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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI EARLY JULY 1972

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF DOWNED U.S. CREWMAN IN GIO LINH DISTRICT,
QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (18 SEPTEMBER 1974) [REDACTED]

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1. AT ABOUT 1700 HOURS ONE DAY IN EARLY JULY 1972, A U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT, WAS HIT BY 12.8MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM THE VIET CONG GIO LINH DISTRICT UNIT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. TWO PERSONS BAILED OUT OF THE PLANE IN RED PARACHUTES, AND THE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAME AND CRASHED IN THE VILLAGE OF GIO LE. ONE OF THE CREWMEN LANDED ABOUT EIGHT KILOMETERS OFF THE SHORE OF THE VILLAGE OF GIO LE AND WAS RESCUED BY A HELICOPTER. THE OTHER CREWMAN LANDED AT ABOUT YD237764 IN CAM PHO HAMLET, TRUNG GIANG VILLAGE, GIO LINH DISTRICT, AND WAS CAPTURED BY LOCAL GUERRILLAS. LATER THAT DAY, THE CAPTIVE WAS EVACUATED IN A HAMMOCK TO HA THUONG HAMLET, GIO LE VILLAGE, AND THEN ON TO NORTH VIETNAM BY TRUCK.

2. THE CAPTURED CREWMAN WAS WOUNDED IN HIS HEAD AND LEFT THIGH, THE THIGH WOUND APPEARING TO BE SERIOUS. HE WAS CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 32 YEARS OLD, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, WEIGHED BETWEEN 90 AND 100 KILOGRAMS AND HAD A STOCKY BUILD, BLACK CREW-CUT HAIR, SIDEBURNS AND A MUSTACHE. HE WORE A WRIST WATCH WITH A BLUE FACE AND STAINLESS STEEL BAND. THE GUERRILLAS WHO

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CAPTURED HIM SAID THAT THE CREWMAN WAS A U.S. NAVAL PILOT.
(SOURCE COMMENT: VIET REVIEWED THE TWO VOLUMES OF "PHOTOGRAPHS
OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" BUT WAS
UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS AS RESEMBLING THE MAN
HE SAW. VIET SAW THE DOWNING OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE RESCUE OF
ONE CREWMAN. HE OBSERVED THE PRISONER FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES FROM
A DISTANCE OF ABOUT FIVE METERS.)

3. (FIELD COMMENT: JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC)
EVALUATES THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "THIS INCIDENT PROBABLY
CORRELATES TO MARINE CAPTAIN JOHN W. CONNORS O'LEARY, JR.
(JCRC ACCNO 1421, REFNO 1845-0-01). HE IS CURRENTLY CARRIED BY
THE SERVICE AS MISSING. THE REPORT DIFFERS AS TO THE DATE OF
THE INCIDENT AND THE PLACE OF THE RESCUE OF THE SECOND CREWMEMBER.
THE DATE OF THE CONSOLVO INCIDENT WAS 7 MAY 1972, AND CONSOLVO'S
COMPANION WAS RECOVERED INLAND AT APPROXIMATELY YD0997 ON THE
SAME DAY BY SAR FORCES.")

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).

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