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SUBJECT: 1967 Crash Site of a U.S. Air Force F-4 Aircraft in My Hao District, Hai Hung Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Burial of a Pilot

1. A U.S. Air Force F-4 aircraft (may bay vi ruoi) was shot down over Huynh Thuc Khang village, My Hao District, now in Hai Hung Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) circa September 1967. A wing of the aircraft fell at Lang Chang Village. One pilot parachuted from the aircraft but died, presumably from severe wounds to the right side of his head. He was a "big" man, approximately 1.80 meters tall. He was buried by villagers where he landed, in a small graveyard at Hoe Lam Hamlet, Huynh Thuc Khang Village (unlocated), My Hao District. **Comment:** **_____** (for burial; therefore, additional physical details could not be observed. **_____** heard that two other U.S. pilots from the F-4 had been captured alive, but he did not see them.)

2. After the F-4 crashed, the villagers removed a parachute, a small radio and a watch from the crash site. A wing of the downed aircraft was exhibited in the village's communal center until 1980. As of March 1983, the pilot's remains were still believed to be located at the graveyard site. The graves of the villagers had been dug up in order to grow crops in the area. The pilot's grave, however, was located in a corner of the graveyard near a cluster of bamboo. No crops were grown on this spot. The grave had been levelled by buffalo and had been covered with grass. **Comment:** **_____** was not aware of any attempts to exhume the pilot's remains as of March 1983.)

3. To reach the pilot's burial site from Hanoi, it is necessary to cross the Long Bien Bridge, to go under the underpass and past the junction of Pho Loi Road and the road to Hai Hung Province. Then one must continue on Route Five toward Hai Phong until Kilometer Marker 14, turn right onto a dirt road and continue for about two kilometers to a pagoda opposite a pond. At that point, one must turn right and travel about one kilometer and then cross a rice field to the old, levelled graveyard. The pilot's grave was located on the right far corner.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management
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Office of the Secretary of Defense
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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report that circa 1967 a U.S. Air Force F-4 aircraft crashed in what is now Hai Hung Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and that one pilot who had died was buried there.

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