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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

SUBJ: Wreckage of U.S. Helicopter Observed at Binh Son, ~~Nghia Binh~~

Source:

- a. Name: Mai Xuan Thuy
- b. DOB: 2 May 1962
- c. POB: Phuoc Thien (H), Binh Thien (V), Binh Son (D), Quang Ngai
- d. Former position: Fisherman
- e. Present location: Chimawan
- f. Identification data: I.D. 7965, Boat LM 2024
- g. DOI: 1984
- h. Map used: Sheet 6739-1; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 14 December 1984
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 9 May 1984

Source, a 22 YOA male VN refugee and former fisherman, provided information concerning his observation of the wreckage of a U.S. helicopter at Binh Thien (V), Binh Son (D), Quang Ngai during 1984.

Information:

Source stated that while residing at Phuoc Thien Hamlet, Binh Thien Village, Binh Son District, Quang Ngai Province he observed the wreckage of a U.S. helicopter which had been shot down during fighting between U.S. and Viet Cong forces sometime when Source was a small child.

Source stated that local villagers said that the helicopter was a model "U1A" and that it had been shot down when U.S. forces attacked VC guerillas at Van Tuong Hamlet (BS699955). After being hit at Van Tuong Hamlet the helicopter continued on and crashed down near the beach at Phuoc Thien Hamlet (BS716957, approximate location of crashsite).

After the communist takeover in 1975 communist officials of Binh Thien Village organized a labor detail comprised of former ARVN soldiers and moved the wreckage of the helicopter from the crashsite to a former military camp of the U.S. forces located between Phuoc Thien and Van Tuong Hamlets (didn't know name of camp or designation of American unit stationed there). Source stated that the former U.S. base now serves as a market for Phuoc Thien Hamlet but still has mines planted around the perimeter.

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Source did not observe any remains, graves, or personal effects associated with the helicopter. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident.



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Inclosure
Sketch of Crashsite area

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Thanh Thuy
(BS 7294)

Kom(1)
Hamlet 1

Bãi biển Phước Thiên
ấp Phước Thiên
(Beach of Phước Thiên)
Hamlet BS 7196

Xook(2)
Hamlet 2

máy bay đã cháy tại đây

Crashsite
(BS 716957)

Kom(3)
Hamlet 3

road

Côn đường cái

North

Mai Xuan Thuy
Chimuan LM 2024
Map 6739-1

đang quân hiện giờ là họ Lan con
thời kỳ trước là đơn ông
văn đã được dời vào đây
bây giờ Công Sản hát anh em
quan quân khảo lớn

Wreckage Removed From Beach
to Here

(former U.S. Base)