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RMKS/1. REF A DOCUMENTS AN INTERVIEW WITH MR DO VAN NGUYEN, A FORMER PHUOC LONG (CURRENTLY SONG BE) PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY. ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. NGUYEN PROBABLY CORRELATES TO TWO UNRESOLVED CASES: REFNO 0054 - JAMES MCLEAN AND REFNO 1244-03 PETER RUSSELL. MR. NGUYEN ALSO PROVIDED THE NAMES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO UNACCOUNTED FOR SERVICEMEN.

2. MR. NGUYEN DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN MEDIC (MCLEAN) AT THE BATTLE OF BU DANG. HE SAID THAT VIETNAMESE FORCES TOOK THE MEDIC TO A DETENTION CAMP IN THE BU GIA MAP AREA, DAC O VILLAGE. HE DESCRIBED THE MEDIC AS BEING A TALL, YOUNG CAUCASIAN. MR. NGUYEN RECALLED THAT U.S./REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FORCES ATTACKED THE DETENTION CAMP AND A BOMBING RAID PRECEDED THE GROUND ATTACK. HE LEARNED SECOND HAND THE MEDIC DIED AT DINH KRA BANG HAMLET (NORTHWEST OF BU DANG, NEAR THE CURRENT BOUNDARY BETWEEN BU DANG AND PHUOC LONG DISTRICTS) AND HIS BODY WAS PLACED IN A NYLON BAG AND BURIED ON THE SPOT FOLLOWING THE ATTACK. MR NGUYEN RECALLED THE MEDIC'S BODY HAD DOG TAGS BUT PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES CONFISCATED THEM. HE ALSO SAID THAT POSSIBLY IN 1967, AN ARMY AMERICAN AIRBORNE SPECIAL FORCES CAPTAIN

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(RUSSELL) SURRENDERED NEAR BU DANG. HE SAID THE CAPTAIN CAME FROM A HELICOPTER AND SUBSEQUENTLY DIED OF MALARIA WHILE IN CAPTIVITY. HE ALSO SAID THE CAPTAIN WAS BURIED NEAR NGIA TRUNG

VILLAGE, GRID COORDINATES YT250950.
3. MR. NGUYEN CORRECTLY DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF AN ARMY MEDIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SPECIFIC YEAR. THE EVENTS DESCRIBED CLOSELY MATCH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0054. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE REFNO 0054 WAS THE ONLY GROUND LOSS INCIDENT INVOLVING THE CAPTURE OF A MEDIC IN THE BU DANG AREA, PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. MR. NGUYEN ALSO CORRECTLY DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN SPECIAL FORCES CAPTAIN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SPECIFIC YEAR. THE EVENTS DESCRIBED CLOSELY MATCH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1244-0-03.
4. FORWARDED TO CDRPERSCOM/TAPC-PED-P FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A SANITIZED COPY OF REF A WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY FOR RELIEF EVAL: KDS//
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