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COUNTRY North Vietnam
DOI August or September 1967
SUBJECT Sighting of An U.S. Prisoner of War In Huu Quan Village,
Thuy Nguyen District, Hai Phong Province, North Vietnam.

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1. An American prisoner of war was sighted in about August or September 1967 in Huu Quan Village, Thuy Nguyen District, Hai Phong Province, North Vietnam. The American was standing in a foxhole, sticking out his head wrapped in a blood-dripping bandage. and about 60 villagers came to see the American. and the spectators were told by the captors that the American had shot one militiaman in Huu Quan Village who was seriously wounded and the American was beaten up by other militiamen. His plane was shot down about two kilometers away from where he was held. The American was believed a field grade officer because his parachute was red colored.

2. At about 1400 hrs in August or September 1967, was in his home in Tan Duong Village, one kilometer away from Huu Quan Village, suddenly he heard of airstrikes and bombing and the Anti-Aircraft in Huu Quan Village opened fired. In about an hour later, 1500 hrs, people in the village rushed in the spot to see the captive pilot. followed them. At the time of sighting, saw two out of eight anti-aircrafts of 100m/m were damaged and 13 members in the anti-aircraft company in Huu Quan Village were killed. Local villagers attempted to beat the pilot standing in the foxholes of the political officer of the anti-aircraft company in Huu Quan Village but they were explained by North Vietnamese Army soldiers that the American pilot was very important to the Government of North Vietnam. At about 1530 hrs, one Soviet man with camera and two North Vietnamese soldiers armed with AK-rifle drove a Soviet made vehicle from Haiphong City to take pictures and pick up the American. The Soviet cameraman spoke fluently Vietnamese.

3. The American wore blue pants, white shirt spotted with blood stains. He had no shoes. He was covered with sand, dirt. He was about 35 years old, about 1.80 meters tall, 80 kilos in weight. He was ruddy complexioned. He was not tied up, and wounded in his head. His expression towards lookers was hostile. His Mauser pistol was taken by local militiamen.

4. (Field Comment: During the debriefing,) was shown the Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) Album of missing and captured personnel in SEA but was unable to make any identification.

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