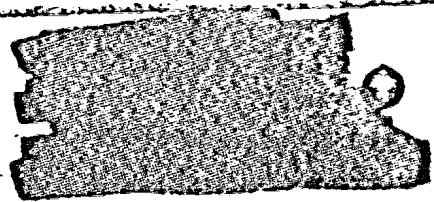


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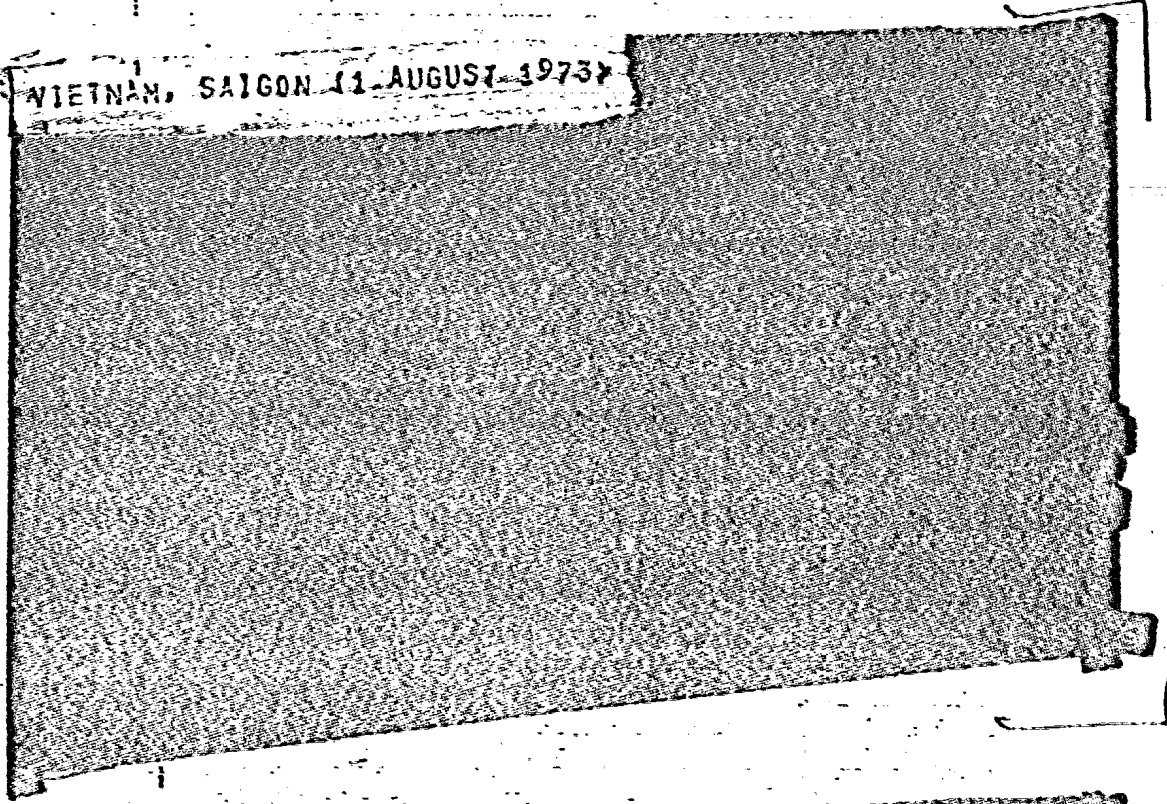
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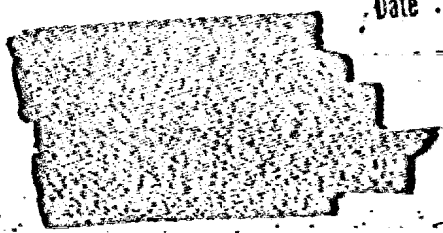


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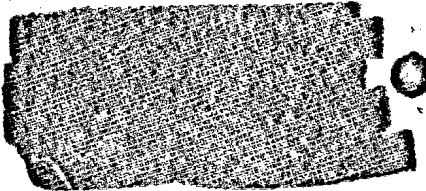


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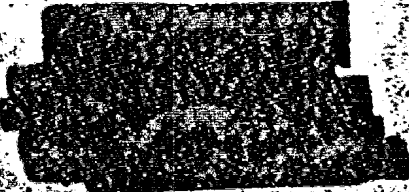
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27. AN AIRCRAFT UNIT, LOCATED ON HILL 155 (XU737063), LOC NINH DISTRICT, BINH LONG PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, WAS ORDERED BY ITS REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS TO SHOOT DOWN AN F-4 FLYING IN THE AREA. THE F-4 CAME FROM THE DIRECTION OF CAMBODIA, MADE A TURN OVER LOC NINH DISTRICT TOWN, AND APPEARED TO BE HEADED TOWARD CAMBODIA.

[REDACTED] UNIT IMMEDIATELY OPENED FIRE, AND THE F-4 WAS HIT. THE PLANE BURST INTO FLAMES AND SPLIT INTO TWO PIECES. [REDACTED] SAW ONE MAN BAIL OUT WITH A RED PARACHUTE. THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS ISSUED ANOTHER ORDER TO KILL THE PARACHUTIST. [REDACTED] UNIT HIT THE PARACHUTIST WHILE HE WAS MAKING HIS DESCENT FROM A RANGE OF ABOUT 3,000 METERS.

2. ABOUT 15 MINUTES LATER, SIX RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL FROM THE 210TH REGIMENT WENT TO THE AREA WHERE THE PARACHUTIST LANDED IN ORDER TO CONFIRM HIS DEATH. AT A COMPANY MEETING AT 1900 HOURS THE SAME DAY [REDACTED] COMPANY COMMANDER SAID THAT THE RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL FOUND THE DEAD BODY OF THE U.S. PILOT ON A RUBBER PLANTATION IN LOC NINH DISTRICT, ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS FROM HILL 155.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: INFORMATION AS PRESENTED PRECLUDES



[REDACTED]

CORRELATION, SINCE JCRC RECORDS INDICATE THAT DURING THE PERIOD  
1 JANUARY TO 31 JULY 1973 NO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST IN GRID  
SQUARES WV, XV, YV, XU, XT, AND YT. ON 27 JUNE 1972, AN O2A  
WAS LOST AT NT980220. SOURCE'S INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED  
SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE CREW OF THE F-4 WAS RECOVERED. (IF THIS  
WERE THE CASE, JCRC WOULD NOT HAVE ANY RECORD OF THE INCIDENT.)

4. FIELD DISSEMI DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE  
IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG  
AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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