TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM THE NORTHEAST INLAND TO ATTACK THE AREA OF THE PHA GIANH FERRY (XE5757). SOURCE SAW THE TWO AIRCRAFT DROP FLARES AND THEN DIVE DOWN AND BEGIN A BOMBING RUN. THE LEAD AIRCRAFT WAS HIT

BY PAVN 12.7 MM FIRE FROM THE NCOA (XE5261). THE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED INTO THE GROUND AND NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE DIVE. AT THE TIME OF HIS OBSERVATION, SOURCE WAS ON AN ISLAND IN THE SONG GIANH RIVER (XE5151). THE AREA OF THE ISLAND WAS CALLED QUANG HAI (QUANG HAI) VILLAGE.

4. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING DAY AROUND 1600 SOURCE WALKED TO THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED SEVERAL LOCAL VILLAGERS STANDING AROUND THE CRASH SITE AREA. LOCALS TOLD SOURCE THERE WERE TWO PILOTS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH AND BOTH WERE KILLED INSTANTLY. SOURCE HEARD THAT MEMBERS OF THE QUANG HOA (V) MILITIA FORCES WHO WERE STILL AT THE SCENE REMOVED TWO BADLY BURNED BODIES FROM THE WRECKAGE AND CARRIED THEM AWAY FOR BURIAL. VILLAGERS DID NOT MENTION THE LOCATION OF THE BURIAL SITE. LOCALS TOLD SOURCE THEY BELIEVED THE AIRCRAFT WAS AN F-4 BUT SAID THEY WERE NOT SURE. SOURCE SAW TWO GRAY-COLORED WING SECTIONS AND PART OF THE TAIL SECTION BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE AIRCRAFT. LOCALS SAID THE SECOND AIRCRAFT HAD PASSED OVER THE AREA ONE MORE TIME AFTER THE INITIAL STRIKE AND THEN DEPARTED TOWARD THE SEA. SOURCE ESTIMATED THE CRASH SITE WAS LOCATED APPROX TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE SONG GIANH RIVER. SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE CRASH SITE. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY SURVIVORS OR OTHER CREW MEMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

5. (C) SOURCE SAID HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO QUANG BINH AS A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BEGINNING SOMETIME DURING THE WINTER OF 1966. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NO DOCTOR ASSIGNED TO TEAM 13 SO SOURCE WAS THE TRACH CHIEF (DOI TRUONG).

6. (C) HIS TEAM CONSISTED OF 10 PERSONNEL WHO WERE TRAINED AS FIELD MEDICS. TEAM 13 WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE MILITARY REGION 4 HOSPITAL (QUAN Y VIEN 4) LOCATED IN NGHE AN. SOURCE'S TEAM WAS VISITED AT LEAST ONCE BY A DOCTOR SOMETIME SHORTLY AFTER "TET" 1967. THE DOCTOR WHO ARRIVED TO INSPECT THE TEAM WAS SR CPT BUI SY THUC (THUWC) WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 41 (QUAN Y VIEN 41) LOCATED IN THE VIET TRUNG AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SITE (NONG PHUONG VIET TRUNG) IN DONG HOI. SOURCE HEARD THAT MILITARY

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HOSPITAL 41 IN DONG HOI WAS LARGER THAN THE MILITARY REGION 4 HOSPITAL IN NGH AN. THE MISSION OF SOURCE'S TREATMENT TEAM WAS TO EVACUATE WOUNDED WHO CAME IN FROM DONG HOI TO TEAM 13. AFTER ARRIVAL AT TEAM 13, WOUNDED PAVN WERE MOVED UP RIVER USING FIVE SMALL BOATS ASSIGNED TO THE TEAM. TO A TREATMENT TEAM IN TUYEN HOA (DESIGNATION NOT RECALLED). FROM TUYEN HOA, THE WOUNDED PAVN WERE EVACUATED BY BOAT TO HA TINH AND THEN TO HANOI BY TRUCK.

7. SOMETIME DURING LATE 1967, OR EARLY 1968, SOURCE'S TEAM WAS MOVED TO THE VINH LINH SPECIAL ZONE AND ASSIGNED AS THE TREATMENT TEAM NEAREST THE DMZ. SOURCE SAID BEGINNING FROM THE DMZ THERE WAS TEAM 13, TEAM 48, TEAM 33, AND THEN MILITARY HOSPITAL 41 IN DONG HOI. SOMETIME AFTER "TEF" 1969, SOURCE'S TEAM WAS REASSIGNED TO BINH DOAN 559 OF THE MOD AND THE DESIGNATION OF HIS TEAM CHANGED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 46. AT THAT TIME MH 46 WAS LOCATED IN DAK CHUNG (D), LAOS (NOTE: SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL THE PROVINCE AND SAID LOCAL LAO CALLED THE AREA "TAVANAWK, I.E., SUNRISSES; NO NOTES DAK CHUNG IS CURRENTLY LOCATED IN SAKHONG PROVINCE). MH 46 HAD A STAFF OF ALMOST 200 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED INCLUDING SIX DOCTORS. THE CHIEF OF THE HOSPITAL WAS SR CPT LE SONG, AN APPROX 40 YOA NATIVE OF NAM DINH. THE DEPUTY WAS SR CPT NGUYEN BINH, AN APPROX 36 YOA NATIVE OF HANOI. OTHER DOCTORS INCLUDED 1LT PHAM PHUET (PHUETJ), A NATIVE OF HA DONG, AND SR CPT NGUYEN KIEN (KIEN), WHO SERVED AS THE POLITICAL OFFICER.

8. SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, MH 46 WAS REDESIGNATED AS THE 19TH MED BN OF THE 41ST PAVN DIV, QUANG DA MILITARY REGION. IN MAY 1973 THE BN WAS MOVED TO THE BEN GIANG APZA, SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. THE BN CO WAS SR CPT LE DINH (DDINHS), A NATIVE OF NINH BINH. THE DEPUTY WAS CPT PHUET (PHUETJ), A NATIVE OF HA DONG. THE POLITICAL OFFICER WAS SR CPT HONG DAO (DDAOPF), A NATIVE OF NINH BINH.

9. SOMETIME DURING JULY 1974 SOURCE'S UNIT WAS MOVED TO THE DAU MAU AREA, ABOUT 100 KM WEST OF DUC MIEU - CON THIEN IN QUANG TRI. SOURCE RECALLED THE AREA WAS ABOUT 10 KM SOUTH OF CAM LJ. SOMETIME DURING LATE 1974, THE UNIT WAS MOVED INSIDE CAMBODIA OPPOSITE BAN DON IN DAK LAK PROVINCE, UNTIL THE ATTACK ON BAN ME THUOT IN MAR 75. SOURCE RECALLED THE UNIT WAS LOCATED NEAR THE R-3 FRONT HOSPITAL IN AN AREA CALLED NGAM DAK DAM. THE UNIT WAS DEPLOYED ALONG A STREAM WITH CAMBODIA TO THE WEST AND VIETNAM TO THE EAST. SOURCE NEVER HEARD ABOUT ANY GRAVES IN THE AREA.

10. SOURCE REMAINED NEAR BAN ME THUOT FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER THE ATTACK ENDED. THEN ENTERED SAIGON. SOURCE MOVED TO THE AREA OF THE 19TH MED

BN, 4TH PAVN DIV LOCATED NEAR LONG BINH BRIDGE FOR ABOUT 15 DAYS, THEN WENT TO CAM RANH BAY FOR 15 MORE DAYS, THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE FORMER ARVN RANJER BASE AT PUC MY FOR 15 MORE DAYS BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO GIA NGHIA IN QUANG DUC. IN 1977 SOURCE WAS RELEASED FROM MILITARY SERVICE AND RETURNED TO HAI PHONG WHERE HE WORKED IN THE LE CHAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL UNTIL HE DEPARTED BY BOAT IN AUG 88.

11. SOURCE SAID THROUGHOUT HIS ASSIGNMENT AS A PAVN MEDICAL TECHNICIAN HE NEVER OBSERVED OR HEARD ABOUT ANY U.S. POWS. SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED ANY U.S. POWS, EVEN IF WOUNDED, WOULD HAVE BEEN EVACUATED SEPARATELY FROM PAVN PERSONNEL. SOURCE SPECULATED THAT ANY U.S. POWS REQUIRING MEDICAL TREATMENT WOULD BE EVACUATED FROM SOUTHERN VIETNAM TO DONG HOI AND TREATED THERE IF NECESSARY. THOSE WHO WERE NOT EMERGENCY CASES WOULD BE EVACUATED FROM DONG HOI TO VINH AND LATER TO HANOI, ALSO BY VEHICLE. SOURCE ADDED THAT IF A POW WAS STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER ARRIVING IN VINH, HE MIGHT BE EVACUATED ON TO HANOI BY HELICOPTER.

12. TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT CONCERNING

SEPARATE CHANNELS DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS. SOURCE BRIEFLY MENTIONED AN INCIDENT INVOLVING AN SRV PILOT WHO MADE A FORCED LANDING AFTER HE RAN OUT OF FUEL. SOURCE RECALLED THE PILOT LANDED A MIG 17 ON THE BANK OF THE RED RIVER AND DAMAGED A WHEEL ASSEMBLY. PAVN MILITARY PERSONNEL THEN BROUGHT THE PILOT TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 103 IN HA DONG FOR X-RAYS AND EXAMINATION OF HIS NERVOUS SYSTEM. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED TO SPEAK TO THE PILOT AND HE WAS CLOSELY GUARDED AT ALL TIMES. SOURCE BELIEVED ANY U.S. POWS WHO ENTERED THE PAVN MEDICAL SYSTEM WOULD BE TREATED IN A SIMILAR MANNER AND ONLY THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PERMITTED TO OBSERVE OR TREAT THEM.

13. SOURCE SAID PAVN DOCTORS NORMALLY WERE TRAINED IN THE MILITARY MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (TRUONG AI HOC QUAN Y) LOCATED IN HA DONG CITY. THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY WAS RG/PROFESSOR DO YUAN HOP (HOWPJ), WHO WAS TRAINED IN FRANCE. LOCATED NEXT TO THE MILITARY MEDICAL UNIVERSITY WAS MILITARY HOSPITAL 103 WHERE THE DIRECTOR WAS SR COL DANG ANH RUAN (HUAANS), WHO WAS TRAINED IN THE USSR.

14. MILITARY HOSPITAL 103 LOCATED IN HANOI HAD THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ON ITS STAFF: PROFESSOR/SR COL PHAN GIA TRIEU (TRIEUJ), THE CHIEF OF THE SURGICAL AND NEUROLOGY DEPARTMENT; PROFESSOR TRAN MAN CHU, THE CHIEF OF THE UROLOGY DEPARTMENT; ASSISTANT PROFESSOR NGUYEN DUY THANH, CHIEF OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL DEPARTMENT; AND PROFESSOR/SR COL LE CAO DAI, CHIEF OF THE CARDIOPULMONARY DEPARTMENT.

15. DURING SOURCE'S PERIOD OF SERVICE IN QUANG BINH FROM 1966 TO 1967, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MILITARY HOSPITAL 41 IN DONG HOI WAS SR CPT BUI SY THUC (THOWCS). SR CPT PHAN QUY PHAN (THAAN) WAS HEAD OF THE SURGICAL DEPARTMENT. THE HEAD OF MILITARY REGION 4 MILITARY HOSPITAL IN NGHE AN WAS PROFESSOR VU TAM HOAN (HOANS).

16. SOURCE SAID THAT IN THE HANOI AREA MILITARY PATIENTS WITH RANK OF CPT (THUONG UY) AND BELOW WERE NORMALLY TREATED AT MILITARY HOSPITAL 123 IN HA DONG. PERSONNEL WITH THE RANK OF 2LT AND BELOW WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO THE CAPITOL MILITARY COMMAND WERE TREATED AT MILITARY HOSPITAL 354 IN THE BA DINH AREA. MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH THE RANK OF SR CPT (DAI UY) AND ABOVE WERE TREATED AT MILITARY HOSPITAL 103, HOWEVER SOME SENIOR PERSONNEL WERE ALSO TREATED AT THE VIETNAMESE-SOVIET HOSPITAL. SOURCE SAID ALL SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL REQUIRING SURGERY WERE SENT TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 103. IN THE CASE OF A SENIOR MEMBER WHO WAS A PATIENT AT THE VIET-XO HOSPITAL WHO REQUIRED SURGERY HE WOULD BE MOVED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 103 OR SURGEONS FROM MB 103 WOULD GO TO THE VIET-XO HOSPITAL ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO PERFORM THE OPERATION.

17. COMMENT: SOURCE PROVIDED HIS INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD MANNER AND MADE NO REQUESTS OF THE INTERVIEWER. SOURCE INDICATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERGO FUTURE INTERVIEW SESSIONS IF REQUESTED. SOURCE'S HAND DRAWN SKETCH OF THE CRASH SITE AREA WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. DFCL: OADR

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