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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK85-084
12 September 1985

SUBJ: Observation of Crashsite in [REDACTED]

REF: HK85-085 (Report by same Source)

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Thi-Vien (F)
- b. DOB: 28 August 1950
- c. POB: Ha Coi (V) Quang Ha (D) Quang Ninh (P)
- d. Former position: Factory Worker
- e. Present location: Hei Ling Chau, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 4251
- g. DOI: 1971
- h. Map used: Sheet 6450-4; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 30 August 1985
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. G.E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 18 Sep 84; Boat LM 2060

Source, a 35 YOA female VM refugee and former clothing factory worker, provided information concerning her alleged observation of the wreckage of a U.S. aircraft which crashed near Thon Hanh Hamlet (YJ2922), Cam Pha District, Quang Ninh Province.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during late 1971 while practicing volleyball at the ready made clothing factory (Xi Nghiep May Mac), located at the 12 kilometer marker on Highway #18 east of Hon Gay Town, Quang Ninh Province, she heard about the crash of a U.S. aircraft. Source heard the story from fellow workers at the clothing factory who resided in the area of the crash.

Three days after the crash Source and several other employees of the clothing factory decided to travel to the crashsite to look at the wreckage. Source stated that she recalled that the crashsite was located approx 300 meters south of Highway #18 near Thon Hanh Hamlet (YJ 2922). When Source arrived at the crashsite she observed several members of Naval Repair Plant #48 (Xuong 48 Hai Quan) who were searching through the wreckage located on a Karst formation.

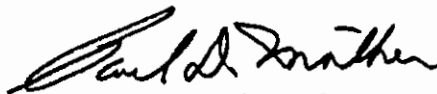
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Source heard from the men at the site that the aircraft had been shot down at night while returning from a mission in Ha Bac Province and that the aircraft had been trying to reach the sea. Source heard that the men from the Naval unit had been searching for the remains of the pilot since the morning after the crash but had found no trace of any crew-member. Source stated that she and members of her group also did not see any remains or personal effects of any crewmembers anywhere in the wreckage or around the crashsite.

Source stated that a few days after her visit to the crash-site she went to play volleyball at the clubhouse of Naval Repair Unit 48 and saw a large banner indicating that the unit had shot down a U.S. aircraft. Source heard from members of the unit that the pilot had been killed in the crash and that the aircraft was a jet (didn't say what type). Source stated that she did not believe that the pilot had been killed in the crash because the men were still looking for the pilot's body when she went to the crashsite, and because she had not seen any remains of the pilot. Source speculated that the pilot had ejected prior to the crash. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the alleged incident.



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REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: NGUYEN THI VIEN (F), 35
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: HK85-085, 12 September 1985
ANALYST: MSGT R. L. JOHN
CROSS REFERENCE (S): HK85-085

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/potential 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 which disappeared from the radar scopes about one hour after takeoff. 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 Minh Province, Vietnam. Maj Bacik and Capt Boggs are carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Source's alleged crash site location is within six kilometers of this incident's last known location. Only a possible correlation can be made due to the four year discrepancy in the actual date of incident and Source's report.

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