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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO DEAD PILOTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE

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1. AT ABOUT 0100 HOURS ON THE NIGHT OF 23 OR 24 MARCH 1968,
TWO F4 JETS FLEW OVER QUANG LOC VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT,
QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN). BY THE LIGHT OF FLARES,
SAY ONE F4 JET BLOWN UP IN MID-AIR BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT
FIRE. THE NEXT MORNING HUNG WENT TO THE AREA WHERE THE JET CRASHED
AND SAW FRAGMENTS OF THE JET IN A RICE PADDY. THE BODIES OF THE TWO
PILOTS WHO WERE KILLED WHEN THE JET BLEW UP, WERE LYING IN A RICE
PADDY AT BUN THON HAMLET, QUANG LOC VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT,
QUANG BINH PROVINCE. BOTH PILOTS WERE ABOUT 1.7 METERS TALL, OF

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HEAVY BUILD, AND HAD VERY SHORT, LIGHT BROWN HAIR AND THICK YELLOW HAIR ON THEIR CHESTS. THEIR SKULLS, ARMS, AND LEGS WERE BROKEN.

2. THE BODIES OF THE DEAD PILOTS WERE LEFT IN THE RICE PADDY THE WHOLE DAY. MANY VILLAGERS LIVING IN AND NEAR THE AREA CAME TO LOOK AT THEM. AMONG THESE PEOPLE WAS AN OLD TEACHER WHO UNDERSTOOD FRENCH AND ENGLISH. HE READ THE DOCUMENTS OF THE PILOTS, AND SAID THAT THEY WERE AUSTRALIANS AND THAT THEIR AIRBASE WAS IN THAILAND. HE ALSO SAID THAT ONE OF THE DEAD PILOTS WAS 32 YEARS OLD AND THE OTHER WAS 26 YEARS OLD. DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR RANKS WERE. AFTER THE BODIES HAD LAIN IN THE FIELD ALL DAY, THEY WERE FINALLY BURIED NEARBY AND THEIR GRAVE-SITE WAS ENCLOSED WITH A FENCE OF BAMBOO BRANCHES. (FIELD COMMENT: WAS SHOWN THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PILOTS.)

73. (FIELD COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS COORDINATED WITH THE JPRC, WHICH COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: CORRELATION OF THIS REPORT WITH JPRC RECORDS INDICATES THAT THE SOURCE POSSIBLY SIGHTED AN INCIDENT INVOLVING LIEUTENANT (LT) WOODROW W. PARKER, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF) AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL (LTC) BOBBY L. VINSON, USAF, ON 24 APRIL 1968. THE AIRCRAFT OF LT PARKER AND LTC VINSON WAS ON A NIGHT MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF THE AREA MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT. DURING A TARGET RUN, AN EXPLOSION WAS SEEN BY THE WINGMAN BUT NO CONTACT VIA RADIO WAS ESTABLISHED. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN AND NO BEEPERS WERE HEARD. BOTH CREW MEN ARE PRESENTLY CARRIED AS MISSING IN ACTION.)

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