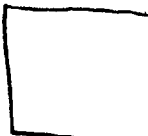


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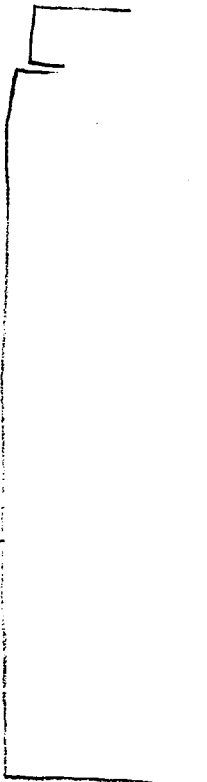
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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR IN LE XA VILLAGE,
NAM SACH DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

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[] []
1. AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS ABOUT 20 JULY 1967, [] []

[] [] SAW A U.S. F-105 JET HIT BY 37MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT
ARTILLERY FIRE FROM A UNIT BASED IN NAM SACH DISTRICT, HAI
HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE JET HAD BEEN IN A GROUP OF
ABOUT 30 AIRCRAFT THAT BOMBED AND STRAFED FUEL STORAGE SITES
[] [] IN THE NAM SACH AND CHI LINH
AREAS AND BRIDGES. [] [] IN THE LAI VU AND PHU
LUONG AREAS, ALL IN NAM SACH DISTRICT. THE PILOT BAILED OUT
OF THE JET USING A RED PARACHUTE AND LANDED IN THE LE XA VILLAGE
AREA [] [] NAM SACH DISTRICT. THE JET CRASHED INTO A
WATER-FILLED RICEFIELD IN DINH DUONG VILLAGE [] [] GIA
LUONG DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM.

2. ABOUT 0700 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 [] [] ROUTE 55, LE
XA VILLAGE. THE JEEP WAS HEADED TOWARD HAI DUONG CITY, HAI
DUONG PROVINCE. [] [] THOUGHT THE POW WAS THE PILOT HE HAD
SEEN BAILING OUT THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE POW WAS GUARDED BY A

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

3. [] OBSERVED THE POW FOR ONLY ABOUT A MINUTE AS THE JEEP DROVE PAST. THE POW WAS A CAUCASIAN, APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, WITH A FAIR COMPLEXION AND WAVY BLOND HAIR. []

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[] THEY CAPTURED THE POW AT 0500 HOURS THAT MORNING IN A RICEFIELD WHERE THE POW WAS ATTEMPTING TO HIDE. THEY ALSO SAID THAT THE POW HAD BEEN SERIOUSLY BITTEN BY LEECHES IN THE RICEFIELD. []

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4. [] COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: THE REPORT PROBABLY DESCRIBES THE DOWNING OF CAPT. HUGH M. FANNING, USMC, (JCRC NR. 422) AND CAPT. STEPHEN J. KNOTT, USMC (JCRC 454). THEIR A6A AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE ON 31 OCTOBER 1967 [] BOTH ARE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION. []

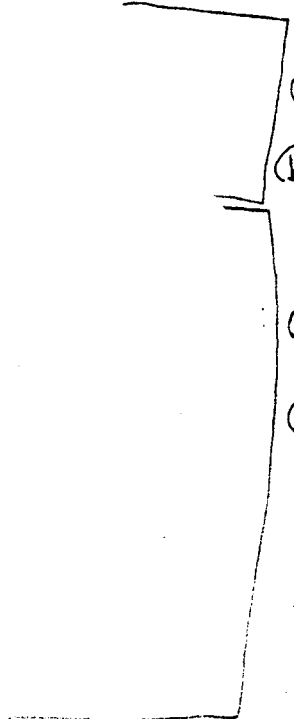
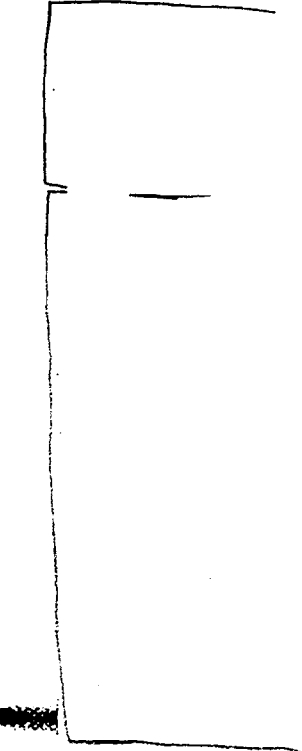
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