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RETRANSMITTAL OF MESSAGE DUE TO EPRONEOUS REPORT NUMBER
IN SUBJECT LINE

SUBJ: JTF-FA RPT I91-041, ALLEGED U.S. GRAVE IN [REDACTED]
HEARSAY CAPTURE OF TWO AMERICANS AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF
ONE (U)

SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- A. NAME: THAN HONG THAI (TRANG HOONG THAI) (M)
 - B. DPOB: JUN 45/CAN THC (C), HAU GIANG (P)
 - C. OCCUPATION:
 - PRE-1975: MAJ, ARVN 33RD BN, 21ST INF DIV
 - POST-1975: 13 YEARS REEDUCATION; UNEMPLOYED
 - D. PRESENT LOCATION: HUT 123/7, ZONE D, GALANG 2
CAMP, INDONESIA
 - E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: BK0611
 - F. EDUCATION: 12/12; GRADUATE OF THU DUC
OFFICERS' ACADEMY
 - G. LANGUAGES: VIETNAMESE (NATIVE), FRENCH (FAIR),
ENGLISH (POOR)
 - H. RELIGION: BUDDHIST
 - I. STATUS: ASYLUM SEEKER
 - J. FINAL ADDRESS IN VIETNAM: 23/4 THAN KHAC CHAN,
SUBWARD 15, PHU NHUAN WARD, HO CHI MINH CITY
 - K. FORWARDING ADDRESS IN THE U.S.:
 - L. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN INDONESIA: 11 JUN 89
 - M. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED AT
GALANG 2 CAMP, INDONESIA ON 10 APR 91 BY MICHAEL D.
JANICH, GS-12, IOL.
 - N. MAP(S) USED: SHEET 5951IV; SERIES L7014;
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2. (U) SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY CONCERNING THE
SHOT DOWN OF A U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT IN SON LA PROVINCE [REDACTED]
THE CAPTURE OF ITS TWO CREW MEMBERS BY MEMBERS OF THE
MUONG ETHNIC MINORITY. BOTH AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY
BEATEN AFTER BEING CAPTURED. ONE SURVIVED AND WAS LATER
TURNED OVER TO THE PHU YEN DISTRICT MILITARY COMMAND.
THE SECOND AMERICAN DIED AND WAS ALLEGEDLY BURIED NEAR
BAN THCAI (H) (VICINITY VJ7054), SON LA (P). END
SUMMARY.

3. (U) INFORMATION: SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS
IMPRISONED IN REEDUCATION CAMP 6, CAMP GROUP 2 (VICINITY
VJ721543) IN PHU YEN (D), SON LA (P) FROM 1 JUL 76 UNTIL
APR 78. APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN
THE CAMP, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A ROAD CONSTRUCTION DETAIL.
ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS GATHERING ROCKS FROM A ROCK PILE
NEAR THE CAMP, HE NOTICED A SMALL PILE OF ROCKS ABOUT
ONE METER HIGH AND 1.5 METERS LONG THAT LOOKED LIKE A
BURIAL MOUND. WHEN HE ASKED A LOCAL MUONG VILLAGER
(NFI) WHAT IT WAS, THE VILLAGER TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS THE
GRAVE OF A U.S. PILOT. THE VILLAGER REPORTEDLY
EXPLAINED THAT THE AMERICAN WAS SHOT DOWN DURING A
PERIOD WHEN HANOI WAS BOMBED FOR 11 CONSECUTIVE DAYS
(EXACT PERIOD UNKNOWN). FOUR MIG AIRCRAFT AND FOUR U.S.
F-4 AIRCRAFT HAD AN ATRIAL BATTLE, AFTER WHICH ONE OF
THE F-4S MADE A BOMBING RUN IN THE AREA. AS IT DROVE, IT
WAS STRUCK BY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TROOPS ON THE GROUND
(NFI) AND CRASHED. ITS TWO CREW MEMBERS BOTH EJECTED
AND WERE CAPTURED BY MUONG VILLAGERS (NFI). THE
AMERICANS WERE THEN LED TO BAN THCAI (H) (VICINITY
VJ7254), PHU YEN (D) WHERE THEY WERE BEATEN BY THE
VILLAGERS. ONE OF THE AMERICANS DIED FROM THE BEATING
AND WAS BURIED AT THAT SITE. THE SECOND AMERICAN
RECEIVED HEAD WOUNDS BUT SURVIVED. HE WAS LATER TURNED
OVER TO THE PHU YEN DISTRICT MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, BUT
HIS DISPOSITION THEREAFTER IS UNKNOWN.

4. (U) SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT THE BURIAL MOUND HE SAW
HAS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF "STRATEGIC ROUTE 4"
(DONG PHUEN HWY 4), JUST WEST OF BAN THCAI HAMLET.
MORE SPECIFICALLY, IT HAS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE
ROAD FROM THE HOME OF (NFI) NHUT (NFI) [REDACTED] OF
THE AREA TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE TEAM (HAI PHU
THONG), WHICH HAS ABOUT 20 METERS EAST OF THE CAMP
GROUP 2 HEADQUARTERS. MS. NHUT'S HOME HAS MADE OF

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