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SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT CONCERNING CASE 1760.

REF: CJTF-FA, DET ONE, BK, TH, 242345Z JUL 93.

1. REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM 24 JUN 93 TO 19 JUL 93. PARA 4LL OF REF PERTAINS TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1760 IS REPORTED IN DETAIL HEREIN. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 29 JUN 93, IEB TRAVELD ALONG THE QUANG TRI RIVER IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO SPEAK TO LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1760. THE LOCAL INHABITANTS IN THE AREA COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. CASE 1760 INVOLVES TWO INDIVIDUALS ON A COMBAT MISSION IN AN AH-1. THE HELICOPTER ENGINE FAILED AND IT CRASHED INTO THE QUANG TRI RIVER. THE TWO CREW-MEMBERS SURVIVED THE CRASH AND WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING RESCUED WHEN BOTH PILOTS LOST THEIR GRIPS ON THE RESCUE LINE. ON 28 JUN 93, AN ELEMENT OF IFS TRAVELD TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE MISSING INDIVIDUAL (XD096444) AND CONTINUED A SURFACE SEARCH AND SURVEY OF THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO REMAINS OR APPARENT BURIAL SITES AT THE LOCATION OF DOWN RIVER OF THE INCIDENT. ALL AVAILABLE LEADS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED AND NO OTHER WITNESSES ARE AVAILABLE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

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 CHRGF: CJTF 07/26/93
 APPEV: CJTF:DAG
 DRFTD: CJTF:JCC
 CLEAR: NONE
 DISTR: CJTF
 ORGIN: OCR

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 24 JUN 93, THE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM THREE ARRIVED IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO BEGIN THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) U.S. CONTINGENT:
 - CPT JAMES M. ZURA (TEAM CHIEF)
 - CWO2 MARK S. GAPHOW (ASSISTANT TEAM CHIEF)
 - SSG BRETT D. MITCHELL (ANALYST/LINGUIST)
 - SSG GERALD C. FAULDS (ANALYST/LINGUIST)
 - SSGT SON NGUYEN (ANALYST/LINGUIST)
 - MS. WARY QUINN (LVA INVESTIGATOR)
 - SSG TOMMY MURPHY (SEARCH/RECOVERY SPECIALIST)
 - SGT POLOMINO BONNAOUT (SEARCH/RECOVERY SPECIALIST)
 - SGT JFFF MARKHAM (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN)
 - MSGT GARY PUMPHREY (TEAM MEDIC)

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:

- MR. DINH CONG CHINH (DINH GOONG CHINHS)
 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TEAM CHIEF
- MR. PHAM VAN NGOC (PHAMJ VAWN NGOCJ)
 MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
- MR. PHAM VAN CUNG (PHAJ VAWN CUNG)
 MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
- MR. HA HUY THAN (HAF HUY TRAAH)
 MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
- MR. LE XUAN TINH (LFE XUAAN TINHJ)
 MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

(3) QUANG TRI PROVINCE TASK TEAM:

- TR. HOANG VAN (HOANGF VAWN)
 TFA LEADER
- MR. HOANG PANG MAT (HOANGF PANG MAI)
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS
- MR. THAN VAN LONG (TRAAHF VAWN LONG)
 INTERNAL SECURITY
- MR. LE THANH (LFE THANH)
 PUBLIC DEFENSE

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- MR. THAN PHONG THANH (TRANG PHONG THANH)
 - PUBLIC DEFENSE
 - MR. NGUYEN DUC QUANG (NGUYEN DUC QUANG)
 - FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- E. ON 25 JUN 93, MEMBERS OF THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAM INVESTIGATION TEAMS MET WITH MR. KY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE. HE WELCOMED THE TEAM BACK TO THE PROVINCE AND PROMISED TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE TEAM'S SUCCESS.

- C. ON 28 JUN 93, IE3 TRAVELED 90 MINUTES BY VEHICLE ALONG ROUTE 9 TO THE QUANG TRI RIVER (XD992444) IN HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THE MOVEMENT ALONG THE RIVER, THE TEAM STOPPED AT LOCAL HAMLETS TO SPEAK WITH PEOPLE THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE. ALL CONTACTS HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE WERE NO INHABITANTS IN THE AREA DURING THE WAR AND PEOPLE DID NOT RETURN TO THE AREA UNTIL THE LATE 70'S.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

5. SURVEY RESULTS: ON 28 JUN 93, IE3 ARRIVED AT GRID XD996444 AND CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE AREA. THE RIVER DEPTH AT THE DEEPEST POINT WAS APPROXIMATELY 20-25 FEET DEEP, AND AS SHALLOW AS 1-2 FEET AT SOME POINTS. THE INCIDENT LOCATION HAD POWERFUL CURRENTS WITH DEEP UNDERWATER LEDGES AND ROCKY POOLS. SOME PARTS OF THE RIVER HAD LARGE SHARP ROCKS THAT PROTRUDED FROM THE SURFACE MAKING MOVEMENT TREACHEROUS. THE ELEMENT SEARCHED BOTH BANKS FOR 200 TO 300 METERS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE NORTH BANK RAN PARALLEL WITH ROUTE 9 AND WHEN LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE INTERVIEWED, NO ONE COULD PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT. THE SOUTH BANK OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION WAS CULTIVATED WITH A VARIETY OF CROPS. ALL SEARCHES MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

- A. SIZE OF AREA SEARCHED: ON EACH BANK, AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 200 SQUARE METERS WAS SEARCHED.

- B. OUTSTANDING FEATURES: SHARP ROCKS, UNDERWATER LEDGES.

- C. TERRAIN: RIVER BANKS WITH SHARP PROTRUDING ROCKS.

- D. SOIL CONDITIONS: N/A.

- E. VEGETATION: TALL GRASS, CULTIVATED FIELDS AND LOW SHRUBS ALONG THE BANKS.

- F. METHOD OF SEARCH: SKIRMISH.

- G. HAZARDS: SWIFT MOVING CURRENT.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS: RECOMMEND NO FURTHER JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY AND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING

CATEGORY.

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE.

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

9. ANALYST COMMENTS:

- A. ALL LEADS FOR THIS CASE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. DUE TO THE LACK OF WITNESSES AND POSSIBLE BURIAL SITE LOCATIONS, RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

- B. DUE TO THE SWIFT MOVING CURRENT AND DEEP UNDERWATER LEDGES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS BECAME WEDGED BENEATH THE UNDERWATER LEDGES.

10. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS:

- A. LOGISTICS: N/A.

- P. RECOMMENDATIONS: CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF AIRCRAFT DEBRIS AND NO EVIDENCE

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OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS SITE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

11. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

- A. THE INCIDENT LOCATION WAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY VEHICLE ALONG ROUTE 9, HOWEVER, THE RIVER IS TREACHEROUS WITH FAST MOVING CURRENTS AND LARGE, SHARP ROCKS RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE RIVER.

- B. COOPERATION AND PREPARATION BY THE VIETNAMESE WAS OUTSTANDING DURING THIS CASE. ALL MOVEMENT PREPARATIONS WERE COMPLETED AT THE RIGHT PLACE AND AT THE PRESCRIBED TIME. THE JOINT ELEMENT WAS ABLE TO STOP AND SPEAK WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AT ANY TIME ALONG THE MOVEMENT.

- C. DURING THE INVESTIGATION AND SURVEY OF THIS CASE THERE WERE NO WITNESSES OR APPARENT BURIAL SITES LOCATED ALONG THE RIVER. ALL LEADS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED FOR THIS CASE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

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