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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

SUBJ: Vietnamese in Vietnam Who Discovered US Aircraft in the Pleiku Area

REF: Report by same Source, M84-092

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Minh Chau
- b. DOB: 1959
- c. POB: Hiep Hoa Village, Bien Hoa Town
- d. Former position: Student
- e. Present location: Bk 227, Zone D, Pulau Bidong Refugee Camp, Malaysia
- f. Identification data: MB 169
- g. DOI: April 1984
- h. Date of interview: 14 November 1984
- i. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
- j. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 9 May 1984. His final address in Vietnam was 149B Nguyen Dinh Chieu St, Ward 11, District 3, HCMC

Source provides hearsay information of a scavenger who visits aircraft crash sites, who discovered a crash site with an associated grave site somewhere in the Pleiku area.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. In February 1983, Source's acquaintance named Ham (given name, full name unknown) told Source that he had a friend (not further identified) from the Pleiku area who commonly searches aircraft crash sites to scavenge sellable items. The man was shown a US aircraft crash site by a highlander (NFI). Upon his arrival at the site, the scavenger discovered a grave site nearby (NFI) which, according to the highlander, contained the bodies of two Americans, both in the same grave. No other information was related to Source concerning the incident.

Ham is a former ARVN 1LT of Long Thanh (D), Dong Nai (P). He lives somewhere on Co Giang St, Phu Nhuan (D), HCMC, and can be found every morning from 6-11 am at a coffee stand on Nguyen Canh Chanh St, HCMC. Ham has one arm that was amputated, as a result of a war wound. Ham is also reputed to be an expert in furnishing false SRV documents, including birth certificates, and ID cards (NFI).

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