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6350 IV
Hai Phong

From: JCRC-LNO
To: Commander, JCRC

JCRC RPT HK89-373
6 February 1990

Subj: CRASH OF A US AIRCRAFT IN HAI PHONG PROVINCE; PRESUMED
DEATH OF THE PILOT (U)

1. (C) Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: Dinh Huu Bao (M)
- b. DPOB: 20 August 1960;
- c. Present location: House C4, Sha Tin Detention Center,
Hong Kong
- d. Identification data: Number 59598; Boat 519/89
- e. Status: Illegal immigrant
- f. Final residence in Vietnam: Hai Phong City
- g. Source arrived in Hong Kong on 4 June 1989
- h. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Sha Tin camp
on 9 December 1989 by CW4 Garry L. Smith, US Army
- i. Map used: Map Sheet 6350 IV; 1:50,000

2. (U) Summary: Source provided firsthand information concerning the crash of a US aircraft in Hai Phong Province in a river at XJ 813139. The pilot ejected from the aircraft but Source presumed that he was dead upon landing.

3. (U) Information:

a. (U) One afternoon about 1300-1400 in April 1972, Source, a twelve-year-old, was at his home in Lap Le Village (XJ 8113), Hai Phong Province, when a US aircraft (model not known) crashed in the river just north of the village (Source identified the water crash site as XJ 813139). Source heard later from general village hearsay that the aircraft, one of a flight of five, was shot down by a missile after an attack on targets in the vicinity of Pha Le Village (XJ 8111), just south of Lap Le.

b. (U) Source went to the western bank of the river to see the aircraft, but most of it was submerged under the water and very little wreckage was visible. On the western bank Source saw militia and public security officials gathered around a crew member who Source heard had ejected from the aircraft. Source attempted to get close enough to see the crew member more clearly, but public security officials had taken control of the area and prohibited his entry; therefore Source was unable to personally determine whether he was living or dead. Source heard later from general hearsay that the crew member was dead upon landing by parachute and that his face had been badly burned.

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Source departed the area and neither saw nor heard what became of the presumed remains of the crew member.



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