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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Office of the Secretary of Defense
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SUBJECT:

Serial file of a U.S. Military Officer Near Thanh Hu, Binh Tri Thien Province

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Attached as of possible interest to you is a report

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the body of a U.S. military officer of a unit lost in what is now designated Binh Tri Thien Province, North Vietnam of Vietnam.

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Deputy Director for Operations

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Attachment: Report as stated

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SUBJECT: Serial file of a U.S. Military Officer Most ...
Dien Bien Phu Province

TEXT: 1. A former Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) sergeant first class reported that in mid July 1968 he ...

... northern edge of a sandy hill, designated Hill A-1, near Bong Ma ...
what is now known as Dien Bien Phu Province, Socialist Republic ...
of Vietnam (SRV). The sergeant stated that the American officer ...
wore a fatigue uniform with the rank insignia of an ARVN second ...
lieutenant. In addition to burying the American officer, the squad ...
also buried five ARVN personnel found in the same location. The ...
first squad, First Ranger Platoon, First Ranger Company, 39th Ranger ...
Battalion, First ARVN Ranger Group, ARVN I Corps, was on its way ...
back to its parent unit based on Hill A-1 after three days of ...
reconnaissance patrol when the unit discovered the dead American ...
officer and five ARVN personnel. ... Contact: From April to ...
July 1968, the ARVN I Corps Command launched an operation to retake ...
Hill A-1 and Hill 40 in the Bong (unlocated), which had been overrun ...
by Vietnamese communist forces during the Tet Offensive of 1968. ...
This operation involved the ARVN 39th Ranger Battalion, First ...
Infantry Battalion of the First Division, ARVN I Corps Forces, the ...
Third ARVN Marine Battalion and the Fourth ARVN Airborne Battalion. ...
The sergeant reported that there was also a U.S. unit involved in ...
this operation, but he was not sure of the unit's designation. ...
After July 1968, Hill A-1 was turned over to the First ARVN ...
Infantry Battalion, First Division, I Corps Forces. (Headquarters ...
Comment: The grave site is in former Binh Dinh District, Quang Tri ...
Province, which the SRV has renamed Binh Dinh District, Dien Bien ...
Phu Province.)

2. The sergeant said the grave site of the American officer ...
was located at the northeastern edge of Hill A-1 about 2.5 kilometers ...
(km) from the hill top. To reach Hill A-1, travel south on National ...
Route One from the Nam River, at the Binh Thuan Demarcation Line, ...
for about 15 km. Turn east on a dirt road and continue to the ...
"Ban Hui" bridge. The distance from National Route One to Ban Hui ...
bridge is about 15 km. Continue south through the dirt road ...
to arrive at the top of Hill A-1.

