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18 April 1973

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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI MID-JUNE 1972

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF L.19 RECONNAISSANCE PLANE SHOT DOWN IN TUYEN BINH DISTRICT, KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

previous reports [illegible]

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (12 MARCH 1973)

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1. AT ABOUT 1300 HOURS ON A DAY IN MID-JUNE 1972, [redacted] MEMBER OF THE VIET CONG (VC) 630TH RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON, TUYEN BINH DISTRICT, KIEN TUONG PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM, SAW A UNIT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) 5TH DIVISION SHOOT DOWN A U.S. L-19 RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WITH AN "A-72" MISSILE. [redacted] COMMENT: THE L-19 WAS SHOT DOWN ON THE FIRST DAY OF A SIX-DAY PERIOD THAT THE NVA 5TH DIVISION OCCUPIED THE TUYEN BINH DISTRICT AREA. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE 630TH RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON, INCLUDI[redacted] WAS ASSIGNED TO GUIDE ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH DIVISION.) THE AIRCRAFT BROKE INTO TWO PIECES AND CRASHED NEAR THE CAMBODIAN BORDER MORE THAN ONE KILOMETER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) THAI TRI VILLAGE OUTPOST.

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CATED AT APPROXIMATELY WS679094, TUYEN BINH DISTRICT. AT
BOUT 1500 HOURS THE SAME DAY [redacted]ENT TO THE CRASH SITE
ND OBSERVED FRAGMENTS OF A CAUCASIAN BODY AMONG THE PIECES
F THE AIRPLANE AND THOUGHT IT WAS THE BODY OF THE PILOT
F THE L.19.

2. [redacted] COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY
ESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT:
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT DOES NOT CORRELATE WITH
JCRC RECORDS. THERE WERE NO LOSSES IN GRID SQUARES WS, WT,
O OR XT DURING THE REPORTED TIMEFRAME AND INVOLVING L.19
IRCRAFT. SOURCE'S INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED,
OWEVER, FOR IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE REMAINS DESCRIBED BY
OURCE WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED BY FRIENDLY FORCES. IF
HAT WERE THE CASE, JCRC WOULD NOT HAVE RECORDS CONCERNING
HE INCIDENT.)

3. [redacted]

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4. FIELD DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR ICRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND FOLAD ONLY) USSAG AND [redacted]

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