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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT M85-118 (DUCNG VAN GIANG) (C)  
NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 130424Z FEB 86 (NOTAL)

1. (U) REVIEW OF DATA PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A, M85-118, CORRELATES TO REFNO 2746-2-04 (LCPL MERLIN R. ALLEN, SERIAL NUMBER 2163227.

2. (U) ON 30 JUNE 1967, LCPL MERLIN R. ALLEN, USMC, WAS ABOARD

A CH-46A HELICOPTER AS A MEMBER OF A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL ABOUT TO BE INSERTED IN VICINITY OF YC 896956, THUA THIEN (P), SOUTH VIETNAM.

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DURING THE INSERTION ATTEMPT, ENEMY FORCES OPENED FIRE FROM RIDGE-LINES AND TREELINES SURROUNDING THE LANDING ZONE (LZ). THE HELICOPTER WAS HIT AND BURST INTO FLAMES. THE PILOT ATTEMPTED TO FLY TO SAFETY, BUT WAS FORCED TO MAKE A CRASH LANDING INTO TALL JUNGLE CANOPY ABOUT ONE THOUSAND METERS FROM THE LZ. ONLY SEVEN PERSONNEL MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE BURNING AIRCRAFT AFTER THE CRASH LANDING, WHEN THE HELICOPTER BECAME TOTALLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES AND EXPLODED. LCPL ALLEN, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER INDIVIDUALS, ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

3. (U) A CORRELATION TO LCPL ALLEN IS MADE BASED ON THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A. THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ON THE OTHER FOUR INDIVIDUALS DO NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL.

4. (U) THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ON "HOUSE, A., 2338829" DOES

NOT CORRELATE TO CAPT JOHN A. HOUSE II (REFNO 2746-2-21). THE NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER CORRELATES TO PFC ALTON HOUSE WHO WAS KILLED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HIS REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO THE U.S. FOR BURIAL.

5. (U) THIS EVALUATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NOK BY CMC UPON DELETION OF SOURCE'S NAME FROM SUBJECT LINE. A SANITIZED COPY OF REF

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