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COUNTRY - NORTH VIETNAM per 058375
DOY - LATE DECEMBER 1967 date 14 JUL 1977
SUBJECT - SIGHTING OF A DOWNED U.S. PILOT IN QUYNH LUU
DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

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1. AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS ONE DAY IN LATE DECEMBER 1967, \[] SAW FOUR U.S. FIGHTER PLANES BOMBING QUYNH LUU DISTRICT TOWN, NGHE AN PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. TWO OF THE PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN AND LOCAL MILITIAMEN LATER TOLD \[] THAT ONE PILOT WAS DEAD AND THE OTHER HAD BAILED OUT. THE MILITIAMEN ALSO SAID THAT THE U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WHOM \[] SAW AT 1200 HOURS ON THE SAME DAY, WAS THE PILOT WHO HAD BAILED OUT. \[] SAW THE POW, ESCORTED BY FIVE ARMED GUARDS, IN A JEEP HEADING NORTH ON NATIONAL ROUTE 1 IN QUYNH LUU DISTRICT. THE POW WAS CAUCASIAN, APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OLD; HE WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOGRAMS, WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL AND HAD A MOUSTACHE. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY VISIBLE WOUNDS AND WAS WEARING A YELLOW FLIGHT SUIT. SANITIZED COPY

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2. [] COMMENT: [] WAS SHOWN THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER /JPRC/ ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MAN. [] ACCOUNT WAS SHOWN TO JPRC WHICH COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: "THIS REPORT CORRELATES QUITE WELL WITH OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT IN WHICH LCDR LEONARD M. LEE, USN (#1361) AND LTJG ROGER B. INNES, USN (#1335) WERE LOST. THE MEN ARE STILL CARRIED AS MIA BY THEIR PARENT SERVICE. ALL CONTACT WAS LOST WHEN LCDR LEE'S AIRCRAFT WENT IN FOR A STRIKE ON HIS TARGET. THERE WERE OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA BUT NONE REPORTED SEEING THE AIRCRAFT GO DOWN. NO CHUTES WERE SEEN; NO BEEPERS WERE HEARD. [] DESCRIPTION OF THE TIME AND AREA IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE ACTUAL INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOST AT THESE COORDINATES DURING 1957. IT IS VERY POSSIBLE THE POW [] OBSERVED WAS LTJG INNES SINCE LCDR LEE IS NEGROID."

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