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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

DOI MARCH 1968

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF U.S. PILOT IN VONG XE AREA, BAC GIANG
CITY, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

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1. AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS ONE DAY IN MARCH 1968

SAW ABOUT 13 JET AIRCRAFT COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF HANOI AS HE
STOOD OUTSIDE HIS HOUSE IN QUANG TRUNG WARD, BAC GIANG CITY, HA BAC
PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVD). A MINUTE LATER, ONE AIRCRAFT

WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM EMPLACEMENTS AT BAC GIANG BRIDGE
AND BURST INTO FLAMES. SAW ONE PILOT BAIL OUT IN A WHITE

PARACHUTE. HALF AN HOUR LATER, RODE HIS BICYCLE TO VONG XE
AREA, BAC GIANG CITY, WHERE THE PILOT HAD LANDED IN A RICE FIELD.

SAW ABOUT 15 CHINESE GUARDS AND VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS GATHERED
AROUND THE PILOT. ONE OF THEM WAS REMOVING THE PILOT'S BLACK
FLIGHT SUIT. UNDER HIS FLIGHT SUIT, THE PILOT WORE A WHITE SHORT-
SLEEVE T-SHIRT AND WHITE SHORTS.

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2. OBSERVED THE PILOT FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 15 METERS. THE PILOT WAS CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 22 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 65 KILOS, AND HAD SHORT, BLACK HAIR AND A RUDDY COMPLEXION. HE HAD A PISTOL AND WORE BLACK LEATHER BOOTS AND A FLIGHT HELMET WITH WHITE LETTERS PAINTED ON IT. THE PILOT WAS FORCED TO DRESS IN A CHINESE UNIFORM AND WAS THEN TIED. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY IN A VEHICLE. ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, [] HEARD FROM THE VILLAGERS THAT THE JET AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT VINH QUANG VILLAGE, HA BAC PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: [] WAS SHOWN THE "ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN IDENTIFICATION.)

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON []

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