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In April 1965 a US pilot was seen to parachute from an aircraft. He was captured in the TAN THUY Village area, LE THUY District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN. Local militia protected him from irate villagers who would have beaten him. After having been put on display at the village for about one hour, he was taken to the main road and transported by car to an unknown destination.

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1. In April 1965, Source saw a plane shot down near TAN THUY Village, LE THUY District, QUANG BINH Province. The pilot parachuted safely and was captured by the TAN THUY Village Militia, which had to protect him from irate villagers, who tried to beat him.
2. At the time the pilot was last seen, he was not wearing his flight suit. He was wearing a US green color uniform with no identifying insignia. Source was unable to observe the pilot closely, since he was surrounded by a large group of people. The pilot was described as having gray hair and being approximately two meters tall.
3. People from neighboring hamlets and villages came to view the captured pilot. Several people came from HOA THUY Village (including Source), which was about three kilometers away. The pilot was put on display for about one hour until he was taken away by the TAN THUY Village Militia leader to the main road. He was then transported by car to an unknown destination which Source assumed was HANOI.

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