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A U.S. aircraft was shot down in SON LA Province in February 1966, and the pilot was taken prisoner. He was uninjured and was removed to Division 316.

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1. In mid-February 1966, Source saw a F-105-D aircraft hit in the tail section by 37mm antiaircraft. It caught fire and crashed at approximately 1200 hours in THAO NGUYEN Village, MUC CHAU District, SON LA Province. After the aircraft was hit he saw a parachute. Local militia captured the pilot.
2. The captured pilot was observed by Source for one hour and he was wearing a gray flight suit, was 1.70 meters tall, fat, weighed about 70 kilos, had a pink complexion, blue eyes, and thick brown hair which was combed back on his head.
3. Upon capture he made a statement that he was a flight leader. A battalion cadre stated that three other aircraft had been shot down, and the captured pilot was a Lt. Colonel. The pilot was taken to Division 316 by truck.

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