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(4) THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATION MECHANISM CONTINUES TO WORK VERY WELL, AND WE THANK YOUR GOVERNMENT FOR ITS CONTINUED SUPPORT. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE SWIFT RESPONSE THE VNOSMP PROVIDED OUR LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR DURING THE SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS NEAR HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY IN AUG 93. THIS ROUND

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 FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS WHICH AROSE DURING SENATOR SMITH'S VISIT. AS BEFORE, WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS VITAL EFFORT TO RESOLVE ALL REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS OF UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS IN VIETNAM.

I. WE HAVE LONG MAINTAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCHING ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS GROUPS 559 AND 875. CONSEQUENTLY, GAINING ACCESS TO THE AIR ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENTS RELATING TO GROUP 559 OPERATIONS AND MATERIALS RELATING TO OUR PRISONERS OF WAR GREATLY ENCOURAGES US. THE GROUP 559 SHOOTDOWN RECORDS IN PARTICULAR WILL REQUIRE SOME TIME TO ASSESS COMPLETELY, BUT WE EXPECT THEY WILL HELP US TO LOCATE CRASH SITES AND CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS. ANY OTHER RELATED RECORDS WITH INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY RELATING TO INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THESE SHOOTDOWNS COULD ALSO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL, VALUABLE INFORMATION. AS ALWAYS, WE WILL FOCUS OUR RESEARCH ON THE FATE OF THE PILOTS OF THESE LOST AIRCRAFT. THE FILM REVIEW PROJECT, ALSO AT THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER, IS FULLY ESTABLISHED NOW. ONCE THE REVIEW OF CENTRALLY HELD FILMS IS COMPLETE, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW ANY OTHER SIMILAR HISTORICAL FILMS IN EXISTENCE.

J. NOW WE WILL BRIEFLY ADDRESS THE RESULTS OF THE RECENTLY COMPLETED 25TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

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(1) DURING THE LAST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, SEVEN TEAMS INVESTIGATED [] CASES, INCLUDING [] PRIORITY CASES AND [] OTHER CASES, AND EXCAVATED AND CLOSED [] SITES. THIS IS THE TEXT OF THE

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MESSAGE OUR TEAM LEADERS PREPARED SUMMARIZING THE RESULTS OF THE 25TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. ONCE AGAIN, OUR TEAMS REPORT OUTSTANDING SUPPORT THROUGHOUT.

(2) INCIDENTALLY, A TEAM COULD NOT INVESTIGATE CASES 0582 (SIMPSON), 1528 (JONES), 1674 (CORONA), AND 1776 (OAKLEY) IN CAM RANH DISTRICT, AND CASE 1775 (EVELAND, TRUDEAU, NICKOL, LAUTZENHEISER, GREEN, FINGER) IN DIEN KHANH DISTRICT, BECAUSE THOSE CASES ARE LOCATED IN SENSITIVE MILITARY AREAS OF KHANH HOA PROVINCE. WE REQUEST YOU SCHEDULE THESE FOR UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION, AND FORWARD US YOUR RESULTS. WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE CASES IF YOU DESIRE.

K. TO ACCOMPLISH THE INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOVERIES SCHEDULED FOR THE 26TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, WE PLAN TO EMPLOY EIGHT TEAMS, FOUR INVESTIGATION AND FOUR RECOVERY TEAMS. THIS FOLDER CONTAINS A TABLE SUMMARIZING THE PLAN, ALONG WITH A PROPOSED FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING THE 26TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, AND A PROJECTED WORK PLAN FOR THE 27TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY.

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(1) AT PRESENT, WE EXPECT TEAMS TO DEPLOY TO VIETNAM ON 21 AND 22 OCT 93 FOR THE 26TH JFA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AIR FLOW PLAN, AND DEPART VIETNAM 15 AND 16 NOVEMBER 1993. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR APPROVAL OF THE SUPPORTING FLIGHTS AND GRANTING AN ARRIVAL WINDOW OF PLUS OR MINUS 48 HOURS.

(2) WE REQUEST PERMISSION FOR ALL RECOVERY TEAMS TO REMAIN AT THEIR EXCAVATIONS UNTIL CLOSING THE SITES. WE ALSO REQUEST YOUR PRIOR AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE TO OTHER SITES IF INVESTIGATION TEAMS FIND THEY WARRANT IMMEDIATE EXCAVATION. AS BEFORE, WE ASK YOU TO REVIEW YOUR FILES AND PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON ANY OF THE CASES TO OUR HANOI OFFICE BEFORE THE FIELD ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

(3) AS ARRANGED WITH THE VNOSMP DIRECTOR, LIEUTENANT COLONEL CRAY WILL HOLD A COORDINATION CONFERENCE IN [PLACE TBD] ON 6 OCT 93. THE PRESENCE OF SERVICES FLYING CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVES, CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS, HAS MEASURABLY IMPROVED THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR EFFORTS. TIME AND EFFORT SPENT IN PRIOR PLANNING IS AMPLY REPAID IN THE FIELD.

L. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY INVOLVING ANY TEAM MEMBER, OUR HANOI OFFICE WILL IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM NOI BAI, DA NANG, OR TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT. WE WILL AGAIN RELY ON YOUR

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GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE APPROVAL FOR SUCH A FLIGHT.

M. AS A FURTHER WAY TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION, WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER PLACING HF RADIOS IN SERVICE FLYING CORPORATION HELICOPTERS. THIS WOULD ENABLE JOINT FIELD TEAMS TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE HELICOPTER CREWS, SPEEDING TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, AND FACILITATING ANY EMERGENCY REQUESTS SUCH AS THE EVACUATION OF AN INJURED MEMBER.

N. SINCE OUR LAST TECHNICAL MEETING, WE HAVE CONCLUDED TWO JOINT FORENSIC REVIEWS ON 30 JUL-1 AUG 93, AND 7-8 SEP 93. ANOTHER IS SCHEDULED FOR 2-4 OCT 93 IN HANOI.

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(1) THE 19TH JOINT FORENSIC TEAM EVALUATED 18 CASES, SELECTING 14 FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AT CILHI. THIRTEEN OF THE 14 WERE ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVE CASES, AND WERE ACQUIRED DURING THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. WE HAVE NO NAME ASSOCIATION FOR THE 14TH CASE, TURNED OVER TO THE VNOSMP BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN. WHILE THE REMAINS ARE PROBABLY OF MONGOLOID ANCESTRY, THE REVIEW TEAM SENT THEM TO CILHI BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF DENTAL RESTORATIONS.

(2) DURING THE 20TH JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW IN EARLY SEP 93, THE JOINT TEAM EVALUATED 24 CASES, SELECTING 8 CASES FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AT CILHI. WE WILL REPATRIATE THESE CASES, ALONG WITH

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ANY OTHERS CHOSEN FROM THE NEXT FORENSIC REVIEW IN OCT 93. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KEEP THE REMAINS RECOVERED AT THE CASE 1879 SITE, WHICH WE ALREADY EXAMINED, SEPARATE FROM ANY ADDITIONAL REMAINS RECOVERED AT THAT SITE.

(3) ONE OF THE REMAINS NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS LAST FORENSIC REVIEW WAS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1831 (AMOS AND BURNHAM). WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN LOCATING AND TRANSPORTING THE REMAINS TO HANOI FOR REVIEW.

O. WE MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY FOUR OF THE REMAINS REPATRIATED ON 3 AUG 93 BY MEANS OF DENTAL COMPARISON. THREE OF THESE ARE CASE 1175 (KARGER), CASE 1254 (HOFFMAN), AND CASE 1883 (SHUMWAY). THE FOURTH, INITIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0774 (BARE AND CORBITT), HAS NOW BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1327 (CUTHBERT) BY DENTAL ANALYSIS. THE POOR QUALITY AND MINIMAL QUANTITY OF BONE REPRESENTING THE OTHER 10 CASES OFFER LITTLE HOPE FOR THE APPLICATION OF DNA TECHNOLOGY.

P. DURING THE 25TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, JOINT TEAMS RECOVERED REMAINS FROM [X] SITES ASSOCIATED WITH [Y] CASES. THE VNOSMP HAS CUSTODY OF ALL THE REMAINS, WHICH SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE UPCOMING JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW HERE IN HANOI. EARLIER THIS MONTH,

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