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SUBJECT - SIGHTING OF U.S. PILOT DOWNED IN HA TINH PROVINCE

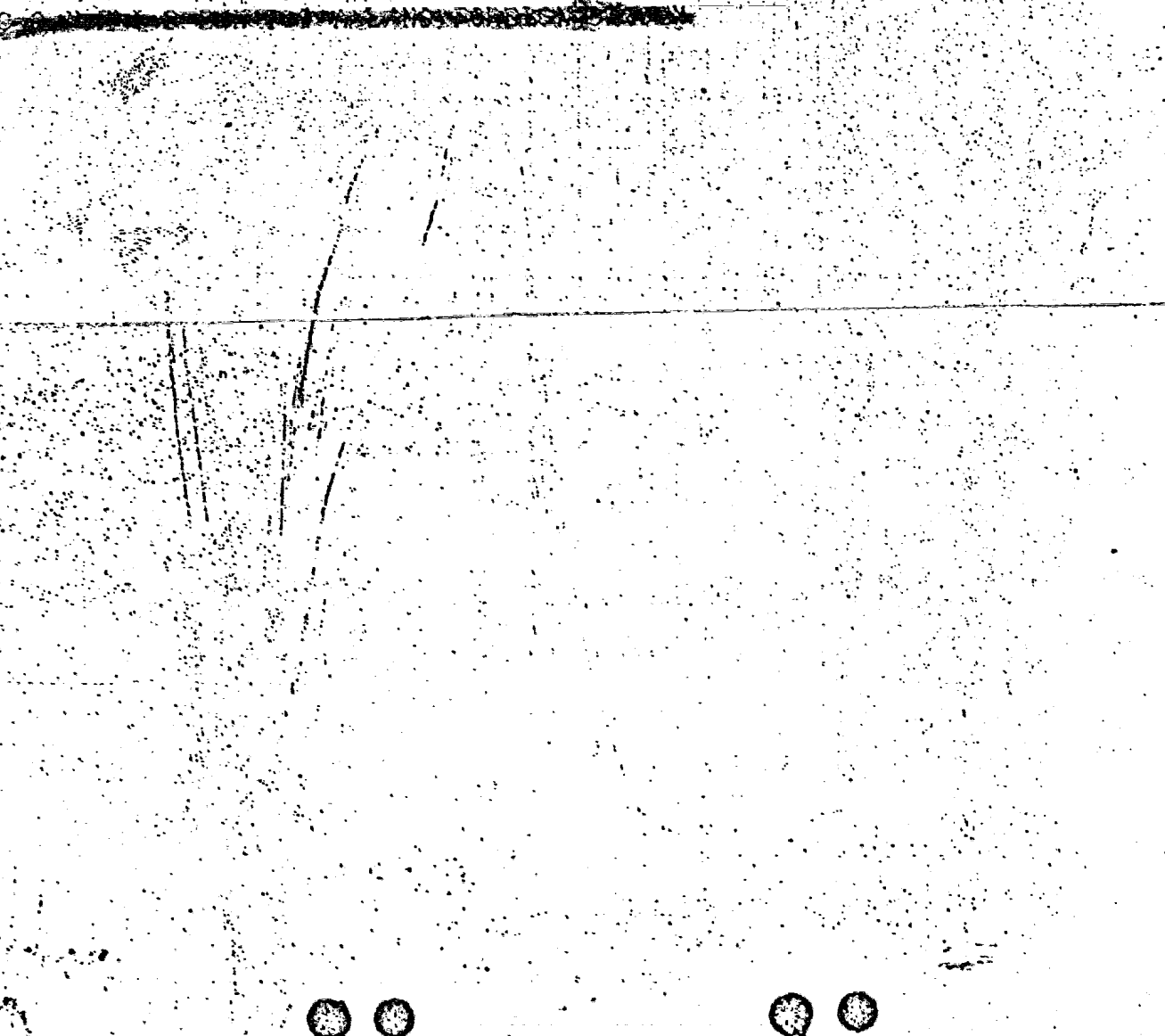
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1. . IN EARLY MAY 1968 AT ABOUT 1500 HOURS, A U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT (AA) GUNNERS AT DONG BRIDGE ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF HA TINH TOWN, HA TINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN). THE PILOT BAILED OUT AND LANDED SAFELY IN THACH VAN VILLAGE, THACH HA DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE, ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF HA TINH TOWN. THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY BY THE MILITIA AND SENT TO THACH THUY VILLAGE.



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2. THE PRISONER OF WAR (POW) STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE VILLAGE AT THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE WHERE I OBSERVED HIM FROM ABOUT TWO METERS AWAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES. IN THE MORNING, HE WAS SENT BY TRUCK TO HANOI VIA HA TINH TOWN. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, WAS 1.84 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 75 KILOS, HAD A MEDIUM BUILD, HIGH FOREHEAD, OVAL FACE, AND NO BEARD OR MUSTACHE. HE WAS DRESSED IN A BLUE-GREEN FLIGHT SUIT. HE WAS NOT WOUNDED AND APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH.

3. DURING THE SAME AFTERNOON ANOTHER U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED IN THACH NGOC VILLAGE, THACH HA DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE, ABOUT 15 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF HA TINH TOWN. THE PILOT WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE WRECKAGE OF THE PLANE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS KNOWN ABOUT THIS PILOT.

4. \ THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS SHOWN TO THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) WHICH COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS ON 21 OCTOBER: EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BY JPRC ANALYSTS TO CORRELATE THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT REALIZES THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED BY SOURCE WAS THE DOWNING OF LTJG EDWARD J. B R O M S JR., USN. HIS AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) ON 1 AUGUST 1968 NEAR THE AREA MENTIONED. THE TIME OF DAY REPORTED BY SOURCE IS VERY CLOSE TO THE KNOWN TIME OF THE OCCURRENCE AND FURTHER SUBSTANTIATES THE POSSIBILITY OF SOURCE'S OBSERVATION OF LTJG BROMS' DOWNING. PRESENTLY LTJG BROMS IS CARRIED AS MIA BY HIS PARENT SERVICE.)

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ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON |

6. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV JPRC 7TH AIR FORCE USARV
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