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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A DEAD AMERICAN AND OBSERVATION OF HIS BURIAL

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1. \ ON 15 NOVEMBER 1969 AN OV-10A AIRCRAFT

CRAFT, PILOTED BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN G. A. F. AND WARRANT OFFICER ROBERT W. H. I. T. E., WAS SHOT DOWN OVER LONG TOAN DISTRICT IN VINH BICH PROVINCE.) (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS RELATED TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INCIDENT ONLY BY APPROXIMATE TIME-FRAME AND LOCATION. SEE CS-311/07142-71, FROM A DIFFERENT SOURCE, WHICH CONCERNS THE DOWNING OF AN AMERICAN PLANE IN THE SAME AREA.)

2. IN LATE 1969, A PSDF MEMBER OF DINH CU HAMLET, LONG TOAN VILLAGE, LONG TOAN DISTRICT, LEARNED FROM FRIENDS THAT A U.S. AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN LONG TOAN DISTRICT AND THAT TWO AMERICAN PILOTS HAD PARACHUTED AND HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG (VC). A

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WEEK LATER, THE PSDF MEMBER OBSERVED THE BLOATED BODY OF A CAUCASIAN MALE FLOATING IN THE RACH LANG SAC RIVER AT XR618643. IT WAS CONNECTED TO A SMALL RAFT BY A ROPE, AND ON THE RAFT WAS A VC FLAG AND A SIGN CLAIMING THAT THIS WAS THE FATE OF AMERICAN INVADERS. THE BODY FLOATED FOR SEVERAL DAYS WHEN IT WAS RETRIEVED BY FISHERMEN WHO BURIED IT NEAR THE OLD LONG TOAN BRIDGE AT XR639649.

3. ON 15 AUGUST 1971, THE PSDF MEMBER RETURNED TO HIS VILLAGE AND LEARNED FROM AN OLD FRIEND, A VC HAMLET GUERRILLA, THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY SUPERVISED THE FISHERMEN WHEN THEY BURIED THE BODY IN A SHALLOW GRAVE ABOUT THREE FEET DEEP AND SIX AND ONE-HALF FEET LONG. IT WAS DUG CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE RACH LANG SAC RIVER ON THE NORTH BANK AT XR639649 NEXT TO THE BRIDGE AND ROAD LEADING TO LONG TOAN TOWN. AT THIS POINT, EROSION HAD WIDENED THE RIVER BY 10 METERS. THE BRIDGE ITSELF NO LONGER TOUCHES EITHER BANK AND HAS SUNK INTO THE RIVER. IT IS LIKELY THAT THE GRAVE AND ITS CONTENTS HAVE LONG AGO WASHED AWAY.

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