

DUG A TEST PIT DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1979. NO REMAINS WERE FOUND AND THE SITE WAS CLOSED BY USACILHI PERSONNEL ON 2 JUL 93. A TEST PIT WAS ALSO DUG DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0621. NO REMAINS WERE FOUND AND THIS SITE WAS CLOSED BY USACILHI PERSONNEL ON 6 JUL 93. THE TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION ON CASE 0819 AND 1236 AND PASSED IT TO RE1 (SEE PARAGRAPH 6). IE1 RECEIVED OUTSTANDING COOPERATION AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 24TH JFA. BOTH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE CONTINGENTS WORKED EXTREMELY HARD TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED:

A. PRIORITY CASE 1004: ON 9 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1004. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE JAN 68 SHOOTDOWN OF A NAVY A6A AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM SURVEYED ALLEGED CRASH AND BURIAL SITES. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE NEW WITNESS WHO CLAIMS HE FOUND A LEG AND A PILOT'S FLIGHT BAG AT THE CRASH SITE. HE BURIED THE LEG NEARBY. SINCE THEN, A HOUSE HAS BEEN BUILT ON THE SITE. THE WITNESS ALLOWED THE TEAM TO TAKE POSSESSION OF THE BAG WHICH CARRIED THE NAME OF ONE OF THE TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CASE. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS OR WRECKAGE DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. CREDIBLE WITNESS TESTIMONY NOW PLACES HUMAN REMAINS AT THE SITE OF THIS CRASH. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF ONE PILOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THERE ARE NO MORE LEADS TO FOLLOW FOR THIS CASE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

B. CASE 0088: ON 9 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0088 IN VINH CITY. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE MAY 65 SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-8D AIRCRAFT ON AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SUPPRESSION MISSION. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION GERMANE TO THIS CASE. TWO OF THE WITNESSES ALSO POSSESSED INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATED TO UNRESOLVED CASE 1236, TO BE REPORTED ON SEPARATELY. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE ALLEGED CRASH AND BURIAL SITES INDICATED BY WITNESS TESTIMONY. THE CRASH SITE WAS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0088. SEVERAL FRAGMENTS OF WRECKAGE WERE FOUND AT THE SITE, INDICATING THAT AN AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED THERE. A BURIAL SITE COULD NOT BE LOCATED. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

C. CASE 0120: ON 15 AND 16 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0120. THIS INVOLVED THE 3 AUG 65 DOWNING OF AN F105D AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NONE OF WHOM COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WRECKAGE. THE TEAM VISITED SEVERAL HAMLETS ALONG THE SEABOARD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WHERE WRECKAGE OR REMAINS MAY HAVE WASHED ASHORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK

OF A GRAVE SITE AND THE FACT THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IS OVER WATER, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

D. CASE 0175: ON 13 AND 14 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0175 IN QUYNH LUU DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE OCT 65 LOSS OF AN A-4C ATTACK BOMBER ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH INFORMATION GERMANE TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0175. NO SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WERE DETECTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

E. CASE 0245: ON 28 AND 29 JUN 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0245 IN DIEN CHAU DISTRICT OF NGHIE AN PROVINCE. THIS INCIDENT INVOLVES THE 1 FEB 66 SHOOTDOWN OF AN A4C AIRCRAFT WITH ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN. THE TEAM

INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF SEVEN WITNESSES. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FEB 66 SHOOT DOWN OF AN AMERICAN JET AND THE SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS. ANOTHER WITNESS CLAIMED HE FOUND A FEW BONES AT THE CRASH SITE LAST YEAR. THE TEAM RECEIVED THESE REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE, ALLEGED TO BE FROM THE CRASH SITE, INDICATING THE PILOT OF THIS AIRCRAFT DID NOT EJECT. THE TEAM SURVEYED THIS SITE AND FOUND EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. ON 29 JUN 93, THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT EVER CRASHING THERE. ON 3 JUL 93, AN ELEMENT OF A U.S. RECOVERY TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH/BURIAL SITE AND DETERMINED A EXCAVATION OF THE SITE WOULD REQUIRE MORE TIME THAN AVAILABLE DURING THIS JFA. THIS ELEMENT RECEIVED ADDITIONAL MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT AND ONE BONE FRAGMENT. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

F. CASE 0265: ON 10 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0265 IN CON CUONG DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE MAR 66 LOSS OF AN RF101C AIRCRAFT, WHICH LOST RADIO CONTACT WHILE ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PROBABLY GERMANE TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM USED A HELICOPTER TO FLY OVER BOTH THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND AN ALLEGED CRASH SITE INDICATED BY WITNESS TESTIMONY. BOTH SITES WERE IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS WITH MODERATE TO HEAVY JUNGLE VEGETATION. NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH COULD BE SEEN FROM THE AIR AT EITHER SITE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL POSSIBLE LANDING ZONES WERE SPOTTED. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND INTERVIEWING RESIDENTS OF BAN BU HA HAMLET, CHAU KHU VILLAGE. THIS HAMLET IS LOCATED AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE, INDICATED BY THE WITNESSES. RECOMMEND AN INVESTIGATION TEAM VISIT THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE ONLY AFTER A LANDING ZONE AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN HAS BEEN APPROVED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

G. CASE 0279: ON 3 JUL 93, IE1 TRAVELED TO QUANG THANH VILLAGE, YEN THANH DISTRICT TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0279. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES THAT HAD INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE 19 MAR 66 LOSS OF A EF10B AIRCRAFT WHILE ON AN ELECTRONIC COUNTER-MEASURE (ECM) MISSION. ONE WITNESS PRESENTED THE TEAM WITH A PIECE OF CRANIUM HE CLAIMED IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE THAT IS BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF 0279. THE TEAM RECEIVED TESTIMONY OF A BURIAL BUT COULD NOT LOCATE ANY WITNESSES WHO COULD PINPOINT THE GRAVE SITE. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED MATERIAL EVIDENCE WHILE INVESTIGATING A CASE IN DO LUONG DISTRICT WHICH THE VIETNAMESE BELIEVE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. ON 14 JUL 93, THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

H. CASE 0309: ON 15 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE

0309 IN NGHI LOC DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE APR 66 LOSS OF AN A-6A AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING A NIGHT COMBAT MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT, BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

I. CASE 0391: ON 15 JUL AND AGAIN ON 17 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0391 IN NGHI LOC DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE JUL 66 CRASH OF AN A-4C ATTACK BOMBER ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION GERMANE TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0391. THIS WAS IN THE SAME AREA, INDICATED BY WITNESS TESTIMONY, AS THE CRASH/BURIAL SITE. NO SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WERE DETECTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. THE TEAM ALSO SURVEYED A NEARBY BURIAL SITE. THE FIRST BURIAL HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN EXHUMED AND MOVED TO THE

SECOND SITE. ONE OF THE WITNESSES SHOWED THE TEAM A PIECE OF A PILOT'S GRAVITY SUIT WHICH HE REPORTEDLY RECOVERED FROM THE SECOND BURIAL SITE IN 1992. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THE SECOND BURIAL SITE FOR EXCAVATION.

J. CASE 0408: ON 29 AND 30 JUN 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0408 IN DIEN CHAU DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE JUL 66 DOWNING OF AN A4E AIRCRAFT WITH ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. A TOTAL OF THREE WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED WITH INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED TWO LOCATIONS ALLEGED BY THE WITNESSES TO BE THE CRASH AND BURIAL SITES. THERE HAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH AT THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE. THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED A PIECE OF WRECKAGE AT THE HOME OF A LOCAL VILLAGER, AND ALSO SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

K. CASE 0462: ON 13 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0462 IN QUYNH LUU DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SEP 66 SCOP LOSS OF AN F-4B FIGHTER CONDUCTING A NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. NO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE COULD BE LOCATED. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

L. CASE 0621: ON 5 AND 6 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0621 IN KY SON DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES AN F105D AIRCRAFT WHICH LOST CONTACT WHILE ON A DAYTIME ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS LED THE TEAM TO THE ALLEGED CRASH/BURIAL SITE. A SURVEY OF THIS SITE YIELDED WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. THE WITNESS STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING 1987, AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM HUE, VIETNAM HAD SCAVENGED THE CRASH SITE AND EXHUMED THE REMAINS FROM THE BURIAL SITE. THE TEAM DUG A TEST PIT AT THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. ON 6 JUL 93, THIS SITE WAS CLOSED BY A USACILHI REPRESENTATIVE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT, ACCORDING TO U.S. RECORDS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DO NOT RECOMMEND THE CRASH AND BURIAL SITES INDICATED BY THE WITNESS FOR EXCAVATION. BOTH SITES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY SCAVENGED. THE REMAINING WRECKAGE AT THE CRASH SITE IS SCATTERED ON THE SIDE OF A STEEP HILL WITH DENSE VEGETATION. BECAUSE OF THE REPORTS OF REMAINS COLLECTORS FROM HUE BEING AT THE SITE, BELIEVE THE BURIAL SITE HAS ALREADY BEEN EXHUMED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

M. CASE 0725: ON 6 JUL 93, IE1 ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0725. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE JUN 67 SCOP LOSS OF AN RF-4C AIRCRAFT ON A NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE VIETNAMESE WERE UNABLE TO

PROVIDE ANY WITNESSES TO THIS CASE AND INDICATED THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN LAOS. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THE TARGET AREA AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE REINVESTIGATED IN LAOS.

N. CASE 0736: ON 29 JUN 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0736 IN DIEN CHAU DISTRICT. THIS INVOLVED THE JUN 67 SHOOT DOWN OF AN F105D AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A TOTAL FIVE WITNESSES. THREE OF THESE WITNESSES HAD INFORMATION THAT CORRELATED WITH THIS CASE. THE JOINT TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE (OVER WATER) AND THE NEAR SHORELINE. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

O. CASE 0788: ON 5 AND 6 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0788 IN KY SON DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE AUG 67 LOSS OF AN A1E ATTACK BOMBER ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH POSSES OF FINDING INFORMATION GERMANE TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS PROVIDED

INFORMATION WHICH DID NOT CORRELATE TO ANY KNOWN U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN THIS AREA. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0798. NO SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WERE DETECTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

P. CASE 0887: ON 30 JUN 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0887 IN DIEN CHAU DISTRICT. THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED THE NOV 67 SHOOT DOWN OF AN A4E AIRCRAFT ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. A TOTAL OF FIVE WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH, AND THE TEAM FOUND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS AT THE SITE. ON 13 JUL 93, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO NGOC SON VILLAGE IN QUYNH LUU DISTRICT TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN AMERICAN JET AND THE SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF REMAINS IN THE LATTER MONTHS OF 1967. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE. THE TEAM FOUND EVIDENCE THAT AN AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED THERE. ONE OF THE WITNESSES THEN LED THE TEAM TO AN ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

Q. CASE 0958: ON 8 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0958 IN HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE DEC 67 SCOP LOSS OF AN A-6A ATTACK AIRCRAFT ON A STRIKE MISSION AGAINST A CAVE STORAGE AREA SOUTH OF VINH. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A LOCAL OFFICIAL, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0958. NO SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WERE DETECTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. WITNESS TESTIMONY AND PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTS INDICATE THIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR NGHI XUAN DISTRICT IN HA TINH PROVINCE, THE PROVINCE JUST SOUTH OF NGHE AN. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

R. CASE 1209: ON 12 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1209. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE JUN 69 SHOOTDOWN OF AN F4J AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT WAS CAPTURED WHILE THE RADAR INTERCEPT OPERATOR IS UNACCOUNTED FOR. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THANH TIEM VILLAGE IN THANH CHUONG DISTRICT AND INTERVIEWED TWO FIRSTHAND WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE CAPTURE OF THE PILOT. THEY REPORTED SEEING PIECES OF FLESH AROUND THE CRASH SITE. ALLEGEDLY NO ONE BURIED ANY REMAINS. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AND FOUND NO WRECKAGE REMAINING. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AT A NEARBY HOUSE MAY CORRELATE TO AN F4 AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

S. CASE 1267: ON 1 AND 3 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1267. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE AUG 68 SHOOTDOWN OF

AN A6E AIRCRAFT WITH TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF THREE WITNESSES. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO TAN SON VILLAGE IN DO LUONG DISTRICT WHERE U.S. RECORDS INDICATE THIS CASE OCCURRED AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY AIRCRAFT EVER CRASHING THERE. THE TEAM ALSO TRAVELED TO MY THANH VILLAGE IN YEN THANH DISTRICT WHERE RESIDENTS INDICATED A U.S. AIRCRAFT CRASHED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY A SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE ONE NIGHT IN AUG 68. WITNESSES INDICATED THEY SAW NO PARACHUTE PRIOR TO THE CRASH AND ONLY SAW PIECES OF FLESH. ALLEGEDLY NO BURIAL WAS CONDUCTED AND SO THE TEAM ATTEMPTED NO EXCAVATION. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM FOUND SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE BUT ALL LARGE PIECES HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

T. CASE 1294: ON 30 JUN 93, IE1 TRAVELED TO DIEN PHU VILLAGE, DIEN CHAU DISTRICT AND INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1294. CASE 1294 INVOLVED THE SEP 68 SHOOT DOWN OF AN A6A AIRCRAFT. ONE OF THE

CREW MEMBER'S REMAINS WERE REPATRIATED AND THE OTHER IS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. WHILE CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE, THE TEAM SURVEYED THE BURIAL SITE OF THE REPATRIATED CREW MEMBER. THE TEAM ALSO SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THIS CASE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BOTH WITNESSES OFFERED TESTIMONY THAT MATCHES THE TIME FRAME AND THE EVENTS OF THIS CASE. THE CRASH SITE WAS NOT LOCATED, NOR HAS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION UNCOVERED CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SECOND MEMBER IN THE AIRCRAFT. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

U. CASE 1611: ON 6 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1611 IN KY SON DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE. THIS INVOLVED THE MAY 70 SHOOTDOWN OF AN F4D AIRCRAFT AND INCLUDES TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES AND TRAVELED TO CHIEU LUN VILLAGE WHERE THIS INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED. THE TEAM OBSERVED A NOSE CONE FROM AN F4D AIRCRAFT. WITNESSES SHOWED THE TEAM THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE WHICH IS NOW UNDER WATER IN A RIVER. DUE TO THE LOCATION EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. THE TEAM OBTAINED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

V. CASE 1793: ON 15 AND 17 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1793. THIS INVOLVED THE 30 DEC 71 DOWNING OF AN A6A AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NONE OF WHOM COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WRECKAGE. THE TEAM VISITED SEVERAL HAMLETS ALONG THE SEABOARD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WHERE WRECKAGE OR REMAINS MAY HAVE WASHED ASHORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK OF A GRAVE SITE AND THE FACT THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IS OVER WATER, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

W. CASE 1866: ON 8 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1866 IN HUNG NGUYEN DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE MAY 72 LOSS OF AN A-4F ATTACK BOMBER ON A STRIKE MISSION AGAINST A MILITARY STORAGE AREA NEAR VINH. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH HOPES OF FINDING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS, NEITHER OF WHICH CORRELATED TO CASE 1866, AND WILL BE REPORTED ON SEPARATELY. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1866. NO SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WERE DETECTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

X. CASE 1877: ON 16 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1877. THIS INVOLVED THE 14 JUN 72 DOWNING OF AN A7A AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NONE OF WHOM COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WRECKAGE. THE TEAM VISITED SEVERAL HAMLETS ALONG THE SEABOARD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WHERE WRECKAGE OR REMAINS MAY HAVE WASHED ASHORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK OF A GRAVE SITE AND THE FACT THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IS OVER WATER, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Y. CASE 1883: ON 14 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1883 IN NGHIA LOC VILLAGE, NGHIA DAN DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE JUN 72 SHOOTDOWN OF A NAVY A7E AIRCRAFT WHILE ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION AND

INCLUDES ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. DURING THE JFA, THE VIETNAMESE CONTINGENT RECEIVED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF REMAINS, INCLUDING 22 TEETH (SOME WITH RESTORATIONS), ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE FROM A WITNESS THE TEAM LATER INTERVIEWED. THESE REMAINS WERE FORWARDED FOR A FORENSIC REVIEW. THIS WITNESS CLAIMED HE RECOVERED THE REMAINS NEAR THE CRASH SITE IN 1984. THE TEAM FOUND EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE AT THIS LOCATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Z. CASE 1900: ON 15 AND 16 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1900. THIS INVOLVED THE 17 JUL 72 DOWNING OF AN A7P AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NONE OF WHOM COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WRECKAGE. THE TEAM VISITED SEVERAL HAMLETS ALONG THE SEABOARD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WHERE WRECKAGE OR REMAINS MAY HAVE WASHED ASHORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK OF A GRAVE SITE AND THE FACT THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IS OVER WATER, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

AA. CASE 1920: ON 15 AND 16 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1920. THIS INVOLVED THE 8 SEP 72 DOWNING OF AN A7B AIRCRAFT OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE LOCAL RESIDENTS NONE OF WHOM COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WRECKAGE. THE TEAM VISITED SEVERAL HAMLETS ALONG THE SEABOARD CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS WHERE WRECKAGE OR REMAINS MAY HAVE WASHED ASHORE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE COLLECTED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. DUE TO THE LACK OF A GRAVE SITE AND THE FACT THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IS OVER WATER, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS ARE NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

BF. CASE 1950: ON 6 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1950 IN KY SON DISTRICT. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE DEC 1972 SHOOTDOWN OF AN A7D AIRCRAFT AND HAS ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES. THE TEAM ALSO TRAVELED TO AN ALLEGED DISCOVERY POINT OF AN AMERICAN PILOT'S BODY, TO THE CRASH SITE AND FINALLY THE ALLEGED BURIAL AREA. WRECKAGE AT THE CRASH SITE CORRELATES TO AN A7 AIRCRAFT. THE WITNESS COULD NOT PINPOINT AN EXACT GRAVE SITE. THE SITE IS ON A STEEP HILL AND THE VEGETATION HAS CHANGED CONSIDERABLY INCREASING THE DIFFICULTY OF THE WITNESS TO FIND THE GRAVE AFTER MANY YEARS. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THE SITE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

CC. CASE 1979: ON 1 AND 2 JUL 93, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1979. THIS CASE INVOLVED THE JAN 73 SHOOT DOWN OF AN A6A AIRCRAFT WHILE ON A MISSILE SUPPRESSION MISSION. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF THREE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF ANY CRASH SITE. THE TEAM ALSO TRAVELED TO PHUC THANH VILLAGE IN YEN THANH DISTRICT AND SURVEYED A HEAVILY SCAVENGED CRASH SITE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A FIRST HAND WITNESS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE DISCOVERED AND BURIED PIECES OF FLESH AT THE SITE SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE TEAM DUG A TEST PIT AT THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS. THE SITE WAS CLOSED BY USACILHI PERSONNEL ON 2 JUL 93. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS FROM A LOCAL RESIDENT WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. DUE TO THE SEVERE EROSION FOUND AT THE SITE AND THE EXTREMELY LARGE AREA OF THE CRASH THIS SITE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

3. INVESTIGATION ELEMENT TWO (IE2). DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) (24 JUN 93 - 20 JUL 93), IE2 INVESTIGATED 19 CASES IN EIGHT DISTRICTS IN HA TINH PROVINCE. THE CASES ARE AS FOLLOWS: 0201, 0243, 0263, 0284, 0285, 0301, 0311, 0467, 0493, 0643, 0681, 0792, 1148, 1175, 1242, 1304, 1552, 1675 AND 1878. IE2 RECOMMENDED 3 CASES FOR REINVESTIGATION (0301, 0681, AND 1552), 2 CASES FOR EXCAVATION (0201 AND 1242), AND 14 CASES FOR THE PENDING CATEGORY. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE ON AN UNCORRELATED CRASH SITE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED 53 WITNESSES. IE2 EXCAVATED BURIAL SITES FOR CASES 0782 AND 1675. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE RECOVERED FROM THESE LOCATIONS. THE BURIAL SITES WERE OFFICIALLY CLOSED BY THE IE2 TEAM CHIEF, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TEAM'S SENIOR USA CILHI REPRESENTATIVE (0782 ON 9 JUL 93, AND 1675 15 JUL 93). DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1175, THE TEAM OBTAINED (FROM A WITNESS) NUMEROUS BONE FRAGMENTS AND THREE TEETH (ALL WITH RESTORATION). A CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST DETERMINED THE REMAINS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF WESTERNERS (EUROPEAN/AMERICAN). IE2 ALSO RECEIVED (FROM A WITNESS) A SMALL BONE FRAGMENT DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1242. THE BONE HAS TOO SMALL FOR THE CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS ANIMAL OR HUMAN. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM OBTAINED (FROM A WITNESS) IDENTIFICATION MEDIA CORRELATING TO THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL FOR CASE 1175. 19 FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORTS AND ONE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THROUGHOUT THE ACTIVITY, VNOSMP COOPERATION WAS OUTSTANDING. OVERALL, COOPERATION FROM HA TINH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS HAS EXCELLENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED:

A. CASE 0201 - ON 27 AND 28 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0201 IN KY LOI AND KY LONG VILLAGES, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED DURING A NIGHT COMBAT MISSION OVER HA TINH PROVINCE ON 2 DEC 65. THE PLANE WRECKAGE WAS SPOTTED BY OTHER U.S. PERSONNEL, BUT THEY DID NOT SEE ANY SIGNS OF SURVIVORS. A DEC 65 A-1H PLANE CRASH REPORTED BY WITNESSES IN KY LONG VILLAGE CORRELATES WELL WITH CASE 0201. DURING A SURVEY OF THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE (APPROXIMATELY 1.5 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION IN U.S. RECORDS), THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED MATERIAL EVIDENCE (PRESENTED BY A WITNESS) CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL TYPE OF AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE REPORTED BY U.S. SOURCES FOR CASE 0201 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WITNESSES IN KY LONG REPORTED TURNING REMAINS OVER TO DISTRICT OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THEIR DISPOSITION. NO INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE WAS OBTAINED IN KY LOI VILLAGE. NO REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

B. CASE 0243 - ON 5 AND 6 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE

0243 IN HONG LOC AND THINH LOC VILLAGES, CAN LOC DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 0243 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN F-105D AIRCRAFT HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE DURING A DAYTIME ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER HA TINH PROVINCE ON 31 JAN 1966. THE PILOT'S LAST REPORTED POSITION WAS APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS INLAND FROM THE GULF OF TONKIN IN CAN LOC DISTRICT. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) FORCES FAILED TO FIND ANY SIGN OF THE PILOT. FOUR WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON PLANE CRASHES WHICH OCCURRED FROM 1966 TO 1968. ONLY ONE INCIDENT MATCHES JTF-FA DATA CONCERNING CASE 0243. WITNESSES COULD ONLY PROVIDE LIMITED INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM WENT TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0243. A SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED NO SIGNS OF A PLANE CRASH. WITNESSES REPORTED ON A PLANE CRASH DURING WHICH THE PILOT WAS KILLED. THE VICTIM HAS REPORTEDLY BURIED NEAR THE BOUNDARY OF XUAN THANH AND CO DAM VILLAGES. A SURVEY OF THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE VILLAGE PRODUCED ONLY SMALL BITS OF METAL AND ELECTRICAL WIRES. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED A PIECE OF WRECKAGE (WITH IDENTIFICATION

NUMBERS) AND PHOTOGRAPHED SEVERAL OTHERS BELONGING TO A VILLAGER WHO LIVED NEAR THE SITE. NONE OF THE WITNESSES WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE BURIAL SITE. NO REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

G. CASE 0263 - ON 10 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0263 IN HUONG TRACH VILLAGE, HUONG KHE DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 0263 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT HIT BY AAA FIRE DURING AN AFTERNOON COMBAT MISSION OVER HUONG KHE DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE ON 5 MAR 66. NO EJECTION HAS OBSERVED. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE TERMINATED DUE TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. THREE WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON TWO PLANE CRASHES IN THE AREA, ONE OF WHICH CORRELATES TO CASE 0263. THE WITNESSES HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CREW IN THAT INCIDENT. A SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE AND THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE REPORTED BY U.S. SOURCES REVEALED NO SIGNS OF A PLANE CRASH. NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

D. 0284 - ON 28 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0284 IN MINH DUC AND MINH THANH HAMLETS (FORMERLY NGU SON AND HOANG LE, RESPECTIVELY), KY NAM VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A PILOT WHEN HIS A-4C AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAW) OR MID-AIR COLLISION WITH ANOTHER AIRCRAFT (REFNO NUMBER 0285) OFF THE COAST OF HA TINH PROVINCE DURING A DAY ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 21 MAR 66. DURING SEARCH OPERATIONS, U.S. PERSONNEL FOUND TWO OIL SLICKS (IN PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER) AND TWO BADLY DAMAGED HELMETS BELONGING TO THE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0284 AND 0285, APPROXIMATELY 23 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST. FOUR WITNESSES REPORTED ON PLANE CRASHES IN THE AREA. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A PLANE CRASH (FAR AT SEA) WHICH CORRELATES TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS CASE. THE WITNESS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATE OF THE CREW. AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE REPORTED CRASH SITE FOR CASE 0284 WAS CONDUCTED. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE RECOVERED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

F. CASE 0285 - ON 28 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0285 IN MINH DUC AND MINH THANH HAMLETS (FORMERLY NGU SON AND HOANG LE, RESPECTIVELY), KY NAM VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A PILOT WHEN HIS A-4C AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAW) OR MID-AIR COLLISION WITH ANOTHER AIRCRAFT (REFNO NUMBER 0284) OFF THE COAST OF HA TINH PROVINCE DURING A DAY ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 21 MAR 66. DURING SEARCH OPERATIONS, U.S. PERSONNEL FOUND TWO OIL SLICKS (IN PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER) AND TWO BADLY DAMAGED HELMETS BELONGING TO THE INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0284 AND 0285, APPROXIMATELY 23 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST. FOUR WITNESSES REPORTED ON

PLANE CRASHES IN THE AREA. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A PLANE CRASH (FAR AT SEA) WHICH CORRELATES TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS CASE. THE WITNESS HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATE OF THE CREW. AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE REPORTED CRASH SITE FOR CASE 0285 WAS CONDUCTED. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

F. CASE 0301 - ON 7 JUL 93, IE2 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES IN DUC DONG VILLAGE, DUC THO DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE CONCERNING CASE 0301. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY A SAW DURING A DAYTIME ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 13 APR 66. THE PILOT'S WINGMAN MADE A VISUAL INSPECTION OF THE WRECKAGE BUT DID NOT SEE ANYTHING TO INDICATE HE SURVIVED THE INCIDENT. THE CRASH SITE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY VIETNAMESE WITNESSES IS APPROXIMATELY 30 KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION REPORTED BY U.S. SOURCES. REMAINS ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM THIS CRASH SITE WERE TURNED

OVER TO VNOSMP PERSONNEL DURING THE MAY 91 INVESTIGATION. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN U.S. RECORDS WHICH INDICATES THESE REMAINS WERE EVER REPATRIATED OR PRESENTED AT A JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW. A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE REPORTED BY U.S. SOURCES PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND CONTACTING MR. DUONG DINH IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM. THIS INDIVIDUAL POSSIBLY HAS IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0301 AND MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF THE REMAINS OF OTHER U.S. SERVICEMEN. ALSO RECOMMEND THE VNOSMP CHECK THEIR RECORDS REGARDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS RECOVERED IN THANH GIANG VILLAGE DURING THE MAY 91 INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND REINVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE IN THANH CHUONG DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE.

CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF HA TINH PROVINCE ON 5 OCT 65. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, U.S. PERSONNEL SIGHTED AN OIL SLICK IN THE VICINITY OF THE PILOT'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION, APPROXIMATELY 16 KILOMETERS FROM THE COAST. AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS OF THE OIL SLICK WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WITNESSES WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM ALSO QUESTIONED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS IN THE COASTAL HAMLETS AND CONDUCTED A SEARCH ALONG THE BEACH. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE REPORTED CRASH SITE FOR CASE 0483 WAS CONDUCTED. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

G. CASE 0311 - ON 30 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0311 IN CUONG GIAN AND DONG GIAN VILLAGES, NGHI XUAN DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEN WHEN THEIR A-6A AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE OCEAN (APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETERS OFF THE COAST OF HA TINH PROVINCE) DURING AN AFTERNOON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE ON 22 APR 66. U.S. RESCUE PERSONNEL RECOVERED SOME PERSONAL SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT AT THE CRASH SITE BUT SAW NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS OR REMAINS. TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON PLANE CRASHES THAT OCCURRED NEAR THE END OF APR 66 AND IN MID-JUN 66. THE FIRST INCIDENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS FOR CASE 0311. WITNESSES HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREW IN THIS INCIDENT. THE TEAM QUESTIONED OTHER INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON THE COAST AND CONDUCTED A GROUND SEARCH ALONG THE BEACH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 0311 WAS CONDUCTED. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

J. CASE 0643 - ON 5 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN HONG LOC AND THINH LOC VILLAGES, CAN LOC DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 0643 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IN AN A-6A AIRCRAFT DURING A NIGHT COMBAT MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE WINGMAN FOR THE PILOT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE REPORTED A BRILLIANT FLASH

H. CASE 0467 - ON 28 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN KY KHANH AND KY PHU VILLAGES, KY ANH DISTRICT. CASE 0467 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT (APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS OFF THE COAST OF HA TINH PROVINCE) DURING A DAYTIME ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 22 SEP 66. U.S. RESCUE PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON THE SCENE SHORTLY AFTER THE INCIDENT BUT DID NOT SEE ANY SIGN OF THE PILOT. IE2 DID NOT OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A GROUND SEARCH ALONG THE BEACH AND AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 0467. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

I. CASE 0483 - ON 1 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AT THE THACH HA DISTRICT SEAT AND TEACH HAI VILLAGE IN HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 0483 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A PILOT WHEN HIS A-1H AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCED INSTRUMENT FAILURE DURING A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION AND

(FROM AN EXPLOSION) NEAR THE COAST AT THINH LOC VILLAGE IN HA TINH PROVINCE. A NINE-DAY SEARCH REVEALED NO CRASH SITE, OR SIGNS OF SURVIVORS OR REMAINS. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES, NONE OF WHOM PROVIDED TESTIMONY RELATED TO CASE 0643. A GROUND SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THIS CASE PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

K. CASE 0681 - ONE 28 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0681 IN THAN DAU VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEN IN AN F-105F AIRCRAFT WHO WERE LAST CONTACTED OVER A MOUNTAIN RANGE IN WESTERN HA TINH PROVINCE DURING A NIGHT STRIKE MISSION ON 12 MAY 67. DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, OTHER PILOTS ON THEIR WAY TO DIFFERENT TARGETS REPORTED NO SIGNS OF A PLANE CRASH OR SURVIVORS. DUE TO THE HOSTILE AREA, AN ORGANIZED SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) OPERATION WAS NOT CONDUCTED. NONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED HAD KNOWLEDGE OF ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS. DURING THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS IN THE AREA OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THIS CASE, VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANYONE IN THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. PERSONNEL. DUE TO THE STEEP TERRAIN IN THE AREA, IE2 WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE INCIDENT LOCATION BY VEHICLE OR ON FOOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 0681. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. INFORMATION FROM A REFUGEE REPORT INDICATES MR. PHET (LAST NAME UNKNOWN), A RESIDENT OF THE PONCHENG MILITARY CAMP IN VIENTIANE (LAOS), RECOVERED HUMAN REMAINS FROM AN F-105 CRASH SITE NEAR THE VIETNAM-LAOS BORDER IN JUL 90. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION IN LAOS.

L. CASE 0782 - ON 8 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0782 IN SON GIANG VILLAGE, HUONG SON DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEN WHEN THEIR RF-4C AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN HA TINH PROVINCE DURING A DAYTIME RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 2 AUG 67. REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OF THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS WERE UNILATERALLY TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. ON 21 JUN 89. REMAINS WERE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. IE2 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO REPORTED ON THE INITIAL BURIAL, RE-BURIAL, AND SUBSEQUENT EXHUMATION AND TRANSFER OF U.S. REMAINS (TAKEN FROM A CRASH SITE) TO HA TINH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS REPORTED THESE REMAINS WERE REPATRIATED ON 21 JUN 89. IE2 EXCAVATED TWO ISOLATED BURIAL SITES FROM WHICH THE REMAINS WERE ALLEGEDLY TAKEN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE BURIAL SITES WERE OFFICIALLY CLOSED BY THE IE2 TEAM LEADER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE USCILHI REPRESENTATIVE. THE TEAM ALSO SURVEYED TWO INCIDENT LOCATIONS (BASED ON U.S. AND VIETNAMESE SOURCES) ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0782, FINDING

NO EVIDENCE OF A PLANE CRASH, REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT EITHER LOCATION. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. DO NOT RECOMMEND EXCAVATION OF THE CRASH SITES. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

M. CASE 1148 - ON 30 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN CAM MY VILLAGE, CAM XUYEN DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 1148 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-4E PILOT WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED DURING A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER HA TINH PROVINCE ON 28 APR 68. HIS WINGMEN DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING INDICATING THE PILOT SURVIVED THE CRASH. IE2 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION POSSIBLY PERTAINING TO TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS, NEITHER OF WHICH CAN BE CORRELATED TO CASE 1148. A WEEK-LONG SEARCH BY ONE WITNESS AND VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS FOR THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE HAS UNSUCCESSFUL. DUE TO THE DENSE JUNGLE AND STEEP, MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN IN THE AREA, IE2 WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION FOR THIS CASE BY VEHICLE OR FOOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE

VICINITY OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 1149 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

N. CASE 1175 - ON 27 JUN 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1175 IN KY IOI VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A PILOT WHO LOST CONTROL OF HIS A-4F AIRCRAFT AND CRASHED DURING A COMBAT MISSION OVER QUANG BINH PROVINCE ON 14 MAY 69. HIS WINGMAN DID NOT SEE ANYTHING TO INDICATE THE PILOT SURVIVED THE CRASH. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES WHO REPORTED ON A JET AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED IN THE CAU RANG RIVER SOMETIME BETWEEN 1966 AND 1968. THE PILOT WAS KILLED DURING THIS INCIDENT AND PART OF HIS BODY WAS TAKEN TO DISTRICT OFFICIALS. THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS HAS UNKNOWN. ONE WITNESS PRESENTED COPIES OF IDENTIFICATION MEDIA WHICH CONTAINED INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH PERSONAL DATA ON THE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1175. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED ONE PROBABLE AIRCRAFT-BELONGED ITEM. IN HA TINH TOWNSHIP, A VILLAGER TURNED IN NUMEROUS LARGE BONES AND SMALL PONE FRAGMENTS, THREE TEETH (ALL WITH RESTORATION), AND THE ORIGINAL IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ALLEGEDLY TAKEN FROM THE CRASH SITE IN THE CAU RANG RIVER. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS (BY A USCILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST) OF THE TEETH AND BONES SUGGESTS THE INDIVIDUAL IS OF WESTERN (EUROPEAN/AMERICAN) ORIGIN. BASED ON NAME, RANK, AND SERVICE NUMBER ASSOCIATION FROM THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, THIS INCIDENT CORRELATES TO CASE 1175. FURTHER ACTION ON THIS CASE AWAITS ANALYSIS OF ASSOCIATED REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

O. CASE 1242 - ON 3 AND 6 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN THACH HUONG VILLAGE, THACH HA DISTRICT AND HA TINH TOWNSHIP, HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 1242 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-4 AIRCRAFT PILOT DURING AN AFTERNOON COMBAT MISSION OVER HA TINH PROVINCE ON 1 AUG 69. LAST CONTACT WAS MADE OVER A MOUNTAIN RANGE IN WESTERN THACH HA DISTRICT. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED SIX WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A CRASH SITE POSSIBLY CORRELATING TO CASE 1242. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE WITNESS-REPORTED SITE (APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE LAST KNOWN POSITION FOR CASE 1242) AND RECOVERED SEVERAL ITEMS WHICH SUGGEST A PLANE CRASHED IN THE AREA. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1242 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE WITNESS TURNED IN A SMALL PONE FRAGMENT ALLEGEDLY TAKEN (MANY YEARS EARLIER) FROM THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE. THE FRAGMENT WAS TOO SMALL FOR THE USCILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT WAS ANIMAL OR HUMAN. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

P. CASE 1304 - ON 1 JUL 93, IE2 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE AT THE THACH HA DISTRICT SEAT AND THACH HAI VILLAGE IN HA TINH PROVINCE. CASE 1304 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEN IN AN A-6A

AIRCRAFT NEAR THE SOT ESTUARY (APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS INLAND) IN HA TINH PROVINCE ON THE NIGHT OF 13 OCT 68. THE PILOT OF THE MISSING PLANE REPORTED A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE RADAR LOCK-ON WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY JAMMED. CONTACT WITH THE CREW HAS LOST AFTER THEY REPORTED "ALL CLEAR". AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH HAS CONDUCTED FROM 8 MILES INLAND TO 60 MILES AT SEA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A PLANE CRASH AT SEA DURING AUG - SEP 68 WHICH POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1304. THE TEAM DID NOT OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREW. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION BY FOOT. IE2 CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1304 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Q. CASE 1552 - ON 30 JUN 93 IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1552. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF SIX CREWMEN ON A HH-53B HELICOPTER ON 28 JAN 70. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY A MIG FIGHTER DURING A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION NEAR

THE VIET-LAO BORDER. ALTHOUGH CREWMEN ON OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA HEARD A BEEPER SIGNAL OF SHORT DURATION, THEY DID NOT SEE ANY WRECKAGE OR SIGNS OF SURVIVORS. DUE TO THE HOSTILE AREA, ORGANIZED SAR OPERATIONS WERE NOT CONDUCTED. ON 15 DEC 82, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT REPATRIATED REMAINS ASSOCIATED TO TWO CREWMEN FROM A CRASH SITE IN THE HUONG KHE FOREST IN HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS PRIOR REMAINS REPATRIATION AND DOG TAG TURNOVER HAD LED TO ONE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND TWO NAME CORRELATIONS. DURING THIS JFA, THE VIETNAMESE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE WITNESSES WHO COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO CASE 1552. DUE TO THE STEEP, MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN IN THE AREA, THE TEAM COULD NOT REACH THE SITE BY VEHICLE OR FOOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OVER THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1552, AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DURING THIS JFA, VAO SMP TEAM MEMBERS ALSO CONTACTED QUANG BINH PROVINCE OFFICIALS CONCERNING REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES REPORTED THEY HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CASE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. TERRAIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE CRASH SITE IS DIFFICULT, BUT A GROUND SURVEY IS IMPERATIVE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

R. CASE 1675 - ON 10 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1675 IN HUONG TRACH VILLAGE, HUONG KHE DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEN WHEN THEIR RF-4C AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED DURING A DAYTIME PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 13 NOV 72. NO EJECTION WAS OBSERVED AND NO FURTHER CONTACT HAS MADE. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE NOT INITIATED DUE TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. IE2 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A PLANE CRASH DURING OCT - NOV 70. THE REMAINS OF TWO CREWMEN WERE ALLEGEDLY BURIED IN THE VILLAGE. THIS INCIDENT CORRELATES TO CASE 1675 BY DATE, AIRCRAFT, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED AN ALLEGED GRAVE SITE IN HUONG TRACH VILLAGE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE BURIAL SITE WAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED BY THE IE2 TEAM CHIEF, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE USCILHI REPRESENTATIVE. A SURVEY OF THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE WITNESS-REPORTED CRASH SITE PRODUCED LIMITED MATERIAL EVIDENCE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. HOWEVER, NO DISCERNABLE CRASH SITE COULD BE FOUND. A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE REPORTED BY U.S. SOURCES REVEALED NO SIGNS OF A PLANE CRASH. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE (GEARS WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS) ALLEGEDLY RELATED TO THIS CASE WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT A VILLAGER'S HOUSE. NO REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

S. CASE 1878 - ON 9 JUL 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1878 IN HUONG GIANG AND HUONG DO VILLAGES, HUONG KHE DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-7A PILOT WHO WAS LAST CONTACTED OVER CENTRAL HA TINH PROVINCE DURING A NIGHTTIME ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 18 JUN 72. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES FAILED

TO LOCATE THE PILOT OR ANY WRECKAGE IN THE AREA. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR INDIVIDUALS, ONE OF WHOM PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A NIGHT PLANE CRASH IN THE SUMMER OF 1972. HE DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE OR THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREW MEMBER. THIS INCIDENT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1878. THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1878 WAS INACCESSIBLE BY VEHICLE OR FOOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAST KNOWN AIRCRAFT LOCATION AND IN THE AREA OF A POSSIBLE PARACHUTE SIGHTING ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE. NO REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

T. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT - ON 28 JUN 93, IN KY NAM VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE, IE2 INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON A PLANE CRASH WHICH OCCURRED IN THE SPRING OR SUMMER OF 1965-66. ONE WITNESS CLAIMED A BADLY BURNED ARM WAS BURIED WITH SOME OF THE PLANE WRECKAGE. HE HAD NO

FURTHER KNOWLEDGE ON THE DISPOSITION OF THE ARM. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND AIRCREW-BELATED ITEMS. NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE FAILED TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. THE SITE CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO A SPECIFIC CASE AT THIS TIME. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THIS SITE AWAIT DETAILED ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

4. INVESTIGATION ELEMENT THREE (IE3). DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, 24 JUN TO 19 JUL 93, IE3 CONDUCTED INVESTIGATIONS IN FOUR DISTRICTS WITHIN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. IE3 INVESTIGATED SEVEN PRIORITY CASES; 0453, 0723, 1572, 1810, 1820, 1927, AND 2044, OF WHICH 1572, 1820, AND 2044 WERE TARGETED FOR PCIT INVESTIGATION. IE3 INVESTIGATED 32 OTHER CASES; 0029, 0248, 0694, 0675, 0676, 0726, 1000, 1043, 1074, 1120, 1122, 1155, 1180, 1199, 1203, 1223, 1224, 1225, 1254, 1436, 1612, 1699, 1702, 1719, 1721, 1725, 1735, 1736, 1752, 1753, 1760, AND 179E. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED 6 CASES FOR REINVESTIGATION (0453, 0723, 1572, 1820, 1927, AND 2044), 1 CASE FOR EXCAVATION (1074), AND 32 FOR THE PENDING CATEGORY. 39 FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. DURING THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY THE TEAM INTERVIEWED 65 WITNESSES AND COLLECTED PARTIAL REMAINS FOR TWO CASES. THE FIRST SET OF PARTIAL REMAINS RECOVERED IS BELIEVED TO BE CASE 1074. THE SECOND SET OF PARTIAL REMAINS WAS RECEIVED AND POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1254. THE TEAM ALSO RECEIVED MEDIA DATA (DOG TAG) FOR CASE 1254. THE VNOSMP MEMBERS AND THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE TASK TEAM WERE EXTREMELY HELPFUL DURING INVESTIGATIONS. THE U.S. TEAM RECEIVED OUTSTANDING COOPERATION AND SUPPORT DURING THE JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. THE TEAM HAS ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY THROUGH LOCAL VILLAGES AND HAMLETS TO CONDUCT ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS FOR CASES WITHOUT HINDERANCE. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED:

A. PRIORITY CASE 0453: ON 6 JUL 93, AN ELEMENT OF IE3 WENT TO VINH LINH DISTRICT TO INVESTIGATE PRIORITY CASE 0453. THE CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 10 SEP 66 WHEN HIS AIR WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE OVER THE VINH LINH SPECIAL ZONE. THE PILOT EJECTED AND THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER SAW HIM LAND IN A WOODED AREA AT ID961776. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF ID952766. THE PILOT'S WINGMAN HEARD THE BEEPER SIGNAL BRIEFLY AFTER THE PILOT LANDED BUT HE COULD NOT SEE THE PILOT ON THE GROUND. BOTH THE FAC AND THE WINGMAN REPORTED EXTENSIVE ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY IN THE AREA WHERE THE PILOT LANDED AND SAW THE PARACHUTE PULLED FROM THE TREES SOON AFTER THE INCIDENT. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WITNESSES WITH FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE. BEFORE CONDUCTING THE SITE SURVEYS, THE TEAM STOPPED IN THE VILLAGE CLOSEST TO THE CRASH SITE TO CANVASS THE LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR ANYONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF WRECKAGE, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES IN THE AREA. THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO PEOPLE BUT NEITHER HAD ANY INFORMATION

ABOUT A CRASH IN THE AREA. THE VILLAGE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD ACCOMPANY THE TEAM ON THE SURVEY. THE TEAM FOUND NO WRECKAGE, REMAINS, OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE CRASH SITE OR THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THE MISSING AMERICAN. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0453. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

B. PRIORITY CASE 0723: ON 9 AND 10 JUL 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED PRIORITY CASE 0723. ON 8 JUL, IE3 WENT TO LANG CAT HAMLET, DA KRONG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW TWO WITNESSES ABOUT CASE 0723. ON 10 JUL 93, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CASE 0723. IN THIS INCIDENT, THE MISSING AMERICAN WAS LOST DURING A NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF XD005399 ON 5 JUN 67. MEMBERS OF THE PATROL HEARD A MOAN AND SOUND OF BREAKING BRUSH COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE MISSING AMERICAN'S SLEEPING POSITION. DURING A NIGHTTIME SEARCH OF THE AREA ONLY THE MISSING MAN'S WEAPON AND PACK WERE FOUND, IN THE COURSE OF A DAYTIME

SEARCH, A DENTAL PLATE AND BLOOD TRAILS WERE FOUND 65 METERS FROM THE AMERICAN'S LAST KNOWN POSITION. IE3 INTERVIEWED LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO KNEW OF A GRAVE SITE. AFTER FURTHER QUESTIONING IT HAS DETERMINED THIS HAS THE SAME INFORMATION PROVIDED DURING THE 21ST JFA. SINCE A TEST PIT WAS DUG DURING THE 21ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY PRODUCING NO REMAINS, NO FURTHER SURVEY WAS DONE AT THAT SITE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION YIELDING NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 10 JUL 93, THE VIETNAMESE PRESENTED AN ADDITIONAL WITNESS FOR THIS CASE, HE PROVIDED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

C. PRIORITY CASE 1572: ON 26 JUN 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING PCIT CASE 1572 IN CAM PHU HAMLIT, CAM THANH VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, CUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1572 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL IN MAR 70 WHILE HE WAS SERVING AS AN ASSISTANT BATTALION ADVISOR TO THE ARVN 2ND BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT. AT APPROXIMATELY 0125 ON 12 MAR 70, THE OUTPOST WAS ATTACKED AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S PUNKER WAS HIT AND CAUGHT FIRE. AFTER THE ATTACK STARTED NO ONE SAW THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL, ALTHOUGH A SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICER AND ONE OF THE U.S. CREWMEN ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE HIM ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS. AT 0415 THE OUTPOST WAS EVACUATED. AT 0700, AN ARVN COMPANY WITH U.S. ADVISORS RETOOK THE OUTPOST AND SEARCHED THE AREA FOR SURVIVORS AND REMAINS BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THIS INDIVIDUAL. ON 26 JUN 93 ONE WITNESS (PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED ON THE 21ST ITERATION) PROVIDED ADDITIONAL HEARSAY INFORMATION ON THE ALLEGED CAPTURE, DEATH AND SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF AN AMERICAN ADVISOR. THE WITNESS SAID THE AMERICAN WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED TO AN AID STATION WHERE HE WAS LATER KILLED IN A BOMBING RAID. THE ADVISOR WAS ALLEGEDLY BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF AN AID STATION. MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT PROVIDED DURING THE 21ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. THE OTHER WITNESS (ALSO INTERVIEWED DURING THE 21ST ITERATION) PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THE LOCATION OF THE AID STATION AND BURIAL SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE FIRST WITNESS AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA. THE TEAM SAW NO SIGNS OF AN AID STATION, BOMB CRATERS, OR BURIAL SITES DURING THE SURVEY OF THIS CASE. THERE ARE NO FIRST HAND WITNESSES THAT CAN CONFIRM THE FATE OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM THE SITE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

D. PRIORITY CASE 1810: ON 29 JUN 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES CONCERNING PRIORITY CASE 1810 IN TRUNG HAI VILLAGE (XAY TRUNG HAI), GIO LINH DISTRICT (HUYEN GIO LINH), CUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1810 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 1 APR 72 AT AN OUTPOST LOCATED AT YD215742. THE OUTPOST HAD BEEN UNDER INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE FOR SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE IT WAS

EVACUATED ON 1 APR. ONE AMERICAN WAS KILLED DURING EVACUATION BUT HIS BODY WAS RECOVERED BY U.S. FORCES BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE. THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN CASE 1810 COULD NOT BE LOCATED BEFORE THE U.S. HELICOPTERS LEFT THE AREA. ON 2 APR, THE UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN CONTACTED U.S. FORCES AND SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET TO DONG HAI THAT HAS THE LAST CONTACT WITH HIM. ON 29 JUN 93, THE VNOSMP PRESENTED FOUR WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. ALL OF THE WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION THAT CORRELATES TO THE INDIVIDUAL LOST IN THIS CASE. THREE OF THE WITNESSES PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A SECOND AMERICAN LOST IN THIS INCIDENT BUT THE PRESENCE OF A SECOND AMERICAN IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH U.S. RECORDS OF THE CASE OR WITH PREVIOUS JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. ON 10 JUL 93, THE VIETNAMESE PROVIDED ANOTHER WITNESS FOR CASE 1810 WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH MAY CONFIRM THE FATE OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL. DURING THE 18TH AND 24TH JFA, THE TEAM CHIEF DETERMINED THAT ANY EXCAVATION OR SURVEY OF THIS SITE WOULD BE

EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF ORDNANCE LEFT IN THE AREA. IN LIGHT OF THIS FACT, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THIS SITE IS UNSAFE FOR EXCAVATION BY THE TEAM LEADER, EOD, AND CILHI PERSONNEL. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

E. PRIORITY CASE 1820: ON 28 JUN 93 AND 10 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING PCIT CASE 1820 IN MY HOA HAMLET, CAM AN VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT; AND ONE WITNESS IN DONG HA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1820 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS FLYING AN OV-10 (A PILOT AND AN OBSERVER) ON 7 APR 72. THEY WERE TRAVELING NORTH FROM HUE TO QUANG TRI ON AN OBSERVATION MISSION TO DIRECT NAVAL GUNFIRE AT THE TIME OF THEIR LOSS (VICINITY YD194656). CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE PILOT WHO MANAGED TO AVOID CAPTURE FOR ELEVEN DAYS. HE RADIOED HE WAS BEING FIRED ON IN THE VICINITY OF YD272697 AND CONTACT HAS LOST. THE OBSERVER'S BEEPER SIGNAL WAS HEARD AND ONLY BRIEF RADIO CONTACT WAS MADE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CRASH. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES SAW TWO PARACHUTES, HOWEVER ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE THEM WERE UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE ENEMY THREAT IN THE AREA. THE THREE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN THE EARLY PART OF 1972 IN THE VICINITY OF THE GRID COORDINATE LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THE OBSERVER. THE FIRST WITNESS PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT A PILOT THAT EJECTED FROM AN AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO THE CRASH. THE SECOND WITNESS PROVIDED LIMITED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION OF A WOUNDED AMERICAN PILOT CARRIED NORTH ON A LITTER AROUND THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE FOURTH WITNESS PROVIDED CORROBORATING INFORMATION ON THE DEATH AND BURIAL OF ONE OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUALS. ALL THREE WITNESSES HAD VISITED THE CRASH SITE AFTER THE INCIDENT AND SAW WRECKAGE BUT HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO THE FATE OF THE CREW. TWO OF THE WITNESSES LED THE TEAM TO A SITE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SITE LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THE OBSERVER. A SURFACE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AT BOTH SITES. AT THE WITNESS LOCATION, LARGE CALIBER ORDNANCE WAS FOUND ON THE SURFACE AND PHOTOGRAPHED. AT BOTH SITES, NO LARGE PIECES OF WRECKAGE WERE FOUND AND ONLY SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE WERE RECOVERED. EVIDENCE OF EXTENSIVE SCAVENGING AS WELL AS HEAVY BOMBING DURING THE WAR WAS CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA. NO SIGNS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE FOUND AT EITHER SITE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

F. PRIORITY CASE 1927: ON 26 JUN 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING PRIORITY CASE 1927 AT CAM CHINH VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1927 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 24 SEP 72. HE WAS LOST DURING A BOMBING RUN IN AN A7B WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY 37MM AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY. A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER AND OTHER WITNESSES SAW THE PILOT SUCCESSFULLY EJECT AND THEN SAW HIS

PARACHUTE HANGING IN THE TREES IN THE VICINITY OF YD138537. ALL SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE. ON 26 JUN 93, ONE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS TESTIMONY AND IDENTIFIED MR. PHAP AS THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION. (MR. PHAP HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A POTENTIAL WITNESS DURING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS BUT HAS YET TO BE LOCATED). THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING AN AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE OR THE FATE OF THE PILOT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE PILOT, THE CRASH SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS, AND THE CRASH SITE LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM SAW NO SIGNS OF REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEYS OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM THE SITES. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE MR. PHAP AT THE DISTRICT AND PROVINCE LEVEL HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IT IS BELIEVED HE RESIDES IN HANOI. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

G. PRIORITY CASE 2044: ON 27 JUN 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING PCIT CASE 2044 AT RA THUNG HAMLET, CAM TUYEN VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 2044 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING A STRIKE MISSION IN 14 APR 72. THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER REPORTED OBSERVING THE AIRCRAFT IMPACT AND EXPLODE ON THE GROUND WITH THE CANOPY IN PLACE. IN AUG 85, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE REMAINS OF ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS AND IN FEB 88, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE REMAINS. ON 27 JUN 93, THE VACOMP PRESENTED THREE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 2044. TWO OF THE WITNESSES PROVIDED LIMITED FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE THAT CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO THIS CASE. THE THIRD WITNESS COULD ONLY PROVIDE EXTREMELY LIMITED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN UNSPECIFIED AIRCRAFT DURING EARLY 1972. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE IDENTIFIED IN U.S. RECORDS AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2044. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM REVISITED A SECONDARY SITE NOTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS A POSSIBLE CRASH SITE. THESE TWO SITES ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER APART. THE TEAM CANVASSED LOCAL VILLAGERS BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING AN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN THE AREA. THE TEAM DID NOT OBSERVE ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE OR SEE ANY SIGNS OF REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS CASE SHOULD BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM.

H. CASE 0229: ON 3 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO KITE SANH TOWN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 0229. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS ON 26 MAR 64, PILOT AND OBSERVER, IN AN O-1F CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER THE DAKHONG RIVER IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHILE ON A LOW LEVEL PASS THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF XDS0419. THE OBSERVER WAS SEVERELY INJURED, CAPTURED, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED TO U.S. CONTROL IN MARCH OF 1973. THE OBSERVER HAS TOLD THE PILOT WAS KILLED IN THE CRASH AND THE LOCATION OF HIS REMAINS ARE UNKNOWN. THE THREE WITNESSES WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE LIMITED INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CRASH SITES BUT NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WAS PROVIDED. IE3 CONDUCTED TWO SITE SURVEYS, WITNESS AND U.S. LAST KNOWN LOCATION, DURING WHICH THE TEAM FOUND NO WRECKAGE, BURIAL SITES, OR REMAINS. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION NO FIRST HAND WITNESSES, WRECKAGE, OR REMAINS WERE LOCATED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

I. CASE 0248: ON 28 JUN 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CASE 0248 TO CONDUCT A SITE SURVEY. CASE 0248 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS ON A RESUPPLY MISSION FROM KHE SANH TO DONG HA IN FEB 66. WHEN THEIR C-123 AIRCRAFT FAILED TO ARRIVE AS

SCHEDULED, SEARCH EFFORTS WERE INITIATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 28 JUN 93, WHILE TRAVELING TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IF3 CANVASSED KHE NGAI HAMLET FOR WITNESSES. ONE WITNESS HAS LOCATED WHO COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE CRASH SITE BUT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THE CREW. ALL THE LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE AREA RETURNED TO THE HAMLET AFTER 1976. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE WITNESS SITE WHICH IS ABOUT 300 METERS FROM THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND FOUND SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE. NO SIGNS OF REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE LOCATED DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEY OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO RECOVER SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE FROM THE SITE. A TEST PIT HAS DUG AT THE SITE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0248 NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS NOR BURIAL SITES WERE LOCATED. DUE TO HEAVY SITE EROSION OF THE CRASH SITE AND LOCAL SCAVENGING, RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

J. CASE 0664: ON 12 JUL 93, IF3 TRAVELED TO RUON HAMLET, HUONG TAN VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI

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1975. A SURVEY OF THE U.S. LAST KNOWN LOCATION WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN PENDING CATEGORY.

M. CASE 0726: ON 09 JUL 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 0726 IN LANG HOA VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 0726 INVOLVES THE LOSS ON 8 JUN 1967 OF THE PILOT OF A UH-1H HELICOPTER THAT WAS STRUCK BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE PILOT WAS KILLED INSTANTLY WHEN HE WAS HIT IN THE HEAD BY ONE OF THE ROUNDS. THE CO-PILOT, THOUGH WOUNDED, WAS ABLE TO AUTO-ROTATE THE DISABLED AND BURNING HELICOPTER TO THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF XD763476, WHEREUPON THE CO-PILOT AND TWO OTHER CREWMEN WERE RESCUED. ONLY THE PILOT WAS LEFT BEHIND AS KILLED IN ACTION. THERE IS NO INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT THE PILOTS REMAINS WHEN THE REST OF THE CREW WAS RESCUED. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IE3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WRECKAGE OR OTHER INDICATIONS OF A CRASH SITE. THE TEAM ATTEMPTED TO QUESTION LOCAL VIETNAMESE

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PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNING CASE 0664. CASE 0664 INVOLVES ONE PERSON WHO HAS KILLED DURING COMBAT ON 30 APR 67, IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 881, GRID XD776438. DUE TO INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE, HIS UNIT WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW AND LEAVE THE BODY BEHIND. DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS, THE HILL WAS SUBJECTED TO INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE AND AERIAL BOMBING. ON 3 MAY 67, THE MARINES RETURNED TO THE BATTLEFIELD TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF THOSE KILLED IN ACTION ON 30 APR 67. DURING THE SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE BATTLE AREA, NONE OF THE REMAINS RECOVERED WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0664. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE NEAREST HAMLET, RUON HAMLET, COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 0664. NO WITNESSES WERE PROVIDED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE INCIDENT SITE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

K. CASE 0675: ON 29 JUN 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELLED TO XA O HAMLET, KHE SANH TOWN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0675. THIS CASE INVOLVES ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS KILLED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF HUONG HOA VILLAGE NEAR THE KHE SANH MARINE COMBAT BASE ON 9 MAY 67. HIS REMAINS WERE NOT RECOVERED DUE TO THE HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. WHILE IN XA O HAMLET (XD960377) THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED LOCAL VILLAGERS BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT CASE 0675. AFTER TALKING WITH THE VILLAGERS, THE SUB-ELEMENT TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL (XD860375) AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES FOUND AT THE LOCATION OR IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

L. CASE 0676: ON 13 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO XA LANG HAMLET, HUONG LINH VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO CONDUCT BOTH A PROTOCOL MEETING AND TO CANVASS THE VILLAGE FOR POTENTIAL WITNESSES REGARDING CASE 0676. CASE 0676 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS, IN MAY 1967, WHO WERE PART OF A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL 10 KILOMETERS FROM THE KHE SANH MARINE COMBAT BASE. AFTER INSERTION, THE PATROL DISCOVERED ENEMY BUNKERS AND NUMEROUS SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, THE PATROL CAME UNDER ATTACK. DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO EXTRACT THE TEAM, ACTUAL EXTRACTION DID NOT OCCUR UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. DUE TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ENEMY FORCES, HELICOPTERS WERE ONLY ABLE TO EXTRACT WOUNDED PERSONNEL, BUT NOT THE BODIES OF THE FOUR MEN KILLED DURING THE ATTACK. AFTER COMPLETING THE PROTOCOL MEETING IN XA LANG HAMLET, THE VILLAGE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN WAS INTERVIEWED REGARDING THIS CASE BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS CASE. ALL POSSIBLE WITNESSES WERE RELOCATED FROM THIS AREA AFTER

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GATHERING WOOD NEAR THE SITE. THESE INDIVIDUALS ONLY PROVIDED EXTREMELY LIMITED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY HAD BEEN WORKING IN THE AREA. ALL LOCAL PEOPLE RETURNED TO THE AREA AFTER 1975 AND THEREFORE COULD ONLY PROVIDE LIMITED INFORMATION. THEY SAID THEY HAD NEVER SEEN ANY AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR LABOR. NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

N. CASE 1000: ON 29 JUN 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED A LOCAL RESIDENT IN KHE SANH VILLAGE IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE CONCERNING CASE 1000. THIS CASE INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS MISSING FROM TWO SEPARATE UH-1D HELICOPTERS WHICH WERE ON A MISSION TO LAND REINFORCEMENTS IN THE KHE SANH AREA. ON 21 JAN 68, ONE INDIVIDUAL HAS POSSIBLY THE VICTIM OF A DIRECT MORTAR HIT WHICH CAUSED THE AIRCRAFT TO CRASH. THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS LOST SPEN EXITING THE AIRCRAFT AND TRYING TO REACH AND ASSIST THE CREW FROM THE DOWNED HELICOPTER. THE LOCAL RESIDENT PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT WRECKAGE HIS FAMILY FOUND IN 1982, WHICH HAD BEEN SOLD AND REMOVED FROM THE AREA. THE WITNESS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND NO OTHER LOCAL INHABITANTS HAD INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. AN ELEMENT OF IE3 WHEN TRAVELED TO THE LOCATION IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS AS THE CRASH SITE WHERE A TEST PIT WAS DUG. THE ELEMENT PROCEEDED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA. SEARCHES AT BOTH SITES HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR APPARENT BURIAL SITES AT EITHER LOCATION. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

O. CASE 1043: ON 5 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO LONG THANH HAMLET, TAN LONG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE (YD769354) TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1043. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 8 FEB 68 DURING A BOMBING MISSION OVER LANG VAI. THE A-1G WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED NEAR ROUTE 9 WHERE IT BURST INTO FLAMES. ONE WITNESS WAS INTERVIEWED BUT PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION FOR THIS CASE. A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 CONDUCTED TWO SITE SURVEYS, ONE AT THE U.S. RECORD LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT. THE OTHER AT THE WITNESS IDENTIFIED CRASH SITE. BOTH SURVEYS YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS, WRECKAGE, OR BURIAL SITES WERE LOCATED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

P. CASE 1074: ON 1 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1074 AT DAK KRONG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1074 INVOLVES THE LOSS ON 6 MAR 1968 OF TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE PASSENGERS ABOARD A U.S. C-123K WHEN IT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF XD93404, NEAR DAK KRONG VILLAGE. ALL THREE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY IE3 SAID THEY DISCOVERED A CRASH SITE POSSIBLY

ASSOCIATED TO THIS CASE AFTER 1976. THEY ALL SAW EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS SCAVENGING, AND COULD ONLY PROVIDE LIMITED DESCRIPTIONS OF THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE WITNESSES OBSERVED SMALL AMOUNTS OF HUMAN REMAINS AT THE SITE, BUT AGAIN, THEY WERE VAGUE IN THEIR DESCRIPTION. MEMBERS OF IE3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE, OBSERVING SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND RECOVERED A SMALL AMOUNT OF HUMAN BONES, INCLUDING ONE TOOTH. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE EXCAVATION.

Q. CASE 1120: ON 8 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELED TO TRON TRAM HAMLET, HUONG TAN VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1120. THIS CASE INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH ON 6 APR 67. THE INDIVIDUALS WERE RETURNING FIRE FROM A BOMB CRATER WHEN THE POSITION TOOK DIRECT HITS FROM MORTAR ROUNDS AND GRENADES. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO RECOVER THE INDIVIDUALS BUT HOSTILE FIRE WAS TOO INTENSE. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE UNIT RETURNED TO THE

BATTLE AREA AND RECOVERED FIGHT REMAINS BUT THE REMAINS OF THE TWO MISSING SOLDIERS WERE NOT FOUND. WHILE IN THON TRAM HAMLET (XD828428) THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED LOCAL VILLAGERS BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT CASE 1120. AT THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERVIEWS, THE SUB-ELEMENT TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUALS (XD812432) AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES AT THE LOCATION OR IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

H. CASE 1122: ON 16 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IES TRAVELED TO THE VICINITY OF THE LOSS LOCATION LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1122. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE CREW MEMBER ABOARD AN OH-13 ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 7 APR 68. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED. THE NEXT DAY, ONE CREW MEMBER WAS RESCUED ALIVE. A SEARCH OF THE WRECKAGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA REVEALED NO SIGN OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBER. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IES FOUND A LOCAL RESIDENT WITH LIMITED HEARSAY INFORMATION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTER WHICH CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF THE LOSS LOCATION. A BODY ARMOR CHEST PLATE AND SMALL PIECES OF LIGHT WEIGHT ALLOY METAL WERE DISCOVERED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED HAMLET APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER FROM THE LOSS LOCATION. NO WITNESSES WERE LOCATED AT THIS SITE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. THE JOINT TEAM CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1122 AND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WRECKAGE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

S. CASE 1155: ON 3 JUL 93, IES INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1155 AT TAN PHUOC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1155 INVOLVES THE 3 MAY 68 LOSS OF TWO CREWMEMBERS ABOARD AN AH-1C HELICOPTER THAT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE IN VICINITY OF XD722389, NEAR TAN PHUOC VILLAGE. THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED IN THE AIR WHEN HIT AND EXPLODED A SECOND TIME UPON IMPACT WITH THE GROUND. THE CREW OF A SEPARATE AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA OBSERVED THE HELICOPTER ENVELOPED IN FLAMES WITH NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS. THE TWO WITNESSES OBSERVED THE WRECKAGE OF AN ALLEGED U.S. HELICOPTER SEVERAL YEARS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT. BOTH WITNESSES AGREED ON THE LOCATION OF THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE CREWMEMBERS OF THE AIRCRAFT. IES CONDUCTED SITE SURVEYS OF THE WITNESS LOCATION AND THE LOCATION ANNOTATED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BUT WERE UNABLE TO RECOVER ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE AT EITHER LOCATION. IES VISITED THE HOMES OF THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF TAN PHUOC VILLAGE, RECORDING AND

PHOTOGRAPHING SMALL AMOUNTS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. OVERALL, THERE IS A LACK OF CORRELATIVE DATA AND ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

T. CASE 1180: ON 12 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IES TRAVELED TO LANG RU VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASES 1180 AND 1223. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1223 WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. CASE 1180 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE MEMBER OF AN EIGHT MAN RECON PATROL ON 18 MAY 68. THE PATROL WAS ATTACKED BY HOSTILE FORCES WITH SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE AND A LARGE EXPLOSION WAS SEEN AT THE EXACT LOCATION WHERE THE LOST INDIVIDUAL WAS SITTING. THE PATROL SEARCHED THE AREA AND FOUND PIECES OF CLOTHING BUT NO REMAINS. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IES CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, NO WITNESSES COULD BE LOCATED WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING

CATEGORY.

U. CASE 1199: ON 29 JUN 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IF3 TRAVELED TO KHE SANH TOWN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1199. THIS CASE INVOLVES ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 31 MAY 68, WHO HAS WOUNDED DURING COMBAT OPERATIONS, RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND WAS SENT TO THE REAR FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION. LAST SEEN AT DIFFERENT TIMES ON HIS WAY TO THE MEDICAL EVACUATION POINT, HE NEVER MADE IT TO THE AREA AND WAS NEVER SEEN OR HEARD FROM AGAIN. THE SUB-ELEMENT OF IF3 ARRIVED AT THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CASE 1199 (XD865396). INTERVIEWED LOCAL VILLAGERS AND CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY/SURFACE SEARCH APPROXIMATELY 100X100 METERS ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 9 ALL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED, AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

V. CASE 1203: ON 15 JUL 93, IF3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1203 IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1203 INVOLVES THE LOSS ON 6 JUN 68 OF FOUR U.S. MARINES WHO WERE ABOARD A CH46A HELICOPTER WITH SIX OTHER MARINES. THE HELICOPTER RECEIVED ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE, CRASHED, AND ROLLED DOWN THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATE XD877334. THE REMAINS OF SIX OF THE MARINES WERE RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IF3 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH SITE OF A LARGE TWO ROTOR HELICOPTER IN THE AREA. THE WITNESS DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT SURROUNDING THIS CASE; HOWEVER, DID KNOW THE LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. IF3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS, OBSERVING TWO LARGE PORTIONS OF ROTOR ASSEMBLY PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH A CH46 HELICOPTER. IF3 CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. THIS LOCATION DID NOT HOLD ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, WRECKAGE, OR THE PRESENCE OF REMAINS. BOTH SURVEYS CONDUCTED WERE VERIFIED USING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM. DURING THE SURVEYS NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

W. CASE 1223: ON 12 JUL 93, IF3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1223 ON HILL 689 IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1223 INVOLVES THE LOSS ON 5 JUL 68 OF A U.S. MARINE WHO WAS PART OF A RECOVERY PLATOON. HIS UNIT CAME UNDER FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF XD902409 AND THE MARINE WAS KILLED AFTER BEING HIT SEVERAL TIMES BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN THE CHEST. DUE TO INTENSE FIRE THE RECOVERY TEAM WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW LEAVING THE REMAINS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BEHIND. SUBSEQUENT TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES, U.S. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES SUBJECTED THE LOCATION TO HEAVY BOMBING. A GROUND FORCE RETURNED TO THE AREA ON 11 JUL 68, BUT COULD NOT LOCATE THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. IF3 CANVASSED VILLAGERS IN LANG BU VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, FOR

INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION AS HELD IN U.S. RECORDS WHERE THEY OBSERVED MANY BOMB CRATERS, SEVERAL DISCARDED PLASTIC FIRST AID BANDAIDING PACKAGES, AND A SMALL PORTION OF A BAYONET SHEATH. THE TEAM DID NOT OBSERVE ANY EVIDENCE OF REMAINS AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

X. CASE 1224: ON 12 JUL 93, IF3 TRAVELED TO RUON HAMLET, HUONG TAN VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1224. CASE 1224 INVOLVES ONE PERSON WHO WAS ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH HOSTILE FORCES ON 6 JUL 68, VICINITY HILL 881, GRID XD773441. A SMALL REACTION FORCE WAS SENT OUT TO CHECK THE AREA AND THEY SAW THE INDIVIDUAL LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL. THE REACTION FORCE MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THE BODY AND SUFFERED NUMEROUS CASUALTIES. DUE TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE, THE AMERICAN UNIT WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW AND LEAVE THE BODY BEHIND. DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS,

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THE HILL WAS SUBJECT TO INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE AND AERIAL BOMBING. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE NEAREST HAMLET, RUON HAMLET, COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1224. NO WITNESSES WERE PROVIDED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION AND LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE U.S. RECORD SITE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Y. CASE 1225: ON 15 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELLED TO THE VICINITY OF CHENG HAMLET, HUC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1225. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEMBERS ABOARD AN F4B IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON A STRIKE MISSION ON 13 JUL 68. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE DURING ITS ORDNANCE DELIVERY RUN AND CRASHED. NO CREW EJECTION WAS OBSERVED AND RECOVERY WAS NOT ATTEMPTED DUE TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IE3 FOUND AND INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO WAS WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE LOSS LOCATION, BUT HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE JOINT TEAM THEN CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE AND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WRECKAGE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Z. CASE 1254: ON 12 JUL 93, IE3 HAS NOTIFIED THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS WANTED TO TURN OVER REMAINS OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED WITH CASE 1254. CASE 1254 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE CREW MEMBER IN A CH-46D ON 19 AUG 68. THE AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN EXTRACTION MISSION. WHILE HOVERING APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET OFF THE GROUND, THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY AN ARTILLERY ROUND, CRASHED AND SPLIT INTO TWO PIECES. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALISTS RECOVERED ALL PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE INCIDENT EXCEPT ONE INDIVIDUAL, WHICH THEY BELIEVED BURNED UNDER THE WRECKAGE. DUE TO HOSTILITIES IN THE AREA, SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAMS WERE UNABLE TO REVISIT THE SITE. UPON ARRIVAL TO THE DONG TRUONG SON HOTEL, AN ELEMENT OF IE3 INTERVIEWED THE WITNESSES AND TOOK CUSTODY OF THE REMAINS. THE SET OF PARTIAL REMAINS IS BELIEVED TO BE CASE 1254 AND CONSISTED OF FOUR LONG BONES, 40 BONE FRAGMENTS, AND 11 TEETH (FIVE MOLARS, FOUR WITH RESTORATIONS, THREE BICUSPIDS, ONE WITH RESTORATIONS, TWO INCISORS, AND ONE CUSPID). THE TEAM RECEIVED MEDIA DATA (DOG TAG) FOR CASE 1254 ALONG WITH ABOVE MENTIONED REMAINS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

AA. CASE 1436: ON 2 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1436 WHO PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT A CRASH SITE IN VUNG KHO HAMLET, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS MISSING WERE ABOARD AN O-1G AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 6 MAY 69. THE LAST RADIO

CONTACT WITH THE CREW OCCURRED WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN THE MISSION TO FLY ALONG HIGHWAY 9 FROM CA LU TO THE LAO BORDER. ON 2 JUL 93, WHILE TRAVELLING TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION, THE SUB-ELEMENT CANVASSED VUNG KHO HAMLET FOR WITNESSES. LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN POINTING OUT THE WRECKAGE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED SITE SURVEYS OF THE WITNESS LOCATION AND THE U.S. RECORD LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO SIGNS OF REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE LOCATED DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEYS OF THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE AND BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

BB. CASE 1612: ON 1 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1612 AT DA KRONG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1612 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS, A PILOT AND A DOOR GUNNER ON 6 MAY 70. TWO UH-1H HELICOPTERS WERE LAYING SMOKE FOR A LANDING ZONE WHEN THEY COLLIDED AND CRASHED. A SEARCH TEAM WAS SENT TO THE CRASH SITE ON THE SAME DAY. ALL CREWMEMBERS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR EXCEPT FOR THE

PILOT AND DOOR GUNNER FROM ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT. TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE LOCATED NEAR THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT. NEITHER WITNESS HAS LIVING IN THE AREA DURING THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT AND COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CORRELATING TO THIS CASE. BOTH WITNESSES GUIDED THE JOINT TEAM TO A REMOTE SITE WHERE A SURFACE SEARCH HAS CONDUCTED. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS FOUND AT THE SITE CONSISTENT TO THAT OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER AND THE SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS FROM THE INCIDENT LOCATION LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS. NO SIGNS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE FOUND AT THE SITE. A SURVEY OF THE SITE LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE CRASH SITE PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. DUE TO THE STEEP SLOPES, FROSION, AND INTERMITTENT STREAMS THIS SITE IS NOT RECOMMEND FOR EXCAVATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

CC. CASE 1699: ON 9 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO DONG TRI MOUNTAIN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW SIX WITNESS WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1752, 1753, AND 1699. INFORMATION ON CASES 1752 AND 1753 WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. CASE 1699 INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS ABOARD AN AH-1G ON A COMBAT MISSION THREE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF KHE SANH AIRFIELD ON 5 FEB 71. DURING EXECUTION OF THE MISSION, THE AIRCRAFT ENTERED A CLOUD MASS AND IMPACTED INTO THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN. A GROUND TEAM SEARCHED THE CRASH SITE AND RECOVERED THE REMAINS OF ONE CREWMEMBER, BUT, DUE TO DETERIORATING WEATHER, THE SEARCH HAD TO BE SUSPENDED. UPON RETURN, THE TEAM RECOVERED A WATCH, CHIN STRAP, PART OF A RING AND A MAP BELONGING TO THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL. UNDER THE WRECKAGE HAS PART OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE HAND. NO OTHER REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. THE SIX WITNESSES PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRASH SITE. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE U.S. RECORD SITE WAS CONDUCTED ON 10 JUL 93. THERE HAS NO EVIDENCE OF WRECKAGE, REMAINS, OR BURIAL SITES DISCOVERED AT THIS SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

DD. CASE 1702: ON 7 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO CHENG HAMLET, HUONG PHUNG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW ONE WITNESS CONCERNING CASE 1702. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS ON 12 FEB 71, IN AN AH1G CONDUCTING AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. DURING THE MISSION, THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, EXPLODED AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF X0676488. SEVERAL PASSES WERE MADE OVER THE CRASH SITE, NO SURVIVORS WERE LOCATED AND THE AIRCRAFT HAS A MASS OF ASHS AND MELTED METAL. THE WITNESS WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE LIMITED INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CRASH SITES BUT HAD NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES. IE3 CONDUCTED ONE SITE SURVEY OF THE U.S. CRASH SITE DURING WHICH THE TEAM FOUND NO WRECKAGE, BURIAL SITES, OR REMAINS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

EE. CASE 1718: ON 7 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO BAN CHINH HAMLET, HUONG PHUNG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW A WITNESS CONCERNING CASE 1718. CASE 1718 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS ABOARD AN AH-1G HELICOPTER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT RETURNING FROM A COMBAT MISSION ON 6 MAR 71. THE HELICOPTER DISAPPEARED FROM THE KHE SANH OPERATIONS GROUND CONTROL APPROACH RADAR. THE CREW OF THE OTHER AIRCRAFT LOST VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE HELICOPTER SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING A HEAVY CLOUD BANK IN THE VICINITY OF X0670470. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE. THE WITNESS PROVIDED FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION. A SITE SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND THE WITNESS LOCATION WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR WRECKAGE AT EITHER LOCATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

FF. CASE 1721: ON 14 JUL 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1721 IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

CASE 1721 INVOLVES THE SHOOTDOWN ON 8 MAR 71 OF A U.S. OH-6A HELICOPTER IN THE VICINITY OF YD199129. THE AIRCRAFT, MANNED BY TWO CREWMEMBERS EXPLODED UPON IMPACT WITH THE GROUND. A CHASE CONTROL AIRCRAFT HOVERED OVER THE CRASH SITE FOR AN UNSPECIFIED TIME PERIOD BUT DID NOT SEE ANY INDICATION OF SURVIVORS. DUE TO THE INTENSE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, NO GROUND TEAM HAS EVER DEPLOYED TO THE LOCATION. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IFC CANVASSED VILLAGERS IN A RUNG VILLAGE BUT HAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING ANY RESIDENTS WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1721. ADDITIONALLY, IFC CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM DID NOT OBSERVE ANY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, OR THE PRESENCE OF REMAINS AT THE SITE. TEAM MEMBERS QUERIED A PA GO ETHNIC FAMILY RESIDING AT THE SITE; HOWEVER, THIS FAMILY DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT, THE PRESENCE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, OR REMAINS EVER BEING FOUND AT THE LOCATION. WITHOUT VIABLE WITNESSES OR ARCHIVAL INFORMATION, FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE IS NOT POSSIBLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

GG. CASE 1725: ON 8 JUL 93, IFC INVESTIGATED CASE 1725 IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1725 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A SOLDIER ON 15 MAR 71 WHO DIED WHILE MANNING AN M-109 SELF-PROPELLED, 155MM HOWITZER IN THE VICINITY OF XDR03370. WHILE FIRING THE WEAPON, THE GUN BREECH BLOCK WAS BLOWN OFF CAUSING ONE 155MM ROUND AND/OR POWDER TO EXPLODE, CONSUMING THE ENTIRE GUN IN FLAMES. HUMAN ASHES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE BURNED-OUT GUN AND SENT TO THE GRAVES REGISTRATION POINT OF KHE SANH TO BE FORWARDED TO QUANG TRI. CONTROL AND CUSTODY OF THESE REMAINS HAS LOST SOMEWHERE BETWEEN KHE SANH AND QUANG TRI. NO WITNESSES COULD BE LOCATED WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING REMAINS OR THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. IFC CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AS HELD IN U.S. RECORDS, BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INDICATIONS OF REMAINS AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

HP. CASE 1735: ON 6 JUL 93, IFC TRAVELED TO YA RI AND PAN CHENH VENH HAMLETS, HUONG PHUNG VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1735. CASE 1735 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 24 MAR 71, ABOARD AN OH-59A HELICOPTER WHICH WAS ON A VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSION WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF XD669543. SEARCH AND RESCUE PERSONNEL RESCUED ONE INDIVIDUAL AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF REMAINING PERSONNEL. ON TAKE-OFF ONE SET OF REMAINS WAS BLOWN FROM THE HELICOPTER AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 - 1500 FEET; AN AERIAL SEARCH OF THE AREA HAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INTERVIEWS OF THE WITNESSES AND SITE SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR WRECKAGE HAS RECOVERED FROM THE SITE SURVEY. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

II. CASE 1736: ON 13 JUL 93, IFC TRAVELED TO XA LANG HAMLET, HUONG LINH VILLAGE, HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO CONDUCT BOTH A PROTOCOL MEETING AND TO CANVASS THE VILLAGE FOR POTENTIAL WITNESSES REGARDING CASE 1736. CASE 1736 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF THREE INDIVIDUALS ON 25 MAR 71 WHO WERE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PATROL WHILE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH HOSTILE FORCES. NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO RESCUE THESE PERSONNEL WERE MADE BUT INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE LIMITED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORTS. THE FOLLOWING DAY SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES COMBED THE BATTLEFIELD RECOVERING OTHER LOSSES BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE THREE PERSONNEL OF CASE 1736. AFTER COMPLETING THE PROTOCOL MEETING IN XA LANG HAMLET, THE VILLAGE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN HAS INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE CASE BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS CASE. A SURVEY OF THE U.S. LAST KNOWN LOCATION HAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS HAS LOCATED AT THE SURVEYED SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

JJ. CASE 1752: ON 9 JUL 93, IE3 INTERVIEWED SIX WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION CORRELATING TO CASES 1752, 1753 AND 1699 ON DONG TRI MOUNTAIN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. CASE 1752 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IN AN AH-1G HELICOPTER ON A COMBAT MISSION. THEY WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED INTO THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN ON 1 JUN 71. A GROUND SEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH DUE TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. THE SIX WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT ONE HELICOPTER AND A WHITE JET THAT CRASHED IN THE AREA. THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE CORRELATES TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS FOR CASE 1752. THE WHITE JET CRASH SITE CORRELATES TO A NAVY OPERATIONAL LOSS AND NOT TO CASE 1699. THE WITNESSES COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1753. INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASES 1699 AND 1753 WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. ALL SIX WITNESSES PROVIDED THE SAME INFORMATION CORRELATING TO THE CRASH SITE OF 1752. NONE OF THE WITNESSES WERE LIVING IN THE AREA AND DID NOT SEE THE AIRCRAFT CRASH. THEY HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES IN THE AREA. BOTH THE CRASH SITE LOCATION LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AND WITNESS LOCATION WERE SURVEYED. EVIDENCE OF HELICOPTER WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE WITNESS LOCATION. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN OF THE LARGER PIECES OF WRECKAGE WITH PART AND SERIAL NUMBERS. NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE DISCOVERED AT THIS SITE. DUE TO THE FACT THE SITE CONTAINS ORDNANCE IT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE TEAM LEADER, FOD, AND CILHI PERSONNEL THAT THIS SITE NOT BE EXCAVATED BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

KK. CASE 1753: ON 9 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO DONG TRI MOUNTAIN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW SIX WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING CASES 1699, 1752, AND 1753. CASE 1753 INVOLVES ONE INDIVIDUAL ON 5 JUN 71, WHO WAS WOUNDED WHILE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH HOSTILE FORCES. AFTER BEING WOUNDED IN THE LEGS BY A HAND GRENADE, HE DECIDED TO SURRENDER AND PROCEEDED TO LEAVE THE BUNKER. HE HANDED HIS WEAPON AND WALLET TO AN NVA SOLDIER, WHO THEN FIRED SIX ROUNDS INTO HIS CHEST KILLING HIM INSTANTLY. THE SIX WITNESSES COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1753. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE U.S. RECORD SITE YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. ALL BUNKERS WERE CHECKED AT THE LOCATION AND YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES WERE DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THE CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

LL. CASE 1760: ON 28 JUN 93, IE3 TRAVELED ALONG THE QUANG TRI RIVER IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO SPEAK TO LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1760. THE LOCAL INHABITANTS IN THE AREA COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. CASE 1760 INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS ON A COMBAT MISSION IN AN AH-1 ON 15 JUL 71. THE HELICOPTER ENGINE FAILED AND IT CRASHED INTO THE QUANG TRI RIVER.

THE TWO CREWMEMBERS SURVIVED THE CRASH AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESCUED WHEN BOTH PILOTS LOST THEIR GRIPS ON THE RESCUE LINE. ON 28 JUN 93, AN ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL (XD996444) AND CONTINUED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR APPARENT BURIAL SITES AT THE LOCATION OR DOWN RIVER OF THE INCIDENT. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

MM. CASE 1795: ON 2 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO KHE SANH TOWN, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INTERVIEW THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1795. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION ON 20 JANUARY 1972 WHEN THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF XD883408. SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES ON THE SCENE RECOVERED SIX INDIVIDUALS FROM THE SITE, HOWEVER, THEY WERE UNABLE TO LAND AND RECOVER OTHERS DUE TO THE

PRESENCE OF HOSTILE FORCES. THE THREE WITNESSES WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CORRELATING TO THIS CASE. PRIOR TO CONDUCTING A SITE SURVEY OF THE U.S. LAST KNOWN LOCATION, THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD BEEN TO THE SITE IN U.S. RECORDS; HE COULD PROVIDE LITTLE INFORMATION ON THE CRASH SITE IN REGARDS TO WRECKAGE AND HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THE REMAINING INDIVIDUALS OF CASE 1795. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

5. INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 4 (IE4). IE4 CONDUCTED JOINT INVESTIGATIONS IN FOUR DISTRICTS IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE AND TWO DISTRICTS IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. IE4 INVESTIGATED THREE PRIORITY CASES (0381, 1086, 1756) AND 27 OTHER CASES (0268, 0269, 0784, 0830, 0907, 1077, 1106, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1138, 1145, 1146, 1153, 1164, 1251, 1358, 1426, 1707, 1745, 1746, 1750, 1761, 1831, 1879, 1901). THE TEAM RECOMMENDED 7 CASES FOR REINVESTIGATION (1756, 0784, 1106, 1426, 1707, 1746, AND 1831), 3 CASES FOR EXCAVATION (1086, 1077, AND 1879), AND 20 CASES FOR THE PENDING CATEGORY. DURING THE JFA, IE4 INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF 61 WITNESSES. THE TEAM EXCAVATED ONE (1) LAST-KNOWN LOCATION (0907) HOWEVER, NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED. THE SITE AT 0907 WAS EXCAVATED AND CLOSED ON 11 JULY BY

USCIBI REPRESENTATIVES. DURING THE COURSE OF THESE INVESTIGATIONS, IE4 RECEIVED THREE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH TWO CASES (1707 AND 1979) AND REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THREE CASES (1077, 1707 AND 1831). 30 FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED. ADDITIONALLY, 1 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED. THROUGHOUT THE ACTIVITY, THE TEAM RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM THEIR VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF CASES INVESTIGATED:

A. PRIORITY CASE 0381: ON 10 JUL 93, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO DIEN NGOC VILLAGE, DIEN PAN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE PRIORITY CASE 0381. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE DISAPPEARANCE OF A U.S. MARINE LANCE CORPORAL WHILE SPEAKING A LOCAL VILLAGER TO DO LAUNDRY. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES, THREE OF WHOM CLAIM FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE BURIAL OF THE AMERICAN. TWO OF THE WITNESSES CLAIM KNOWLEDGE ONLY OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND INCLUDING THE SHOOTING DEATH OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY LED TO A VILLAGE HOUSE AND SHOT TO DEATH BY THE COMMANDER OF THE VILLAGE MILITIA. THE BODY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED TO WHAT IS NOW A CEMETERY FOR BURIAL. ON 11 JUL 93, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO RELATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF THE AMERICAN, BUT CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF A BURIAL. NAMES ATTAINED DURING THE 17TH JFA DID NOT SURFACE AS POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN THE BURIAL. THE TEAM VISITED THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. THE SITE IS IN A CEMETERY CONTAINING MARKED AND UNMARKED GRAVES. THE TWO

WITNESSES COULD NARROW DOWN A POSSIBLE BURIAL LOCATION TO ONLY A 15 BY 10 METER AREA DUE TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF REFERENCE POINTS (A TEMPLE AND BUSHES). WITNESSES SURMISE THAT THEIR DISAPPEARANCE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A BULLDOZER CLEARING EFFORT UNDERTAKEN BY U.S. FORCES SOMETIME IN 1968. DUE TO THIS CLEARING EFFORT, THE WITNESSES SURMISE THE AMERICAN'S REMAINS WERE LOST. ADDITIONALLY, A LARGE VIETNAMESE CEMETERY WAS CONSTRUCTED ON ALLEGED BURIAL SITE IN THE MID 1980S. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 75-100 MARKED AND UNMARKED GRAVES OF VIETNAMESE CITIZENS AT THIS LOCATION. RECOMMEND NO EXCAVATION EFFORT BE ATTEMPTED. THIS CASE IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE PENDING CATEGORY.

F. PRIORITY CASE 1086: ON 4 JUL 93, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG HA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA-THIEN HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE PRIORITY CASE 1086. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SAFE EJECTION OF THE PILOT OF AN F4D WHICH HAD CRASHED IN THE AREA. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE FIRST-HAND WITNESS WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED DURING THE 13TH AND 17TH JFA'S. THE VNCSMP OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE OTHER FIRST-

HAND WITNESSES TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN CONTRADICTORY AND OFTENTIMES UNCONVINCING TESTIMONY CONCERNING HER ACCOUNT OF THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THIS CASE. SHE, AGAIN DISPLAYING A NERVOUS AND EVASIVE DEMEANOR, CONTRADICTED HER PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. HOWEVER, IE4 BELIEVES SHE DID INDEED PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND PROBABLY INCLUDING THE BURIAL OF THE DOWNED PILOT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE WHERE THE WITNESS, USING REFERENCE POINTS, INDICATED A 16- BY 16-METER AREA AS THE BURIAL LOCATION. THE TEAM ALSO TRAVELLED TO THE LAST-KNOWN LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR EQUIPMENT, OR POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES. RECOMMEND BURIAL SITE FOR EXCAVATION.

C. PRIORITY CASE 1756: ON 13 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF PRIORITY CASE 1756 IN HIEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-LANANG PROVINCE. THIS CASE IS A GROUND ICSS INVOLVING ONE SERVICEMAN WHO WAS INJURED AFTER PARACHUTING INTO A TARGET AREA. THE FOLLOWING DAY, A RESCUE TEAM LOCATED SOME OF HIS EQUIPMENT, BUT WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE SERVICEMAN. IE4 INTERVIEWED EIGHT WITNESSES REGARDING THIS CASE. TWO OF THE WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRST-HAND TESTIMONY ABOUT THE AMBUSH OF ONE, POSSIBLY TWO U.S. OR ARVN SOLDIERS IN JUN 1971. THE OTHER WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING REMAINS THAT WERE FOUND AFTER THE ALLEGED AMBUSH. NONE OF THE WITNESSES KNEW OF ANYONE HAVING BURIED THE REMAINS, OR CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION OF REMAINS. THE WITNESSES LED IE4 TO THE AMBUSH LOCATION AND THE SITE WHERE REMAINS WERE FOUND. IE4 FOUND PORTIONS OF A PARACHUTE HARNESS, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF HUMAN REMAINS. A TEST PIT WAS DUG AT THE LOCATION A WITNESS CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND REMAINS, BUT NOTHING WAS DISCOVERED. THE SITE WAS FOUND TO BE THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED DURING WHICH

TIME THE AREA WAS DUG UP BY VILLAGERS LOOKING FOR REMAINS. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE REINVESTIGATED BY THE FCIT TEAM.

D. CASE 0268: ON 3 JUL 93, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO A SHO VILLAGE, A LUCI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0268. THIS CASE IS A GROUND INCIDENT INVOLVING A U.S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT'S BODY BEING LEFT ON A STRETCHER AT THE "BOTTO" OF A HILL WHEN THE A SHAU SPECIAL FORCES CAMP WAS OVERRUN. THE VIETNAMESE COULD NOT PRODUCE ANY WITNESSES WHO COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THIS CASE. LOCAL RESIDENTS HAD REPORTEDLY EVACUATED THE AREA DURING THE WAR YEARS DUE TO THE FIERCE FIGHTING TAKING PLACE. THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR EQUIPMENT, OR POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES HAS DISCOVERED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

E. CASE 0269: ON 1 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO A ROANG HAMLET, AKA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0269 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN A-4 AIRCRAFT FLYING A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION. IE4 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT DOES NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 0269. ON 5 JUL THE TEAM RETURNED TO A ROANG VILLAGE TO TRAVEL TO THE REPORTED CRASH LOCATION. A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE HAS CONDUCTED AND WRECKAGE FOUND HAS DETERMINED TO BE FROM A HELICOPTER. THE TEAM THEN TRAVELLED TO THE OFFICIAL GRID COORDINATES MAINTAINED IN US RECORDS AND FOUND NO WRECKAGE, REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS TO INDICATE ANY TYPE OF AIRCRAFT CRASH. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

F. CASE 0784: ON 1 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO AYA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0784. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF A CH-46 HELICOPTER WHILE EXTRACTING FOUR MEMBERS OF A MARINE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM. DUE TO A HIGH DEGREE OF

ANIMOSITY DISPLAYED TOWARD THE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS BY SEVERAL LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE WITNESSES. ONLY VNOSMP MEMBERS AND ONE VIETNAM-BORN U.S. TEAM MEMBER WERE PERMITTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE REMAINING TEAM MEMBERS DEPARTED THE AREA. THE REMAINING U.S. TEAM MEMBER AND VNOSMP MEMBERS INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A CRASH SITE OF A TWIN-ROTOR HELICOPTER IN THE LOCAL AREA. ONE WITNESS STATED HE HAD DISCOVERED A BONE WHILE SCAVENGING THE SITE AND REBURIED IT NEAR THE SITE. A DATA PLATE CORRELATING TO CASE 0784 BY AIRCRAFT TYPE AND VEHICLE NUMBER HAS TURNED OVER TO THE TEAM. THE CONTINGENT THEN TRAVELLED TO THE SITE. A SURVEY HAS CONDUCTED OF THE CRASH SITE. DURING THE SURVEY, THE BONE ONE WITNESS HAD FOUND AND REBURIED HAS RECOVERED AND PHOTOGRAPHED. THE BONE HAS REBURIED AT THE WITNESSES' INSISTENCE. A PARTIAL PIECE OF PROBABLE FLIGHT SUIT WAIST STRAP HAS ALSO DISCOVERED AND RETAINED BY THE TEAM. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

G. CASE 0830: ON 11 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO #1 HOA PHU HAMLET, PHO TUC VILLAGE, HOA VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0830 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL BEING INSERTED BY PARACHUTE WITH A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM INTO THE LOCAL AREA. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 0830 BY CIRCUMSTANCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED NO FIRSTHAND WITNESSES OR ANY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS PERTAINING TO THE MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN IN CASE 0830. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF CASE 0830 AND CONDUCTED A GROUND SEARCH THAT HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

H. CASE 0907: ON 11 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO #1 HOA PHU HAMLET, PHO TUC VILLAGE, HOA VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0907 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL ON A LONG-RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FIVE WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 0907. THREE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING EVENTS ABOUT AND AFTER THE BATTLE. TWO INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED THE REPORTS OF THE BATTLE. TWO WITNESSES LED IE4 TO THE ALLEGED LOCATION OF THE BODY WHERE AN EXCAVATION OF A TWO- BY TWO-METER AREA WAS CONDUCTED. THE TEAM FOUND A PONCHO AND 38 BUTTONS BELIEVED TO BE FROM A MILITARY UNIFORM. THE SITE HAS CLOSED ON 11 JUL 93 BY A CILHI REPRESENTATIVE. THE TEAM FOUND NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

I. CASE 1077: ON 2 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO PHU THUONG VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1077 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A CH-46 HELICOPTER ON A MISSION ATTEMPTING TO INSERT A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM INTO THE LOCAL AREA. IE4 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1077, AND TWO WITNESSES WHO

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PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT DID NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 1077. A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE WAS CONDUCTED AND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE IDENTIFIED. ONE PIECE OF REMAINS WAS RECOVERED AND NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE WERE VIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE SITE. THE UPPER PORTION OF A FLIGHT HELMET AND A PORTION OF AN M-16 RIFLE BUTT HAS ALSO FOUND. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

J. CASE 1106: ON 2 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1106 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THIS CASE HAS A GROUND LOSS INVOLVING ONE MEMBER OF A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM WHO HAS LEFT BEHIND AFTER BEING SHOT BY THE ENEMY AS THEY WERE OVERRUNNING THE TEAM'S POSITION. IE4 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF AN ENCOUNTER WITH A SMALL SPECIAL FORCES TEAM SOMETIME TOWARD THE END OF 1967. THE WITNESS' ACCOUNT CORRELATED WELL WITH CASE 1106 BY LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES, HOWEVER SEVERAL DETAILS (DATE/TIME; RACE OF INDIVIDUAL KILLED) DID NOT CORRELATE. THE WITNESS HAS ABLE TO POINT OUT ON A MAP THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE ENCOUNTER,

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BUT REFUSED TO GUIDE IE4 TO THE SITE, PROBABLY DUE TO HOSTILE FEELINGS TOWARD AMERICANS. FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW, IE4 TRAVELLED TO BOTH THE LOCATION THE WITNESS HAD POINTED OUT AND THE GRID COORDINATES LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS FOR THE INCIDENT. THE TEAM SEARCHED THE AREAS, BUT FOUND NO REMAINS, GRAVE SITES, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR EQUIPMENT AT EITHER LOCATION. MORE COOPERATION WITH A WITNESS IS REQUIRED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

K. CASE 1132: ON 27 JUN 93 IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1132. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE DOWNING OF A CH-54 HELICOPTER WHILE ON A SUPPLY MISSION. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED THE CRASH SITE, AND ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED A DOG TAG WHICH DOES NOT CORRELATE TO THE CASE. THREE OF THE WITNESSES REPORTED HAVING FOUND REMAINS AT THE SITE, BUT SURMISE THAT THEY HAVE SINCE BEEN WASHED AWAY. NONE OF THE WITNESSES COULD PROVIDE DIRECT TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE WHICH WAS LOCATED ON A STEEP HILLSIDE. THROUGH WRECKAGE AT THE SITE, THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THE CRASH SITE WAS THAT OF A CH-54 HELICOPTER. A TEST PIT BASED ON THE ON-SITE ASSISTANCE OF A WITNESS, A SURFACE SEARCH, AND A SURVEY YIELDED NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. DURING THE SURVEY WRECKAGE WAS FOUND WASHED DOWN THE HILLSIDE OVER 100 METERS FROM THE SITE. ADDITIONALLY, THE SITE WAS THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED. ON 5 JUL 93, DURING THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATING ANOTHER CASE, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS. NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE WAS DISCOVERED AT THAT LOCATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

L. CASE 1133: ON 28 JUN 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1133 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES ONE SERVICEMAN WHO FELL FROM A UH-1 HELICOPTER AFTER IT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AT 3000-4000 FEET ALTITUDE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION REGARDING A U.S. HELICOPTER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1968 AND THE CREW SUBSEQUENTLY RESCUED. THE WITNESS LED IE4 TO THE CRASH SITE WHICH IS ON THE SLOPE OF A HEMLOCK, DENSELY VEGETATED MOUNTAIN. IE4 FOUND SCATTERED WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER. NO REMAINS, GRAVE SITES, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT WAS FOUND. AN ELEMENT OF IE4 THEN TRAVELLED TO THE GRID COORDINATES HEID IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION THE SERVICEMAN FELL FROM THE HELICOPTER, BUT DISCOVERED NO REMAINS, GRAVE SITES, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

M. CASE 1134: ON 28 JUN 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1134 WHICH INVOLVES A CH-47 HELICOPTER THAT CRASHED ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT

PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1134 BY TIME FRAME AND LOCATION. ONE OF THE WITNESSES LED THE TEAM TO AN ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN A STREAM BED. THE ONLY WRECKAGE FOUND WAS FOUR ROTOR BLADE ASSEMBLIES APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS DOWNSTREAM. ALL OTHER WRECKAGE HAD BEEN WASHED AWAY. DURING THE SURVEY, WITNESSES STATED THE STREAM FLOODES TO A HEIGHT OF 20 METERS DURING THE RAINY SEASON. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS, EQUIPMENT OR REMAINS WERE LOCATED. EXCAVATION NOT RECOMMENDED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

N. CASE 1135: ON 29 JUN 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE 1750, BUT DUE TO INFORMATION OBTAINED AND A SITE SURVEY CORRELATING TO CASE 1135, THE TEAM OPTED TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1135. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF A CH-47 HELICOPTER ON A RESUPPLY MISSION. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE JUMPED FROM THE HELICOPTER PRIOR TO THE CRASH. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE SECOND-HAND WITNESS WITH INFORMATION

INITIALLY BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1750. THE WITNESS REPORTED DISCOVERING A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE SOMETIME IN 1977. THE CRASH OF THE TWIN-ROTOR HELICOPTER OCCURRED POSSIBLY SOMETIME IN 1969. TWO LARGE ROTORS WERE DISCOVERED AT THE SITE BY THE WITNESS. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE SITE WHERE ON-SITE ANALYSIS INDICATED WITNESS TESTIMONY AND SITE LOCATION WERE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1135, AND NOT 1750. BETWEEN 30 JUN - 2 JUL 93, MEMBERS OF THE VNOSMP UNILATERALLY RE-CANVASSED THE LOCAL POPULACE SEEKING INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE RELATED TO CASE 1135, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 3 JUL 93, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 RETURNED TO THE CRASH SITE LOCATION. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE CRASH SITE LOCATION AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS, AND TO THE LAST-KNOWN LOCATION OF THE DOWNED CREWMEN AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM'S CONTINGENT ALSO CANVASSED LOCAL VILLAGERS IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Q. CASE 1138: ON 4 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG HA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1138. THIS CASE INVOLVED A UH-1H HELICOPTER CARRYING SIX CREWMEMBERS WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN IN APRIL 1968. ONE MONTH AFTER THE LOSS, THE TAIL BOOM AND ROTOR BLADES OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE FOUND IN TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS, BUT SEARCH TEAMS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE MAIN CABIN DUE TO HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN IN JUL 1967, JUST PRIOR TO THEIR EVACUATING TO LAOS. WHEN THEY RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGE IN 1974, THE WITNESSES DISCOVERED HELICOPTER WRECKAGE, WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF THE HELICOPTER THEY HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN. NEITHER WITNESS EVER FOUND HUMAN REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AMONG THE WRECKAGE, NOR HAD THEY HEARD OF ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD. THE WITNESSES THEN LED IE4 TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE WRECKAGE WAS FOUND. THE SITES HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED, BUT THE TEAM FOUND SOME RESIDUAL EVIDENCE OF A HELICOPTER CRASH. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE GRID COORDINATES HELD IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE CRASH LOCATION. THE TEAM SEARCHED THE AREA, BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. DUE TO WITNESS TESTIMONY THAT NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS HAD BEEN FOUND, AND THE TEAM'S INABILITY TO LOCATE ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH, IE4 DOES NOT RECOMMEND THESE SITES FOR EXCAVATION. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

P. CASE 1145: ON 5 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1145 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THIS CASE IS A GROUND LOSS INVOLVING THREE SERVICEMEN WHOSE UNIT WAS AMPUSHED AND WHOSE BODIES WERE UNABLE TO BE RECOVERED AS THE UNIT WITHDREW. NO WITNESSES TO THIS INCIDENT OR PERSONS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ANY REMAINS OR GRAVE SITES COULD BE LOCATED. IE4 TRAVELLED TO THE GRID COORDINATES HELD IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT. A SEARCH OF THE AREA HAS CONDUCTED, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS,

GRAVE SITES, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT HAS FOUND. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Q. CASE 1146: ON 29 JUN 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1146 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES A C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED WHILE ATTEMPTING AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT A LUOI AIRFIELD. ALL BUT THREE OF THE CREWMEMBERS' REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES, BOTH OF WHOM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED DURING THE 17TH JFA (APR-MAY 92). NEITHER WITNESS HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT REMAINS, NOR DID THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO THEIR PREVIOUS TESTIMONY. AFTER THE INTERVIEWS, AN ELEMENT OF IE4 WENT TO THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE LOCATED IN A FIAT, CLEAR AREA WHICH WAS FORMERLY A LUOI AIRFIELD. THE TEAM DISCOVERED SCATTERED MATERIAL EVIDENCE INDICATING A CRASH HAD OCCURRED AT THAT SITE, BUT NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS COULD BE LOCATED. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, THE SITE HAS BEEN SCAVENGED FOR SCRAP METAL NUMEROUS TIMES OVER THE YEARS.

BUT THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANYONE EVER DISCOVERING HUMAN REMAINS. THE TEAM ALSO WALKED TO THE GRID COORDINATES HELD IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE CRASH LOCATION, BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH. RECOMMEND NO EXCAVATION OF THIS SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

R. CASE 1153: ON 29 JUN 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1153 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A OH-6 HELICOPTER THAT CRASHED ON A VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. IE4 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1153. ONE WITNESS WAS PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED AND PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION. TWO ADDITIONAL WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1153. ON 3 JUL, A THOROUGH SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED OF THE CRASH SITE. ONE SMALL PIECE OF WRECKAGE WAS FOUND. NO REMAINS, OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED. THIS SITE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY SCAVENGED AND BULLDOZED SOME TIME SINCE THE CRASH REMOVING OR COVERING ANY POSSIBLE EVIDENCE. RECOMMEND NO EXCAVATION OF THIS SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

S. CASE 1164: ON 16 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1164 IN HIEU DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-LANANG PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES A UH-1C HELICOPTER WHICH HAS SHOT DOWN, KILLING ALL FOUR CREW MEMBERS. U.S. GROUND FORCES LOCATED THE REMAINS, BUT WERE UNABLE TO RECOVER THEM DUE TO ENEMY ACTION IN THE AREA. IE4 INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES, ALL OF WHOM HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING A PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. NONE OF THE WITNESSES HAD ANY NEW INFORMATION, OR ANY KNOWLEDGE OF REMAINS OR GRAVE SITES IN THE AREA. THE WITNESSES LED IE4 TO THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN THE A VUONG RIVER, BUT NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH COULD BE LOCATED. A SEARCH OF THE RIVER'S BANKS ALSO PRODUCED NO WRECKAGE, REMAINS, OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

T. CASE 1251: ON 30 JUN 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1251 IN A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS KILLED DURING A GROUND BATTLE, BUT THE REMAINS WERE NOT RECOVERED DUE TO THE HOSTILE SITUATION. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF A BATTLE IN WHICH THEY PARTICIPATED ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN THE MIDDLE OF 1968. THEIR ACCOUNTS POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO THE BATTLE IN WHICH CASE 1251 WAS INVOLVED BY GENERAL LOCATION AND TIME FRAME, HOWEVER NEITHER WITNESS HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. SOLDIERS' BODIES BEING LEFT BEHIND FOLLOWING THE BATTLE. ON 4 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE BATTLE SITE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DUE TO THE HAZARDOUS AND UNSAFE TERRAIN (ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEAK), IE4 WAS UNABLE TO SEND A GROUND SEARCH TEAM TO THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE

PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY

U. CASE 1358: ON 12 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO HOA PHU VILLAGE, HOA VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1358. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF AN A1H AIRCRAFT, AND THE SUBSEQUENT DISCOVERY OF THE DEAD PILOT. WHILE THE PILOT'S REMAINS WERE BEING HOISTED UP TO A HELICOPTER BY U.S. FORCES, THE BODY BAG CONTAINING THE REMAINS DROPPED 175 FEET TO THE GROUND. NO OTHER RECOVERY ATTEMPT WAS MADE. NO WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE COULD BE LOCATED. THE TEAM QUESTIONED LOCAL VILLAGERS AND SEVERAL LOGGING INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES WORKING NEAR THE INCIDENT SITE, AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE INCIDENT

LOCATION, AS REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS, AND SEARCHED THE AREA. NO EVIDENCE OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE, REMAINS, OR PERSONAL EFFECTS HAS DISCOVERED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

V. CASE 1426: ON 14 JUL 93, IE4 FLEW TO A VUONG VILLAGE, HIEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1426. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE APR 69 SHOOT DOWN OF A UH1H HELICOPTER WHILE ON A COMBAT INSERTION MISSION. THE CHARRED REMAINS OF THE PILOT WERE NOT RECOVERED. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES. THE FIRST WITNESS REPORTS HAVING PARTICIPATED WITH THE SECOND WITNESS AND TWO OTHERS IN THE BURIAL OF THE PILOT. THE SECOND WITNESS DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE BURIAL OF THE PILOT AND CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. THE FIRST WITNESS, INTERVIEWED FOR THE THIRD TIME, GAVE CONFLICTING, AND OFTEN UNCONVINCING TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE PILOT'S REMAINS. DURING THE 14TH JFA, HE ALLUDED TO COLLABORATING WITH FOUR INDIVIDUALS FROM DAI LOC DISTRICT IN REMAINS DEALING. DURING THE 17TH AND 24TH JFA'S, HE STATED NO REMAINS WERE EXHUMED BY HIM OR THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS. HE SURMISES THE REMAINS WERE CONSUMED BY WILD ANIMALS. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE AND WAS SHOWN THE EXACT BURIAL SPOT. THE TEAM DUG A TEST PIT AND SEARCHED THE AREA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIS SAME SITE WAS SURVEYED AND A TEST PIT WAS DUG DURING THE 17TH JFA, ALSO WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THE VIETNAMESE UNILATERALLY INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. MAI, MR. DAN (ZAN), MR. TRUNG, AND MR. DUNG (ZUNG) OF HAMLETS 6 AND 9, DAI LANH VILLAGE, DAI LOC DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNILATERAL REMAINS RECOVERIES. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

W. CASE 1707: ON 2 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO PHU THUONG VILLAGE, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1707 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN O-2A AIRCRAFT ON A COMBAT SUPPORT MISSION. IE4 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1707. ONE IDENTIFICATION TAG WAS PRESENTED TO THE TEAM WITH THE PILOT'S NAME THAT CORRELATES TO CASE 1707. ONE PIECE OF REMAINS BELIEVED TO BE FEMUR, ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED AT THE SITE BY THE WITNESS, WAS TURNED OVER TO THE TEAM. THE WITNESS IDENTIFIED THE SITE AS BEING 500 METERS WITHIN THE LAO BORDER AND AGREED TO LEAD A TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE. VNOSMP OFFICIALS WOULD NOT ALLOW THE TEAM TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE BORDER. TEAM HAS DETERMINED THIS IS A LAOS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

X. CASE 1745: ON 14 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO A VUONG HAMLET, A BAT VILLAGE, HIEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM - DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1745 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF THREE INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL IN THE LOCAL AREA. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BATTLE AND LOSS OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN CASE 1745. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BATTLE AND FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THOSE INVOLVED. THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE SITE OF THE REPORTED BATTLE AND THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION

MAINTAINED IN US RECORDS. A SURVEY HAS CONDUCTED OF THE REPORTED BATTLE SITE WHERE THE LOCAL AREA HAS SEARCHED FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS, AND GRAVE SITES. A LIMITED AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT WAS FOUND. NO HUMAN REMAINS OR INDICATIONS OF GRAVE SITES WERE LOCATED IN THE AREA. THE TEAM DUG TWO TEST PITS WHERE THE WITNESSES CLAIMED TWO OF THE THREE BODIES ALLEGEDLY LAY. THE TEST PITS CONTAINED NO INDICATIONS OF HUMAN REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. A THIRD TEST PIT HAS NOT ATTEMPTED OF THE ALLEGED LOCATION OF THE THIRD BODY BECAUSE AREA WAS SOLID ROCK WITH NO TOPSOIL IN A STREAM BED. A SURVEY HAS CONDUCTED OF THE SURFACE AREA AND RESULTED IN NO ADDITIONAL MATERIAL OR REMAINS BEING IDENTIFIED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

Y. CASE 1746: ON 4 JUL 93, A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG HA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA- THIEN HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1746. THE CASE INVOLVES THE DOWNING OF A UH-1H HELICOPTER WHILE ON A

COMBAT ASSAULT MISSION. FOUR CREWMEN WERE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF LOSS. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE IN THE LOCAL AREA. HE ALLEGES OF HAVING SEEN REMAINS, TWO DOG TAGS, AND A PROBABLE IDENTIFICATION CARD AT THE SITE. DATA RECORDED BY THE WITNESS FROM THE CARD DOES NOT CORRELATE TO A CASE OF AN UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN HELD IN JTF-FA RECORDS. THE HELICOPTER INVOLVED AND THE GENERAL LOCATION DESCRIBED BY THE WITNESS DO CORRELATE TO CASE 1746. THE SECOND WITNESS' TESTIMONY HAS LIMITED TO A PIECE OF WRECKAGE HE HEARD HAS GATHERED FROM THE SITE. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AND VNOSMP OFFICIALS WANTING TO RETURN TO HUE, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE. REQUEST THE VNOSMP MAKE MR. PHEN, A RESIDENT OF THE LOCAL AREA, AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW FOLLOWED-UP BY A SITE SURVEY. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

2. CASE 1750: ON 29 JUN 93 A CONTINGENT OF IE4 TRAVELLED TO HONG VAN VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1750. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF AN OH6A HELICOPTER WHILE ON A VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO SECOND-HAND WITNESSES, ONE OF WHOM HAD KNOWLEDGE OF A CRASH SITE IN THE LOCAL AREA. NEITHER WITNESS COULD PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE AND ASSOCIATED THE WITNESS' TESTIMONY AND SITE LOCATION TO PROBABLE CASE 1135. THE TEAM THEN TRAVELLED TO THE COORDINATES REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE LOCATION OF CASE 1750. NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR REMAINS WERE DISCOVERED BY THE TEAM. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

AA. CASE 1761: ON 15 JUL 93, IE4 CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1761 IN HIEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVED A UH-1H HELICOPTER INCIDENT WHERE ALL CREW MEMBERS WERE RESCUED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PILOT, WHO WAS KILLED BY GROUND FIRE AS THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN. THE CREW MEMBERS WERE UNABLE TO EXTRACT THE PILOT'S BODY FROM THE COCKPIT, SO IT WAS LEFT BEHIND. IE4 INTERVIEWED ONE FIRST-HAND WITNESS TO THE SHOOTDOWN AND SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF THE PILOT. THE WITNESS' TESTIMONY CORRELATED TO CASE 1761 BY TIME FRAME AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. THE WITNESS LED IE4 TO THE CRASH SITE WHICH THE TEAM CONFIRMED TO BE THAT OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER. THE WITNESS THEN POINTED OUT THE LOCATION WHERE THE PILOT WAS ALLEGEDLY BURIED. THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF SEVERAL PRIOR EXCAVATIONS IN THE AREA CONDUCTED DURING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS. IE4 DUG A TEST PIT AT THE LOCATION POINTED OUT BY THE WITNESS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

BE. CASE 1831: ON 8 JUL 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO LOC TIEN HAMLET, PHO GIET VILLAGE, PHU LOC DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1831 WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT ON A NIGHT ESCORT

MISSION. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A CRASH SITE THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1831. A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE HAS NOT CONDUCTED BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION ON THE VIETNAMESE/LAO BORDER. TWO PREVIOUS WITNESSES REPORTILY TURNED OVER REMAINS AND CREW BELATED MATERIAL DURING THE 23RD JFA CONCERNING CASE 1831, BUT THEY WERE HELD BY THE THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TEAM UNTIL A RECOMMENDATION ON DISPOSITION HAS MADE. THE TEAM WAS NOT ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE REMAINS. AFTER INTERVIEWING THE TWO WITNESSES PROVIDED TO IE4, THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE REMAINS BE FORWARDED TO HANOI FOR REVIEW BY THE NEXT JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW TEAM. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

CC. CASE 1879: ON 29 JUN 93, IE4 TRAVELLED TO A HUA VILLAGE, A LUOI DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1879 WHICH INVOLVES TWELVE INDIVIDUALS ABOARD AN AC-130 AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED AFTER BEING STRUCK BY AN SA-7 MISSILE. IE4 INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES THAT PROVIDED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION OF A

CRASH SITE THAT CORRELATES TO CASE 1879. THE WITNESSES TURNED OVER TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE CRASH AND THREE FLIGHT HELMETS. IN THE VILLAGE A PORTION OF THE TAIL WING ASSEMBLY WAS DISCOVERED. ONE OF THE WITNESSES LED THE TEAM TO A CRASH SITE ON THE TOP OF A SMALL HILL APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE BY FOOT. A THOROUGH SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AT THE SITE WHERE PORTIONS OF A FLIGHT SUIT, SURVIVAL VEST AND AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCK, A 20MM CANNON ALONG WITH NUMEROUS SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE WERE FOUND. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

DD. CASE 1901: ON 30 JUN 93, IE4 INVESTIGATED CASE 1901. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF AN F-4D FIGHTER AND THE SUBSEQUENT EJECTION OF BOTH AIRCREW MEMBERS, ONE OF WHOM HAS RESCUED. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS POSSESSING FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT A DEAD BODY AND HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT. THE WITNESS' TESTIMONY COULD NOT BE CONCLUSIVELY CORRELATED TO ANY KNOWN CASE IN U.S. RECORDS. THE LAST-KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING SERVICE MEMBER COULD NOT BE SURVEYED BECAUSE OF ITS UNSAFE REMOTE LOCATION IT BEING A 2- TO 3-DAY WALK FROM THE NEAREST ROAD. AN AERIAL SURVEY HAS CONDUCTED OVER THE AREA ON 4 JUL, HOWEVER NO EVIDENCE HAS DISCOVERED. DUE TO THE LACK OF ALL POTENTIAL FIRST-HAND WITNESSES TO THIS INCIDENT, RECOMMEND THE CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

FE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ON 17 MAY 93, J23 TASKED IE4 TO COORDINATE WITH VNOSMP OFFICIALS AND ATTEMPT TO CONTACT TWO VIETNAMESE CITIZENS LIVING IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, WHO ALLEGEDLY HAVE TWELVE (12) SETS OF REMAINS READY TO TURN OVER TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVES. ON 9 JUL, THE IE4 TEAM LEADER REQUESTED VNOSMP OFFICIALS ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. ON 13 JUL, VNOSMP OFFICIALS INFORMED THE TEAM THAT THEY HAD CONTACTED ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED. THIS INDIVIDUAL STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY REMAINS AND NEVER SAID HE DID. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE SECOND MAN INVOLVED. VNOSMP OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT THE SECOND VIETNAMESE CITIZEN CLAIMED TO HAVE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH MISSING U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS.

6. RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1): DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, 24 JUN-20 JUL 93, RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) CONDUCTED ONE EXCAVATION (0819) AND TWO SURVEYS (0361 AND 1236) IN HA TINH PROVINCE IN CENTRAL VIETNAM. DURING THE PERIOD OF 27 JUN - 17 JUL 93, RE1 CONDUCTED AN EXCAVATION OF A CRASH CRATER ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0819. THE TEAM RECOVERED REMAINS, MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WHICH INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE CREWMEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. THE SITE OF CASE 0819 WAS CLOSED ON 17 JUL 93. RE1 ASSISTED IE1 IN NGHE AN WITH A SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0245 ON 3 JUL 93 (SEE PARAGRAPH 2). ON 28

JUN 93 A SITE RECONNAISSANCE OF CASE 0361 WAS CONDUCTED. THE SITE WAS CLOSED ON THE SAME DAY DUE TO THE LACK OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE, AND SEVERE LIMITING CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, WHICH INCLUDES INDICATIONS OF HIGH FLOOD LEVELS IN THE AREA DURING RAINY SEASON. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY BURIAL SITE IN THE AREA. NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AND THE POSSIBILITY OF REMAINS BEING PRESENT IN THESE HARSH CONDITIONS IS MINIMAL. ON 3 JUL 93 A SITE RECONNAISSANCE OF CASE 1236 WAS CONDUCTED. DURING THE SURVEY OF CASE 1236, AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WAS OBSERVED AT A LOCAL RESIDENCE. THE VILLAGER INDICATED THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE WRECKAGE WHILE SCAVENGING THE CRASH CRATER OVER THE PAST FIVE DAYS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE WRECKAGE INDICATES IT IS FROM AN F4 AIRCRAFT. 1 DETAILED EXCAVATION REPORT AND 2 SURVEY REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THROUGHOUT THIS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, THE U.S. ELEMENT RECEIVED VERY GOOD SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM ITS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE ELEMENT'S ACTIVITIES:

A. CASE 0361: ON 28 JUN 93 A SITE RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED NEAR KY TRY VILLAGE, KY ANH DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN RA-3B AND ALL 3 CREWMEMBERS WHILE CONDUCTING A NIGHT PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON 14 JUN 66. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 480XP1827902130. GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES. ACCORDING TO THE SEP 92 SURVEY REPORT, WITNESSES SAID THEY HAD TAKEN THE CREWMEMBERS 30 METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE AND BURIED THEM IN A COMMON SHALLOW GRAVE COVERED WITH ROCKS. THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE LEAD TO A SITE WHERE THE ONLY EVIDENCE OF A CRASH WERE THE REMNANTS OF A SINGLE JET AIRCRAFT ENGINE. THE AREA IS COVERED WITH SECONDARY JUNGLE GROWTH. A 15 METER SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS CONDUCTED TO SEARCH FOR ANY OTHER DEBRIS WITH NO RESULTS. THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS FROM THE ENGINE IN A ROCKY GULLY SLOPING AT A 20 DEGREE ANGLE. THERE IS NO SIGN OF A BURIAL SITE IN THIS AREA. THE ROCKS IN THE AREA ARE TOO LARGE FOR MOVEMENT BY HAND AND THE AREA SHOWS SIGNS OF EROSION. THE TEAM'S GUIDE INDICATED THAT THE WATER LEVEL AT THE SITE DURING THE RAINY SEASON REACHES APPROXIMATELY 2.5 METERS. NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND AT THIS SITE. THE POSSIBILITY OF REMAINS OR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BEING RECOVERED IS EXTREMELY LOW. THIS SITE WAS CLOSED BY THE CILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 28 JUN 93.

ADDITIONALLY, AN AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE AND SEVERAL METAL PARTS WITH PART NUMBERS WERE ALSO RECOVERED. THE SITE WAS CLOSED BY THE CILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 17 JUL 93.

C. CASE 1236: ON 3 JUL 93, A RECONNAISSANCE OF A CRASH CRATER IN THE VICINITY OF YEN DAI VILLAGE, VINH MUNICIPALITY, NGHAI AN PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WAS CONDUCTED. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 25 JUL 68 LOSS OF AN F-4J AND 1 CREWMEMBER WHILE CONDUCTING A BOMBING MISSION IN NORTH VIETNAM. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 480WP7156468688; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING SEVEN SATELLITES. THE SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.5 KM NORTH OF THE CITY OF VINH. THE RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED TO ESTABLISH AN EXCAVATION PLAN. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN A CULTIVATED FIELD IN LOOSE, SOFT, SANDY SOIL. THE CRASH CRATER IS 13X13 METERS IN DIAMETER INCLUDING THE BEAM. THE CRATER IS PERMANENTLY FLOODED TO AN ESTIMATED DEPTH OF 2 METERS. THE GROUND LEVEL IS

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F. CASE 0619: DURING THE PERIOD 27 JUN-17 JUL 93, REI CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION IN THE VICINITY OF CO DAM VILLAGE, NGHAI XUAN DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE CRASH OF AN A-4F ON 30 AUG 67 WHILE BOMBING SECONDARY TARGETS. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 480WP8395154177; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES. WITNESS TESTIMONY TO THE SEP 92 IE TEAM INDICATED THAT THE CRASH CRATER HAD BEEN EXCAVATED BY TWO SEPARATE VIETNAMESE GROUPS. BECAUSE THE SITE HAS PREVIOUSLY EXCAVATED THERE WAS NO DISTINGUISHABLE DEBRIS FIELD. THE PRIMARY EXCAVATION AREA COVERED A TOTAL AREA OF 500 SQUARE METERS. A TOTAL OF 325 SQUARE METERS WERE EXCAVATED FROM WITHIN THIS AREA. THE EXCAVATION RESULTED IN THE FINDING OF HUMAN REMAINS, FLIGHT SUIT MATERIAL, SURVIVAL KIT ITEMS AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF AN A-4F AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINS RECOVERED INCLUDE; 1 PROXIMAL DISTAL END OF PHALANGE, 2.5 CM ACROSS; 1 PROXIMAL DISTAL END OF DIGIT, 1.5 CM ACROSS; 2 MID-SHAFT FRAGMENTS OF LONG BONE, 4 AND 5.5 CM LONG; 1 POSSIBLE FIBULA SHAFT FRAGMENT, 3 CM LONG; AND 5 PIECES OF MISCELLANEOUS BONE FRAGMENT RANGING FROM 2 TO 3.7 CM LONG. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INCLUDED ONE 1944 US PENNY, ONE 1964 US QUARTER, SIZE 11 BOOT SOLE, PORTIONS OF FLIGHT SUIT, PIECES OF LIFE RAFT, AND ITEMS FROM A SURVIVAL VEST KIT.

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APPROXIMATELY 1.5 METERS FROM THE WATER LEVEL. AT THE HOME OF A LOCAL VILLAGER, TEAM MEMBERS OBSERVED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE THAT HAS ALLEGEDLY FOUND AT THE SITE. THE VILLAGER STATED THAT HE HAD RECOVERED THE ITEMS FROM WITHIN THE CRASH CRATER DURING THE PAST 5 DAYS. THE WRECKAGE OBSERVED BY THE TEAM MEMBERS IS CONSISTENT WITH AN F4 AIRCRAFT. NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. DUE TO THE TIME REQUIRED TO EXCAVATE THE TEAM'S PRIMARY CASE, EXCAVATION OPERATIONS AT THIS SITE WERE NOT POSSIBLE. ON 16 JUL 93 A CONTINGENT OF RE1 RETURNED TO THE SITE TO CONDUCT A TEST PUMP OF THE CRASH CRATER. IT IS ESTIMATED THE PUMPING OF THE CRATER WILL REQUIRE CONTINUOUS PUMPING DUE TO THE RAPID RECHARGE OF THE WATER TABLE THROUGH THE SANDY SOIL. ESTIMATE A MINIMUM OF 20-30 DAYS OF EXCAVATION AND, BASED ON TEST PUMP DATA, ANTICIPATE A SEVERE PROBLEM WITH WATER IN THE CRASH CRATER. THE NATURE OF THE SANDY SOIL AND THE RAPID RATE OF GROUND WATER RECHARGE WILL NECESSARILY RESULT IN SEVERE CAVING OF THE CRATER WALLS. THEREFORE, FULL-SCALE CONSTRUCTION GRADE SHORING WITH SHEET STEEL PILING WILL BE REQUIRED. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION DURING THE DRY SEASON.

7. RECOVERY ELEMENT TWO (RE2): DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA), 24 JUN - 20 JUL 93, RECOVERY ELEMENT TWO (RE2) CONDUCTED 2 EXCAVATIONS (0774 AND 0928) AND 1 SURVEY (0494) IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE SITE ASSOCIATED WITH PRIORITY CASE 0928 AND RECOVERED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT INDICATING THAT AT LEAST ONE CREW MEMBER WAS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. HOWEVER, NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE RECOVERED FROM THIS SITE. THE SITE HAS CLOSED ON 29 JUN 93. THE TEAM ALSO EXCAVATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0774. RE2 RECOVERED ONE HUMAN TOOTH WITH AN OCCLUSAL RESTORATION, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FROM THIS SITE. THE SITE WAS CLOSED ON 14 JUL 93. RE2 ASSISTED RE3 IN THE PARTIAL EXCAVATION OF CASE 1141 (SEE PARAGRAPH 8). CASE 0494 WAS SURVEYED BY RE2 ON 26 JUN 93. HOWEVER, DUE TO DISCREPANCIES (LOCATION OF PARACHUTE LANDING SITE AND AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE) BETWEEN RE2'S OBSERVATIONS AND THE SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE 18TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS THE ABSENCE OF THE WITNESSES (CURRENTLY IN LAOS) PRESENT DURING THE 24TH JFA SURVEY, THIS CASE HAS NOT EXCAVATED. 2 DETAILED EXCAVATION REPORTS AND 1 SURVEY REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THROUGHOUT THIS JFA, COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OF THE JOINT TEAM HAS EXCELLENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE ELEMENT'S ACTIVITIES.

A. PRIORITY CASE 0928: DURING THE PERIOD 27 JUN - 29 JUN 93, RE2 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION NEAR BAN MOUNTAIN HAMLET, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 26 NOV 67 LOSS OF AN F-4C AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES

48QXF2944521051; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE TRIMBLEPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING SIX SATELLITES. THE SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES FROM THE TOWN OF DONG HOI BY HELICOPTER. AFTER ESTABLISHING AND GRIDDING THE EXCAVATION AREA COVERING A TOTAL OF 110 SQUARE METERS, THE ENTIRE GRID HAS EXCAVATED TO CULTURALLY STERILE SOIL. THE EXCAVATION RESULTED IN THE FINDING OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF AN F4 SERIES AIRCRAFT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INCLUDED PARACHUTE COMPONENTS, TWO EJECTION SEAT CATAPULT TURBS, PERSONAL PARACHUTE CONNECTOR LINK AND AN AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE WHICH MATCHES THE NUMBER ONE ENGINE OF AIRCRAFT NO. 64-697, CONFIRMING THIS CRASH SITE AS THAT OF CASE 0928. THE SITE WAS CLOSED BY THE CILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 29 JUN 93.

B. CASE 0494: RE2 CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF CASE 0494 ON 26 JUN 93. THE CASE INVOLVES THE 13 OCT 66

LOSS OF AN F-4C AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A ARMED NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXD7534393636; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE TRIMBLEPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TRACKING FIVE SATELLITES. THE SITE IS LOCATED ON A THICKLY OVERGROWN MOUNTAIN SIDE. DURING A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE AREA THE TEAM FOUND SEVERAL COCKPIT RELATED ITEMS AND A VARIETY OF SMALLER PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. RE2 TEAM LEADER REQUESTED THE WITNESSES WHO LED THE INVESTIGATIVE ELEMENT TO THE SITE DURING THE 18TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. THE VIETNAMESE TEAM LEADER STATED THAT BOTH WITNESSES WERE CURRENTLY IN LAOS AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE. NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND DURING THE SURVEY. THE TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST DECIDED NOT TO EXCAVATE THE SITE DUE TO DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN RE2'S OBSERVATION AND THE SITE SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE 18TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR REINVESTIGATION.

C. CASE 0774: DURING THE PERIOD 3 JUL - 14 JUL 93, RE2 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION NEAR VIT THONG VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 27 JUL 67 LOSS OF AN F-4C ON A SOLG NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXE6195731297; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE TRIMBLEPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING SIX SATELLITES. THE SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 19.2 KILOMETERS FROM THE TOWN OF DONG HOI. THE INITIAL EXCAVATION AREA MEASURED 20 METERS BY 20 METERS. THE SITE HAS EXPANDED, FOLLOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF AIRCRAFT DEBRIS, EIGHT METERS NORTH AND NINE METERS WEST FOR A TOTAL AREA MEASURING 644 SQUARE METERS. THE TOTAL AREA HAS EXCAVATED TO CULTURALLY STERILE SOIL. THE EXCAVATION YIELDED ONE HUMAN TOOTH WITH AN OCCLUSAL RESTORATION AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF AN F4 SERIES AIRCRAFT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INCLUDE TWO PERSONAL PARACHUTE HUCKLES, ONE PIECE OF JUNGLE ROOT, SIX PIECES OF COCKPIT INSTRUMENTATION PANEL AND TWO PIECES OF G-SUIT MATERIAL. THE SITE HAS CLOSED BY THE CILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 14 JUL 93.

B. RECOVERY ELEMENT THREE (RE3): DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, 24 JUN-20 JUL 93, RECOVERY ELEMENT THREE (RE3) CONDUCTED 2 EXCAVATIONS (0507, 0772), 1 PARTIAL RECOVERY (1141), AND 2 SURVEYS (1250 AND 1312) IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE IN CENTRAL VIETNAM. THE VIETNAMESE PROVIDED WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION CONSIDERED CRUCIAL FOR CASES 0507 AND 1312. DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXCAVATION OF CASE 0507, THE TEAM RECOVERED WHAT APPEARS TO BE TWO PORTIONS OF A STAINLESS STEEL DENTAL BRACKET (WITHOUT TEETH), A SMALL FRAGMENT OF POSSIBLE HUMAN CRANIUM, AND ONE IDENTIFICATION TAG ASSOCIATED WITH ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL FROM CASE 0507. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INDICATES THAT THE

PILOT WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE IMPACT. THE SITE OF CASE 0507 HAS CLOSED ON 13 JUL 93. THE EXCAVATION OF A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0772 LED TO THE RECOVERY OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE CONSISTENT WITH AN F4 AIRCRAFT, BUT NO HUMAN REMAINS. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE CREWMEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. THE CASE HAS CLOSED ON 2 JUL 93. DURING THE PARTIAL EXCAVATION OF CASE 1141 ON 15 AND 16 JUL, PILOT SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT WAS FOUND, BUT NO HUMAN REMAINS. RESEARCH CONDUCTED PRIOR TO SURVEYING CASE 1250 INDICATED THAT THE LOCATION OF IT AND ANOTHER CRASH SITE, BELIEVED TO BE CASE 1156, ARE THE SAME. THE SITE HAS VERIFIED AS THE EXCAVATION IN CORRELATION TO CASE 1156 DURING AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE ON 3 JUL BY A TEAM MEMBER WHO WORKED ON THE CASE DURING THE 18TH JFA. NO ADDITIONAL WORK WAS CONDUCTED ON CASE 1250 DURING THE 24TH JFA. CASE 1312 WAS SURVEYED BY TEAM MEMBERS ON 04 JULY 93. THE SITE HAS NOT EXCAVATED BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME LEFT DURING THE JFA TO COMPLETE THE SITE. 3 DETAILED EXCAVATION REPORTS AND 2 SURVEY REPORTS WILL BE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THROUGHOUT

THIS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, THE U.S. ELEMENT RECEIVED VERY GOOD SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM ITS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE ELEMENT'S ACTIVITIES:

A. CASE 0507: DURING THE PERIOD 05 JUL-15 JUL 93, RE3 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION NEAR VAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE CASE INVOLVES ONE U.S. SERVICEMAN FLYING A F105D THAT WAS STRUCK BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND EXPLODED WHILE TAKING A BOMBING RUN ON 27 OCT 66. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 49QXE5684448317. GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES. AFTER ESTABLISHING AND GRIDDING THE PRIMARY EXCAVATION AREA COVERING A TOTAL AREA OF 535 SQUARE METERS, A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 110 SQUARE METERS WERE EXCAVATED FROM WITHIN THIS GRID. THE EXCAVATION RESULTED IN FINDING WHAT IS APPARENTLY TWO PORTIONS OF A STAINLESS STEEL DENTAL RACKING (WITHOUT TEETH), A CRANIAL FRAGMENT (POSSIBLY HUMAN), MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH A F-105 AIRCRAFT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED CONSISTED OF ONE IDENTIFICATION TAG (ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0507-0-01) AND ASSORTED PILOT RELATED EQUIPMENT. THE EVIDENCE RECOVERED INDICATES THAT THE PILOT WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. WITNESSES AND LOCAL VILLAGERS INDICATED THAT THE PILOT'S REMAINS WERE NOT REMOVED FROM THE SITE. RECORDS SHOW A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE HAS TURNED OVER BY THE VIETNAMESE ON 14 AUG 95. THE VIETNAMESE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION TO THE TEAM CONCERNING WHO FOUND THE ID CARD AND ITS CHAIN OF CUSTODY PRIOR TO BEING TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. THE SITE HAS CLOSED BY THE GILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 17 JUL 93.

B. CASE 0772: DURING THE PERIOD 26 JUN-02 JUL 93, RE3 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION NEAR HOA TIEN VILLAGE, MINH HOA DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE CASE INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS FLYING AN F4C THAT CRASHED DURING A NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN 26 JUL 67. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48QWE8822576518; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING THREE SATELLITES. THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED ABOUT 150 METERS UP THE SIDE OF A SHEER ROCK FACE (KARST); THE RESULTING DEBRIS FROM THE AIR-CRASH FELL ACROSS THE ROCKFALL (SCREE) COVERED SLOPE/HILLSIDE AT THE BASE OF THE KARST. AFTER ESTABLISHING AND GRIDDING FIVE PRIMARY EXCAVATION TEST AREAS IN THE ROCKFALL, A TOTAL OF 188 SQUARE METERS WERE EXCAVATED FROM WITHIN THE TEST AREAS. THE EXCAVATION RESULTED IN FINDING MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND ASSOCIATED PIECES OF WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH AN F4 AIRCRAFT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED INCLUDED PORTIONS OF CREWMEMBER'S FLYING EQUIPMENT THAT INDICATE AT LEAST ONE CREWMEMBER

HAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT IMPACT. NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND DURING THE EXCAVATION. THE SITE HAS CLOSED BY THE GILHI TEAM LEADER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST ON 2 JUL 93.

C. CASE 1141: DURING THE PERIOD 15 JUL-16 JUL 93, A PARTIAL EXCAVATION WAS CONDUCTED NEAR VAN TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE CASE INVOLVES TWO UNACCOUNTED INDIVIDUALS FROM AN F4D THAT CRASHED WHILE DESCENDING DURING FLARE PASSES IN 24 APR 69. THE CRASH SITE HAS BEEN HEAVILY SCAVENGED AND DUG BY THE LOCAL POPULACE ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS (MAY-JUL 87 AND MAR 91) AND HAS PARTIALLY EXCAVATED DURING THE 18TH JFA. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXE5905246288. GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE THIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING SEVEN SATELLITES. THE SITE CONSISTS OF A LARGE (APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS IN DIAMETER AND 6 METERS DEEP) WATER-FILLED CRATER SURROUNDED BY MOUNDS OF DIRT CAUSED BY PREVIOUS VIETNAMESE EXCAVATIONS. THE INTENT OF THE EXCAVATION WAS TO SIFT AS MUCH OF THE

BACKFILL MOUNDS AS POSSIBLE IN THE TIME ALLOTTED TO ASSIST IN THE SUBSEQUENT COMPLETTE EXCAVATION OF THE SITE (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE 25TH JFA). DURING THE EXCAVATION EFFORT, ADDITIONAL PERSONAL FLYING EQUIPMENT HAS RECOVERED, BUT NO HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

D. CASE 1250: ON 3 JUL 93, AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED OF CASE 1250 IN BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. CASE 1250 INVOLVES THE SCOPE LOSS OF TWO CREWMEMBERS ABOARD AN F100F ON A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER MISSION ON 16 AUG 69. RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY THE TEAM LINGUIST/ANALYST AND THE LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST PRIOR TO SURVEYING CASE 1250 INDICATED THAT THE LOCATION OF IT AND ANOTHER CASE, 1156, WERE THE SAME (GRID COORDINATES 1250, 48QXF676418; GRID COORDINATES - 1156, 48QXE678416). THE SITE HAS VERIFIED AS THE EXCAVATION SITE CORRELATED TO CASE 1156 DURING AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE BY THE LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST WHO WORKED ON THE EXCAVATION DURING THE 18TH JFA. THE TEAM LEADER DECIDED NOT TO EXCAVATE THE SITE BECAUSE EXCAVATION HAS DISCONTINUED ON THAT SITE DURING THE 19TH JFA WHEN AN UNEXPLODED "ARK 82 500 POUND BOMB HAS FOUND DURING THE EXCAVATION EFFORT. THE VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS ON THE TEAM HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON CASE 1250, BUT WERE OF THE OPINION THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE SEA. THE TEAM REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CASE 1250, BUT THE TEAM'S VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS FELT THEY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO COORDINATE THE INVESTIGATION. RECOMMEND CASES 1156 AND 1250 BE REINVESTIGATED.

E. CASE 1312: REC CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF CASE 1312 ON 4 JUL 93 IN BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE CASE INVOLVES THE 28 OCT 69 SCOPE LOSS OF AN RFAC ON A NIGHT, SINGLE AIRCRAFT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE SITE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48QXE5971226901; GRID COORDINATES WERE VERIFIED USING THE TRIMBLE TRIMPAC RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES. THE SITE IS RELATIVELY REMOTE ON A THICKLY OVERGROWN MOUNTAIN SIDE (HILL 408). DURING A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE AREA, THE TEAM FOUND PORTIONS OF THE WINDSCREEN/CANOPY/CAMERA PAY WINDOW OF THE AIRCRAFT. ADDITIONALLY, PORTIONS OF CFLOPHANE/CLEAR PLASTIC WERE FOUND SCATTERED ON THE SURFACE OF THE SITE. THE MATERIAL WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST AS FILM, CONSISTENT WITH THAT CARRIED ON A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. NO PART NUMBERS OR OTHER MATERIAL HAS FOUND THAT COULD IDENTIFY THE AIRCRAFT TYPE. NO LIFE SUPPORT MATERIAL OR HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND DURING THE SURVEY. THE TEAM LEADER AND TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST DECIDED NOT TO EXCAVATE THE SITE BECAUSE THEY ESTIMATED THAT THE SITE WOULD TAKE MORE DAYS THAN WERE LEFT IN THE JFA. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

9. SRV COOPERATION: COOPERATION OVERALL HAS EXCELLENT DURING THIS JFA. THE TEAMS RECEIVED VERY GOOD SUPPORT,

CONSISTENTLY FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (VNOSMP) AND NORMALLY AT THE PROVINCE AND LOWER LEVELS. STRONG RAPPORT BETWEEN THE TEAM LEADERS AND THEIR VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS ENHANCED THE JOINT TEAM'S ABILITY TO INVESTIGATE AND/OR EXCAVATE CASES.

10. COMMUNICATIONS: THE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN HAS EXCELLENT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPORADIC LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS IN A LUOI, HIGH FREQUENCY AND LAND LINE COMMUNICATIONS WERE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE JFA.

11. LOGISTICS: ALL TEAMS HAD MRE, INSPCT REPELLENT, MALARIA MEDICATION, AND WATER IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES THROUGHOUT THE JFA. DURING THIS JFA, ONE ADDITIONAL GENERATOR WAS RUSHED TO A REMOTE SITE THAT WAS EXPERIENCING POWER PROBLEMS. ALL TEAMS REPORTED OUTSTANDING AVIATION SUPPORT. FLIGHT SERVICES CORPORATION OF VIETNAM HAS VERY MISSION ORIENTED. AIRCRAFT READINESS HAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT. IF A SMALLER, MORE MANEUVERABLE HELICOPTER WERE AVAILABLE, SOME OF THE AERIAL RECONS AND SURVEYS WOULD BE

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ACCOMPLISHED MORE QUICKLY.

12. MEDICAL: EXCEPT FOR ONE CASE OF INTFSTINAL PROBLEMS (SM RECOVERED QUICKLY), TEAMS EXPERIENCED NO SIGNIFICANT INJURIES OR ILLNESSES.

13. SAFETY: SAFETY WAS EMPHASIZED AND MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE JFA. THERE HAS ONE MINOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN QUANG BINH IN WHICH A TEAM'S VIETNAMESE DRIVER STRUCK A YOUNG GIRL (NO INJURIES SUSTAINED).

14. WEATHER. THE TYPHOON IN EARLY JULY CAUSED SOME DELAYS, PARTICULARLY WITH SOME EXCAVATIONS.

15. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

A. THE 24TH JFA RESULTED IN 117 CASES BEING INVESTIGATED, 5 CASES EXCAVATED, 1 CASE PARTIALLY EXCAVATED, AND 5 PRE-EXCAVATION CASE SURVEYS. PRIOR TEAM PREPARATION HAD MUCH TO DO WITH THIS SUCCESS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PREPARATION OF THE VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. SOONER RELEASE OF JTF LEAD SHEETS TO VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS AND SUBORDINATE VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS MAY RESULT IN EVEN GREATER PREPARATION FROM THE VIETNAMESE, PARTICULARLY AT THE PROVINCE AND LOWER LEVEL.

B. CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION: PRIOR COORDINATION, TEAM LEADER ATTENTION TO DETAIL, AND COOPERATION BY OFFICIALS RESULTED IN EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING. AT ARRIVAL AIRFIELD, RECOVERY TEAMS WERE ABLE TO OFF-LOAD EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL, PROCESS THROUGH IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS, AND DEPART THE AIRFIELD BY HELICOPTER IN ONE HOUR. GERALDSON

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