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 RUEADWW / WHITEHOUSE WASHDC//NSC/MR CHILDRESS//

CLASSIFIED  
 CHRG: JCRC [REDACTED]  
 APPRV: JCRC:PDM  
 DRFTD: JCRC:TRM  
 CLEAR: NONE  
 DISTR: JCRC

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SUBJECT: JCRC RPT #K 86-101, SHOOTDOWN AND DEATH OF PILOT (U)

1. (C) SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA  
 - A. NAME: NGUYEN THI HONG (F)  
 - B. DPOB: 27 JANUARY 1940: THON TRACH LO HAMLET, HA KY VILLAGE, TU KY DISTRICT, HAI DUONG PROVINCE, NVN  
 - C. PROFESSION:  
 - PRE-1975: HOUSEWIFE AND FARMER  
 - POST-1975: HOUSEWIFE AND FARMER  
 - D. PRESENT LOCATION: ZONE D, ARGYLE REFUGEE CAMP, HONG KONG  
 - E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: BOAT LM 2254, ID #115  
 - F. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: 4 YEARS  
 - G. LANGUAGES SPOKEN: VIETNAMESE, CHINESE CANTONESE  
 - H. RELIGION: CATHOLIC  
 - I. STATUS: AWAITING RETURN TO MAINLAND CHINA (PRC)  
 - J. DATE OF INFORMATION: OCTOBER 1967  
 - K. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED AT ARGYLE REFUGEE CAMP, HONG KONG ON 5 DEC 86 BY THOMAS R. MCCLAY, CW2, USA.  
 - L. OTHER: SOURCE DEPARTED VIETNAM IN MARCH 1979 AND LIVED IN CHINA (PRC) UNTIL FLEEING TO HONG KONG IN SEPTEMBER 1986. HER LAST ADDRESS IN CHINA WAS HAI YEN STATE FARM, THOAI SANG DISTRICT, QUANG DONG PROVINCE, PRC. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES LIVING IN THE US.  
 - M. MAPS USED: SCALE: 1:50,000, SERIES: L7014, SHEET: 6250-2, 6250-1

2. [REDACTED] INCIDENT SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDES FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KILLING AND BURIAL OF AN F105 PILOT WHICH OCCURRED IN OCTOBER 1967 NEAR TRACH LO HAMLET, HA KY VILLAGE, TU KY DISTRICT, HAI DUONG PROVINCE, VICINITY 13 4895.

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3. [REDACTED] INFORMATION: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RELATED BY SOURCE TO INTERVIEWER AS FACT. SOMETIME IN OCTOBER 1967, SOURCE WAS LIVING AT 45 PHO 2, QUANG HA DISTRICT, QUANG NINE PROVINCE. SHE TRAVELLED TO THE HOME OF HER PARENTS (WHICH WAS ALSO HER PLACE OF BIRTH) AT THON TRACH LO HAMLET, XA HA KY VILLAGE, TU KY DISTRICT, HAI DUONG PROVINCE TO VISIT HER PARENTS. SOURCE WAS LOCATED AT HER PARENTS' HOME (VICINITY 13 4895) IN THE TRACH LO HAMLET WHEN SHE PERSONALLY OBSERVED A JET AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER THE HAMLET TOWARDS HANOI (NORTHWEST)

PARACHUTE AND LANDED IN AN ORANGE GROVE WHICH WAS IN THE AREA OF TRACH LO HAMLET. SOURCE DID NOT ACTUALLY SEE THE MAN LAND, BUT HEARD FROM VILLAGERS THAT THE MAN WAS ALIVE WHEN HE LANDED, BUT WAS BEATEN TO DEATH ON THE SPOT BY THE LOCAL MILITIA FROM THE TRACH LO HAMLET. SOURCE HEARD THAT WHEN THE MAN LANDED, HE HAD INJURED A LEG (NFI). AFTERWARDS THE MILITIA TROOPS WHO HAD KILLED THE PILOT FASHIONED A BAMBOO LITTER BY BINDING FOUR LONG STAFFS OF BAMBOO TOGETHER, UPON WHICH THEY TRANSPORTED THE BODY OF THE PILOT. SOURCE ONLY SAW THE PILOT AS THEY CARRIED THE BODY THROUGH THE HAMLET. SOURCE NOTICED THAT THE BODY WAS TIED TO THE LITTER AND THAT THE MAN WAS AS TALL AS A DOOR. SOURCE FAILED TO NOTICE THE MAN'S HAIR COLOR BUT RECALLED HE HAD BLUISH EYES AND WAS A CAUCASIAN. SOURCE ESTIMATED THE MAN WEIGHED OVER 100 KILOGRAMS, BASED ON THE MAN'S LARGE SIZE. [REDACTED] ONLY IN SHORT PANTS AND [REDACTED] BOOTS. SOURCE ASSUMED THAT ALL ITEMS HAD BEEN COLLECTED BY THE MILITIA. SOURCE HEARD NOTHING FROM VILLAGERS CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE PILOT'S EQUIPMENT OR PERSONAL ITEMS. THE MILITIA CARRIED THE BODY TO A FIELD WHICH WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER OUTSIDE THE HAMLET TOWARDS THE DIRECTION OF THE TU KY DISTRICT SEAT (NORTHWEST). THE BURIAL SITE WAS IN AN AREA SOURCE ASSUMED WAS UNDER THE TRACH LO HAMLET ADMINISTRATION. THE BODY WAS BURIED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE.

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4. (C) CONCERNING THE AIRCRAFT, SOURCE STATED IT WAS A "CON NGONG" AIRCRAFT (NOTE: CON NGONG IS SLANG FOR THE F105 THUNDERCHIEF), AND IT CRASHED APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER FROM TRACH LO HAMLET IN THE DIRECTION OF XA QUI CAO VILLAGE (WHICH IS LOCATED AT VICINITY IJ 5490). BASED ON THIS DESCRIPTION, JK LOCATE THE CRASH SITE AT VICINITY IJ 4995. SOURCE RECALLED GOING WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS TO SEE THE WRECKAGE WHICH WAS STILL AFLAME. THE ORIGINAL COLOR OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS WHITE, BUT SOURCE COULD NOT SEE ANY EMBLEMS, LETTERS OR NUMBERS PAINTED ON THE WRECKAGE. THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT EXPLODE AFTER CRASHING.

5. SOURCE RECALLED HEARING THAT THE UNIT RESPONSIBLE (NFI) FOR SHOOTING DOWN THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED A NATIONAL FLAG FROM HO CHI MINH AS AN AWARD. SOURCE'S PARENTS, FATHER NGUYEN VAN THANG AND MOTHER, NGUYEN THI CAY, STILL LIVE AT THON TRACH LO HAMLET AND ARE BOTH KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE INCIDENT. IN MARCH 1979, SOURCE RETURNED TO THE TRACH LO HAMLET TO VISIT HER PARENTS PRIOR TO HER ESCAPE TO CHINA, AND SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GRAVE WAS STILL AT THE SAME LOCATION. DECL:GADR.

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