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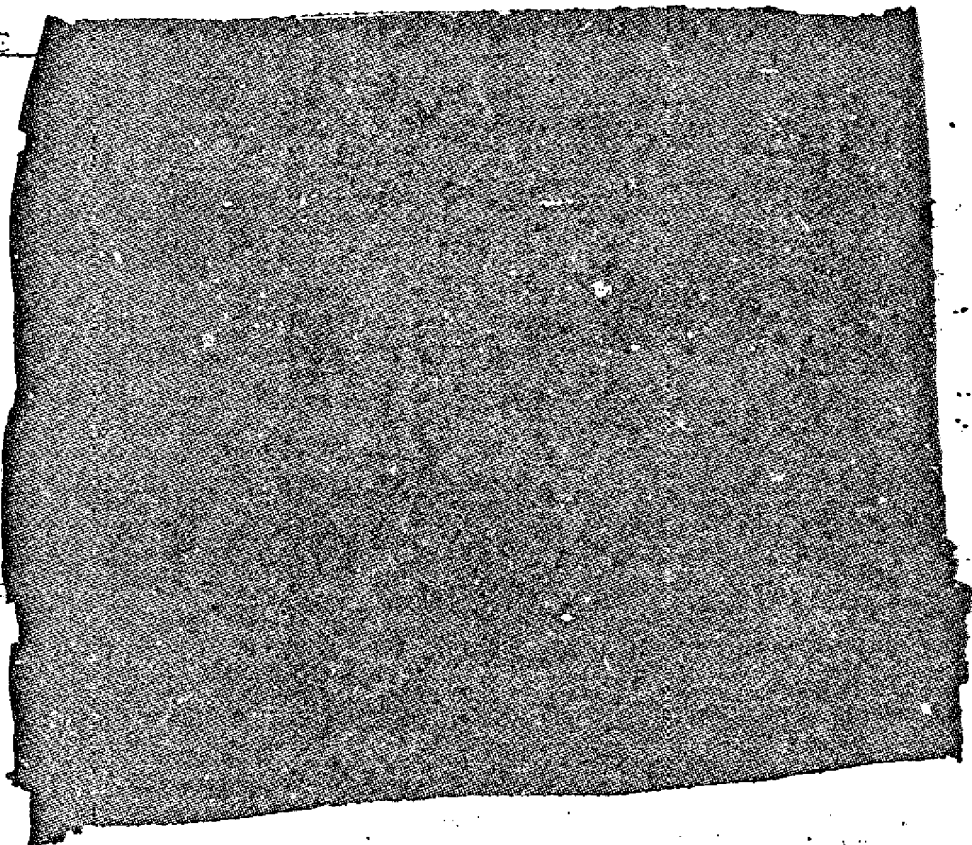
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 LOCATED NEAR A RIVER SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 AT TCHEPONE, SOUTHERN
 LAOS, PRISONER [REDACTED] SAW TWO U.S. PRISONERS
 OF WAR (POW) WITH A GROUP OF TEN WOUNDED NORTH VIETNAMESE
 ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS WHO WERE BEING EVACUATED NORTH. AT
 THE TIME OF SIGHTING, A MEMBER OF [REDACTED] INFILTRATION GROUP
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 SITE AT WHICH A VIETNAMESE ARMY COLONEL (FNU) T H O HAD
 BEEN CAPTURED IN APRIL 1971. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]
 COULD NOT PINPOINT THE LOCATION ON THE MAP SINCE, AT THE
 TIME OF SIGHTING, HE ONLY KNEW THAT HE WAS IN JUNGLE
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2. BECAUSE HIS GROUP WAS ON THE MOVE, [REDACTED] WAS
 ONLY ABLE TO OBSERVE THE TWO U.S. PRISONERS FOR A FEW
 MINUTES. HE DESCRIBED THEM AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIRST PRISONER: FACE, OVAL, WITH MUSTACHE
AND BEARD; EYES, BROWN; HAIR, BROWN AND CURLY; HEIGHT
ABOUT FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES; WEIGHT, ABOUT 160 POUNDS;
AGE, ABOUT 28 YEARS.

B. SECOND PRISONER: FACE, ROUND, WITH MUSTACHE
AND BEARD; EYES, COLOR UNKNOWN; HAIR, BROWN AND SHORT;
HEIGHT, ABOUT FIVE FEET NINE INCHES; WEIGHT, ABOUT 150
POUNDS; AGE, ABOUT 28 YEARS. BOTH PRISONERS WERE DRESSED

IN BLACK PAJAMAS AND CARRIED SMALL BACK PACKS. [REDACTED]

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Declared DEAD by TAGO, DA, based on FBI's of CAVAIANI who reported JONES' death. i

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ACTION (MIA) BY THIS OFFICE; RECENTLY, HOWEVER, HANOI RE-
LEASED A TAPE RECORDING PURPORTEDLY MADE BY CAVAIANI,
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY (DA) HAS CHANGED HIS
STATUS TO CAPTURED. JONES IS STILL CARRIED AS (MIA)

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3. APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS AFTER HE SAW THE TWO
PRISONERS, [REDACTED] OBSERVED A CAPTURED U.S. PILOT WALKING
ALONGSIDE A STREAM FARTHER SOUTH, NEAR REST STATION 35,
ALSO IN LAOS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] COULD NOT PINPOINT
THIS LOCATION ON MAPS OR PROVIDE A BETTER DESCRIPTION
OF IT.) THE U.S. PILOT, WEARING WHAT APPEARED TO BE A
CAMOUFLAGED RANGER UNIFORM, WAS BEING ESCORTED BY SIX NVA
TROOPS. WHEN [REDACTED] REACHED REST STATION 35, HE OVERHEARD
SEVERAL NVA SOLDIERS SAY THAT THE U.S. PRISONER HAD BEEN
SHOT DOWN WHILE FLYING A VO10 (SIC) AIRPLANE. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: THE TERM VO10 IS USED BY THE NVA TO REFER TO
A DOUBLE-FUSELAGED RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.) [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE JPRC COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: "THIS OFFICE
DOES NOT LIST ANY VO10'S SHOT DOWN IN THIS AREA/TIME
FRAME.") [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THE U.S. PILOT AS FOLLOWS:

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AGE, ABOUT 35 YEARS; WEIGHT, ABOUT 200
POUNDS; BUILD, STOUT; HEIGHT, ABOUT SIX FEET ONE INCH;
HAIR, RED; EYES, COLOR COULD NOT BE RECALLED.

COMMENT: [REDACTED] COULD NOT RECALL ANY OF THE PILOT'S
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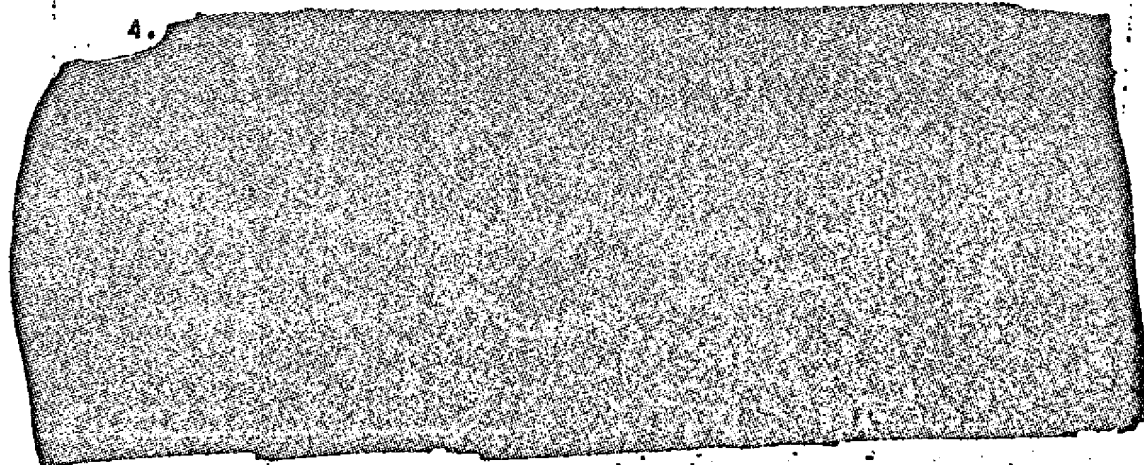
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