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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

SUBJ: Aircraft Crash Site With Remains

- Source:
- a. Name: Nguyen Hoang Dzan
 - b. DOB: 20 April 1956
 - c. POB: Saigon
 - d. Former position: Student
 - e. Present location: Bk 68, G-I, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
 - f. Identification data: PG 038019
 - g. DOI: February 1977
 - h. Map used: 1:100,000, Series L607, Sheet 6331 and 6231
 - i. Date of interview: 10 April 1985
 - j. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
 - k. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 27 September 1984 and has a relative, Nguyen Le Dung, living at 2611 Pyranees Ave, Stockton, CA

Source provides firsthand information of a helicopter crash site with human remains discovered in the rubber area just north of Lai Khe, Song Be (P).

Information:

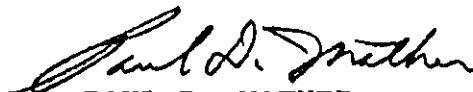
The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. On 20 June 1976, Source and his family were forced from their home at 30/63 Nguyen Binh Khim St, District 1, HCMC to a new economic zone located in the area of Thi Tinh (V) (labeled destroyed on available maps, at vicinity XT 6151), Cat (D), Song Be (P). In February 1977, Source was forced to work in a communist-organized youth group in the area of the new Long Binh (V), Ben Cat (D), vicinity XT 7443. While in forested region approximately 4 KM southeast (Source's estimate) from the Long Binh (V), the group (including accompanying type which sported both a small and large rotor. The tail broken, had been burned and had been stripped of metal. Wreckage was colored a greenish-bluish black from the tail. Source saw no glass or pilot seats. Approximately 5 M the tail, Source saw two bone pieces, what he estimate

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either arm or leg bones. At the same site as the bones, Source saw small rotten and burned pieces of camouflaged uniforms. The bones and fabric were laying on top of the ground. The bone pieces looked as if they had not been burned and were white. Source could not speculate if the site was of an American aircraft or Vietnamese. The group collected the rotor blades and a yellow bomlet (bom-bi) which were taken back to and left at Long Binh (V). No one touched the remains, including the cadre. Source recalled seeing numbers painted on the tail assembly, but could not recall them. The presence of a flag or insignia painted on the tail was not noticed. Source stated the site was located in a former rubber tree area (possibly vicinity XT 7640 or XT 7740).



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