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SURJ: JCRC RPT #89-372; BODY OF ONE U.S. PILOT
 BURIED NEAR BORDER SECURITY POST 38, HAI PHONG (U)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
 - A. NAME: NGUYEN HUU KET (M)
 - B. DOB: 22 FEB 52
 - C. POR: DAI HOP (V), KIEN THUY (D), HAI PHONG (P)
 - D. FORMER POSITION: 2LT, MARINE TRANSPORT POLICE
 - E. PRESENT LOCATION: 6A, STAGE II, SHA TIN
 - F. IDENTIFICATION DATA: ID 47485, POAT VRD 268/89
 - G. DATE OF INFORMATION: JUL 72
 - H. MAP(S) USED: SHEET 6352-3; SERIES L7014
 - I. DATE OF INTERVIEW: 10 DEC 89
 - J. NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. F. FELL, GS-13, DOD
 - K. OTHER: ARRIVED HONG KONG 29 MAY 89

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 27 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE AND FORMER POLICE 2LT ASSIGNED TO THE WATER TRANSPORT POLICE (CANH SAT GIAO THONG DUONG THUY), PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF ONE U.S. PILOT WHO DIED DURING A RESCUE ATTEMPT AND WAS LATER BURIED NEAR BORDER SECURITY POST 38 (XR788A) IN KIEN THUY (D), HAI PHONG (P)..

3. INFORMATION: SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING JUL 72, HE WAS STANDING NEAR HIS HOUSE IN DAI HOP (V) (X47090), KIEN THUY (D), HAI PHONG (P), WHEN HE SAW THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. SOURCE RECALLED IT WAS AROUND MIDDAY DURING CLEAR WEATHER WHEN HE SAW ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM INLAND OUT TO SEA (GENERALLY WEST TO EAST) AT A FAIRLY LOW

ALTITUDE. AS THE AIRCRAFT APPROACHED THE SHORFLINE, IT SUDDENLY BEGAN TO DESCEND AND IMPACTED IN THE WATER ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE KM FROM SHORE OFF THE COAST OF DONG TAC AND QUAN MOC HAMLETS.

4. SOURCE SAW A U.S. HELICOPTER ARRIVE FROM THE EAST, SHORTLY AFTER THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED. THE HELICOPTER HOVERED OVER A PILOT IN THE WATER, THEN DROPPED A LADDER DOWN TO THE PILOT. THE PILOT APPEARED TO GRASP THE LADDER BUT PAVN ARTILLERY (NOT AAA) FIRED FROM THE DIRECTION OF DO SON CAUSING THE HELICOPTER TO LIFT OFF, AND THE PILOT FELL BACK INTO THE WATER. THE HELICOPTER THEN DEPARTED TO THE EAST.

5. ABOUT THREE DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT, THE BODY OF THE PILOT WAS FOUND ON THE BEACH BY FISHERMEN FROM NAM HAI FISHING COOPERATIVE. SOURCE RECALLED THE PILOT WAS A CAUCASIAN BUT COULD NOT DESCRIBE THE BODY DUE TO ITS CONDITION, CAUSED BY BEING IN THE WATER FOR THREE DAYS. SOURCE SAW A GROUP OF SIX TO SEVEN OFFICIALS FROM HAI PHONG ARRIVE AND INSPECT THE BODY. SOME OF THE OFFICIALS WERE WEARING WHITE COATS AND SOURCE SPECULATED THEY WERE FROM THE PSS FORENSIC (DOI PHAP Y GONG AN) TEAM. SOME OF THE OFFICIALS WORE PAVN MILITARY UNIFORMS, WHILE OTHER WERE DRESSED IN NORMAL CIVILIAN ATTIRE. WHEN THE GROUP MOVED THE BODY OF THE PILOT TO INSPECT IT, SOURCE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE WOUNDS ON THE PILOT'S BACK AND LEGS. SOURCE SPECULATED THE PILOT HAD BEEN WOUNDED WHILE STILL IN THE AIRCRAFT. SOURCE SAW ONE OF THE OFFICIALS HOLDING A PHOTO OF A CAUCASIAN MAN AND WOMAN SO SOURCE SPECULATED THE PILOT WAS MARRIED WITH NO CHILDREN. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL ANY OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS.

6. AFTER INSPECTING THE BODY, THE GROUP INSTRUCTED SOME WORKERS OF NAM HAI FISHING COOPERATIVE TO MOVE THE BODY TO AN AREA APPROX 500 METERS WEST OF BORDER SECURITY POST 38. THEY THEN BURIED THE BODY AFTER WRAPPING IT IN WHITE CLOTH AND PLACING IT IN A WOODEN CASKET. THE UNMARKED GRAVE WAS LOCATED ON THE INLAND SIDE OF A DIKE ABOUT 1000 METERS FROM THE WATERLINE AT THE BEACH. THE GRAVE

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WAS ABOUT 100 METERS NORTHEAST OF A LIME KILN AND ABOUT 800 TO 1000 METERS FROM A WATERGATE CALLED "CONG DONG TAC." THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAM HAI FISHING COOPERATIVE WAS MR. MAI VAN YANG (VANGF), AN APPROX 55 YCA NATIVE OF NVN. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL THE NAMES OF ANY OTHER OFFICIALS INVOLVED.

7. (S) SOURCE SAID THE AREA WHERE THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IS ON A SANDBAR WHICH LOCALS NOW CALL "GO MAY BAY" (AIRCRAFT KNOLL). MOST OF THE OUTER SKIN OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS SCAVENGED SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT BUT SOURCE BELIEVES THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL WRECKAGE STILL REMAINING. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY SURVIVORS OR ANY OTHER CREW MEMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT. SOURCE DID NOT RETURN TO THE GRAVE SITE AFTER THE BURIAL AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE REMAINS. SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE OR HEAR ABOUT ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM. DECL: OADR

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