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Hai Phong

From: JCRC-LNO
To: Commander, JCRC

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Subj: CRASH OF US AIRCRAFT IN ~~HAIPHONG~~ PROVINCE; DEATH OF THE PILOT (U)

1. ~~Source~~ Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: Nguyen Thi Thu (F)
- b. DPOB: 5 October 1953; Hai Phong Province
- c. Occupation:
Pre-1975: Field worker; Seamstress
Post-1975: Field worker; Searstress
- d. Present location: Stage IB, Sha Tin Detention Center, Hong Kong
- e. Identification data: Number 27253
- f. Educational level: 7 years
- g. Languages spoken: Vietnamese
- h. Status: Illegal immigrant
- i. Final residence in Vietnam: Hai Phong City.
- j. Source arrived in Hong Kong on 23 August 1988.
- k. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Sha Tin camp on 16 Sep 1989 by Garry L. Smith, CW3(P), USA.
- l. Map used: Map Sheet 6350 IV; 1:50,000

2. (U) Summary: Source provided firsthand information concerning the crash of a US aircraft in April of 1968 at XJ 5902 in Hai Phong Province. The pilot died in the crash.

3. (U) Information:

a. (U) At about noon one day in April 1968, Source was working in a field outside of Cau Trung hamlet (XJ 5902), Quang Hung Village, An Lao District, Hai Phong Province. Suddenly, Source heard the sound of a jet aircraft and antiaircraft batteries. Source looked up and saw a burning gray aircraft losing altitude on a southwest to northeast heading. The aircraft impacted in a pond several hundred meters from Cau Trung Hamlet and about a half kilometer from where Source was working (Source identified the location of the crash site as being within grid square XJ 5902). Source saw no parachute eject from the aircraft. Source heard later that the target of the aircraft had been the Xa Trung ferry, which was about three kilometers to the south of Cau Trung Village (Source identified the location of the ferry as being XH 597992).

b. (U) Source went to the crash site and observed aircraft wreckage, the majority of which was submerged in the pond. Even though the aircraft was in the water, fuel from the aircraft was burning and smoking. Source remained at the crash site for about an hour and then returned to her duties.

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