

2. [REDACTED] INFORMATION: SOURCE STATED THAT IN THE SON LA  
CEMETERY OF RELICS AND ARCHIVES WHERE HE WORKED, THERE  
WERE 12 OR 13 FOLDERS CONTAINING PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS OF  
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOOT-DOWN/CRASH INCIDENTS THAT WERE  
CREATED PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN DEC 1966. SOURCE  
RECALLS THAT ONE OF THESE FOLDERS CONTAINED

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DOCUMENTATION OF AN F-105 CRASH NEAR YEN CHAO (VJ 2727).

4. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE RECORDS INCLUDED MANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CRASH SITE AS WELL AS THE SOLDIER WHO WAS CREDITED WITH THE SHOOT DOWN. AFTER A FEW MOMENTS OF MEMORY SEARCHING, SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE VIETNAMESE SOLDIER CREDITED WITH THE SHOOT DOWN WAS HOANG VAN KHO. HOANG REPORTEDLY BROUGHT DOWN THE AIRCRAFT USING A RIFLE SOURCE REFERRED TO AS A "TRUNG IIFN". HOANG VAN KEC IS FROM BAN CHIENG CONG VILLAGE, YEN CHAU DISTRICT. SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT READ ALL OF THE DETAILS IN THE POLIFR. BUT RECALLED THAT THE PHOTOS SHOWED MANY PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE INCLUDING THE FUEL FLASK OF THE AIRCRAFT (STAR AND STRIPES) AND OTHER PICTURES OF PIECES OF WRECKAGE SCATTERED ON A MOUNTAIN SIDE.

5. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT, AND SAW NO EVIDENCE IN THE FILE CONCERNING THE FATE OF THE PILOT. IN DESCRIBING THE FILING SYSTEM, HE STATED THAT FILES WERE KEPT IN WOODEN BOXES WHICH WERE LABELED AND STORED IN A SEPARATE BUILDING FROM HIS OFFICE. HE STATED THAT HIS OFFICE, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, WAS ONE OF SEVERAL SUBORDINATE OFFICES (SEE REF C, PARA 9). THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSED HIS OFFICE WAS IN THE SAME COMPOUND, BUT SEPARATE FROM THE MAIN MINISTRY BUILDING AND CONTAINED THREE OFFICES. EACH HAD A DESK IN FRONT; THE REAR OF THE OFFICE WAS USED AS A LIVING/SLEEPING AREA. SOURCE STATED THAT THERE WERE NO FILE CABINETS OR DOCUMENT STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE OFFICE; ALL FILES WERE MAINTAINED IN A SEPARATE BUILDING WHICH WAS LOCATED ABOUT 30 METERS FROM THE BUILDING IN WHICH HIS OFFICE WAS LOCATED. THIS DOCUMENT STORAGE BUILDING WAS RAISED OFF THE GROUND AND WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO ROOMS. DOCUMENTS WERE KEPT INSIDE OF WOODEN CASES WHICH WERE LABELED ON THE OUTSIDE IN LETTER/NUMBER COMBINATIONS, "FOR EXAMPLE: F1, F2, F3..." AN INDEX OF CONTENTS WAS MAINTAINED IN THE OFFICE AND WHENEVER A FILE WAS NEEDED THE SECRETARY COULD DETERMINE FROM THE INDEX THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE FILE, MAKING RETRIEVAL RELATIVELY SIMPLE.

6. COMMENT: SOURCE STATED THAT HE FORGOT TO MENTION THE F-105 AIRCRAFT CRASH INCIDENT DURING PREVIOUS INTERVIEW SESSIONS (REF A AND C). DFCL OADR

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