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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection  
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Department of Defense  
Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War  
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(International Security Affairs)  
Director, Vietnam, Laos And Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian And Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT

: Alleged Gravesite of Four U.S. Airmen near  
the 17th Parallel in Binh Tri Thien Province,  
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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[REDACTED] interest to you is a report about the alleged gravesite of four U.S. Airmen near the 17th parallel in Binh Tri Thien Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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Deputy Director For Operations

cc: DCI  
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Attachment: Report as listed

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SUBJECT: Alleged Gravesite of Four U.S. Airmen near the 17th Parallel in Binh Tri Thien Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

TEXT: 1. Four U.S. Airmen whose aircraft was shot down in 1972 were buried on a hill located approximately ten kilometers north of the 17th Parallel. The hill, which was known locally as "The Hill Of The Four Pilot Bandits" (Doi Bon Giac Lai), is approximately 1.5 kilometers east of the rail track located approximately three kilometers south of the Sa Lung Train Station in Bi Tri Thien Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV).

2. To reach the alleged gravesite, one must travel approximately nine kilometers north of the Ben Hai River and the 17th Parallel to a road junction which was the former location of Ho Xa Village. Then, one must travel approximately five kilometers in a westerly direction from the road junction toward a ferry. The hill is approximately two kilometers northwest of the ferry.

3. Four ethnic Vietnamese drivers who had refused to perform unspecified duties were executed and buried on the hill in 1972. The eight graves were located together, in two opposite rows.

4. [REDACTED] 3-2-50  
[REDACTED] was unable to provide further information on the type of U.S. aircraft involved and was unable to specify the date when the aircraft was downed. He was also unable to provide information about the four pilots who died in the crash incident.)

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