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SAH A U.S. F-185 JET HIT BY 37MM ANTIAIRCRAFT

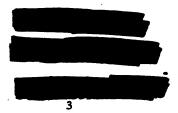
ARTILLERY FIRE FROM A UNIT BASED IN NAM SACH DISTRICT, HAI
HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE JET HAD BEEN IN A GROUP OF
ABOUT 38 AIRCRAFT THAT BOMBED AND STRAFED FUEL STORAGE SITES
AT XJ222187, XJ391214 AND XJ449193 IN THE NAM SACH AND CHI LINH
AREAS AND BRIDGES AT XJ447195 AND XJ413168 IN THE LAI VU AND PHU
LUONG AREAS, ALL IN NAM SACH DISTRICT. THE PILOT BAILED BUT
OF THE JET USING A RED PARACHUTE AND LANDED IN THE LE XA VILLAGE
AREA (XJ418285), NAM SACH DISTRICT. THE JET CRASHED INTO A
MATER-FILLED RICEFIELD IN DINH DUONG VILLAGE (XJ295242), GIA
LUONG DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. ABOUT 8788 HOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY. SAW A
U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) SITTING IN THE REAR SEAT OF A JEEP
BEING DRIVEN DOWN QUOC TUAN STREET (XJ413269). ROUTE 55. LE
XÁ VILLAGE. THE JEEP WAS HEADED TOWARD HAT DUONG CITY. HAT
DUONG PROVINCE. THOUGHT THE POW WAS THE PILOT HE HAD
SEEN BAILING OUT THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE POW WAS GUARDED BY A



MILITIAMAN AND A PUBLIC SECURITY MAN OF GIA LUONG DISTRICT, AND THE JEEP HAS BEING DRIVEN BY A PUBLIC SECURITY MAN.

- JEEP DROVE PAST: THE POW HAS A CAUCASIAN, APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 48 YEARS OLD, WITH A FAIR COMPLEXION AND MAVY BLOND HAIR. LATER THE SAME DAY, THREE MEMBERS OF THE LE XA VILLAGE SELF-DEFENSE MILITIA UNIT SAID THEY CAPTURED THE POW AT \$500 HOURS THA: MORNING IN A RICEFIELD WHERE THE POW HAS ATTEMPTING TO HIDE. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE POW HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY BITTEN BY LEECHES IN THE RICEFIELD. (FIELD COMMENT: WAS SHOWN VOLUMES! AND :: OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.)
- 4. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: THE REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE DOWNING OF CAPT. HUGH M. F A N N I N G, USHC. (JCRC NR. 422) AND CAPT. STEPHEN J. K N O T T. USHC (JCRC 454). THEIR A6A AIRCRAFT HAS HIT BY ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE ON 31 OCTOBER 1967 NEAR XJ445181. BOTH ARE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION. THO INDEPENDENT SOURCE REPORTS CORRELATE TO THE DOWNING. WITH ONE REPORT IDENTIFYING FANNING AND THE SECOND IDENTIFYING



KNOTT. IN BOTH INSTANCES, NEITHER SOURCE MADE REFERENCE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE SECOND PILOT. JCRC RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT MOST LIKELY SAN CAPT. FANNING.)

5. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JORG REPRESENTATIVE
IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY)
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