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S U M M A R Y

About 7 August 1965, Source was ordered by his unit to go to BIM SON, THANH HOA Province, NVN, on temporary duty as a storekeeper. While on this assignment, Source observed the events described in this report.

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1. On 12 August 1965, at 1600 hours, U.S. planes flew over THANH HOA and NINH BINH Provinces. Source did not know their target, but he saw one of them (type unknown) flying in a Northwesterly to Southeasterly direction over NGHIA DONG (THANH HOA) Province Hamlet area. It was flying at more than 2000 meters altitude when a missile unit, stationed at approximate coordinates WH. 889227, sent off four missiles. One of these four hit the plane. From his position in the storehouse of the Division's Headquarters, Source saw the missiles launched two by two. The first two missiles did not hit the target and exploded in the air. One of the latter-two hit the plane but for some unknown reason the pilot had already ejected himself.
2. Source was informed that the pilot landed in HA THAI Village, HA TRUNG District, THANH HOA Province. As soon as he reached the ground at approximate coordinates WH. 865185, he was captured by six militiamen who armed with rifles, conducted him to Division 304's Headquarters. There, the pilot was handed over to the guard Company where he was secured by a chain and had his shoes removed. The guard Company telephoned to an agency (unknown to Source), About 2100 hours, a six-wheeled truck came and took the pilot away to a destination unknown to Source.
3. Source did not know the pilot's name. He was about 36 years old, 1.90 meters tall and had blond hair, high nose, blond eyebrows, long face, prominent cheekbones and a large build. He wore a white T-shirt, dark green trousers, black ankle-boots, and gloves. He appeared to be in normal health had no wounds on his body was calm and remained silent.
4. The plane exploded in the air. Its wreckage fell down in a village unknown to Source.

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