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SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT

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SOURCE. NAME: TRUONG NGOC HUNG; DOB: 21 NOV
 1940; HA PHONG CITY; FORMER POSITION: HEAVY EQUIPMENT
 OPERATOR; PRESENT LOCATION: HEI LING CHAU, HONG KONG;
 IDENTIFICATION DATA: I.D. 4632; DOI: 1966; MAP USED:
 TS 8450-4, 8451-2; SERIES L7014; DATE OF INTERVIEW:
 DEC 85; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G.E. BELL, GS-13
 OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 1 AUG 85; BOAT LM2115.

SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 35 YOA MALE VN REFUGEE
 FORMER HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, PROVIDED INFORMATION
 CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF THE SHOOT-
 AND CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT NEAR CAM PHA (YJ5232)
 1966.

SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING MID (POS-
 SIBLY JUNE) 1966 WHILE RETURNING TO HIS HOME ALONG HIGHWAY
 IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE HE OBSERVED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A
 JET AIRCRAFT AND SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT.
 SOURCE STATED THAT AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS HE OBSERVED APPROX
 SEVEN U.S. JET AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM THE SEA (EAST)
 AND (WEST) TOWARD HA BAC PROVINCE. SOURCE STATED THAT
 ONE HOUR LATER HE OBSERVED ONLY THREE U.S. JET AIR-
 CRAFT FLYING FROM INLAND BACK OUT TO SEA. AS THE THREE
 AIRCRAFT, FLYING AT A "MEDIUM" ALTITUDE FLEW OVER CUA CAG
 (YJ4627), THE LEAD AIRCRAFT IN THE FLIGHT OF THREE
 WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM A PAVN UNIT
 EQUIPPED WITH "FOUR BARREL" GUNS. THE PAVN AA UNIT WAS
 LOCATED ON THE TOP OF A HILL VIC YJ456265 ACCORDING TO
 SOURCE.

SHORTLY AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT, THE
 AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES AND CRASHED INTO THE WATER
 IN THE DIRECTION OF CAM PHA DISTRICT (YJ5232). JUST
 AFTER THE CRASH SOURCE, WHO WAS STANDING NEAR BRIDGE
 VIC YJ455250, OBSERVED ONE FULLY DEPLOYED RED
 PARACHUTE DESCEND INTO THE WATER. AT APPROX 1700 HOURS
 HE SAW A CAM PHA HARBOR PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE BOAT
 WITH ONE U.S. PILOT INTO SHORE AT CAM PHA POPT (YJ

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470265). THE PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE WALKED THE PILOT
 ON FOOT TO A COAL PLANT OF THE CAM PHA COAL MINES WHICH
 WAS LOCATED VIC YJ465263.

5. THE FOLLOWING MORNING AT APPROX 0900 HOURS
 SOURCE OBSERVED PAVN TROOPS ARRIVE AT THE COAL PLANT
 IN A "CC-MAN-CA" (COMMAND CAR) VEHICLE. SOURCE HEARD
 FROM BYSTANDERS THAT THE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN THE PREVIOUS
 DAY HAD BEEN A MODEL "F4H". SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE
 ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AT THE TIME BUT DID RECALL
 THAT AFTER THE CAPTURED PILOT HAD PARACHUTED INTO THE
 WATER ONE OTHER U.S. JET AIRCRAFT AND ONE U.S. HELICOPTER
 HAD ARRIVED TO RESCUE THE DOWNED PILOT BUT WERE FORCED
 TO WITHDRAW DUE TO PAVN FIRE.

6. SOURCE DESCRIBED THE PILOT AS BEING MALE
 CAUCASIAN, APPROX 45 YOA, ABOUT 1.9 METERS TALL, AND
 WEARING A LIGHT COLORED (POSS GRAY OR LIGHT BLUE) FLIGHT
 SUIT WITH PILOTS' HELMET. SOURCE STATED THAT THE PUBLIC
 SECURITY POLICE TURNED THE PILOT OVER TO THE PAVN AND
 THEY DEPARTED WITH HIM IN THE COMMAND CAR GOING SOUTH
 DOWN HIGHWAY 18 IN THE DIRECTION OF HON GAI (YJ1618).
 SOURCE STATED THAT THE PILOT DID NOT HAVE ANY APPARENT
 WOUNDS OR INJURIES. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE
 FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

7. (S/W) EXCEPT FOR THE ONE PILOT REPORTED ABOVE,
 SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE OR HEAR ABOUT ANY AMERICANS RE-
 MAINING IN VIETNAM. SOURCE'S HAND DRAWN MEMORY SKETCH
 WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.
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A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 191157Z DEC 85

1. (C) REVIEW OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TRUONG NGOC HUNG. SOURCE OF REF A, REVEALS A PROBABLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 2380-0-01. COMMANDER CHARLES B. PETERS, U.S. NAVY.

2. (U) REFNO 0780: ON 1 JULY 1966, CDR CHARLES B. PETERS WAS FLY

ING AN A4F ATTACK POMER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 150017, WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICI-

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NITY OF GRID COORDINATES YJ725385, APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTHWEST OF THE NORTHERN END OF ILE BA MUN, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. THE OTHER MEMBER OF THE FLIGHT OBSERVED CDR PETERS ENTER THE OCEAN, WITH A FULLY DEPLOYED PARACHUTE, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YJ721385. SEARCH AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA OBSERVED CDR PETERS' PARACHUTE SINK BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER. NO FURTHER SIGN OF CDR PETERS OR HIS EJECTION EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED. CDR PETERS IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED. A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON CHARLES A. PETERS WAS PASSED TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE 25 - 28 SEPTEMBER 1985 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

3. (U) THE ACCOUNT RELAYED BY SOURCE CORRELATES TO CDR PETERS AS TO YEAR, TIME, APPROXIMATE MONTH, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPTURED PILOT.

4. (U) THIS EVALUATION MAY BE RELEASED TO NOK BY NMPC UPON DELETION OF SOURCE'S NAME FROM PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE.

5. (U) A SANITIZED COPY OF REF A, FOR RELEASE TO NOK WAS FORWARDED TO NMPC ON 18 DECEMBER 1986 UNDER MAIL REGISTRATION NUMBER R286624632.

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

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