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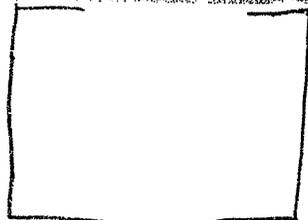
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In late January 1966 a U.S. POW pilot was observed mid-way between THANH HOA City and HAM RONG Bridge, THANH HOA Province, NVN. He was riding in a jeep towards the bridge, with a guard and driver. The pilot wore civilian clothing and did not appear to have been wounded. It was said by workers in the area that he had been captured shortly before being observed.

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1. In late January 1966 (exact date unknown) an American pilot was seen mid-way between THANH HOA City and HAM RONG Bridge, THANH HOA Province, NVN. The POW was a caucasian male (rank unknown) wearing civilian clothes. He wore no glasses and had no visible wounds or dressings. He was observed soon after being captured, in a dark green jeep being driven north in the direction of HAM RONG Bridge. It is unknown if the prisoner was bound.
2. The driver and the one guard wore light green uniforms with green insignia on their lapels. The guard was holding a submachine gun. The prisoner sat in a rear seat between the driver's seat and the guard. There were no other vehicles in the party. No air strikes were known to have taken place in the vicinity of THANH HOA City at the time the prisoner was seen. No details were available on where the pilot was downed or the fate of the aircraft.

(NIC COMMENT: Source observed the POW from a truck while traveling south. He was unable to talk with anyone in the group with the prisoner; however, he did discover through hearsay from some workers five kilometers further south of where the POW was seen that the prisoner was an American pilot and that he had been captured recently).

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