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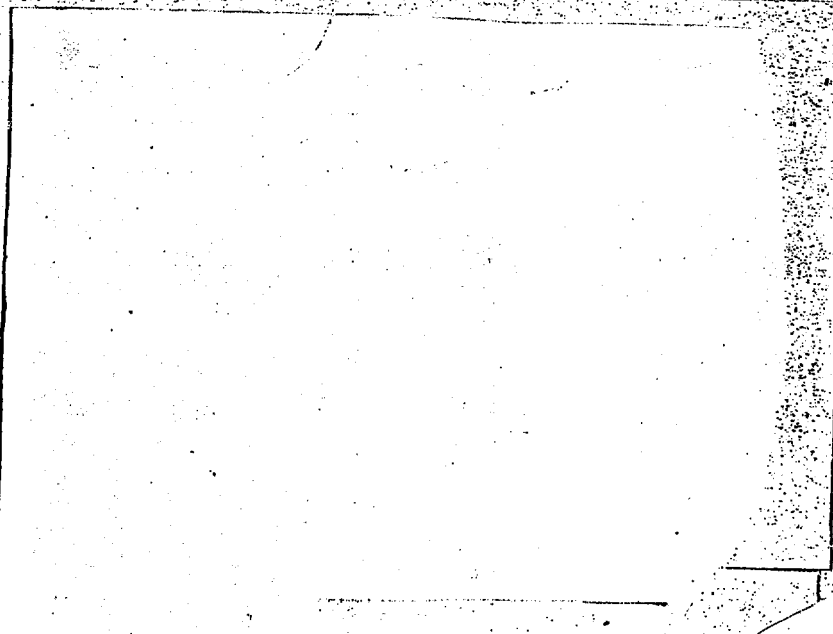
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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PILOTS IN AN THUY DISTRICT,
HAIPHONG MUNICIPALITY

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(27 JANUARY 1973)

SOURCE



1. AT ABOUT 1200 HOURS ON ABOUT 20 AUGUST 1972, TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES OVER AN THUY DISTRICT, HAIPHONG MUNICIPALITY,

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NORTH VIETNAM (NVN), AND THE PILOTS OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE CAPTURED. THE TWO AIRCRAFT WERE WITH ABOUT TEN OTHERS THAT ATTACKED THE KIEN AN FERRY.

2. ONE OF THE PILOTS BAILED OUT IN A RED PARACHUTE AND LANDED IN BAC HA VILLAGE, AN THUY DISTRICT, ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KIEN AN CITY, AND WAS CAPTURED BY MILITIAMEN. THE OTHER PILOT BAILED OUT IN A WHITE PARACHUTE AND LANDED IN THE RICE FIELDS OF UC GIAN VILLAGE, AN THUY DISTRICT, ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KIEN AN CITY. HE RESISTED CAPTURE BY FIRING HIS PISTOL AT MILITIAMEN ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE HIM. HE WAS CAPTURED AFTER RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITION AND BEING WOUNDED IN ONE THIGH. HE WAS UNABLE TO WALK AND WAS CARRIED TO A VEHICLE BY EIGHT MILITIAMEN. THE PILOTS WERE DRIVEN AWAY IN SEPARATE NVA VEHICLES.

3. WHO OBSERVED THE PILOTS FROM A DISTANCE OF 200 METERS, RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE MILITIAMEN WHO CAPTURED THE PILOTS. THE PILOT USING THE RED PARACHUTE WAS A COLONEL, CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 34 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 90 KILOS, HAD A HEAVY BUILD, WORE TWO PISTOLS, AND A WRISTWATCH WITH A BLACK FACE. THE OTHER PILOT WAS CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.90 METERS TALL, HAD A MEDIUM BUILD, AND WORE A BROWN FLIGHT SUIT.

4. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "SCREENING OF JCRC RECORDS REVEALS THAT DURING THE TIME FRAME MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT THE BEST POSSIBLE CORRELATION FITS THE INCIDENT INVOLVING CMDR. JOHN R. PITZEN, USN, AND LT. ORLAND JAMES PENDER JR., USN. CMDR. PITZEN AND LT. PENDER WERE FLYING AN F4J ON A MIG CAP NEAR HAIPHONG WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY UNKNOWN CAUSES. DESCRIPTIONS FIT THE INDIVIDUALS, AND THE TIME OF DAY MENTIONED IS CLOSE TO THE TIME OF LOSS. CMDR PITZEN AND LT. PENDER ARE PRESENTLY

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CARRIED AS MISSING IN ACTION BY THEIR SERVICE.") (FIELD
COMMENT: NEITHER MAN'S NAME APPEARS ON THE LISTS OF POW'S
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IN PARIS AS POW'S SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE TO U.S. AUTHORITIES.)

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