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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
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Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea
Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs
Department of State

SUBJECT: Location of Grave Site of U.S. Pilot
Sites of U.S. Jets and Helicopter in
District, Quang Nam-Da Nang Province

Attached as of possible interest to you is a report

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Attachment: Report as stated

Location of Grave Site of U.S. Pilot and Crash Site of U.S. Jets and Helicopter in Hoa Vang District, Nam-Da Nang Province

In April 1981, [redacted] with an unknown date during the Vietnam War he had witnessed the crash of a U.S. aircraft, had killed the pilot and buried him at the site.

[redacted], which was in the area of Hai Van Pass in Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV), Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam-Da Nang Province, and also led to a second crash site in the same district. In March 1982, [redacted] traveled to a tribal area in the province to strip parts from a downed U.S. helicopter.

In April 1981, [redacted]

[redacted] led [redacted] from Da Nang to collect firewood at the burial site of a U.S. pilot in Hoa Vang District, in the vicinity of the Hai Van Pass, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV). During the war at a date unspecified, a jet aircraft of the North Vietnam Sap Vang (Cold Star) positions of the North Vietnam Sap Vang (Cold Star) and Hai Van Pass was shot down. Its pilot parachuted, but the parachute got caught on the branch of a tree. [redacted] discovered him, the pilot was still alive. However, since he was afraid of being harmed by him. They shot him, looted his gear, stripped off his gear and personal belongings and buried him near the tree. As of April 1981, the grave site was overgrown with tall grass growing over its surface.

[redacted] said that the crash site of the aircraft, which he identified as an F-4 jet, was located about 200 kilometers from the grave site. [redacted] reported that most of the bauxite scraps had been stripped, but the engine and steel parts of the aircraft had been left.

To reach the grave site in the Da Bi area, [redacted] traveled north from Da Nang city on National Route One for 100 kilometers (km) to Hoa Khanh village, Hoa Vang District, Quang Nam-Da Nang Province. He turned westward and followed the

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TEXT: 1. In April 1981, [redacted]

[redacted] led [redacted] from Da Nang
the area to collect firewood at the burial site of a U.S. pilot in
the Ba Bi area, Hoa Vang District, in the vicinity of the Hai Van
Pass, north of Da Nang, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV). [redacted]
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which bombed positions of the North Vietnam Sao Vang (Gold Star)
Division around Hai Van Pass was shot down. Its pilot parachuted
from the aircraft, but the parachute got caught on the branch of a
tall tree. At the time [redacted] discovered him, the
pilot was still alive. However, since he was armed the tribesmen
were afraid of being harmed by him. They shot him, lowered his body
to the ground, stripped off his gear and personal belongings and
buried him near the tree. As of April 1981, the grave site was
undisturbed and tall grass grew over its surface.

2.

[redacted] said that the crash site of the
pilot's aircraft, which he identified as an F-4 jet, was located
about three kilometers from the grave site. [redacted]
removed a radio and stripped about 200 kilograms of silver alloy
pieces. He reported that most of the bauxite scraps had been stripped
by Katu people but the engine and steel parts of the aircraft had
not been removed.

3.

To reach the grave site in the Ba Bi area, [redacted]
traveled north from Da Nang city on National Route One for
about 15 kilometers (km) to Hoa Khanh village, Hoa Vang District,
Quang Nam-Da Nang Province. He turned westward and followed the

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Tung Son-Nam Ngai Road (which was called the "Upper Road" until he reached the "collapsed bridge" (Cau Sup) on the Nam-Song Bac Road, parallel to National Route One) for (Song Nam). From the collapsed bridge, he continued on to five km, then turned east to a mountain trail and covered another three km to the grave site in the area called Nam Katu ethnic minority village was located.

4. Also in April 1981, [redacted] the crash site of a U.S. jet aircraft [redacted] located about one km from the Mui Trau Pass (Water Buffalo Nose Pass) along the Tung Ngai Road in Hoa Vang District. [redacted] noted that most aluminum [redacted] aircraft as an F-4 Phantom and noted that most aluminum [redacted] parts of the aircraft had been stripped by Katu people [redacted] the engine, steel parts, radio and wiring system. [redacted] stripped the radio and wiring system and collected [redacted] parts of beuxite scraps, which he sold to Da Nang jewelry shop [redacted] in Hong per kilo. (Headquarters comment: At the SRV set [redacted] equals \$1.00.) Mui Trau Pass was about 35 km north of [redacted] Hoa Vang District, on the Tung Son-Nam Ngai Road [redacted] also called this road the Upper Road or Song Nam-Song [redacted] d, which is west of and parallel to National Route One.

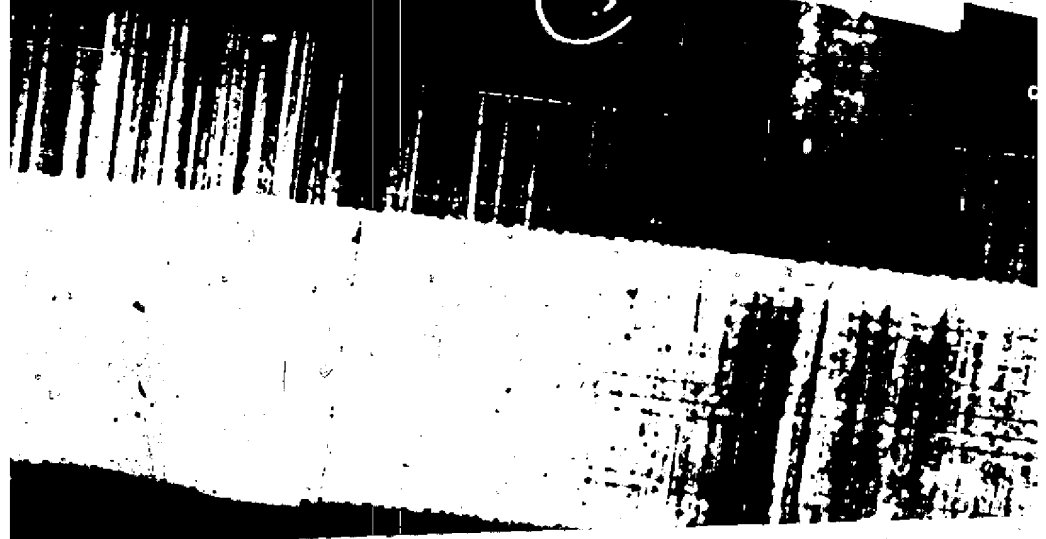
5. In March 1982, [redacted] and his nephew [redacted] traveled to the Katu area to remove the radio [redacted] 100 kilograms of copper and silver alloy wires from a [redacted] helicopter located about two km south of the collapsed bridge [redacted] Nam River. The distance from Hoa Khanh village to the [redacted] on the Tung Son-Nam Ngai Road was about 25 km. [redacted] said that the helicopter was marked "WU-18" in white [redacted] helicopter rotor, steel frame radio and wiring system had [redacted] stripped by Katu tribesmen.

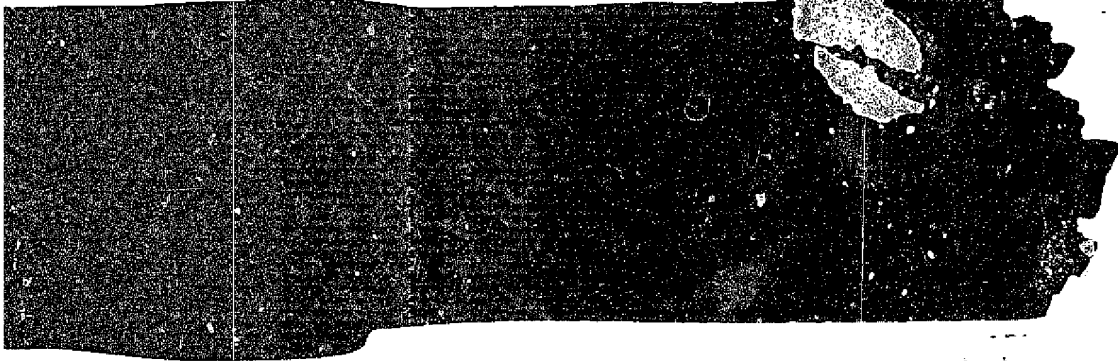
6. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] not state the date when [redacted] latter two aircraft crashed nor did he say anything about [redacted] crews.)

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ge on the Tung Son-Nam Ngai Road was about 25 km. [redacted]
said that the helicopter was marked "WU-1B" in white let
helicopter rotor, steel frame radio and wiring system had not
stripped by Katu tribesmen.

6. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] not state the date when
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