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3. [REDACTED] INFORMATION: FROM 1966 TO 1975 SOURCE WAS A LOW LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR IN THE OFFICE OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION, SON LA PROVINCE. HE WORKED FOR A VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL NAMED NGUYEN HANH CUNG WHO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING RECORDS ON U.S. AIRCRAFT CRASH INCIDENTS IN SON LA PROVINCE. SOURCE STATED THAT FOR THE FEW CRASHES HE WAS INVOLVED WITH, HE WENT TO THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT, PHOTOGRAPHED AND/OR TOOK SAMPLES OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM LOCAL OFFICIALS. TAKING HIS MATERIALS BACK TO THE OFFICE, HE WOULD PREPARE A PRELIMINARY REPORT WHICH HE WOULD SUBMIT TO HIS PCSS, WHO IN TURN WOULD FINALIZE THE REPORT AND FORWARD IT WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE TO HANOI.

4. [REDACTED] IN EARLY 1967 SOURCE WENT TO INVESTIGATE AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1966, WHEN A U.S. A6A AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR CHIENG BAN TU VUONG (ALSO KNOWN AS TU NANG) IN THE VICINITY OF VJ 3920. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE AS

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IT WAS ATTACKING A TRUCK CONVOY ALONG ROUTE 6 AND CRASHED IN THE TREES 50 TO 60 METERS FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT EXPLODE OR BURN. SOURCE SAID THE LOCAL MILITIA BURIED TWO CREW MEMBERS WHO HAD DIED IN THE CRASH NEAR THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OF THE DEAD CREW MEMBERS WAS REMOVED FOR BURIAL AND LATER TURNED OVER TO SOURCE.

5. [REDACTED] IN LATE 1966 AN F-4 WAS SHOT DOWN IN KPO HOM VILLAGE, CHIENG KONG DISTRICT, MUANG LA, SON LA PROVINCE (VICINITY UJ 855). SOURCE WENT TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT IN EARLY 1967. HE LEARNED FROM VILLAGE AUTHORITIES THAT TWO PILOTS EJECTED OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE IT CRASHED. THE LOCAL MILITIA MOVED IN TO CAPTURE THE PILOTS WHEN T-28'S AND RESCUE HELICOPTERS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND BEGAN FIRING TO KEEP THE MILITIA AWAY FROM THE PILOTS' POSITIONS. A SHORT WHILE LATER A HELICOPTER WENT IN AND SUCCESSFULLY PICKED UP ONE OF THE PILOTS. THE ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE SECOND PILOT WHO WAS LOCATED NEAR THE BASE OF A NEARBY CLIFF DID NOT SUCCEED. THE HELICOPTER WENT IN AND LOWERED A HARNES WHICH THE PILOT PUT AROUND HIM. AS HE WAS BEING HAULED BACK UP TOWARDS THE HOVERING RESCUE CRAFT, TWO HMMONG MILITIA MEN WHO HAD BEEN HIDING ON THE MOUNTAIN ABOVE THE PILOT'S POSITION BEGAN FIRING POINT BLANK AT THE HELICOPTER WHICH WAS AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME HEIGHT AS THEIR POSITION. THE PILOT WHO WAS BEING RESCUED WAS SHOT AND KILLED BEFORE HE GOT INTO THE HELICOPTER, AND FELL TO THE GROUND. AT THAT POINT, THE HELICOPTER FLEW AWAY. AFTER REMOVING THE DEAD PILOT'S WATCH, HE WAS BURIED BY LOCAL MILITIA IN A NEARBY FIELD. ROCKS WERE PILED OVER HIS GRAVE. SOURCE INTERVIEWED THE TWO HMMONG WHO SHOT AT THE HELICOPTER FROM THE MOUNTAIN-SIDE. HE REMEMBERS THEIR NAMES AS HANG A DUA AND GIANG A LONG. HE ALSO REMEMBERS SEEING AN EJECTION SEAT FROM THE F-4, A RED SURVIVAL RAFT AND A RED AND WHITE PARACHUTE WHICH WERE LEFT AT THE VILLAGE. (NOTE: WHILE THE LOCATION GIVEN DOESN'T EXACTLY MATCH, THIS ACCOUNT MAY RELATE TO REFNO 0482).

6. [REDACTED] IN MAY 1967, SOURCE WENT TO INVESTIGATE A SHOOT DOWN AND CAPTURE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THE CITY OF SON LA (VIC UJ 7070). SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, WHICH WAS

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SCATTERED OVER A WIDE AREA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TYPE. HE LEARNED FROM WITNESSES THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD EXPLODED IN THE AIR JUST AFTER THE PILOT HAD SUCCESSFULLY PARACHUTED OUT. UPON REACHING THE GROUND THE PILOT WAS IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED AND SOON AFTERWARD TAKEN TO HANGI. RESCUE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE A SHORT TIME LATER (AT ABOUT NOON) AND CIRCLED THE AREA FOR TWO TO THREE HOURS BEFORE GOING AWAY. SOURCE RECALLED THAT VILLAGERS TOLD HIM THE PILOT HAD INJURED HIS LEG. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL THE CAPTURED PILOT'S NAME.

7. SOURCE STATED THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THE ABOVE THREE INCIDENTS WERE THE ONLY ONES WHICH OCCURRED IN SON LA PROVINCE DURING THE PERIOD HE WORKED IN THE CULTURE AND INFORMATION OFFICE, BUT HE WAS AWARE OF TWO INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED PRIOR TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE OFFICE:

A. ON 28 MAY, 1965, AN F-105D WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR SON LA CITY. THE PILOT, NAMED TOM SIMA, EJECTED OUT, PARACHUTED TO THE GROUND, WAS CAPTURED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES AND SOON AFTER WAS SENT TO HANGI. ALONG WITH THE REPORT OF THE INCIDENT, SOURCE SAW A PHOTO OF SIMA TAKEN AFTER HE WAS CAPTURED. IN THE PHOTO, SOURCE SAYS SIMA WAS STILL IN UNIFORM, WAS A YOUNG MAN WITH LIGHT COLORED HAIR, AND A SOMEWHAT NARROW FACE. THE REPORT INCLUDED OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SIMA, BUT SOURCE DOES NOT RECALL ANY OTHER PARTICULARS. (NOTE: CAPT THOMAS W. SIMA, REFNO 0165, WAS CAPTURED ON 15 OCT 65, IMPRISONED IN HANOI AND RELEASED ON 11 FEB 73).

B. ON 14 JUN 65, AN F-105 WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR MOC CHAU (VJ 5106). THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED BY HMONG VILLAGERS AND TURNED OVER TO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. SOURCE REMEMBERED SEEING THE PILOT'S POST-CAPTURE BY 10 BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH AND PERSONAL DATA SHEET. FROM THE PHOTO, SOURCE REMEMBERED THE PILOT AS HAVING A BEARD, DARK HAIR IN A MILITARY TYPE HAIRCUT. FROM THE PERSONAL DATA SHEET, HE ONLY REMEMBERS THE PILOT'S NAME WHICH TRANSLATED FROM VIETNAMESE, HE SPELLED AS "ORNOARINO" (PRONOUNCED "OR-RIN WAN-REE-NOH").

B. COMMENTS: SOURCE IS OF THE TAI DUM ETHNIC MINORITY. HIS FIRST LANGUAGE IS VIETNAMESE, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO SPEAKS ACCEPTABLE LAO. IN 1984, HE LEFT VIETNAM WITH HIS FAMILY, CROSSED LAOS AND EVENTUALLY CROSSED TO THAILAND ON 6 JUN 85. HE IS CURRENTLY THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF APPROXIMATELY 250 ETHNIC TAI DUM REFUGEES AT NAPHO CAMP. HE WAS EDUCATED IN VIETNAMESE SCHOOLS, AND WAS GIVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAINING FOR HIS JOB WITH THE CULTURE AND INFORMATION OFFICE. SOURCE GAVE THE VIETNAMESE NAME OF HIS OFFICE AS: PHONG DAO TON, BAO TANG TY VAN HOA THONG TIN TINH SON LA.

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