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Source provides scattered hearsay information of a man living in Bac Lieu who possesses the remains of an American major helicopter pilot shot down in 1968.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. The following is the chain of hearsay information.

- The original finder:
- 1) Nguyen Van Phat, DOB 1940, wife and 8 children, living at Vinh Loi (aka Phuoc Loi) near Cau Sap Bac Lieu, Minh Hai (P), told his aunt
 - 2) Mai Thi Quy, DOB 1933, of the Nha Tho Tan Phu Church, HCMC, who told Source's friend
 - 3) Tran Van Giau, DOB 17 April 1924 of 32/8 Ap Lac Quang (H), Tan Thoi Nhut (U), Hoc Mon, HCMC, who told Source.

Minh Hai
The following story was passed to Source through the above chain of informants: During Tet 1968, in February, an American helicopter was shot down and two people on board, one caucasian major and one negro enlisted man died in the crash. The crash occurred at Cau Sap Bac Lieu, Vinh Loi (V), former ~~Bac Lieu~~ (P). Phat buried the two bodies in different locations, burying the black man under an U/I person's house (NFI). The land on which the major was buried was about to be confiscated by the SRV Government (date and location unknown) so Phat exhumed the burial site and moved the remains to his house at the above address in order to preserve them.

Sometime in 1972, an American woman, the wife of the major, arrived from the US to search for her husband in the Vinh Loi area. Phat actually met the woman, but as the area was still full of VC, he could not come forward with his information for fear of his life.

Giau tried to give Source a vertebral bone, one possible incisor and a tuft of brownish hair belonging to the remains of the major to bring to the US on her departure, but Source refused. Giau still has these items at his residence in HCMC. Phat still has the rest of the remains and dog tag at his house at Vinh Loi. No information concerning personal effects was related to Source. Source never saw anything other than the items Giau tried to give her