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WAS IN A QUIET AREA AND NOT UNDER ATTACK. SOURCE STATED THAT HE LATER TALKED TO THANH AND HEARD THAT THE PILOT WAS A CAUCASIAN WHO WAS ABOUT 30 YOA AND THAT HE HAD TURNED HIM OVER TO THE LCCAI OFFICIALS IN BAI CHAI. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY FURTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PILOT. IECL: OADR.

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SUBJ: JCRC REPORT HK85-034, SHOOTDOWN OF AIRCRAFT AND CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT IN QUANG NINH (F) (U)

REF: REPORTS BY SAME SOURCE, HK85-032 AND HK85-033.

SOURCE: NAME: NGUYEN VAN HOI; DPOB: 7 APR 1950, HANOI; FORMER POSITION: TRUCK DRIVER; PRESENT LOCATION: KAHK, MACAU; IL DATA: M160/5; DOI: 1968; MAP USED: SHVET 6450-4; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 2 JUN 85; INTERVIEWER: MR G F HILL; CTRF: ARRIVED MACAU CN 11 APR 81.

SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 35 YOA MALE VN REFUGEE AND FORMER TRUCK DRIVER, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF A U.S. PILOT AT HON GAI DURING 1968. END OF SUMMARY.

1. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING MID 1968 (POSSIBLY JUNE) HE WAS FISHING FOR SHRIMP OFF THE COAST OF HON GAI TOWN WHEN HE OBSERVED THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS HE SAW THE AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM INLAND OUT SEA (GENERALLY NORTH TO SOUTH) WHEN IT WAS HIT BY AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WHILE IN THE VICINITY OF KILOMETER MARKER #3 OF HIGHWAY 18 SOUTH OF HON GAI TOWN (YJ1718). SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING BENEATH THE CLOUD LAYER WHEN IT WAS HIT AND JUST AFTER IT WAS HIT HE OBSERVED THE PILOT BAIL OUT UNDER A FULLY DEPLOYED RED PARACHUTE. SOURCE SAW THE PARACHUTE DESCEND INTO THE WATER NEARBY THE HON GAI COAL WHARF (YJ155182). SOURCE DID NOT SEE WHERE THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED DOWN.

2. SOURCE THEN OBSERVED THREE OTHER U.S. AIRCRAFT FLYING AROUND THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT DESCENDED. SOURCE SAW A PSS 21T KNOWN TO HIM AS VU VAN THANH, APPROX 30 YOA NATIVE OF TUAN CHAU ISLAND, HON GAI, GO OUT IN A SMALL BOAT AND CAPTURE THE U.S. PILOT. THANH THEN TOOK THE PILOT IN THE BOAT TO A GOVERNMENT REST HOUSE FOR SENIOR CADRE LOCATED IN BAI CHAI (VIC YJ1416). SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO SEE THE PILOT FROM A DISTANCE AND WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION BUT STATED THAT THE PILOT APPEARED TO BE CAUCASIAN AND NOT WOUNDED OR INJURED. SOURCE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THANH TOOK THE PILOT TO THE GOVERNMENT REST HOUSE BECAUSE IT

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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK85-032
19 June 1985

SUBJ: Crash of Aircraft and Death of One Pilot in
Quang Ninh

REF: HK85-033 (report by same Source)
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Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Van Hoi
- b. DOB: 7 Apr 50
- c. POB: Hanoi
- d. Former position: Truck Driver
- e. Present location: Kaho, Macau
- f. Identification data: M160/5
- g. DOI: 1968
- h. Map used: Sheet 6450-4; Series L7014
- i. Date of interview: 2 June 85
- j. Name of interviewer: Mr. Garnett E. Bell
- k. Other: Arrived Macau 11 April 1981

Source, a 35 YOA male VN refugee and former truck driver, provided information concerning the shootdown of one U.S. aircraft and the death of one pilot near Hon Gai Town, Quang Ninh.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during the summer season of 1968 he was at home resting in Hon Gai at approx 1500 hours when he observed the shootdown of a U.S. jet (type unknown) aircraft. Source stated that he saw the aircraft, in flames, flying from inland toward the sea in the vicinity kilometer marker #8 of Highway 18 east of Hon Gai Town, Quang Ninh.

Prior to the crash Source did not see any crewmembers parachute from the aircraft. At approx 1600-1700 hours the same afternoon Source saw members of the PSS and local militia forces returning from the direction of the crashsite with a human thigh in their possession. Source heard from them that they were taking the thigh to the Quang Ninh General Hospital (Binh Vien Da Khoa).

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Source later heard from some medical personnel who worked in the hospital that the thigh was given to a doctor at the hospital called Dr. Que and that some medical personnel in the hospital said the thigh looked like that of a female pilot. Source did not hear further about the rest of the pilot's remains.

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