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 COUNTRY: VIETNAM (VM)  
 SUBJ: IIR 6 014 0026 92/VIETNAMESE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT, DESCRIPTION  
 OF CASUALTY-RELATED ARTIFACTS AND SUBSEQUENT REPORTING (U)  
 REF: A. JCPC LIAISON BKK TH MSG, DTG 060926Z JAN 92, SUBJ:  
 VN92-002/VIETNAMESE CITIZEN ALLEGEDLY IN POSSESSION OF BRANCR,  
 JAMES ALVIN'S REMAINS (CASE 0135-0-01) (U).  
 P. USCINCPAC MSG, DTG 080410Z APR 92, SUBJ: REMAINS BRIEF TO SRV  
 (U).  
 C. USCINCPAC MSG, DTG 162145Z MAY 92, SUBJ: U.S./VIETNAM POW/MIA  
 MEETING IN HANOI (U).  
 E. JTF-FA HONOLULU HI MSG, DTG 162230Z JUL 92, SUBJ: SAME AS REF  
 C ABOVE (U).  
 WARNING: THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED  
 INTELLIGENCE. REPORT IS UNCLASSIFIED.  
 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
 IZI: 660109-910729  
 FEQS: D-VOP-2430-05-90, D-VOP-2430-09-90, D-VOP-2430-38-90.  
 SOURCE: ARCHIVAL RECORDS, PEOPLE'S ARMY MUSEUM REGISTRY NUMBER  
 392, HANOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, 660109 (U), IN  
 VIETNAMESE. RELIABILITY OF SOURCE DOCUMENT IS UNKNOWN; DIA DOES

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 NOT NECESSARILY CONCUR WITH ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THESE  
 ARCHIVAL RECORDS.  
 SUMMARY: ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS PASSED TO U.S. RESEARCHERS BY MUSEUM  
 OFFICIALS IN HANOI DESCRIBE PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND A  
 NOTEBOOK/MANUAL. INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT INDICATES ALL  
 ARTIFACTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAME AIRCRAFT INCIDENT, REFNO  
 0135. ENCLOSURES.  
 TEXT: 1. ON 19 AND 22 JULY 1991 THE US-SRV JOINT RESEARCH TEAM

VISITED A MILITARY MUSEUM IN HANOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
 (SRV). THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WAS TO IDENTIFY RECORDS  
 MAINTAINED BY THE MUSEUM THAT POSSIBLY INVOLVED UNACCOUNTED-FOR  
 AMERICANS. THE MUSEUM STAFF SHOWED THE TEAM RECORDS THAT HAD BEEN  
 SELECTED FOR THEIR EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS CONSISTED OF  
 ACCESSION RECEIPTS FOR VARIOUS ARTIFACTS ALLEGEDLY STORED OR ON  
 DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM. THE MUSEUM STAFF PHOTOCOPIED THESE RECORDS  
 AND PRESENTED THE COPIES TO THE TEAM.  
 2. THE DOCUMENT AT ENCLOSURE 1, AN ACCESSION RECEIPT FOR PIECES  
 OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND A NOTEBOOK/MANUAL WAS AMONG THOSE  
 EXAMINED BY THE RESEARCHER. THE TEXT OF ENCLOSURE 2, ENGLISH  
 TRANSLATION OF THE VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DOCUMENT, IS REPEATED

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 BELOW. COMMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS REGARDING THE TEXT ARE ENCLOSED  
 IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES. ENCLOSURE FOLLOWS.

A. ENCLOSURE 2, QUOTE: ((SIDE A)) INVENTORY RECORD.  
 REGISTRY NUMBER: 392.  
 NUMBER OF ITEMS: 4.  
 FILE NUMBER: 392.

FILE CONTENTS: COLLECTION REPORT NR. 6526.  
 ORIGIN AND DATE COLLECTED: 9 JANUARY 1966, MR. TUAT, QUINH LUU  
 DISTRICT UNIT, GAVE THE ARTIFACTS TO COMRADE PRAM DUC DAI OF THE  
 ARMY MUSEUM.

DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED WITH ARTIFACTS: ((NO ENTRY))  
 TYPES OF COLLECTION ((CROSS-REFERENCED TO)): A3,2,B,6; B5,4,A,2;  
 E2,3,B; C4,C15;C9-1 ((FIELD COMMENT: A3 INDICATES ARTIFACTS ARE  
 CROSS-REFERENCED TO A COLLECTION OR AN INDEX KEYED TO LOCALITIES  
 (E.G., PROVINCE). MEANINGS OF OTHER CROSS-REFERENCED INDEX  
 NUMBERS ARE STILL UNKNOWN.))  
 NAME AND HISTORY OF THE ARTIFACT: PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE  
 WITH INSCRIPTIONS; 2 DATA PLATES FROM AN F4 AIRCRAFT; 1 "NOT MET  
 SURVIVAL INFORMATION" ((SI)) NOTEBOOK/MANUAL. ON 4 SEPTEMBER  
 196 THE ARMED FORCES IN QUINH LU ((QUYNH LUWU)), NGHE AN, SHOT

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 TOWN AN F4-H AIRCRAFT AT CAU GIAT ((CAAUF GIATS)) RAILWAY STATION.  
 AT 11 A.M., THE ENEMY SENT 4 F4-H AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK THE RAILWAY  
 STATION AREA, BUT BEFORE STARTING THEIR ATTACKS, ONE OF THEM WAS  
 BROUGHT DOWN, AND TWO OTHERS WERE HIT AND DAMAGED. BOTH PILOTS  
 WERE KILLED: ONE, A LIEUTENANT NAMED JEVEN, 22, RADAR OPERATOR,  
 LIED INSIDE HIS PARACHUTE, WHEREAS THE OTHER PILOT'S BODY WAS  
 DESTROYED IN THE AIRCRAFT, AND HIS IDENTITY THUS REMAINS UNKNOWN.  
 ((THE FOLLOWING DATA WAS ENTERED BY THE U.S. RESEARCHER AT THE  
 INSISTENCE OF THE HANOI MUSEUM STAFF. BRANCH, JAMES A. CAPTAIN

JEWEL, EUGENE M. 1ST LT)) THE TWO PILOTS BOTH DIED, THEIR REMAINS ARE NOT YET LOCATED.

((SIDE B)) RECORD OF EACH ARTIFACT.

NAME: PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.

QUANTITY: 1.

NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS: ALUMINUM, SER. NO: 15-01-500.

SIZE AND WEIGHT: 19X11CM

CONDITION: ((NO ENTRY))

MATERIAL NUMBER: DB-361/2

REMARKS: ((NO ENTRY))

NAME: F4 AIRCRAFT NAME PLATE.

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QUANTITY: 1.

NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS: NO. 32-12004-303 NOR 34-525.

SIZE AND WEIGHT: 6X8CM

CONDITION: ((NO ENTRY))

MATERIAL NUMBER: DB-361/1

REMARKS: ((NO ENTRY))

NAME: F4 AIRCRAFT NAME PLATE.

QUANTITY: 1.

NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS: INSCRIPTION/NAME UNKNOWN.

SIZE AND WEIGHT: 5X6CM

CONDITION: ((NO ENTRY))

MATERIAL NUMBER: DB-361/3

REMARKS: ((NO ENTRY))

NAME: NOTEBOOK/INSTRUCTIONS.

QUANTITY: 1.

NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS: ((NO ENTRY))

SIZE AND WEIGHT: ((NO ENTRY))

CONDITION: ((NO ENTRY))

MATERIAL NUMBER: ((NO ENTRY))

REMARKS: ((NO ENTRY))

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((UNQUOTE; END OF TRANSLATED DOCUMENT))

COMMENTS:

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1. FIELD RESEARCHER:

A. THE MUSEUM STAFF TREATS THESE INVENTORY RECORDS AS DYNAMIC RECORDS, WHICH THEY MODIFY OR UPDATE ON THE SPOT WITHOUT HESITATION OR ANY FORMAL COORDINATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS. THE MUSEUM'S SENIOR ARCHIVIST WAS OBSERVED TO CROSS THROUGH AND AMEND ERRONEOUS ENTRIES WHICH WERE CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION IN SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE ARTIFACTS WERE INCORRECTLY DESCRIBED.

B. THE U.S. RESEARCH TEAM IS PURSUING BOTH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSEUM DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM, AND ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS GENERATED BY ANALYSIS OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

2. HQ ANALYST:

A. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT ON THE DOCUMENT MATCHES THE INCIDENT OF CAPTAIN JAMES A BRANCH AND 1ST LIEUTENANT EUGENE M. JEWELL. ON 4 SEPTEMBER 1965, CAPT BRANCH AND 1LT JEWELL WERE FLYING AN F4C AIRCRAFT ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. DURING A STRAFING RUN AT LOW ALTITUDE, THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND EXPLODED UPON IMPACT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WG 666 169. NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED.

B. ONLY ONE F4 AIRCRAFT WAS LOST IN VIETNAM ON 4 SEPTEMBER 1965. THE LOSS LOCATION IS WITHIN ONE THOUSAND METERS OF THE CAU

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SIAT RAILWAY STATION MENTIONED IN THE MUSEUM INVENTORY RECORD. THE RECORD ALSO DESCRIBES "JEVEN" AS THE "RADAR OPERATOR" ONBOARD THE F4. THIS ACCURATELY DEPICTS 1ST LT JEWEL'S POSITION AS THE BACKSEATER IN THE AIRCRAFT.

C. ON 20 DECEMBER 1991, PICTURES OF ALLEGED AMERICAN REMAINS AND DOG TAG INFORMATION THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0135-0-01 (JAMES A. BRANCH) WERE REVIEWED BY A U.S. INTERVIEWER (REF A). IN MARCH 1992, THE VIETNAMESE REPATRIATED A BOX OF PARTIAL REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CAPT BRANCH AND 1ST LT JEWEL (REF B). THE REMAINS CONSISTED OF OVER 200 FRAGMENTS OF BONE AND FIVE TEETH. THE TEETH HAVE BEEN MATCHED TO CAPT BRANCH (REF C & D).

D. THOUGH THE VIETNAMESE APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED BOTH MEN WITH THE BOX OF REMAINS, QUESTIONS ARE RAISED REGARDING 1ST LT JEWEL'S REMAINS. THE NARRATIVE IN THE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT (SEE PARAGRAPH 2A ABOVE) INDICATES THAT 1ST LT JEWEL WAS OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT. IF THE NARRATIVE IS CORRECT, THE BONE FRAGMENTS RETURNED WITH THE TEETH SHOULD BE EXAMINED FOR EVIDENCE OF HIGH VELOCITY IMPACT. IF SUCH EVIDENCE IS DISCERNABLE, THE BONE FRAGMENTS MAY BE SOLELY ASSOCIATED WITH CAPTAIN BRANCH.

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ENCL: TO FOLLOW: 2 ENCLOSURES (CYS FOR JTF-FA; CILHI; CAS OFC):

1. ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT NUMBER 392, 1 CY EA, VIETNAMESE (U).
2. TRANSLATION OF ARCHIVAL DOC NO. 392, 1 CY EA, ENGLISH (U).

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