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Hai Phong

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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK86-035
29 April 1986

SUBJ: Rescue of One Pilot In Hai Phong

Source:

- a. Name: Tran Van Nhan
- b. DOB: 1952
- c. POB: Hai Phong
- d. Former position: Fisherman
- e. Present location: Bowring, Hong Kong
- f. Identification data: I.D. 391/1, Boat LM1882
- g. Map used: Sheet 6350-2; Series L7014
- h. Date of interview: 17 Mar 86
- i. Name of interviewer: Mr. G.E. Bell, GS-13 DOD
- j. Other: Arrived Hong Kong 28 May 83

Source, a 32 YOA male VM refugee, provided firsthand information concerning the rescue of one U.S. pilot from the water near Do Son (XH8985), Hai Phong.

Information:

Source stated that sometime during the period of heavy bombing by U.S. aircraft in the Hai Phong area (couldn't recall year or time of year) while residing in Hai Phong, he observed the crash of one U.S. aircraft. Source stated that at the time several U.S. jet aircraft (couldn't recall type or how many) were flying around the area of Hai Phong City. Source saw one jet aircraft flying from the direction of Hai Phong toward Do Son (generally northwest to southeast).

Source recalled that at the time of his observation he was in a fishing boat with his parents sometime around mid-day. Source saw one pilot eject from the single aircraft and descend under a fully deployed parachute into the ocean about two kilometers northeast of the Do Son Lighthouse (XH8985). Source observed that the aircraft was not on fire and did not appear to have been hit. Source saw the aircraft continue flying over the ocean and did not see it crash.

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Shortly after the single pilot parachuted into the water, Source saw one other U.S. aircraft arrive on the scene and begin flying around the area where the parachute landed. Shortly thereafter Source saw two U.S. helicopters arrive in the area near the downed pilot. Source saw one of the helicopters drop a ladder down and pick up the pilot from the water. The helicopters then departed to the east. Source did not observe or hear about any other survivors. Source did not hear about any remains or graves associated with the aircraft. Source did not observe or hear about any Americans remaining in Vietnam.

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