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In April 1965, Source saw a captured American pilot in the DO LUONG District, NGHE AN Province, where he was being temporarily held. The pilot appeared calm and unafraid from the time of his captured and during the time the curious

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people viewed him. He was about 23 years of age, tall, blond short hair, square face, eyes a "brass color". He was uninjured and being well fed by the authorities. Source gave the prisoner the rank of Senior Lieutenant.

1. On 20 April 1965, while Source's unit made a temporary stop at LUU SON Village, NGHE AN Province, Source went to the market at DO LUONG District where he heard about the arrest of a U.S. Pilot with the rank of Senior Lieutenant. The pilot had been captured at ANH SON District and was being temporarily held in the DO LUONG District office (coordinates WF 326986).
2. Source was told that the main force troops and militia had difficulty finding the pilot in the forest at ANH SON District. He was captured at a location far from the burning plane. The pilot was uninjured and was carrying a pistol when taken prisoner by the militia. He was carried by vehicle to the DO LUONG District office and confined.
3. Source saw the pilot sitting on a chair, bareheaded and facing the crowd. An armed sentry guarded the pilot from the people who could possibly become angry and harm the prisoner. He was very young, about 23 years of age, tall, blond short hair, square face and eyes "brass color". Since the time of his capture the prisoner appeared calm and unafraid and kept chewing his chewing gum. The people believed he did not show any fear because he knew that the NVN Government would not condemn him.
4. The local authorities treated the prisoner well. Evidently the prisoner could not get used to the local rice food ration so he was given canned food, soup and beer. People would come to view the prisoner out of curiosity and anger. The people complained that the prisoner was treated too well and given special food while they did not have enough rice. Besides, the Americans had caused disaster to the NVN people and should absolutely not receive any favors.

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