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To: Commander, JCRC

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

REF: HK89-354 (by same Source)

1. (C) Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: Hoang Viet Thuan (M)
- b. DPOB: 18 June 1952; Hai Phong Province
- c. Present location: Building H, Hei Ling Chau Detention Center, Hong Kong
- d. Identification data: Number 20019; Boat Number 272/88
- e. Status: Illegal immigrant
- f. Final residence in Vietnam: Hai Phong Province
- g. Source arrived in Hong Kong 24 August 1988
- h. Interview data: Information in this report comes from screening notes made at Hei Ling Chau on 31 July 1989 by TDY interviewer Mark Graham, MSgt, US Air Force, who has since departed JCRC. In the interest of timeliness, a report made from MSGT Graham's notes is being forwarded. Any additional information obtained in a future interview with Source concerning this incident will be provided in a supplemental report.
- 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 mid-1968 in the vicinity of XJ 705078. The general hearsay in the local area was that the pilot died in the crash.

3. (U) Information:

a. (U) One afternoon about 1500 hours in mid-1968, Source was at his home in Sub-hamlet 4, Cam Lo Hamlet (XJ 7008), Hung Vuong Village, An Hai District, Hai Phong when a US aircraft crashed in Cam Lo Hamlet in the vicinity of XJ 705078. (Source is not certain about the date of this incident; however, he believes that the aircraft crashed about six months or so prior to a crash that he reported in the Reference--after much thought he stated that the crash in the Reference occurred in late 1968, therefore he reasoned that the crash of this incident likely happened in mid-1968.) Source did not know what shot down the aircraft or what its target had been. The aircraft impacted into

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the earth in a field to a depth of three to four meters. The aircraft was grey. Source saw no remains at the crash site. The general hearsay in the area was that the pilot had perished in the crash.

b. (U) In 1986, Source met a man named Truong (family name not known) from Sub-Hamlet 4, Cam Lo Hamlet, who told Source that he had a friend (NFI) who had recovered remains from the crash site in 1985 or 1986. Mr. Truong said that his friend had been arrested and jailed in Hai Phong for trafficking in remains, presumably the remains recovered from Cam Lo Hamlet. Mr. Truong gave Source no other details about the arrest or what may have happened to the remains.

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