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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

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SUBJ: Alleged Grave of One U.S. Pilot in Quang Ninh

REF: A. HK86-51 (Report by Same Source)
B. HK86-52 (Report by Same Source)

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Dinh Vy aka Hoang Phu Vy
- b. DOB: May 53
- c. POB: Cua Ong Ward, Cam Pha Town, Quang Ninh (P)
- d. Former Position: House Construction
- e. Present Location: Hei Ling Chau
- f. Identification Data: I.D. 4878; Boat 2153
- g. DOI: 1972
- h. Date of Interview: 26 May 86
- i. Name of Interviewer: Mr. G.E. Bell, GS-13, DOD
- j. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 30 Dec 85

Summary: Source, a 33 YOA male VM refugee, provided firsthand information concerning his alleged observation of a grave said to contain the remains of one U.S. pilot, located near YJ491305, Cam Pha District, Quang Ninh Province.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during 1979, while visiting friends in Tra Huong Village (map indicates Trang Huong vic YJ495319), Cam Pha District, Quang Ninh Province he observed a grave said to contain the remains of one U.S. pilot. Source stated that at the time he was accompanied by a neighbor, known only to source as Cuong (LNU), approx 35 YOA native of Cam Pha and an employee of the Cam Pha Coal Mine. Source stated that while enroute from Cam Pha to Tra Huong Village he saw a grave on the slope of a hill above the road and approx 20 meters from the edge of the road. Source stated that he became curious about the grave when he observed a U.S. pilot's helmet sitting on top of the grave.

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When source saw the grave he heard from Cuong that the grave contained the remains of one U.S. pilot who was killed sometime during 1972 when his aircraft was shot down near Dao Hoi Island (possibly located vic YJ480240, based on source's description). Source heard from Cuong that the pilot had been killed by militia forces in the water while resisting capture. Source heard that a boat picked up the body of the pilot and brought it into the shore near Tai Xa (vic YJ4129). Except for the helmet, source did not observe any other marker on the grave. Also except for the helmet, source did not observe any other personal effects or identification media associated with the grave. Source did not recall any name or markings on the helmet. Source did not hear about any other remains, graves or survivors associated with the incident. Source estimated the location of the grave as being near YJ491305. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the alleged grave or shootdown incident.

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