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SUBJ: JCRC REF BREG-144 SRV EXCAVATION OF US  
 AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN HAI PHONG (U)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- A. NAME: NGUYEN THI THU HA (F)
- E. ICB: 21 JUN 66
- C. PCB: HUNG VUONG (V), AN HAI (D),  
 HAI PHONG

- D. FORMER POSITION: STUDENT
- E. PRESENT LOCATION: BLDG E, BII LING CHAU
- F. IDENTIFICATION DATA: VRD 656
- G. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1966-69
- H. PAF(S) USED: HAI PHONG GUIDE BOOK, RED  
 RIVER PUBLISHING HOUSE, UNDATED.
- I. DATE OF INTERVIEW: 18 SEP 89
- J. NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E. BELL,  
 GS-13, DOD
- K. OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 8 AUG 89

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE VM  
 REFUGEE, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
 EXCAVATION OF A US AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN HUNG  
 VUONG VILLAGE (XJ720E), AN HAI DISTRICT, HAI PHONG.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING 1986,  
 WHILE RESIDING IN HUNG VUONG VILLAGE, AN HAI  
 OF A US AIRCRAFT AND DEATH OF ONE PILOT. SOURCE  
 HEARD THE STORY FROM HER FATHER NGUYEN QUANG CUONG,  
 A 61 YEAR OLD NATIVE OF HAI PHONG AND RETIRED METAL  
 FACTORY EMPLOYEE CURRENTLY RESIDING IN HUNG VUONG  
 (V) (XJ720E).

4. SOURCE HEARD FROM HER FATHER THAT SOMETIME  
 DURING THE NIGHTTIME HOURS IN 1968, A US MODEL F-4  
 AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO A PAVN COMMAND POST WHICH WAS  
 LOCATED IN A GARDEN NEXT TO THEIR HOME. SOURCE

HEARD THAT SEVERAL HOUSES WERE DAMAGED INCLUDING THE  
 HOME OF HER PARENTS. A PAVN RADAR STATION WAS ALSO  
 DESTROYED BY THE CRASHING AIRCRAFT. SOURCE'S FATHER  
 SAID ONE PILOT REMAINED IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME  
 OF IMPACT. LOCAL VILLAGERS RECOVERED A WATCH FROM  
 THE CRASH SITE SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.  
 SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION  
 OF THE WATCH.

SOMETIME DURING 1986, SOURCE'S BROTHER,  
 NGUYEN QUANG SINH AND SEVERAL OTHER VILLAGERS  
 ATTEMPTED TO EXCAVATE THE CRASH SITE FOR METAL. THE  
 GROUP FOUND A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS WHICH WERE  
 RETAINED BY SOURCE'S BROTHER SINH AND HIS WIFE. THE  
 GROUP WAS IN THE PROCESS OF EXCAVATING THE SITE WHEN  
 SOMEONE INFORMED THEM TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC  
 SECURITY. THE PUBLIC SECURITY THEN CAME TO THE  
 CRASH SITE AND ARRESTED SOURCE'S BROTHER SINH. SINH  
 WAS RELEASED AFTER HE TURNED OVER SOME RIB BONES AND  
 LEG BONES TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY. SOURCE RECALLED  
 SINH'S WIFE HAD KEPT A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS WHICH  
 SHE HID IN HER HOUSE. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM PSS  
 CUSTODY, SINH WAS INSTRUCTED TO REFRAIN FROM ANY  
 FURTHER ATTEMPTS AT EXCAVATING THE SITE.

SOMETIME DURING JUN 89, A GROUP OF PAVN FROM  
 THE HAI PHONG MILITARY HQ ARRIVED TO INSPECT THE  
 SITE. THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE GROUP WAS PAVN MAJ  
 CHINH (CHINESE) (LNU). MAJ CHINH CONTACTED THE OWNER  
 OF THE PROPERTY WHERE THE AIRCRAFT HAD IMPACTED, MR.  
 NGUYEN QUANG HUAN (HUAANS) AND AGREED TO PAY HIM  
 200,000 DONG (APPROXIMATELY 50 US DOLLARS) FOR  
 DAMAGE TO HIS PROPERTY IN ORDER TO EXCAVATE THE  
 SITE. MAJ CHINH HIRED LOCAL LABORERS AND DUG UP THE  
 ENTIRE AIRCRAFT. THE GROUP RECOVERED SOME RIB  
 BONES, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND A PISTOL FROM THE  
 NOSE SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE GROUP TOOK AWAY  
 ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS AND MOST OF THE WRECKAGE. AT  
 THE TIME OF SOURCE'S DEPARTURE, ONLY A WING SECTION  
 AND SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF METAL REMAINED AT THE  
 SITE.

7. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY SURVIVORS OF  
 THE INCIDENT OR ANY OTHER REMAINS OR GRAVES  
 ASSOCIATED WITH THE WRECKAGE. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE

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TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE  
INCIDENT. SOURCE DID NOT DESERVE OR HEAR ABOUT ANY  
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