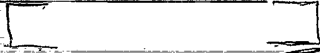


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
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S U M M A R Y

Source saw two captured US pilots who had participated in bombings in LE THUY District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN, on two separate occasions, once in May and the other time in mid-July 1966. Although his observations of the pilots were from a great distance, he described them briefly. Source stated that after the political indoctrination and ideological reformation in HANOI, the US pilots would be sent to the "VIET BAO" Forest and mountain areas and assigned labor jobs.

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1. Source saw two US pilots in LE THUY District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN, on two separate occasions. The first incident occurred in May 1966 and the second in mid-July 1966.
2. During May, while visiting his grandmother in MY DUC Hamlet, SON THUY Village, LE THUY District, Source witnessed the bombings of the CAM LY public water and agricultural work areas (approximate coordinates 765033) about five kilometers from MY DUC Hamlet. He heard that a jet was shot down by antiaircraft artillery (AAA) and that a US pilot was captured by local SON THUY Village militia immediately after he parachuted safely to a location about two or three kilometers from MY DUC Hamlet (approximate coordinates XE 808038). The pilot was kept temporarily in people's houses in SON THUY Village. Source and hamlet residents observed him from a long distance. The four or five escort personnel wore regular clothes and were equipped with rifles. Source did not know whether or not the pilot was tied.
3. At about 1300 or 1400 hours on a Sunday in mid-July, US jets bombed the CAM LY public water and agricultural works area (approximate coordinates XE 865033) belonging to LE THUY District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN. One plane was shot down by AAA fire and the pilot parachuted into a rice field in XUAN HOA Hamlet (approximate coordinates XE 821090), HOA THUY Village. The pilot was immediately captured by the farmers and local militia. A university student spending his vacation in the area was asked to interpret for the local security office. According to the interpreter, the pilot was a Major. He had received a leg injury when he landed and had difficulty walking. The pilot was husky, about two meters tall, had short hair, a long face, a high sharp nose, and wore green clothes and black shoes. His arms were tied and he was led by a rope. When the US pilot was led to XUAN TRANG Hamlet, the local authorities gave him some food which he did not eat. The authorities there did not have any cigarettes to give him. About 50 people gathered out of curiosity to look at the US pilot. Many of the viewers were children who ran after the pilot shouting "Johnson! Johnson! Johnson!". The escort reprimanded the children.
4. The escort group consisted of four local militia equipped with Communist Chinese rifles and stick grenades. One soldier always held a rifle aimed at the pilot's back while the other three carried rifles on their shoulders. The escort group was to lead the pilot to the XUAN HOA Hamlet ferry landing, HOA THUY Village. At 1800 hours, he would be transported from LE THUY District, then to DONG HOI, and finally to HANOI. Source said that after the political indoctrination and ideological reformation in HANOI, the US pilots would be sent to the "VIET BAC" forest and mountain areas and assigned labor jobs such as operating equipment, bulldozers and trucks.

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