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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CRASH NEAR DONG
 TRIEU, NORTH VIETNAM, 1968 (U)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

A. NAME: LAM VI HUNG (M)

B. DPOB: 5 MAY 52; PHUONG DONG (V), UONG BI
(D), QUANG NINH (P)

C. OCCUPATION: STUDENT TO 1972; BRICKLAYER,

1972-79; FARMER, 1979-83

D. PRESENT LOCATION: PULAU BIDONG REFUGEE
CAMP, MALAYSIA

E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: MB 807011; ID

#141146

F. EDUCATION: 5/12

G. LANGUAGES: CANTONESE (NATIVE); VIETNAMESE
(EXCELLENT); MANDARIN, TEOCHEW, HAKKA (FAIR)

H. RELIGION: BUDDHIST

I. STATUS: REFUGEE

J. DATE OF INFORMATION: JUNE 1968

K. FINAL ADDRESS/POC IN VIETNAM: PHU LOC

(V), TAN PHU (D), DONG NAI (P)

L. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN 1ST ASYLUM: 2 AUG 87

M. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED AT
PULAU BIDONG REFUGEE CAMP, MALAYSIA ON 6 SEP 87 BY JAMES
M. COYLE, GS-12, DOD.

N. MAPS USED: SCALE: 1:50,000, SERIES:

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2. SUMMARY: SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE WITNESSED THE
 CRASH OF A JET AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE PRESUMES WAS AMERICAN,
 IN TRUONG TRONG (H), DONG TRIEU (D), QUANG NINH (P) IN
 JUNE 1968. HE WENT TO THE CRASH SITE AND VIEWED THE
 PILOT'S BODY. HE LATER LEARNED THAT THE BODY HAD BEEN
 BURIED WHERE IT HAD BEEN FOUND, THOUGH HE WAS NOT
 HIMSELF PRESENT FOR THE BURIAL. END SUMMARY.

3. INFORMATION: ONE MORNING IN JUNE 1968 SOURCE
 WAS RIDING HIS BICYCLE ON ROUTE 18 BETWEEN HIS HOME IN
 UONG BI DISTRICT AND DONG TRIEU. AT ABOUT 1000 HE HEARD
 A STRANGE NOISE IN THE SKY. LOOKING UP, HE SAW A

BURNING JET AIRCRAFT FALLING TO EARTH IN A STEEP DIVE,
 AS IF IT HAD BEEN HIT BY A ROCKET. (SOURCE'S SIMILAR
 SOURCE ONLY SAW THE AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE BELIEVES WAS AN
 F-105, FOR A FEW SECONDS BEFORE IT CRASHED. HE CANNOT
 ESTIMATE ITS ELEVATION. IT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN
 HEADING NORTHWEST. SOURCE DID NOT SEE THE PILOT EJECT.
 THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED SEVERAL KILOMETERS WEST OF SOURCE'S
 POSITION, AND SOURCE RODE OVER TO THE CRASH SITE TO HAVE
 A LOOK.

4. SOURCE ARRIVED AT THE CRASH SITE ABOUT 15
 MINUTES LATER. HIS SKETCH MAP, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED
 LATER, PLACES THE CRASH SITE IN TRUONG THONG (H), PEAM
 HONG THAI (V), DONG TRIEU (D), JUST A FEW METERS FROM
 THE NORTH BANK OF A BODY OF WATER (WHICH HE IDENTIFIES
 AS A FISH POND), WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE WEST BY A DIKE.
 THIS SKETCH MAP APPEARS TO COINCIDE WITH XJ 75252685.
 THE BODY OF THE PILOT LAY ON THE BANK OF THE POND, ABOUT
 100M FROM THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT. ONLY THE TAIL
 OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS VISIBLE ABOVE THE SURFACE OF THE
 WATER. SOURCE CANNOT REMEMBER THE COLOR OF THE AIRCRAFT
 OR IF THERE WERE ANY MARKINGS ON THE TAIL.

5. THE BODY OF THE PILOT WAS INTACT, BUT THE
 UNIFORM WAS BADLY TORN. THERE WAS NO HELMET ON THE
 BODY. SOURCE CANNOT RECALL THE COLOR OF THE UNIFORM.
 THE BODY WAS THAT OF A MALE, PROBABLY CAUCASIAN.
 (SOURCE DESCRIBED THE SKIN COLOR AS NEITHER BLACK NOR
 WHITE, BUT NOTED THAT THE BODY WAS NEITHER NEGROID NOR
 MONGOLOID). THE HAIR ON THE HEAD OF THE BODY WAS BLACK.
 SOURCE COULD NOT SEE THE EYES. SOURCE ESTIMATES THE
 BODY AS OF AVERAGE HEIGHT WITH A WEIGHT OF ABOUT 80
 KILOGRAMS. SOURCE SAW NO PARACHUTE IN THE AREA.

6. THERE WERE 20 OR 30 VILLAGE RESIDENTS AROUND
 THE AREA WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED, BUT THE VILLAGE
 AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DISTURB EITHER THE
 BODY OR THE CRASHED AIRCRAFT. AFTER ABOUT ONE AND ONE
 HALF HOURS, THE "CONG AN" ARRIVED AND ORDERED THE
 SPECTATORS TO DISPERSE, SAYING THAT ANOTHER AIR RAID
 COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME. SOURCE THEN DEPARTED THE
 SCENE.

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HE RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE SEVERAL DAYS LATER, WHERE HE HEARD THE PILOT'S BODY HAD BEEN BURIED NEAR WHERE SOURCE HAD SEEN IT. WHEN SOURCE WENT TO SEE HE FOUND THAT THERE WAS A MOUND OF FRESHLY-TURNED EARTH WHERE THE PILOT'S BODY HAD LAIN. THERE WAS NO MARKER OF ANY TYPE ON THIS MOUND. THE AIRCRAFT REMAINED WHERE IT CRASHED. SOURCE NEVER AGAIN SAW THIS CRASH SITE.

(C) COMMENT: SOURCE PROVIDED HIS INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER, ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS FULLY, AND MADE NO REQUESTS OF INTERVIEWER. WHEN INTERVIEWER NOTED THAT ALL OF HIS PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS IN MALAYSIA WITH NATIVES OF NORTH VIETNAM HAD BEEN WITH "EGROUPES" OF 1954, SOURCE REPLIED THAT HE HAD MIGRATED TO A SOUTHERN NEZ IN 1983, BECAME DISSATISFIED, AND LEFT AT HIS EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SOURCE WAS NOT INITIALLY SURE OF THE MONTH IN WHICH HE WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT, THEN RECALLED THAT IT HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING SCHOOL VACATION (NGHI HE), SO HE ESTIMATED THE MONTH TO HAVE BEEN JUNE. SOURCE SPEAKS EXCELLENT VIETNAMESE, BUT WITH NO STRONG REGIONAL OR DIALECTAL ACCENT. HE ATTRIBUTES HIS PRONUNCIATION TO HIS PREFERENCE FOR HIS NATIVE CANTONNESE AND TO HIS RECENT TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN VIETNAM. DECL:OADR.

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