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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF TWO PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) IN GIA LUONG
DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM

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1. AT 1000 HOURS ON ABOUT 20 DECEMBER 1972, I

SAW TWO U. S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS) ON PHO HO STREET (XJ199266), DAI BAI HAMLET, DAI BAI VILLAGE, GIA LUONG DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN). PEOPLE WHO HAD WITNESSED THE CAPTURE SAID THAT THE POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED ABOUT FIVE MINUTES EARLIER WHILE THEY WERE WALKING DOWN A ROAD AT XJ206262 IN QUANG BO HAMLET, QUANG BO VILLAGE, GIA LUONG DISTRICT, AND HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF DAI BAI VILLAGE. THE POWS HAD BEEN SPOTTED AN HOUR BEFORE THEIR CAPTURE, BUT THE LOCAL PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE RUSSIANS. THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED TO AND CAPTURED BY THE GIA LUONG DISTRICT, PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS). THE POWS WERE TAKEN TO THE PHO HO STREET PSS STATION, AND ABOUT 30 MINUTES LATER WERE TAKEN AWAY IN A GREEN PSS CAR AND HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF HANOI. THE PEOPLE WHO WITNESSED THE CAPTURE ALSO SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT THE POWS WERE PILOTS FROM U.S. PLANES, WHICH HAD BOMBED HANOI FROM 2000 HOURS, 18 DECEMBER, TO 0500 HOURS, 19 DECEMBER 1972, SINCE THEY HAD SEEN TWO OR THREE OF THE PLANES HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

FIRE AND CRASH IN THE TU SON AND GIA LUONG DISTRICT AREAS, HA BAC PROVINCE.

2. \ OBSERVED THE POWS FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES FROM A DISTANCE OF 6 METERS. BOTH POWS WERE CAUCASIAN. ONE WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 80 KILOGRAMS, HAD A FAIR COMPLEXION, LONG BLOND HAIR, A THIN FACE, A HIGH FOREHEAD, THIN BLOND EYEBROWS, BROWN EYES, LARGE EARS, AND A LONG CHIN. HE WAS WEARING A GREEN FLIGHT SUIT AND A WRISTWATCH WITH A WHITE METAL BAND. THE OTHER POW WAS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 85 KILOGRAMS, HAD A FAIR COMPLEXION, LONG BLOND HAIR, A THIN FACE, A MEDIUM FOREHEAD, THIN BLOND EYEBROWS, BROWN EYES, AND WAS WEARING A GREEN FLIGHT SUIT. NEITHER POW APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED, BUT BOTH OF THEM LOOKED TIRED AND HUNGRY.

3. \ COMMENT! THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS. "INFORMATION PRESENTED PRECLUDES DEFINITE CORRELATION." THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS AROUND THIS COORDINATE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD WAS SO GREAT THAT VERY DEFINITE INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BEFORE A CORRELATION OF A REPORT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. THE FOLLOWING FACTORS RESTRICT

CORRELATION OF THIS REPORT: THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE MISSION; THERE IS NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TYPE OF MISSION VEHICLE."

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Admiral V.P. de Poix
Director
Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Information Reports Concerning the Possible
Identity of One or More U.S. POW/MIA/
Deceased in Indochina

The attached reports are forwarded in this channel because they concern the possible identity of one or more U.S. POW/MIA/Deceased in Indochina. In the field, copies of the reports were made available to the organizations listed in the final paragraph of the reports. No further disseminations, other than to you and the individuals listed below, is being made.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

[Redacted box]

Attachments
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cc: Admiral Rectanus Major Watson
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Colonel Iles Mr. Stearman
✓Colonel Wentworth Mr. Sieverts

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