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SUBJ: JCRC RPT HK39-335; U.S. AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY
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1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- A. NAME: TRAN VAN TRINH (M)
- B. DOP: 1961
- C. POB: THUY DUONG (V), THUY NGUYEN (D), HAI PHONG (P)
- D. FORMER POSITION: CANDY VENDOR
- E. PRESENT LOCATION: HUT 7, ARGYLE
- F. IDENTIFICATION DATA: ID 292, POAT VRD 344
- G. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1971
- H. MAP(S) USED: SHFET 6352-4; SERIES L7014
- I. DATE OF INTERVIEW: 16 SEP 89
- J. NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E. BELL, GS-13, DOD
- K. OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 10 AUG 89

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 20 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE, PROVIDED LIMITED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLGEO OBSERVATION OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED NEAR HOANG DONG (HOANGF DDOONGJ) VILLAGE (XJ7309), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT, HAI PHONG.

3. INFORMATION: SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING EARLY 1971, WHILE RESIDING IN HAI PHONG, HE OBSERVED THE CRASH OF A U.S. B-52 AIRCRAFT. SOURCE SAID HE WAS RIDING HIS BICYCLE ON HIGHWAY 10 FROM THUY NGUYEN TOWN (XJ7413) TO HAI PHONG SOMETIME AROUND 1300 WHEN HE OBSERVED APPROX SEVEN U.S. B-52 AIRCRAFT FLYING AT A HIGH ALTITUDE FROM THE OCEAN. SOURCE BELIEVED THAT BASED ON THE DIRECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT THEY PLANNED TO CONTINUE ON TO HANOI. SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT CROSS OVER HAI PHONG AND DROP BOMBS ON THE OIL DEPOT (XJ725285).

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4. SOURCE ENTERED AN UNCOVERED AIR RAID SHELTER NEXT TO THE HIGHWAY AND CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE FLIGHT OF B-52 AIRCRAFT. SOURCE SAW A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE GO UP FROM TAN DUONG VILLAGE (XJ7511) AND HIT THE LAST AIRCRAFT IN THE FLIGHT. SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE SAW THREE PARACHUTES, INCLUDING ONE BLUE, ONE YELLOW, AND ONE WHITE-COLORED CHUTE. THE THREE FULLY DEPLOYED PARACHUTES DESCENDED IN THE AREA OF HOANG DONG VILLAGE (NOTE: SHOWN ON AVAILABLE MAPS, BUT ACCORDING TO SOURCE LOCATED BETWEEN THE CEMENT PLANT (XJ744072) AND THE OIL DEPOT (XJ725285). SOURCE ESTIMATED THE LOCATION AS VIC XJ7309.)

5. SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT GO DOWN SOUTH OF TAN DUONG BETWEEN TAN DUONG AND THE BEN BINH FERRY (XJ751080). THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED JUST PRIOR TO IMPACT AND SOURCE SAW ONE PILOT FALL FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT, WHO DID NOT HAVE A PARACHUTE, LANDED IN A MARSHY AREA OF TAN DUONG VILLAGE. SOURCE DID NOT GO TO THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT IMPACTED THE GROUND BUT SPECULATED THE PILOT WAS KILLED WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND. SOURCE SAW SEVERAL MILITIA MEMBERS SEARCHING IN THE AREA BUT DID NOT SEE THEM RECOVER THE BODY OF THE PILOT. SOURCE SAID THE BODY WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE DUE TO THE SOIL CONDITION (MUD). SOURCE SAID SOMETIME AFTER THE WAR ENDED THE AREA WAS DRAINED AND PLANTED IN RICE.

6. SOURCE HEARD FROM RESIDENTS OF TAN DUONG THAT ONE OF THE PILOTS WHO PARACHUTED FROM THE BURNING AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN KILLED DURING CAPTURE. SOURCE HEARD THE PILOT MADE NO ATTEMPT TO RESIST BUT ONE MILITIA MEMBER SHOT HIM WITH A RIFLE WHILE APPROACHING HIM FOR CAPTURE. SOURCE RATHER SAW A MOUND OF EARTH IN TAN DUONG VILLAGE WHICH RESIDENTS (U/I) SAID CONTAINED THE REMAINS OF THE PILOT WHO WAS KILLED DURING CAPTURE. SOURCE COULD ONLY RECALL THE GRAVE WAS LOCATED ON A KNOLL AT THE EDGE OF TAN DUONG AND THE MOUND, SAID TO BE A GRAVE, WAS OVERGROWN WITH GRASS. SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY MARKER ON THE GRAVE. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR OR HEAR ABOUT ANY PERSONAL EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE

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INCIDENT. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE FATE OF THE
OTHER CREW MEMBERS HE CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED AFTER
THEY PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. SOURCE DID NOT
OBSERVE OR HEAR ABOUT ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN
VIETNAM.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SOURCE MADE NO REQUESTS
OF THE INTERVIEWER AND CAME FORWARD VOLUNTARILY, HE
RELATED HIS STORY HALTINGLY. SOURCE GAVE THE
IMPRESSION HE WAS EMBELLISHING AN INCIDENT HE HAD
BRIEFLY OBSERVED AS A CHILD. SOURCE WAS UNSURE
CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF DEPLOYED PARACHUTES HE
OBSERVED BUT WHEN ASKED TO STATE CLEARLY THE MINIMUM
AND MAXIMUM NUMBER HE QUICKLY SAID "THREE" AND WENT
ON TO PROVIDE A COLOR FOR EACH. SOURCE WAS ALSO
UNSURE CONCERNING THE TIME FRAME AND THE TYPE OF
AIRCRAFT. SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED THE AIRCRAFT WAS
A B-52 DUE TO ITS LARGE SIZE AND BECAUSE LOCAL
EVIDENTS IN TAN DUONG SAID IT WAS A B-52. SOURCE
SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ANY
LOCALS INVOLVED BECAUSE HE WAS A RESIDENT OF THUY TO
XJ7613) AND WAS ONLY PASSING THROUGH TAN DUONG
WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION
CONCERNING THE FLIGHT OF THE AIRCRAFT ALSO DOES NOT
CHECK. IF THE AIRCRAFT WERE HOMEING THE OIL DEPOT,
THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ALREADY PASSED OVER TAN
DUONG VILLAGE PRIOR TO REACHING THEIR TARGET.
SOURCE MAY HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD CONCERNING THIS
POINT, OR HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPECULATING ON THE
TARGET DUE TO ITS FREQUENCY OF ATTACK. DECL:
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From: JCRC-LNO
To: Commander, JCRC

5 June 1990

Subj: MEMORANDUM FOR JCRC ANALYSTS CONCERNING JCRC RPT HK89-355

References:

HK88-070	HK89-013
HK89-097	HK89-124
HK89-144	HK89-355

1. Summary of HK89-355: Source provided firsthand information concerning the crash of a US aircraft in Hai Phong Province in mid-1968 in the vicinity of Cam Lo Village (XJ 705078). The general hearsay in the local area was that the pilot died in the crash, his remains were recovered by remains traders, and an arrest was made for "trafficking" in remains.

2. Source's narrative fits in well with other reports (see References) about a crash in Cam Lo Village (XJ 7008) in which indications were that the pilot did not exit the aircraft prior to impact. In addition, several accounts relate that remains traders recovered the remains and that district public security police made arrests for "trafficking" in remains.


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REFUGEE REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

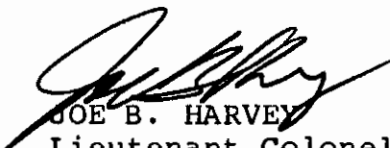
REFUGEE REPORT NUMBER & DATE: HK89-355, 7 February 1990
ANALYST: SGT T. D. Coulter
CROSS REFERENCE(S): HK89-354

CATEGORY DATA: Aircraft Crash and Death of Pilot/Firsthand
Account

FINDINGS: Initial analysis of the information provided by this source indicates this report probably correlates to REFNO 0869. This is not a final evaluation.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0869: On 18 October 1967, Lieutenant Commander John F. Barr was the pilot of an A4E aircraft, serial number 152048, in a flight of two aircraft. The wingman last saw Commander Barr's aircraft in a steep dive on a surface-to-air missile site. After taking evasive maneuvers from surface-to-air missiles the wingman saw an orange fireball in the vicinity of grid coordinates XJ716080, Cam Lo Village, Hai Phong Municipality, Vietnam. He saw no parachute and heard no electronic beacon signals. A visual and electronic search failed to locate any sign of Commander Barr. On 11 September 1989, the Vietnamese government returned remains alleged to be Commander Barr along with Commander Barr's military identification card, Geneva Convention card and Certificate of Vaccination. The U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, has determined these remains to be insufficient to establish a positive identification. Commander Barr is unaccounted for.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: The location, year, time of day and circumstances of loss correlate well with Commander Barr's incident.


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Commander

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