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SUBJECT: JCRC REPORT HK85-071, SHOOTDOWN OF AIRCRAFT,
CAPTURE OF ONE PILOT NEAR HAI PHONG AIRCRAFT
WRECKAGE OBSERVED NEAR HAI PHONG (U)

1. SOURCE. NAME: NGUYEN VAN KHAI; DOB: 25 NOV 47; POB: HAI PHONG; FORMER POSITION: FISHERMAN; PRESENT LOCATION: KAITAK NORTH, HONG KONG; IDENTIFICATION DATA: I.D. 44026; DOI: 1971-72; MAP USED: SHEET 6350-1, 6350-4; SERIES L7014; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 4 SEP 85; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E. BELL; OTHER: BOAT LM 1702; ARRIVED HONG KONG 26 JUN 82.

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 38 YOA MALE VN REFUGEE AND FORMER FISHERMAN, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF THE SHOOTDOWN AND CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT NEAR GIA DIEC (XJ 8220) AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE LOCATED NEAR DINH VU (XJ 8702) IN HAI PHONG. END OF SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE MONTH OF MAY IN THE YEAR PRIOR TO THE MINING OF HAI PHONG HARBOR, WHILE SELLING FISH AT THUY NGUYEN, HAI PHONG HE OBSERVED THE SHOOTDOWN AND CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT. SOURCE STATED THAT THE INCIDENT OCCURRED SOMETIME AROUND NOON SINCE HE NORMALLY SOLD HIS CATCH FROM 1100 TO 1300 HOURS.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT INITIALLY HE OBSERVED A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM THE DIRECTION OF HAI PHONG TOWARD QUANG YEN (XJ 9716). SOURCE SAW THE TWO AIRCRAFT CIRCLE AND FLY BACK IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WITH ONE AIRCRAFT PASSING OVER QUANG YEN TOWN WHILE THE SECOND AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER THE BACH DANG RIVER ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF QUANG YEN. SOURCE STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WHICH FLEW OVER THE BACH DANG RIVER WAS HIT BY PAVN ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE. SHORTLY AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT SOURCE SAW ONE CREWMEMBER EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND DESCEND UNDER A FULLY DEPLOYED RED AND GREEN COLORED PARACHUTE INTO GIA DIEC VILLAGE (LOCATION DESCRIBED BY SOURCE IS LISTED AS GIA DUC VILLAGE ON AVAILABLE MAPS, XJ 8220).

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5. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AFTER THE PILOT LANDED SOURCE SAW A VEHICLE WITH A CROWD OF PEOPLE GATHERED AROUND IT ON HIGHWAY 10 EAST OF THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT TOWN (XJ 7413). SOURCE STATED THAT THE PILOT APPEARED TO BE A CAUCASIAN BUT THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN SINCE HE WAS STANDING ABOUT 200 METERS FROM THE VEHICLE. SOURCE THEN SAW THE VEHICLE DEPART IN THE DIRECTION OF THUY NGUYEN. LATER THAT SAME DAY SOURCE HEARD FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THUY NGUYEN THAT THE PAVN HAD DRIVEN THE AMERICAN PILOT AROUND THUY NGUYEN TOWN FOR THE PEOPLE TO SEE. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT HAD NOT BEEN INJURED BUT WAS VERY TIRED. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS A MODEL "H4" AND THAT AFTER THE PILOT BAILED OUT THE AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED DOWN IN THON SAU PHIEN HAMLET WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE CUA CAM RIVER OPPOSITE FROM HAI PHONG PORT. SOURCE ALSO HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD NOT DROPPED ANY BOMBS PRIOR TO THE SHOOTDOWN BECAUSE IT WAS FLYING A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

6. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1970'S (POSSIBLY 1971 OR 72) HE OBSERVED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE IN SHALLOW WATER ABOUT 50 METERS FROM SHORE SOUTH OF DINH VU VILLAGE (XJ 8702). SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS FISHING AT THE TIME AND HEARD FROM FISHERMEN IN OTHER BOATS THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED RECENTLY AT ABOUT 0800-0900 HOURS. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WHILE BOMBING HAI PHONG AND THAT ONE CREWMEMBER HAD EJECTED PRIOR TO THE CRASH. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE CREWMEMBER WAS RESCUED BY A HELICOPTER SHORTLY AFTER HE PARACHUTED INTO THE WATER. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY SURVIVORS OF THE CRASH OR ANY REMAINS. SOURCE STATED THAT FISHERMEN FROM THE DINH VU FISHING COMMUNITY PULLED UP PART OF THE WRECKAGE FOR SCRAP METAL. DECL: OADR

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NSC FOR MR. CHILRESS

SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RET HK85-071 (U)

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 100745Z SEP 85 (NCTAL)

1. (U) REVIEW OF DATA PROVIDED BY NGUYEN VAN KHAI, SOURCE OF REF A,

REVEALS A POSSIBLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 1864, LIEUTENANT CARROLL R. BEELER, U.S. NAVY.

2. (U) CN 24 MAY 1972, LIEUTENANT CARROLL R. BEELER WAS FLYING AN

F8E FIGHTER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 150311, WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XJ 889144, APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF

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QUANG YEN, VIETNAM. LT BEELER EJECTED, WAS CAPTURED AND SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING.

3. (U) PARA 3, REF A COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH THE SHOOT DOWN AND CAPTURE OF LT BEELER. PARA 6, REF A CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO DATA IN JCRC FILES, BUT MAY RELATE TO A RESOLVED AIRCRAFT INCIDENT THAT IS LISTED IN THE ALL LOSS DATA BASE. THESE RECORDS INDICATE THAT A U.S. NAVY RF8A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER 146784, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XJ 889138 ON 31 AUGUST 1966 AND THAT THE PILOT WAS RESCUED.

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

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