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Source observed the capture of a U.S. pilot who had been shot down in an air raid over THANH HOA Province, NVN.

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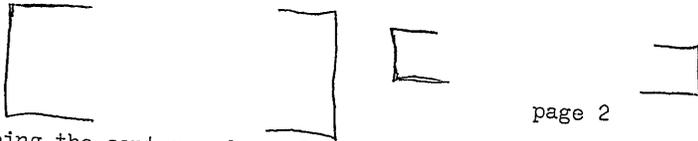
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1. Source reported seeing the capture of one U.S. flyer who had been shot down over THANH HOA Province, NVN. He stated that he was part of the work crew making repairs on the HAM RONG Bridge on National Route 1, THANH HOA Province, On 3 April 1965 when the bridge was attacked by several U.S. warplanes. One aircraft was hit and the pilot bailed out. He was subsequently captured by militia troops upon landing.
2. Source did not see the rank of the U.S pilot because the militiamen had stripped him of his uniform and had given him Vietnamese clothes to wear. He reported the prisoner looked healthy and was walking on his own power. He also said that he saw the soldiers escort the prisoner to a restaurant where he was fed. The pilot was not shackled nor had he been abused by his captors according to the Source. Source did not know where the pilot was taken after he had been fed.