

RF [REDACTED] REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: TRAN HUU TIEP, 27  
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: HK85-073, 10 September 1985  
ANALYST: MSGT R. L. JOHN  
CROSS REFERENCE(S): HK85-072

CATEGORY DATA: Crash Site/First Hand Account

FINDINGS: Information in this report is insufficient to establish a definite correlation, however, it will be placed in the following file(s) for possible/  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ future reference: REFNO 0815.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0815: On 27 August 1967, Maj Vladimir H. Bacik and Capt Paschal G. Boggs were crew members aboard an A6A aircraft. About one hour after takeoff the aircraft disappeared from the radar scopes. Search and Rescue efforts were initiated immediately and continued throughout the day without success. The aircraft's last known location was in the vicinity of grid coordinates YJ 270280, approximately 100 kilometers east of Haiphong, Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam. Maj Bacik and Capt Boggs are carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The alleged crash site location provided by Source is within seven kilometers of this incident's last known location. There is a discrepancy concerning the time frame of the incident, but it is only a year (1967 vice 1968) and this may be due to the age of the Source at that time (10).

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THIS IS NOT A FINAL EVALUATION, THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION. THIS EVALUATION AND THE ATTACHED REFUGEE REPORT MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NOK UPON DELETION OF ALL SOURCE NAMES AND IDENTIFICATION DATA.

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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK85-073  
10 September 1985

SUBJ: Observation of Aircraft Wreckage And Body of One  
Pilot In Quang Ninh

REF: HK85-072 (Report by same Source)

Source:

- a. Name: Tran Huu Tiep
- b. DOB: 18 April 1958
- c. POB: Hai Phong
- d. Former position: Electrician
- e. Present location: Hei Ling Chau, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 2938
- g. DOI: 1968
- h. Map used: Sheet 6450-4; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 30 Aug 85
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. G. E. Bell
- k. Other: Boat LM 1834; Arrived Hong Kong 31 Dec 82.

Source, a 27 YOA male VM refugee and former electrician, provided information concerning his alleged first hand observation of the crashsite of a U.S. F4 aircraft and the body of one U.S. pilot near YJ 2721.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during late 1968 (not sure of month but possibly October) while attending school near Quang Hanh Village, Quang Ninh Province he observed the crashsite and wreckage of a U.S. "F4" aircraft. Source stated that at the time of the incident he was attending class around mid-day in a school located along Highway #18 near YJ 282214. Source stated that he heard the sound of the aircraft flying from east to west pass over his school at a low altitude. Shortly after the aircraft passed over his school, Source heard a loud explosion, then ran outside his school to see black smoke rising from near Highway 18 in the direction of Hon Gay.

Source stated that he and other children from his school went to the crashsite which was located approx two kilometers east of Deo But Pass (YJ 2619) and approx 70 meters north of Highway #18 (Source estimated crashsite location as near YJ 2721).

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Source stated that he observed several large pieces of wreckage one of which had printed on it "F4" in black letters. Source did not hear about the cause of the crash (mechanical or shoot-down) and did not hear any firing prior to the crash. The aircraft was camouflage and silver colored.

Source stated that he observed the body of one pilot lying near the wreckage. The lower torso of the pilot's body was badly mangled but the upper torso was complete with both arms broken according to Source. Source described the pilot as being male caucasian and wearing a pilot's helmet with light blue or light gray uniform with a zipper down the front. Source stated that the body had not been burned. Source did not see or hear about any identification media associated with the crashsite but did observe a pistol and a dark brown plastic notebook which measured approx 10" x 12". Source recalled that the body of the pilot along with the pistol and notebook was placed on a "Molotova" truck by the public security personnel of Quang Hanh Village who departed in the truck to the east on Highway 18 in the direction of Cam Pha. Source heard at the time from spectators that the body of the pilot was being taken to the "Kilometer 4 Hospital" (Binh Vien Cay So 4) which was located adjacent to Highway 18 at the 4 kilometer marker near Cam Pha Mines. After the public security personnel departed with the pilot's body, Source did not see or hear about the pilot again.

Except for the incident previously reported by Source (ref report) he did not see or hear about any Americans remaining in Vietnam.

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