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SUBJECT: JCRC REPORT HK85-082, OBSERVATION OF TWO U.S. PILOTS IN QUANG NINH (U)

REF: HK85-083 (REPORT BY SAME SOURCE)

1. SOURCE. NAME: NGUYEN TUAN DAI; DOB: 15 JUL 43; POB: HAI PHONG; FORMER POSITION: WELDER; PRESENT LOCATION: HFI LING CHAU, HONG KONG; IDENTIFICATION DATA: I.D. 4718; DOI: 1956-67; MAP USED: SHEET 5451-2; SERIES L7014; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 30 AUG 85; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G.E. BELL; OTHER: BOAT LM2125; ARRIVED HONG KONG 19 AUG 85.

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 42 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE AND FORMER WELDER, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF TWO U.S. PILOTS CAPTURED NEAR NUI BEO ISLAND (YJ 5227) QUANG NINH PROVINCE. END OF SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE MID 1960'S (NOT SURE OF YEAR BUT SEEMED TO RECALL 1966 OR 1967) WHILE WORKING AT THE CAM PHA MINES HE OBSERVED TWO U.S. PWS. SOURCE STATED THAT AT THE TIME OF HIS OBSERVATION HE WAS WORKING AT THE MINES AT AROUND 1700 TO 1800 HRS WHEN THE TWO AMERICANS ARRIVED IN A MILITARY COMMAND VEHICLE. SOURCE STATED THAT THE VEHICLE WITH THE TWO AMERICANS WAS PARKED NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF THE COAL PROCESSING (GRINDING) PLANT OF THE CAM PHA MINES (YJ 4626) AND WAS BEING GUARDED BY MEMBERS OF THE CAM PHA MILITIA FORCES.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT HE OBSERVED THE TWO AMERICANS FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROX 30 METERS FOR ONLY ABOUT FIVE MINUTES. SOURCE STATED THAT THE TWO MEN DISMOUNTED THE VEHICLE AND WALKED OVER TO ANOTHER VEHICLE PARKED NEARBY WHICH WAS BEING DRIVEN BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES. SOURCE STATED THAT THE MILITIA TURNED THE TWO AMERICANS OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY AND THEN THEY DEPARTED WEST ON HIGHWAY 18 IN THE DIRECTION OF HON GAY. AFTER THE TWO AMERICANS WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE PUBLIC SECURITY, SOURCE DID NOT SEE THEM AGAIN.

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5. AFTER THE TWO AMERICANS DEPARTED SOURCE HEARD FROM BYSTANDERS (U/I) THAT THE TWO MEN WERE PILOTS WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN SOMETIME DURING THE MORNING HOURS (DIDN'T HEAR WHETHER SAME DAY OR EARLIER DATE) WHILE THEY WERE FLYING OVER THE CAM PHA MINES. SOURCE HEARD THAT WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BOTH PILOTS PARACHUTED OUT AND LANDED IN THE WATER NEAR NUI BEO ISLAND (NOT SHOWN ON AVAILABLE MAPS BUT SOURCE ESTIMATED LOCATION VIC YJ 5227). SOURCE HEARD THAT BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE WATER IT HAD LOST ONE OF ITS WINGS (BROKEN OFF). SOURCE HEARD THAT A U.S. HELICOPTER ARRIVED AFTER THE CRASH AND TRIED TO RESCUE THE TWO MEN BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO HEAVY FIRE FROM THE MILITIA FORCES.

6. SOURCE DESCRIBED THE TWO AMERICANS AS BEING MALE UKRAINIAN, BOTH TALL BUT ONE SLIGHTLY TALLER THAN THE OTHER, BOTH WEARING PILOT'S SUITS, AND BOTH CARRYING PILOT'S HELMETS IN THEIR HANDS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT ONE OF THE PILOTS LIMPED AS IF HE HAD BEEN INJURED BUT THAT THE OTHER PILOT APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY OTHER AMERICANS IN VIETNAM. DECL: OADR

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SUPJ: EVALUATION OF RPT HK85-082 (U)

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 120435Z SEP 85 (NOTAL)

1. (C) REVIEW OF DATA PROVIDED BY NGUYEN TUAN DAI, SOURCE OF REF A,

REVEALS A PROBABLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 0166, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES F. BELL AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES L. HUTTON, U.S. NAVY

2. (U) REFNO 0166: ON 16 OCTOBER 1965, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES F. BELL AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES L. HUTTON WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD AN RASC RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 151615, WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF

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GRID COORDINATES YJ 568227. APPROXIMATELY 10.5 KILOMETERS EAST-SOUTHEAST OF CAM PHA, QUANG NING PROVINCE, VIETNAM. BOTH CREW MEMBERS EJECTED AND LANDED IN THE GULF OF TONKIN. THEY WERE CAPTURED BY A MILITIA BOAT AND WERE RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL DURING OPERATION HOME-COMING.

3. (U) INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE CORRELATES TO REFNO 0166 AS TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS, LOCATION AND GENERAL TIME FRAME.

4. (U) THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION AND NOT A FINAL EVALUATION.

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