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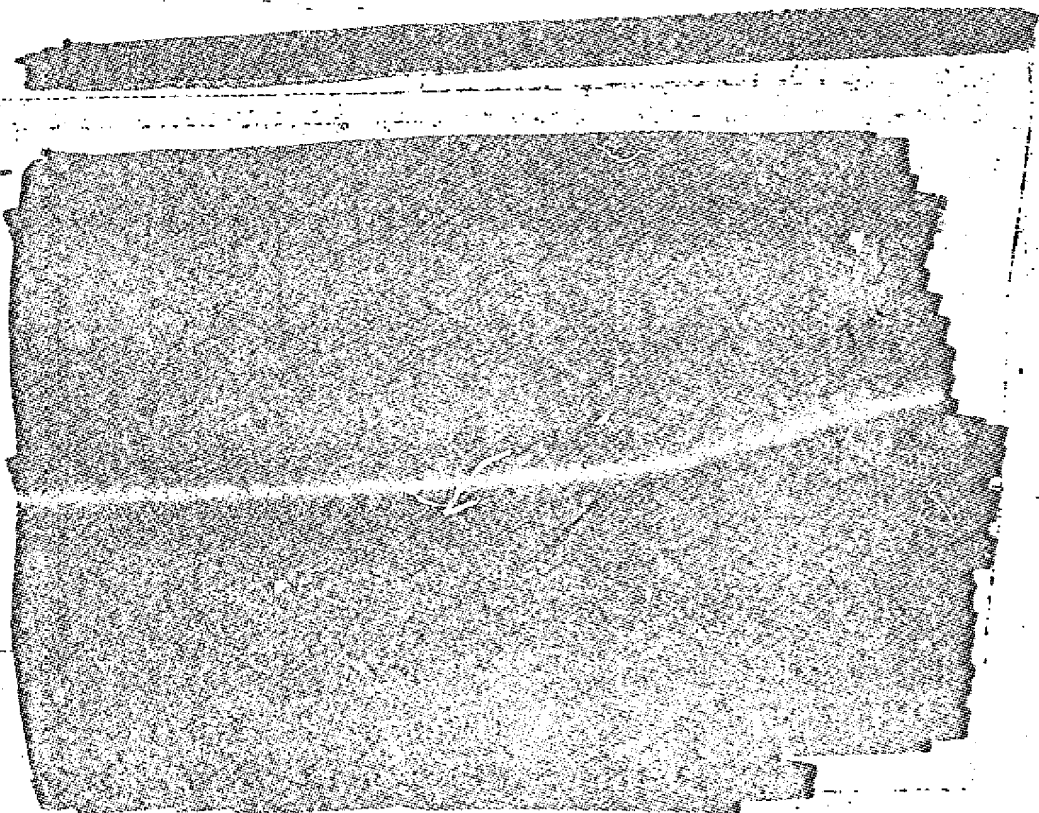
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2. ON THE DAY OF SIGHTING, [REDACTED] WHO WAS AT HOME IN TAN DUONG VILLAGE, ONE KILOMETER FROM HUU QUAN VILLAGE, HEARD THE SOUNDS OF BOMBING AND ANTI AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) FIRE AT ABOUT 1400 HOURS. AN HOUR LATER, [REDACTED] AND OTHER PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE RUSHED TO HUU QUAN VILLAGE TO SEE THE CAPTURED PILOT. THEY NOTICED THAT TWO OUT OF EIGHT 120MM AAA GUNS IN HUU QUAN VILLAGE WERE DAMAGED AND THAT 13 MEMBERS OF THE ANTI AIRCRAFT COMPANY IN THE VILLAGE HAD BEEN KILLED. THE VILLAGERS WERE TRYING TO BEAT THE POW, BUT SOME NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS EXPLAINED TO THEM THAT THE POW WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE NVN GOVERNMENT. THE SPECTATORS WERE TOLD THAT THE POW HAD SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED A MILITIAMAN IN HUU QUAN VILLAGE AND HAD BEEN BEATEN UP BY THE OTHER MILITIAMEN. AT ABOUT 1530 HOURS, TWO NVA SOLDIERS ARMED WITH AK RIFLES AND A SOVIET WITH A CAMERA ARRIVED IN A SOVIET-MADE VEHICLE FROM HAIPHONG CITY TO TAKE PICTURES AND PICK UP THE POW.

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4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: DURING INTERROGATION, [REDACTED] WAS SHOWN THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) ALBUM OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION. THE JPRC, HOWEVER, EVALUATES THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "THIS REPORT CORRELATES QUITE WELL WITH JPRC RECORDS ON LCDR MILTON JAMES VESCELIUS, WHO WAS DOWNED BY AAA AT THE LOCATION GIVEN BY THIS REPORT AT

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1350 HOURS ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1967. LCDR VESCELIOS IS CURRENTLY
CARRIED AS CONFIRMED CAPTURED BY THE U.S. NAVY.")

5. [REDACTED] DISSEM: EMDASSY USMACV JPRC 7TH AIR FORCE USARV
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