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Binh Dinh

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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

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SUBJ: Hearsay of an American Killed and Buried in [REDACTED]

1. Source/administrative data:
 - a. Name: Truong Quang Thai (M)
 - b. DPOB: 24 June 1965, Phan Rang town
 - c. Occupation:
Pre -1975: Minor
Post-1975: Student to 1983, fisherman 1983-87
 - d. Present location: Kho #6, Hawkins Road Refugee Camp, Singapore
 - e. Identification data: 9614
 - f. Education: 9/12
 - g. Languages: Vietnamese (native)
 - h. Religion: Cao Dai
 - i. Status: Refugee
 - j. Date of information: 1980+
 - k. Final address/POC in Vietnam: Dong Giang (H), Dong Hai (V), Phan Rang City, Thuan Hai (P)
 - l. POC/Resettlement address: c/o Truong Quang Dang/Truong Quang Thong (obs.), 4723 Lay Ave., Baldwin Park, CA 91706
 - m. Date of arrival in 1st asylum: 5 June 1987
 - n. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Hawkins Road Refugee Camp, Singapore by James M. Coyle, GS-12, DOD.
 - o. Maps used: Scale: 1:100,000; Series: L607; Sheet 6737

2. Summary: Source provided hearsay information concerning an American serviceman allegedly killed by a mine on QL 1 in Bong Son village, Binh Dinh province. The body of the American was buried by the local people. End Summary.

3. Information: On numerous occasions, beginning in 1980, Source's uncle, Truong Hoang Thanh, of Tan Xuan (H), Dong Hai (V), Phan Rang city, has repeated the following story:

In 1964 Thanh was living in An Vu (H), Bong Son (V), Tam Quan (D), Binh Dinh (P). One day an American was killed in the village when the "VC" set off a command-detonated mine under his jeep as it was travelling on Q.L. 1. The VC buried the American's body in a shallow grave in a coconut grove at the rear of Thanh's house.

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Thanh left this house in 1965 or 1966 because of the heavy fighting in the area and has never returned. Source does not know exactly where Thanh's house was located. The only details concerning the appearance of the alleged American provided by Thanh to Source were that the victim of the mine was a "very handsome, young, white American," and that at the time of its burial the body was intact. Thanh never specifically stated, but Source assumes, that the American was a soldier.

4. Comment: We note that Bong Son (V) is located in what was then Hoai Nhon district, not Tam Quan. We have been unable to locate any An Vu hamlet or village along Q.L. 1.

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