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6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS:

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A. REQUEST THE VNOSMP CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR, AND ALLOW THE U.S. ACCESS TO, ANY ADDITIONAL WARTIME FILES, RECORDS OR JOURNALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THIS CASE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION BY U.S. FORCES WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED DUE TO THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO ULTIMATELY BECAME UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THIS INCIDENT WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES. SPECIFICALLY IN THIS CASE, RECORDS, NOTEBOOKS, OR DIARIES CONTEMPORARY TO THE CAPTURE INCIDENT WILL BE OF HIGH VALUE DUE TO THE LACK OF OTHER MATERIAL EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME. NEGATIVE ENTRIES (OR A LACK OF ENTRIES) IN CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENTS PREPARED BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE FATE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IN THIS INCIDENT WOULD ALSO BE SIGNIFICANT. WARTIME DOCUMENTS CREATED BY THOSE OFFICERS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS INCIDENT SHOULD BE MADE A PRIORITY FOR THE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM WHICH IS BASED AT DETACHMENT TWO IN HANOI. IN REF A, PARA 3D ENTRY 30 AND ENTRY 31 OF A STATISTICAL COMPILATION INDICATE THAT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHO RECEIVED CUSTODY OF THE PILOT IN CASE 0691 WHO RETURNED TO U.S. CUSTODY ALSO RECEIVED INFORMATION AND IDENTIFICATION DATA FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WHO REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR

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IN THIS INCIDENT.

B. REQUEST THE VNOSMP REVIEW THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM WITNESSES DURING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHICH MILITARY UNITS WOULD HAVE RECEIVED REPORTING, EITHER VERBALLY OR WRITTEN, CONCERNING THE FATE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION OF THIS INCIDENT, REQUEST THAT ANY OFFICERS OR CADRE WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE REPORTING OF THE FATE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR JOINT INTERVIEW.

C. REQUEST THE VNOSMP ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A FORMER PRISON GUARD WHO MAY HAVE TOLD THE SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE FLIGHT CREW WHO SURVIVED THIS INCIDENT THAT THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL HAD RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS.

D. REQUEST THAT THE VNOSMP WORK WITH HOA BINH PROVINCE MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE THE CRASH SITE LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. VILLAGERS AND HAMLETS DWELLERS IN THE AREA OF THE EXCAVATION CONDUCTED CONTINUE TO BE

ADAMANT THAT THERE IS NO AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THUONG TIEN VILLAGE. CRS BELIEVES THAT AIRCRAFT MAY HAVE CRASHED IN KY SON DISTRICT WHICH BORDERS KIM BOI DISTRICT.

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE.

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8. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE.

9. CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST COMMENTS:

A. THERE ARE NO FURTHER PRACTICABLE ACTIONS TO PURSUE AT THIS SITE. ALL CURRENT FEASIBLE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AT THE SITE HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

B. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE.

C. PREVIOUS JOINT TEAMS HAD INTERVIEWED FIFTEEN WITNESSES CONCERNING THIS LOSS INCIDENT. BEFORE ARRIVING AT THUONG TIEN VILLAGE, THE MEMBERS OF THIS JOINT TEAM REVIEWED WITH CRS THE RESULTS OF THE PREVIOUS JOINT INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY ACTIVITIES FOR THIS CASE.

D. DURING THE TREK, CRS OVERHEARD TWO VILLAGERS SAY THEY WISHED THAT THERE WERE SOME CRASHED U.S. AIRCRAFT IN THE VILLAGE TERRITORY. AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT IS A HIGHLY-VALUED SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS. EARLIER AT THE EXCAVATION SITE, THE VILLAGE CHAIRMAN, MR HOP HAD ASSURED CRS THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY US. AIRCRAFT CRASH SITES WITHIN THE VILLAGE CONFINES, HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE AWARE OF IT.

E. WHILE AT THE EXCAVATION SITE, THE VIETNAMESE TEAM MEMBERS

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PROFFERED THAT THEY HAD EXHAUSTED THEIR RESOURCES FOR ANY NEW LEADS ON THIS CASE. THE TEAM MEMBERS LOOKED TO CRS FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR SUGGESTIONS FROM THE U.S. SIDE WHICH MIGHT HELP RESOLVE THIS CASE. THE TEAM MEMBERS SEEMED SOMEWHAT DISMAYED WHEN CRS HAD NO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

F. PRIOR TO THE ACTIONS OF THIS TEAM, CRS CONSULTED WITH PREVIOUS U.S. TEAM MEMBERS WHO HAD EARLIER PURSUED THIS CASE. AFTER DISCUSSING THE DETAILS OF THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION AND REVIEWING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT NEW LEADS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, WERE ESSENTIAL TO RESOLVE THIS CASE. NEW WITNESSES REMAIN A SLIM POSSIBILITY BUT NONE HAVE BEEN FORTHCOMING. THE STORY OF THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN PILOT ON DONG DANH MOUNTAIN AND THE LATER DEATH OF A SECOND AMERICAN PILOT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SAME MOUNTAIN IS NOW A PART OF THE THUONG TIEN VILLAGE LORE. ACCORDING TO ONE UNIDENTIFIED VILLAGER, EVERYONE IN THUONG TIEN VILLAGE KNOWS OF THE INCIDENT.

G. THE VIDEOTAPE AND PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN, TOGETHER WITH THE MAPS USED AND ANNOTATED BY CRS DURING THIS TRIP TO THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE HAVE BEEN HAND-CARRIED TO HQ JTF-FA FOR INCLUSION IN THE REFNO 0691 CASUALTY FILE.

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10. FOR BUPERS/PERS-663P: FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.//

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