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1. IN EARLY JUNE 1967 AN UNIDENTIFIED UNITED STATES (U.S.) PILOT WAS SHOT DOWN OVER HAIPHONG MUNICIPALITY, AND HE LANDED IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. COMPANY 14 OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY 321ST BATTALION WAS SENT TO CAPTURE THE PILOT AND TO PROTECT HIM FROM ABUSE BY THE LOCAL POPULACE. WHEN THE COMPANY ARRIVED, THE PILOT WAS SURROUNDED BY A CROWD WHO WERE BEATING AND KICKING HIM AND THROWING STONES. THE UNIT DISPERSED THE CROWD AND TOOK THE PILOT AWAY FROM THE AREA.

2. THE PILOT APPEARED TO BE OVER SIX FEET SIX INCHES TALL, OF MEDIUM BUILD, AND UNINJURED. HE HAD SHORT LIGHT RED HAIR AND WORE A ONE PIECE FLYING SUIT. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY SEARCHED FOR DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS AND THEN WAS TAKEN TO THE ROAD BETWEEN QUANG NINH PROVINCE AND HAIPHONG MUNICIPALITY. HE WAS THEN TURNED OVER TO A CIVILIAN SECURITY AGENT WHO WAS WEARING A YELLOW KHAKI UNIFORM AND DRIVING A JEEP. THE SECURITY AGENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE CAUCASIANS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS SOVIETS BY THE SOLDIER WHO ACCOMPANIED THE PILOT. THE SOVIETS WERE DRESSED IN BLUE SHORT SLEEVED SHIRTS AND YELLOW KHAKI TROUSERS. THEY CARRIED BRIEF-CASES AND CAMERAS, AND TOOK SEVERAL PICTURES OF THE PILOT. THE PRISONER WAS NOT TIED OR BLINDFOLDED, AND HE WAS THEN ALLEGEDLY TAKEN TO HAIPHONG.

3. FIELD DISSEM: STATES USMACV USARV 7TH AIR FORCE  
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Note: I believe this is CDR SHERMAN, Peter W  
downed <sup>10</sup> 27 Jun 67. He has red hair  
and was downed at 1921/106 28. He is  
listed as MIA.