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(6) CHAU STATED THAT HE STILL REMEMBERS THE GENERAL AREA WHERE HE LEFT THE BONES; BUT THAT THE AREA HAS BEEN BURNED A NUMBER OF TIMES, AND THE TREE UNDER WHICH HE PLACED THE BONES IS NO LONGER THERE. CHAU LED IEI TO THE ALLEGED SITE, BUT WAS UNABLE TO PINPOINT THE EXACT LOCATION. NO TRACE OF REMAINS WERE FOUND IN THE AREA.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: CHANDLER-EVANS SERIAL PLATE, ASSOCIATED WITH AN F-105 AIRCRAFT, WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ENGRAVED ON THE PLATE:

AFTERBURNER REG
MODEL NO. AR7
SERIAL NO. 574W8
PARIS LIST NO. 4550089

5. SURVEY RESULTS: ON 26 OCTOBER 1992, IEI TRAVELED TO HOA LAC VILLAGE, HUU LONG DISTRICT, LANG SON PROVINCE TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0200. IEI'S MEMORIAL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A. ON THE MORNING OF 26 OCTOBER 1992, IEI TRAVELLED TO AN ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN REFERENCE TO CASE 0200 THE TEAM WAS GUIDED BY WITNESS CHU VIEI CHAU.

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B. AT APPROXIMATELY 1230 HRS, IEI DEPARTED FOR THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE AND ALLEGED REMAINS LOCATION. AT APPROXIMATELY 1320 HRS IEI ARRIVED AT HOA LAC VILLAGE MEETING HOUSE AND QUESTIONED WITNESSES IN REFERENCE TO CASE 0200. AT APPROXIMATELY 1430 HRS, IEI DEPARTED HOA LAC VILLAGE MEETING HOUSE IN ROUTE TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED CRASH SITE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HRS, IEI ARRIVED AT THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES X0534192577, APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS FROM THE DROP OFF POINT.

C. THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE IS LOCATED ON THE TOP OF A SMALL HILL SURROUNDED BY SMALL TREES AND LIGHT VEGETATION. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A DETAILED SKIRMISH SEARCH OF THE AREA. CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF AIRCRAFT DEBRIS OR HUMAN REMAINS.

D. AT APPROXIMATELY 1520 HRS, IEI DEPARTED THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE IN ROUTE TO THE ALLEGED REMAINS LOCATION. AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HRS, IEI ARRIVED AT THE ALLEGED REMAINS LOCATION SITE, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES X054108198, APPROXIMATELY 800 METERS WEST OF THE ALLEGED CRASH SITE.

E. THE ALLEGED REMAINS LOCATION SITE WAS SURROUNDED BY SMALL TREES, LIGHT VEGETATION, AND WAS ON A 40 DEGREE SLOPE. THE WITNESS

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STATED THAT LAST SAW THE ALLEGED REMAINS, LYING NEAR A SMALL TREE ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE HILL COVERED BY SMALL UNDERBRUSH. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A DETAILED SKIRMISH SEARCH OF THE AREA. CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO MATERIAL EVIDENCE OR EVIDENCE OF HUMAN REMAINS.

6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS:

A. RECOMMEND THAT FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE DATA PLATE ALLEGEDLY FOUND AT THE SITE TO DETERMINE IF IDENTIFICATION OF A SPECIFIC PLANE CAN BE MADE.

B. RECOMMEND THAT THE VNOSMP CONDUCT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS INTO THIS INCIDENT TO FIND ANY RECORDS OR SPECIFIC EVIDENCE THAT WOULD ASSIST IN TYING THIS INCIDENT TO A SPECIFIC PLANE AND IN LOCATING THE REMAINS.

C. NEITHER THE CRASH OR ALLEGED ISOLATED BURIAL SITE IS RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION DUE TO LACK OF EVIDENCE.

D. RECOMMEND THAT BOTH U.S. AND VIETNAMESE SIDES CONTACT THEIR EMBASSIES IN BEIJING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TO DECONFLICT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE TRILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS.

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