COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

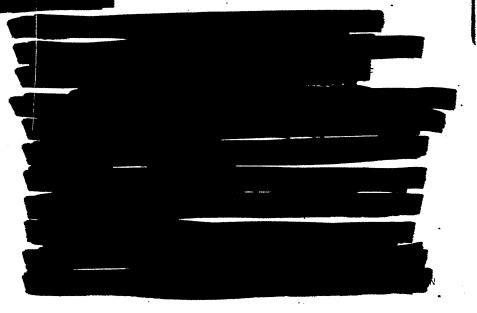
DOI EARLY JULY 1972

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF DOWNED U.S. CREWHAN IN GIO LINH DISTRICT.

QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (18 SEPTEMBER 1974)

SOURCE



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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 ANTIAIRCRAFT 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 YD23776; 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

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

CAPTURED HIM SAID THAT THE CREMMAN WAS A U.S. NAVAL PILOT.

(SOURCE COMMENT: VIET REVIEWED THE THO 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. C O N'S O L V O. JR.

  'JCRC ACCNO 1621. REFNO 1845-0-01': HE IS CHRRENTLY 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).

