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		REPORT NO.
COUNTRY	NORTH VIETNAM	DATE DISTR. 23 JULY 1971
DOI	MID-OCTOBER 1970	
SUBJECT	KILLING OF TWO AMERICAN PILOTS SHOT DOWN OVER NORTH VIETNAM	
ACQ	VIETNAM, SAIGON (? JULY 1971)	
SOURCE		

1. IN MID-OCTOBER 1970, AN AMERICAN F4-H PHANTOM JET WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION. THE BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED IN THE AREA OF HILL 700 (APPROXIMATELY XD702735), A SUPPLY STATION OF THE BINH TRAM LOCATED NORTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE. TWO PILOTS PARACHUTED FROM THE PLANE. ONE PILOT LANDED IN BAN CUOI VILLAGE, VINH LINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, AND WAS KILLED BY THE LOCAL FORCES THERE. THE OTHER PILOT LANDED NEAR HILL 700, BUT HIS PARACHUTE WAS CAUGHT IN THE TREES AND HE DANGLED IN THE AIR. MEMBERS OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION GUARDING THE SUPPLY STATION HEARD THE PILOT SPEAK INTO A PORTABLE RADIO HE WAS CARRYING IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO CONTACT HIS BASE AND CALL FOR HELP. FEARING THAT AN AMERICAN RESCUE OPERATION MIGHT LEAD TO BOMBING AND DESTRUCTION OF THE SUPPLY STATION, THE BINH TRAM GUARDS SHOT AND KILLED THE PILOT. PAPERS FOUND ON THE DEAD MAN'S BODY IDENTIFIED HIM AS A 32-YEAR OLD AIR FORCE MAJOR. A POCKET KNIFE AND PISTOL WERE ALSO FOUND ON THE BODY.

2. THE SOURCE DID NOT OBTAIN, NOR HEAR ABOUT, THE NAME OF EITHER PILOT, OR ANY FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THEM. SOURCE HEARD THAT DURING THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1970, THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION HAD SHOT DOWN A TOTAL OF 34 ENEMY PLANES, AMONG THEM AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF AD6, F4-H, VO-10, A3-J AND HELICOPTERS, AND THAT ALL OF THE PILOTS OF THE DOWNED PLANES HAD BEEN KILLED.

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