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SUBJ: JCRC REPORT HK85-040, CAPTURE OF U.S. PILOT IN
- HAI PHONG (U)

1. SOURCE: NAME: LF VAN THONG; DOB: 1 MAY 1929;
POB: THUY CC (V) HAI PHONG; FORMER POSITION: FISHERMAN;
PRESENT OCCUPATION: KAITAK NORTH, HONG KONG; IDENTIFICATION
DATA: I.D. 41026; ICI: 1970'S; MAP USED: SHEET 6250-1;
SERIES L7014; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 7 JUN 85; NAME OF INTER-
VIEWER: MR. GARNETT F. BELL; OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG
15 AUG 81; BCAT LM 1464/1

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 56 YCA MALE VN REFUGEE
AND FORMER FISHERMAN, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING
HIS ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF THE SPOOTDOWN AND CAPTURE OF
ONE U.S. PILOT IN CAT HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG MUNICIPALITY
END OF SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY
1970'S ABOUT ONE MONTH BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE
HEAVY B-52 ATTACKS, HE WAS FISHING IN A BOAT AT ABOUT
1300 HOURS WHEN HE SAW A U.S. JET AIRCRAFT BE HIT BY A
MISSILE AND BURST INTO FLAMES.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT HE FIRST OBSERVED A FLIGHT
OF FOUR AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM CAT BA ISLAND IN THE DIREC-
TION OF HAI PHONG (GENERALLY EAST TO WEST) AND FLYING LOW
OVER THE WATER. SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT COME FROM THE POINT
WEST OF HAI PHONG CITY AND THEN AFTER GAINING ALTI-
TITUDE TURN AND FLY TOWARD THE OCEAN. SOURCE STATED THAT
AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE
FIRED FROM THE DIRECTION OF UONG BI AND FROM NEAR KIEN AN
AIRFIELD, HAI PHONG.

5. (S/NF) SOURCE STATED THAT WHEN THE SINGLE AIRCRAFT
WAS HIT BY THE MISSILE HE SAW ONE FULLY DEPLOYED PARA-
CHUTE DESCEND INTO THE CHANNEL ABOUT 500 METERS WEST OF
HCANG CHAU VILLAGE (XJ 9300). SOURCE STATED THAT THE
AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE CHANNEL AND SANK. SOURCE RE-
CALLED THAT VILLAGE MILITIA GOT INTO THREE FISHING BOATS
AND WENT OUT TO CAPTURE THE PILOT BUT THE THREE REMAINING
AIRCRAFT CIRCLED AROUND AND ATTACKED THE THREE BOATS
CAUSING THEM TO RETREAT BACK TO THE BEACH. AFTER THE
THREE FISHING BOATS RETURNED WITH ONE MILITIA MEMBER WHO
WAS KILLED BY THE THREE AIRCRAFT, ONE LOCAL VILLAGER TOOK

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A SMALL BOAT AND CAPTURED THE PILOT IN THE WATER. SOURCE
RECALLED THAT THE VILLAGER WHO CAPTURED THE PILOT WAS
FRAISSE AS BEING A HERO DUE TO THE AIR ATTACKS.

6. (S/NF) SOURCE SAW THE SMALL BOAT TAKE THE PILOT TO
THE BEACH AT HCANG CHAU (V), CAT HAI (D), BUT DID NOT SEE
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PILOT. SOURCE WAS ONLY ABLE TO SEE
THE PILOT FROM A DISTANCE AND COULD NOT DESCRIBE HIM.
SOURCE LATER HEARD FROM THE MILITIA THAT THEY HAD KEPT THE
PILOT'S HELMET AND THAT THEY HAD TAKEN TWO WEAPONS FROM
HIM (DIDN'T SAY WHAT TYPE). SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING
FURTHER CONCERNING THE PILOT. SOURCE DID NOT SEE ANY
AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM.
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SUBJ: ~~EVALUATION OF RPT HK85-040~~ (U)
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- A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 190625Z JUN 85 (NOTAL)
- 1. (C) REVIEW OF DATA PROVIDED BY LE VAN THONG, SOURCE OF REF A (HK85-040), REVEALS A POSSIBLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 0508, LIEUTENANT ALLAN R. CARPENTER, U.S. NAVY.
- 2. (U) REFNO 0508: ON 1 NOVEMBER 1966, LIEUTENANT ALLAN R. CARPENTER WAS FLYING AN A4E ATTACK BOMBER IN A FLIGHT OF THREE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 151138, WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE TARGET AREA. LT CARPENTER EJECTED FROM THE

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AIRCRAFT AND LANDED IN THE WATER, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XJ 907009, APPROXIMATELY 6.5 KILOMETERS WEST OF HAO HY CITY, HAI PHONG PROVINCE, VIETNAM. LT CARPENTER WAS CAPTURED BY SMALL BOATS IN THE AREA AND RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING.

3. (U) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE COMPARES VERY FAVORABLY WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE OF LT CARPENTER. JCRC FILES INDICATE THAT LT CARPENTER'S LOSS IS THE ONLY INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN FIVE KILOMETERS OF HOANG CHAU (V). NEVERTHELESS, SINCE THE SOURCE PROVIDED DISCREPANCIES AS TO THE DATE OF THIS INCIDENT, ONLY A POSSIBLE CORRELATION CAN BE MADE.

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

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