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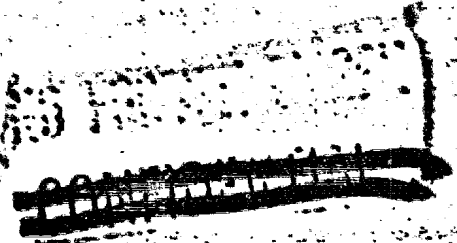
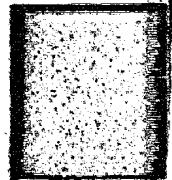
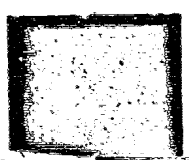
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1. At about 1200 hours on an unknown date in late May 1968

[REDACTED] This is a Lunar Calendar date: [REDACTED] did not know the Gregorian Calendar date but he assumed it was July 1966.) at the start of the May Harvest, [REDACTED] observed a U.S. pilot making a parachute descent into Ben Sat Rice Field (WJ691526) of Khan Nghia Hamlet, Son Loi Village, Binh Xuyen District, Vinh Phuc Province, North Vietnam, <sup>2115</sup> <sub>2050</sub> *The pilot* was shot and killed while making his descent. [REDACTED] had been in a building that was within sight of where the pilot landed and he made his observation after hearing a loud explosion and coming out to see what had happened. He saw the pilot as he was descending and up to the point just before he landed and at the same time he heard a North Vietnamese Army (NVA) 12.7mm Anti-Aircraft unit stationed at Hung Canh Bridge (WJ687525) open fire. Shortly after this [REDACTED] and other people in the area went to the landing site and found that the pilot's dead body, stripped and covered across the middle with a piece of cloth by members of the Anti-Aircraft Unit, was laid out there. The pilot's body had three wounds in the head and seven wounds in the left leg, ~~and~~ Members of the Anti-Aircraft said they had shot him while parachuting because they were afraid that he might kill someone in an attempt to escape capture once he landed. [REDACTED]

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2. The pilot appeared to be about 30 years old, was 1.75 meters tall, weighed about 80 kilograms, and had short curly brown hair. He had used a red and white parachute. About one week after the observation, the Binh Xuyen District Militia Unit published a report on Militia activities in which it identified the pilot as an F-105 pilot who was a Captain and from Thailand.

3. A cadre of the Binh Xuyen District Propaganda and Training Section named [REDACTED] came to the place where the pilot

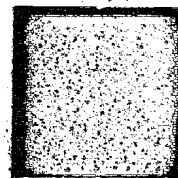
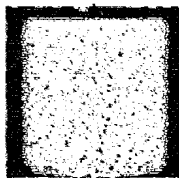
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body was . laying at about 1300 hours the same day and took pictures of the body. This cadre had been a lieutenant in the Japanese Army when Japan occupied Vietnam.

4. Militiamen of the area dug a grave and buried the pilot in the field where he landed. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ did not stay in the area to see the pilot buried but he passed the area again several days later and saw a mound where the militiamen had been digging the grave. At that time militiamen who were in the area told him that the pilot had been buried there without a coffin.)

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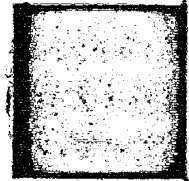
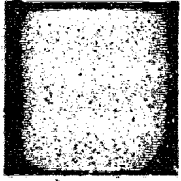
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