

Dong Nai Information: Source stated that sometime during 1977, while residing in Bao Binh Village, Xuan Loc District, Dong Nai, (formerly Long Khanh) Province, he heard about a crash site with two American remains. Source heard the story from the village chief of Bao Binh Village who was a communist cadre known to him as Ho To (Hoof Toos) aka Hai (2) To. *TS8-176*

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To told Source sometime during 1973 a U.S. helicopter had been shot down during a fire fight with Viet Cong guerrillas near Hamlet 3 of Bao Binh Village. Source heard that when the helicopter crashed two Americans were in the aircraft along with several ARVN soldiers. After the fire fight the guerrillas buried the bodies from the helicopter and also the bodies of several Viet Cong who had died in the fighting. SRV authorities recovered the Viet Cong bodies during 1976 and took them away to be reburied elsewhere (NFI). Source did not hear whether the Americans were buried in one common grave or separately. Source did not hear whether the Americans were buried with the ARVN soldiers. Source also did not observe or hear about any personal effects or identification media. Source did not go to the crash site and did not observe any wreckage, graves, or remains. Source stated that

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he had not been present at the time of the incident but had been relocated there from Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) by SRV authorities during 1977 because he did not have a job. After he arrived in Bao Binh, Source was assigned to a rice production team. Source returned to reside in HCMC during 1979. Source gave his address in HCMC as 110B Xom Dat Street, Ward (Phuong) 8, District (Quan) 11. Source did not observe or hear about any Americans remaining in Indochina.

Comment: Source was not able to provide a specific location for Bao Binh Village. Source looked at maps of the area but claimed that he was not able to remember the area clearly due to the time lapse. Source could only recall that Bao Binh was located on the road from Xuan Loc to Binh Loc Village. We were only able to locate one village called Binh Loc (YT 3916) on available maps of the area. We were only able to locate one village called Bao Binh (YT 4803) on available maps of the area. Source's hand drawn memory sketch is enclosed. Source gave a possible forwarding address as: c/o Kaken Duong, 339 Pennsylvania SE number "A", Alburrye (sic), NM 87108.

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