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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC
SUBJ: Alleged Grave With One U.S. Remains In Quang Ninh
REF: HK85-080 (Report by same Source)

REF: RPT #HK85-081
12 September 1985

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Ngoc Trieu
- b. DOB: 5 May 48
- c. POB: Tra Co (V) Hai Ninh (D) Quang Ninh
- d. Former position: Truck Driver/Boat Operator
- e. Present location: Cape Collinson, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 1495
- g. DOI: 26 June 72
- h. Map used: Sheet 6450-1, 6451-2; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 2 Sep 85
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. G.E. Bell
- k. Other: Boat LM2061, arrived Hong Kong September 1984.

Source, a 37 YOA male VM refugee and former civil servant, provided limited information concerning his alleged firsthand observation of U.S. remains buried near Cam Pha Coal Mines (YJ3824) Quang Ninh Province.

Information:

Source stated that on 26 June 1972 while fishing in a boat, he observed the body of an American pilot floating in the water. Source stated that at the time of the incident he was fishing in his boat at about 1400 hours with another fisherman known to him as Tran Van Nhan. Source stated that he saw the body being washed against a rocky ledge about 30 meters from his boat.

Source stated that he was not able to describe the body but did notice that the body was wearing a pilot's uniform and that a light green colored parachute was lying in the water next to the body. Source stated that the area where he observed the body was located near the western side of a small island called "Nui Da Ong Cu" which was approx five kilometers south of the Cam Pha mines (YJ3824). Source stated that due to the weather he did not attempt to recover the body and when he departed the area it was still floating in the water.

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REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: NGUYEN NGOC TRIEU, 37
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: HK85-081, 12 September 1981
ANALYST: MSGT R. L. JOHN
CROSS REFERENCE (S): HK85-080

CATEGORY DATA: Casualty Data/First Hand Account

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by Source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 1969.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 1969: On 24 December 1972, Lt Phillip S. Clark was flying in A-7 aircraft which crashed in the vicinity of grid coordinates YJ 360160. Lt Clark safely ejected and was sighted in the water in the vicinity of grid coordinates YJ 360170, approximately 20 kilometers east of Hon Gay, Quang Ninh Province, Vietnam. Search and Rescue efforts were initiated but ended three days later with negative results. Lt Clark is carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The information provided by Source matches well with the circumstances of the REFNO 1969 incident.

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Commander

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JCRC REFNO FILE: 1969.

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