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**SUMMARY**

This IR transmits information obtained during the Forces Armées Royales (FAR) G-2 interrogation of NVN civilian laborer [REDACTED]. This report provides limited information concerning the downing of one jet aircraft in Do Luong District in February 1966 and one jet aircraft in Anh Son District in April 1967; the capture of jet aircraft pilots following the aircraft downings; and limited observation concerning NVN handling of downed US pilots.

**1. Downings of a US Aircraft in Anh Son District, Nghe An Province.**

a. In April 1967, exact date not remembered, [REDACTED] workers were engaged in building a dike near Giang Son Village (possibly vicinity WF 2583), Anh Son District. At approximately 0700 hours, the workers suddenly heard anti-aircraft fire followed by a loud explosion in the sky. [REDACTED] observed a jet aircraft flying from east to west which appeared to be on fire. The aircraft crashed in a nearby field and burned after impact. One pilot descended on a green parachute and landed in the same area as the site of the crashed aircraft. [REDACTED] several other workers ran to the site where the pilot had landed. The pilot had been immediately [REDACTED]

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surrounded by local militia and security personnel arrived within several minutes and took the pilot to a nearby hamlet where he was fed and then picked on the NVN security force truck which immediately departed the area. The crash site as well as the captured pilot was surrounded by many villagers and [redacted] was unable to provide any physical description of the aircraft or the captured pilot. [redacted] could only remember that the pilot was a male caucasian in good health and appeared to be American.

b. [redacted] several hundred local residents went to the scene of the downed aircraft and observed that the aircraft was jungle green in color and the charred body of one pilot was still in the aircraft. [redacted] the pilot was sitting in a seat on the left front in the cockpit. [redacted] could not identify the type of aircraft.

2. Downing of a US Aircraft in Do Loang District, Nghe An Province

a. In February 1968, exact date not remembered, [redacted] village workers were cultivating rice in My Son Village (possibly vicinity WF 4863), Do Loang District. At approximately 1200-1300 hours they suddenly heard the sound of heavy anti-aircraft fire. They looked up and saw an unidentified jet aircraft on fire and a pilot in a parachute descending towards the ground. The pilot landed far away on top of a nearby grassy hill. The aircraft crashed further away. *Very interesting*

b. A large group of village militia, an NVN security truck, and local farmers converged on the pilot as he was landing. One farmer ran towards the pilot with a pitchfork whereupon the pilot opened fire with his pistol on the farmer. The pilot kept his attackers at bay. He took what appeared to be a boxlike affair, possibly some type of communications device, and threw it to the ground in an apparent attempt to render it unusable by his captors. The pilot was captured by the militia who took everything from the pilot so that when the NVN security vehicle arrived the pilot was left with only his underpants, undershirt, and broken signaling device. Local militia and villagers disclaimed any knowledge of what happened to the pilot's clothing, personal effects, weapon and military equipment. There were a large number of aircraft flying over the area during the pilot's capture but the aircraft did not fire in the area possibly for fear of hitting the pilot. The pilot was soon put on the NVN security truck and the truck departed, destination unknown. [redacted] that the pilot was a male caucasian and could not provide any information concerning physical description of the pilot. *Very interesting*

c. The pilot's aircraft crashed into a nearby hill and was totally demolished. The aircraft exploded on impact and local villagers could only find scattered bits of small metal.

3. Observation on NVN Initial Handling of Captured Pilots

[redacted] that NVN militia and security personnel appeared to want to get as close to a pilot as possible to prevent aircraft from placing suppressing fire in the area of the landing site. NVN security personnel arrived very quickly and appeared firm but courteous. At least one of the NVN security personnel spoke possibly simple English phrases sufficient to get the pilot to go with them and follow oral directions.

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COMMENT: This office can neither confirm nor deny information concerning the reported aircraft downings. Several US aircraft were shot in Nghe A. Province during the time frames reported

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