

FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

Ref: RPT #I85-013
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SUBJ: Discovery of Aircraft Wreckage and Possible Associated Remains

REF: Reports by Same Source; I85-014, I85-015

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Ngoc Hat
- b. DOB: 4 December 1956
- c. POB: Quang Ngai
- d. Former position: Farmer
- e. Present location: Bk 65, Zone 3, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
- f. Identification data: ID 959025
- g. DOI: May - June 1975 to 1980
- h. Map used: 1:100,000 Series L607, Sheet 6738
- i. Date of interview: 25 January 1985
- j. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
- k. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 5 May 1984 and has an aunt, Nguyen Thi Diem, who lives somewhere in California (address unknown).

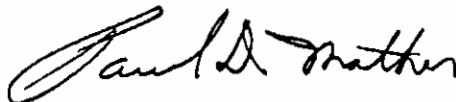
Source provides firsthand information of an aircraft crash site discovered in Duc Pho (D), Quang Ngai (P), and firsthand information of two sets of remains found nearby which may or may not be associated with the crash but are rumored to be of Americans.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. In May or June 1975, Source and his family were forced by the new communist government to move back to their home town in Duc Pho (D). While working on the sea side of the mountain, vicinity BS 851390, Source discovered the wreckage of what appeared to be a jet fighter. Most of the wreckage was colored gray and appeared as if it had burned. The area appeared as if the aircraft had exploded on impact. The entire site was surrounded by barbed wire as if to make it a restricted area. All aluminum had been stripped from the wreckage, but the landing gear was still visible. The major portion of the wreckage lay in between two rocky gullies. The area was well known by locals as a scavenge point. Source last saw the wreckage in 1980. Source never saw any evidence of human remains at the site.

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Nearby, Source saw two sets of remains barely covered by earth alongside the trail at vicinity BS 848382 while clearing forest in the area. Source only saw bones and no fragments of clothing. Locals in the area told Source that the remains were of Americans who died during the war and had been covered (not really buried) by locals in the area. No other information concerning the remains was provided to Source.



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