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REFERENCE: HK84-092
24 September 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNB

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC

SUBJ: A-37 Aircraft with Alleged U.S. Remains at Quang Nam-Danang.

Source:

- a. Name: Truong Quoc Dung
- b. DOB: 28 Oct 52
- c. POB: Quang Nam-Danang
- d. Former position: Cpl, ARVN SN 52/402750
- e. Present location: Chimawan
- f. Identification data: ID #8042
- g. DOI: 1984
- h. Map used: Sheet 6641, Series L607
- i. Date of interview: 13 Sep 84
- j. Name of interviewer: Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Boat LM 2027, arrived Hong Kong 30 Jun 84.

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Source, a 31 YOA male Vietnamese refugee and former Cpl, reported information concerning the wreckage of an A-37 aircraft with alleged U.S. remains near Danang City.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during early 1984 while scavenging for metal on Son Tra Mountain (Monkey Mountain) he located the wreckage of a crashed A37 aircraft with one complete set of large skeletal remains. Source stated that the crashsite was located approx 800 meters up the southern side of Son Tra Mountain from Bai Tre Beach (BT 085815). Source stated that he found a dogtag with the remains but that one of the men (U/I) who was also scavenging took the dogtag to his home. Source saw the dogtag but could not recall any of the information printed on it according to Source. Source stated that he thought that the remains he found were American because of their large size and because of the dogtag. Source also found a pilot's helmet in the wreckage but could not remember any name or markings printed on it. Source speculated that the aircraft had crashed by accident since it had flown right into the side of the mountain and since the area was secure during the war. Source stated that part of the fuselage and part of the tail was remaining when he discovered the aircraft but that all of the metal had been scavenged when he departed from Vietnam. Source stated that he was the first person to find the aircraft and speculated that the communist authorities were unaware of its location.

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Comment:

Source claimed that during 1973 he took a joint US/RVN team of personnel from the Four Party Joint Military Team to recover four U.S. remains from a crashed C130 aircraft on Son Tra Mountain. Source stated that ARVN Col Vinh who was the I Corps Liaison Officer supervised the operation. Source was accompanied to the interview by Nguyen Thanh Nga, LM 2045, who claimed to have visited the crashsite of the aircraft which he said locals identified as being an A37. Mr. Nga provided information concerning an alleged F4 which he claimed crashed in Son Tra Mountain (see JCRC-LNB LTR RPT HK84-093 dated 24 September 1984). Hand drawn memory sketch provided by Source assisted by Nguyen Thanh Nga is attached.



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Enclosure
Hand drawn sketch

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