

WARNING ICE - SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

·SANITIZED COPY

PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

REPORT NO. CS -311/05438-72

DATE DISTR. 9 NOVEMBER 1972

COUNTRY

NORTH VIETNAM

DOI

MID-MAY 1972

SUBJECT

SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PILOTS IN THANH HA DISTRICT,

HAI HUNG PROVINCE

1. IN MID-MAY 1972 AT ABOUT 1500 HOURS SAW TWO U.S. PILOTS IN SUYET THANG VILLAGE, THANH HA DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN). THE PILOTS

Content UNCLASSIFIED per 058375

CS-311/05438-72

WERE CAPTURED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS NEAR

QUYET THANG VILLAGE, WHICH IS ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH
SOUTHEAST OF HAI DUOYG CITY. DID NOT SEE THE PILOTS' AIRCRAFT

OR THEIR PARACHUTES. DURING THAT AFTER NOON, NUMEROUS U.S. PLANES

AD ATTACKED PHU LUONG AND LAI BRIDGES WHICH WERE LOCATED ON

HIGHWAY 5 SOUTHEAST OF HAI DUONG CITY.

- 2. (NGUNG) OBSERVED THE PILOTS FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES BEFORE
 HEY WERE TAKEN AWAY IN A TRUCK. THE PRISONERS WERE CAUCASIAN
 WID BOTH OF THEIR FACES WERE OBSCURED BY THE HELMETS THEY WERE
 EARING. NEITHER OF THE PRISONERS WAS WOUNDED. ONE PRISONER
 AS ABOUT 32 YEARS QLD, 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED ABOUT 80
 ILOS. HE WAS WEARING A DARK GREEN FLIGHT SUIT, TWO GOLD
 INGS, AND A WRISTWATCH WITH A BLACK FACE. THE OTHER PRISONER
 AS ABOUT 28 YEARS QLD, 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED, ABOUT 80
 ILOS. HE WAS WEARING A DARK GREEN FLIGHT SUIT AND A GOLD RING.
 HE PILOTS DID NOT HAVE BEARDS, MUSTACHES, OR ANY DISTINGUISHING
 EATURES.
- THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS SHOWN TO
 HE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) WHICH HAS COMMENTED
 S FOLLOWS: THE INFORMATION LIMITS IDENTIFICATION TO A
 ROBABILITY. A NAVY F4J WAS DOWNED ON 10 MAY 1972 AT 1408
 OURS OVER HAI DUONG CITY BY MULTIPLE ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
 AAA) HITS. TWO GOOD CHUTES WERE OBSERVED. THE CREWMEN WERE
 TOR. HARRY L. B L A C K B U R N, USN, AND LT. STEPHEN A.
 U D L O F F, USN. RUDLOFF IS A CONFIRMED POW.
 THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS GIVEN COULD POSSIELY MATCH
 TH MEN. THE LOCATION AND TIME CORRELATE WELL AND PROVIDE THE
 DSI POSITIVE EVIDENCE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.)

PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES

CS-311/05438-72

5. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV JPRC 7TH AIR FORCE
USARV NAVFORV 525TH MI GP 7602ND AIG OSI AT SAIGON: SENT TO
CINCPAC PACFLT PACAF ARPAC

CLASSIFIED BY RECORDED REPORTING OFFICER. EXEMPT FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE OF E.O. 11652. EXEMPTION CATEGORY 5B (1) (2). IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE DATE OF AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION.

4001901