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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM
 DOI LATE MAY 1970, MID-MARCH 1971
 SUBJECT SIGHTING OF THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR IN
 SON HA DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE; SIGHTING
 OF DOWNED U.S. AIRCRAFT IN SON HA DISTRICT

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(VIETNAM, SAIGON, XI4 APRIL 1972) [REDACTED]

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1. IN MID-MARCH 1971 THREE U.S. PRISONERS SPENT ONE NIGHT AT THE C10 DETENTION CAMP OF THE VIET CONG (VC) QUANG NGAI PROVINCE UNIT, LOCATED IN SON THUY VILLAGE (BS335455), SON HA DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO THE GUARDS AT THE C10 DETENTION CAMP, LOCAL VC GUERRILLAS IN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, HAD COME UPON THE AMERICANS SWIMMING IN A RIVER AND HAD TAKEN THEM PRISONER.

2. THE PRISONERS ARRIVED AT THE CAMP ABOUT 1700 HOURS, ESCORTED BY SIX ARMED VC SOLDIERS. THE AMERICANS WORE GREEN FATIGUE UNIFORMS, JUNGLE HATS AND COMBAT BOOTS; THEY WERE NOT BLINDFOLDED BUT WERE TIED WITH NYLON STRING. DURING THE NIGHT THEY SPENT AT THE CAMP, THEY WERE FED RICE AND CANNED MEAT; THE MEAT HAD BEEN CAPTURED FROM THE U.S. FORCES AND WAS CARRIED BY THE ESCORTS. THE AMERICANS WERE ALLOWED TO RELAX INSIDE THE CAMP WITH THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS; APPROXIMATELY 30 VC SOLDIERS AND CADRES WERE DETAINED AT THE CAMP FOR VARIOUS CRIMES. THE NEXT MORNING AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS, THE PRISONERS AND THEIR ESCORTS LEFT FOR VC MILITARY REGION (MR) 5 HEADQUARTERS, LOCATED IN THE TRA LIEU AREA OF KONTUM PROVINCE.

3. TWO OF THE AMERICANS WERE CAUCASIAN AND ONE WAS NEGRO; ONE OF THE CAUCASIANS HAD BEEN WOUNDED SLIGHTLY IN THE LEFT ARM. THE WOUNDED PRISONER WAS ABOUT 1.74 METERS TALL, HAD A MEDIUM BUILD AND APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD. THE OTHER CAUCASIAN WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD AND HAD A HEAVY BUILD. THE NEGRO WAS ABOUT 1.73 METERS IN HEIGHT WITH A MEDIUM BUILD AND APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 27 YEARS OLD.

4. COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS NOT

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ABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE PRISONERS FROM "PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" PUBLISHED BY THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC/.)

5. IN LATE MAY 1970 A U.S. PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN IN SON TRUNG VILLAGE (BS270572), SON HA DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, BY THE VIET CONG (VC) 20TH BATTALION, SUBORDINATE TO THE VC QUANG NGAI PROVINCE UNIT. THREE DAYS LATER, WHILE ON A MISSION TO BUY FOOD AND SUPPLIES FOR HIS CONVALESCENCE UNIT, [REDACTED] PASSED BY THE PLACE WHERE THE PLANE HAD CRASHED AND PARTIALLY BURNED. HE SAW THE REMAINS OF THE BODY OF ONE OF THE PILOTS STILL IN THE PLANE AND ANOTHER BODY WHICH WAS LYING ON THE GROUND, ABOUT THREE METERS FROM THE PLANE.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: JPRC COMMENTS THAT IT DOES NOT LIST ANY U.S. AIRCRAFT DOWNED IN THIS AREA IN 1970.)

6. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV USAID CORDS 7TH AIR FORCE USARV NAVFORV 525TH MI GP 1021ST FAS OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC [REDACTED]

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