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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT HK85-277 (U)
A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TP 111128Z SEP 85 (NOTAL)
1. (G) REVIEW OF DATA PROVIDED BY NGUYEN VAN TANG, SOURCE OF REF A,

REVEALS A PROBABLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 2657-1-01, LIEUTENANT COM-
MANDER EDWIN E. TUCKER, U.S. NAVY.

(U) REFNO 2652: ON 24 APRIL 1967, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER EDWIN B
TUCKER WAS FLYING AN F4C FIGHTER IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT. THE
AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 146915, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID CC-

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COORDINATES YJ 173184, IN HON GAY CITY, QUANG NINE PROVINCE, VIETNAM.
LCDR TUCKER WAS SEEN BY OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FLIGHT TO EJECT
SUCCESSFULLY AND LAND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YJ 175182
IN HON GAY CITY. ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS WERE HEARD BUT NO RADIC
CONTACT COULD BE ESTABLISHED. THE JCRC HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL ACCOUNTS
STATING THAT AN AMERICAN PILOT WAS CAPTURED NEAR HON GAY CITY AND WAS
TAKEN TO THE HON GAY HOSPITAL WHERE THE PILOT SUBSEQUENTLY DIED OF
WOUNDS. LCDR TUCKER IS CURRENTLY CAPTIVE IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS
OF A DEAF, BODY NOT RECOVERED. A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON LCDR TUCKER WAS
PASSED TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) DURING THE SEPTEMBER
1982 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES VISIT TO HANOI. A FOLDER WAS
ALSO PASSED ON 2 OCTOBER 1983 TO THE SRV FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK
AND DURING THE 15-18 AUGUST 1984 JCRC/SRV TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.
(U) INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THE
LOSS OF LCDR TUCKER AS TO LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. DATA
CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE PILOT TO THE QUANG NINH PROVINCE
HOSPITAL IS CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CORRELA-
TED TO THIS CASE.

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