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1. A SOURCE REPORTS THE RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT WHOSE AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN BY RUSSIAN FORCES ON 29 OCT 1962 AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION BETWEEN BANES (VU 250180) AND GIBARA (UU 83). IT WAS UNKNOWN TO THE SOURCE WHETHER THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN BY GROUND FIRE OR BY RUSSIAN MANNED AIRCRAFT. REPORTEDLY THE BODY OF THE PILOT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO GIBARA FOR EMBALMING AND IS PRESENTLY IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RUSSIAN FORCES DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF THE CITY. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING ABOUT 27 AND WAS WEARING A FLIGHT JACKET WITH AN EMBLEM DENOTING SERVICE IN KOREA. PHOTOGRAPHS OF 3 CHILDREN WERE IN AMONG HIS EFFECTS AS WELL AS A SET OF DOG TAGS AND ID CARDS(B-3).

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