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REFERENCE: HK84-008

12 January 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNB

SUBJ: Refugee Report, Shootdown of U.S. Aircraft at ~~Quang Ninh~~.

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

Source: Bui Van Hai; DPOB 10 Mar 63, Quang Ninh. A former student, Source is presently located at Chimawan. ID #4870, date of interview 5 Jan 84. Map used: sheet 6551, series L7014. Source arrived Hong Kong 10 June 83, boat LM1891.

Source stated that sometime during the 1960's (not sure of year because of time lapse and because he was a small child at the time according to Source) he was in a fishing boat with his father when he observed the shootdown of a U.S. jet aircraft (type unknown). Source stated that he observed the aircraft, which was flying from the direction of the ocean inland (east to west), be hit by anti-aircraft fire and begin trailing smoke. Shortly after the aircraft was hit the pilot parachuted out and landed in the ocean near Nui Van Hoa Mountain (vic YJ6845). Source saw the aircraft crash in a sand bar of the Tien Yen River (vic YJ6550). Source saw a navy boat from Cai Bau Island (map shows Ile De Ke Bao) go out to sea in the direction where the pilot descended. Source heard firing from the boat but did not know if the pilot was killed in the incident or captured alive. Source heard (hearsay from fisherman in area) that the pilot was taken by the navy personnel to the Van Hoa Island (Cai Bau Island aka Ile De Ke Bao is also called Van Hoa Island because of Nui Van Hoa Mountain according to Source) military headquarters. Source later saw some soldiers remove most of the aircraft wreckage and haul it away on trucks. Source heard that the wreckage was taken to Tien Yen District Headquarters. Source and his playmates found some pieces of wreckage in the area which they carried home to play with. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident. Hand drawn memory sketch provided by Source is attached.

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SOURCE DATA: BUI VAN HAI, 20
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: HK84-008, 12 Jan 84
ANALYST: SFC W. A. BLACK
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None

CATEGORY DATA: Crashsite/first hand account

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by source reveals a possible correlation to REFNO 0380-0-01.

CORRELATE DATA: On 1 Jul 66, CDR Charles H. Peters was the pilot of an A4E returning from a strike mission over North Vietnam when his A/C was hit by enemy ground fire forcing him to eject. CDR Peters' parachute deployed fully and his wingman saw him enter the ocean near an island in the vicinity of YJ721385. CDR Peters' parachute was seen to disappear below the surface of the water, but neither the pilot nor any flotation equipment was observed during a search by a total of five different A/C. CDR Peters is currently carried in the status of Dead-Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Although source's information is sketchy and, based on source's age at the time of the incident, is probably mostly hearsay, the approximate date and location could possible correlate to CDR Peters.

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sand bar.
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