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1. THE INFORMATION IN PARA 2 WAS OBTAINED BY

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23 JUNE STATUS OF DOWNED AMERICAN JET PILOTS, FROM

FROM FATHER-IN-LAW

IN BAN PAO WAS (VH 1255) FROM A BAN PAO WAN RESIDENT WHO WORKED AS A LABORER FOR A NORTH VIETNAMESE UNIT.

2. ON 18 JULY A VILLAGER WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF A CAVE ABOUT 1000 METER EAST OF BAN NONG KOU (VH1958) WHERE TWO AMERICAN PILOTS WERE HELD PRISONER WAS TOLD BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE SUBLIEUTENANT THAT 20 METERS FROM THE CAVE WERE THE UNMARKED GRAVES OF TWO AMERICANS

WHO WERE STABBED IN THE NECK AT 1200 HOURS ON 17 JULY. ON 10 JULY EIGHT JETS HIT BAN NONG KOU BURNING ALL THE HOUSES AND KILLING TWO HIGH-RANKING NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICERS. THE PILOTS WERE EXECUTED IN RETALIATION FOR THE JET STRIKE.

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