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DOY 1967 AND EARLY 1968

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO DOWNED U.S. PILOTS IN NAM RA  
PROVINCE

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SOURCE

1. IN 1967 A U.S. F101 JET AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN OVER  
SON BINH CITY, NAM RA PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVA), DURING A  
COMBAT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE BURNING AIRCRAFT CRASHED  
IN THE LOW DISTRICT ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF NAM BINH. A PILOT WAS  
SEEN PARACHUTING OUT USING AN OLD-YELLOW PARACHUTE. HE WAS  
RESCUED BY LOCAL MILITARIES AS SOON AS HE LANDED. IMMEDIATE  
MEDICAL AID WAS ADMINISTERED TO A WOUND TO HIS LEFT THIGH.  
HIS HELMET WAS REMOVED TO PREVENT COMMUNICATION WITH ANY OTHER  
U.S. AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA, AND HIS SHOES WERE TAKEN OFF TO

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PREVENT ESCAPE. AN HOUR AND A HALF LATER HE WAS PICKED UP AND TAKEN AWAY BY JEEP.

2. THE PILOT WAS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD AND WORE CIVILIAN "PLAYBOY" CLOTHES CONSISTING OF A SHORT-SLEEVED BLACK SHIRT, SHORT RED PANTS, AND A PAIR OF RED LEATHER SHOES. HE WAS ABOUT 1.85 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 100 KILOS, HAD LIGHT BROWN EYES, BROWNISH-BLOND HAIR, SIDEBURNS, A HIGH FOREHEAD, AND A ROSY COMPLEXION. THE PILOT WORE A GOLD WEDDING RING AND A WATCH. HIS GENERAL APPEARANCE WAS OBESSE.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS COORDINATED WITH THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) WHICH COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS: AFTER A CLOSE REVIEW OF JPRC RECORDS IT WAS FOUND THAT THIS OFFICE HAS NO INDICATION THAT THE AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED BY SOURCE WAS IN THE GENERAL LOCATION OF NAM DINH CITY, NAM HA PROVINCE, DURING THE TIME FRAME MENTIONED. THE ONLY F105-TYPE AIRCRAFT LISTED IN JPRC RECORDS AS HAVING BEEN IN THE GENERAL LOCATION MENTIONED, WENT DOWN IN 1965 APPROXIMATELY 30 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF NAM DINH CITY.)

4. IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1968 A U.S. NAVY A4D FIGHTER-BOMBER WAS SHOT DOWN DURING A BOMBING RAID OVER NAM DINH CITY. THE PLANE CRASHED AND THE PILOT PARACHUTED TO SAFETY SOMEWHERE IN NAM HA PROVINCE. THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED IMMEDIATELY AND DRIVEN TO THE AIRCRAFT SITE OF THE 6TH AIR DEFENSE BATTALION, NAM HA PROVINCIAL UNIT, IN NAM DINH. HE WAS LATER DRIVEN AWAY ON HIGHWAY 21A TOWARD HANOI. THE PILOT WAS ABOUT 31 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED ABOUT 90 KILOS. HE LOOKED HEALTHY AND WAS NOT WOUNDED. HE STILL WORE HIS DARK BLUE, ONE-PIECE FLIGHT SUIT.

5. (FIELD COMMENT: THIS SOURCE IS CONFUSED AS TO THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 4: "THE SIGNING OF THE A4D-TYPE

AIRCRAFT IS QUITE REMOTE IN CORRELATION TO JPRC RECORDS. THE TIME FRAME MATCHES WELL WITH AN AAC THAT WENT DOWN IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 35 TO 40 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF LAN BINH CITY LIMITS."

6. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV JIRC 7TH AIR FORCE  
USARV NAVFORV 525TH MI GP 7602ND AIR OSI AT SAIGON:  
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