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SUBJECT

SIGHTING OF TWO U.S. PILOTS IN NAM DINH CITY,
NAM HA PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM, IN MAY OR
JUNE 1971

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1. IN MAY OR JUNE 1971, [REDACTED] SAW A U.S. JET PLANE SHOT DOWN OVER NAM DINH CITY, NAM HA PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THE PLANE APPEARED TO BE A ONE-OR TWO-ENGINE SMALL JET WITH PARTS SILVER IN COLOR. NO NUMBERS OR LETTERS OF IDENTIFICATION WERE NOTED. THE MAIN PART OF THE WRECKAGE FELL NEAR "HOSPITAL ONE" AND THE PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE LOCATED ON "TO HIEU" STREET, NAM DINH.

2. TWO PILOTS WERE SEEN: ONE WAS KILLED IN THE CRASH; THE OTHER PARACHUTED AND LANDED INSIDE THE CITY. THE DEAD PILOT HAS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ABOUT FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TALL, STOCKY BUILD, SHORT, WAVY, REDDISH BROWN HAIR, CLEAN

SHAVEN, NO NOTICEABLE SCARS OR TATTOOS. ONE OF THE GUARDS PRESENT SAID THE PILOT HAD BEEN A CAPTAIN. THE SECOND PILOT WAS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL, HEAVY BUILD, WITH SHORT BROWN HAIR. HE WAS DESCRIBED BY ONE OF THE GUARDS AS HAVING THE RANK OF MAJOR. THE PILOT WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT LEG AND APPEARED TO BE UNABLE TO WALK WITHOUT THE HELP OF HIS GUARDS. THE PILOT WAS PROBABLY SENT TO HANOI IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS REGARDING CAPTURED POW'S. BOTH PILOTS WERE CLOTHED IN WHITE PAJAMAS WHEN SEEN BY LIEN.

3. COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THE REPORT AS FOLLOWS: INFORMATION AS PRESENTED PRECLUDES DEFINITIVE CORRELATION. JCRC RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT A LOSS OF AIRCRAFT DURING THE YEAR 1971 IN THE XH GRID SQUARE. JCRC RECORDS INDICATE THIS REPORT POSSIBLY DESCRIBES THE INCIDENT INVOLVING MARINE CAPTAIN ROGER E. WILSON (JCRC NO. 1831) AND MARINE 1ST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM K. ANGUS (JCRC NO. 1832). THE TWO MEN WERE IN AN A-1H AIRCRAFT THAT WAS DOWNED AT XH226533 ON 11 JUNE 1972 WHILE ON A COMBAT MISSION. IN HIS DEBRIEFING AFTER RELEASE ON 25 MARCH 1973, LIEUTENANT ANGUS STATED THAT HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS

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PRIOR TO EJECTION AND DID NOT SEE CAPTAIN WILSON. THE FINAL DEBRIEFING OF CAPTAIN (THEN LIEUTENANT) ANGUS DOES NOT MENTION CAPTAIN WILSON, WHO STILL RETAINS THE STATUS OF MIA.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY).