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SUBJECT: JCRC REPORT HK86-020, CAPTURE OF ONE PILOT,

- DEATH AND BURIAL OF ONE OTHER PILOT IN HAI

- HUNG

REF: HK82-012 (REPORT BY SAME SOURCE)

1. SOURCE: NAME: *Source* AKA *Source*

DOB: *50* POB: *50*; FORMER

POSITION: FORMER PUBLIC WORKS LABORER; PRESENT LOCATION:

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1972; MAP USED: SHEETS 6150-1, 6250-3; SERIES L7014;

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 15 MAR 86; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR.

G. E. BELL, GS-13 DOD; OTHER: ARRIVED *42* 11 NOV 80.

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 28 YOA MALE VM REFUGEE, PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF ONE PILOT AND THE DEATH OF ANOTHER WHO DID NOT EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT NEAR HUNG YEN TOWN (XH 1082), HAI HUNG PROVINCE. END SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT WHILE RESIDING IN *50*

HE HEARD BY LETTER ABOUT THE CAPTURE OF ONE U.S. PILOT AND THE DEATH OF A SECOND PILOT WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT. SOURCE STATED THAT HE HEARD ABOUT THE INCIDENT FROM HIS MOTHER WHO ACTUALLY OBSERVED THE INCIDENT.

4. SOURCE HEARD FROM HIS MOTHER THAT SOMETIME DURING APRIL OR MAY 1972 SHE HAD SEEN A U.S. PILOT

DESCEND, UNDER A FULLY DEPLOYED GREEN COLORED PARACHUTE, INTO A RICE PADDY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HUNG YEN TOWN (XH 1082). SOURCE HEARD THAT THE RICE PADDY WAS LOCATED NEAR THE BANK OF THE SONG HONG HA RIVER. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT WAS A MALE CAUCASIAN ABOUT 26-27 YOA. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT WAS NOT INJURED AND WAS CAPTURED BY THE MILITIA FORCES IMMEDIATELY AFTER HE LANDED. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT WAS HELD BY THE MILITIA FORCES UNTIL THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES ARRIVED IN A VEHICLE AND PICKED UP THE CAPTURED PILOT. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE PILOT WAS TAKEN IN THE VEHICLE IN THE DIRECTION OF HUNG YEN TOWN.

5. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT FROM WHICH THE PILOT HAD PARACHUTED HAD BEEN HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND BURST INTO FLAMES. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS INTO CHI TAN HAMLET WHICH WAS LOCATED NEAR A DIKE ALONG THE SONG HONG HA RIVER IN KHOAI CHAU VILLAGE (NOT SHOWN ON U.S. MAPS BUT FRENCH MAP SHEET "HANOI OUEST" INDICATES VIC XJ 0204). SOURCE HEARD THAT THE BADLY BURNED BODY OF ONE PILOT WAS PULLED FROM THE WRECKAGE AND BURIED NEAR A SUGAR MILL IN THE CHI TAN HAMLET AREA. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE MILITIA FORCES SEARCHED THE WRECKAGE AND REMOVED ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS (DIDN'T SAY WHAT TYPE). SOURCE HEARD THAT THE GRAVE WAS LAST OBSERVED BY HIS MOTHER IN 1974 WHEN SHE MOVED TO HAI PHONG.

6. COMMENT: SOURCE CLAIMED THAT THE LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED WITH THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHOOT-DOWN HAD BEEN THROWN AWAY SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW. ALTHOUGH SOURCE REPORTED THE CRASHSITE LOCATION AS KHOAI CHAU VILLAGE WE NOTE THAT KHOAI CHAU IS THE NAME FOR A FORMER DISTRICT ACCORDING TO FRENCH MAPS. THEREFORE THE AREA REFERRED TO BY SOURCE IS PROBABLY THE CURRENT DISTRICT OF CHAU GIANG.

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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT HK86-020

MCC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 090400Z APR 86 5277 5350

1. REVIEW OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY *Source* SOURCE
OF REF A, REVEALS A POSSIBLE CORRELATION TO REFNO 1896-1-01, LIEU-
TENANT COMMANDER HENRY D. LESESNE, U.S. NAVY.

2. REFNO 1896: ON 11 JULY 1972, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HENRY D.
LESESNE WAS FLYING AN A4F ATTACK BOMBER IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT.
THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 155046, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID
COORDINATES YH 129872, APPROXIMATELY FIVE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF
HUNG YEN, HAI HUNG (FORMERLY NAM HAT) PROVINCE, VIETNAM. COMMANDER
LESESNE BAILED OUT, WAS CAPTURED, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED DURING
OPERATION HOMECOMING.

3. THE HEARSAY ACCOUNT RELAYED BY SOURCE POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO
THE SHOOTDOWN AND CAPTURE OF COMMANDER LESESNE AS TO LOCATION AND
YEAR OF INCIDENT.

4. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION AND NOT A FINAL
EVALUATION. EVAL - EH

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