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RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 242000ZFEB94 TO 032000ZMAR94. IN VIETNAM, THE 28TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) BEGAN ON 26 FEB 94 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THREE INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS (IE) AND FIVE RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE). A TOTAL OF 12 INVESTIGATIONS WERE COMPLETED THIS PERIOD. IE1 COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS IN LAI CHAU PROVINCE AND MOVED TO SON LA PROVINCE. IE2 COMPLETED FIVE OF SIX INVESTIGATIONS IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE. IE3 COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS IN MINH HAI PROVINCE AND SHIFTED NORTH TO SOC TRANG PROVINCE. RE1 AND RE2 CLOSED EXCAVATION SITES IN YEN BAI AND THANH HOA PROVINCES RESPECTIVELY. RE1 HAS MOVED TO A NEW SITE IN SON LA PROVINCE. RE3 RECOVERED AND RECEIVED REMAINS ALMOST EVERY DAY THIS PERIOD AT AN A-4C CRASH SITE IN NGHE AN PROVINCE. PREPARATIONS TO BEGIN 10 LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS (LSI) IN NORTHERN VIETNAM CONTINUE. IN LAOS, COORDINATION FOR JFA 94-4L AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE MADE PROGRESS. IN CAMBODIA, JFA 94-3C INVESTIGATION TEAM EXHAUSTED ALL LEADS ON A GROUND INCIDENT CASE IN TAKEO PROVINCE. SECURITY CONCERNS IN KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE CONTINUE TO DELAY THE START OF FIELD INVESTIGATION OF A F-100D CASE. EARLIEST PROJECTED DATE GIVEN BY CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO BEGIN THIS INVESTIGATION IS 8 MAR 94. ON 26 FEB 94, DURING A RETURN FLIGHT FROM KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE, ONE OF OUR HELICOPTERS WAS SHOT AT BY UNKNOWN FORCES.

2. OPERATIONS
A. VIETNAM
(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. CONDUCTING 28TH JFA FIELD WORK THROUGHOUT VIETNAM (26 FEB-22 MAR 94).
(A) IE1 IN LAI CHAU PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: 0274 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) SURVEYED TWO SITES,

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INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES AND VIEWED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AT PROVINCE MUSEUM; 0277 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) RECEIVED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED BONE FRAGMENT (RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS) AND LOCATED AIRCRAFT STRUT. IN SON LA PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED CASE 0150 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) PHOTOGRAPHED THREE LARGE PIECES OF WRECKAGE.

(B) IE2 IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: 1096 (O-1G, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1306 (CH-47, FIVE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1504 (O-2A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1515 (UH-1H, FOUR UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND SITE THOUGHT ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1659 (O-2A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). HOWEVER, SITE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED

TO BE THAT OF RESOLVED CASE 1516 (UH-1H, SEVEN RESOLVED).

(C) IE3 IN MINH HAI PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: 0023 (B-26B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND FOUR SITES POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0144 (A-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). CONDUCTED OVER WATER SURVEY OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0898 (OV-1C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN SOC TRANG PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED CASES 0014 (T-28B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0273 (F-100D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(D) RE1 IN YEN BAI PROVINCE, EXCAVATED ONE SITE AND ESTABLISHED TRENCHES AT ANOTHER SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1870 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). FOUND SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. IN SON LA PROVINCE, ADVANCE TEAM CLEARED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0105 (RF-101C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(E) RE2 IN THANH HOA PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED TWO BURIAL SITES POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0597 (F-4B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). OPENED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0720 (CH-46A, FIVE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND FOUND ONE SKELETON DETERMINED TO BE MONGOLOID BY ANTHROPOLOGIST; LOCATED SECOND CASKET, TEAM COORDINATING TO EXAMINE REMAINS.

(F) RE3 IN NGHE AN PROVINCE, EXCAVATED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0245 (A-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED A GOLD TOOTH CROWN, ONE TOOTH WITH POSSIBLE RESTORATION, BONE FRAGMENTS, AN UNCORRELATED DATA PLATE AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF SEAT WEBBING AND LIFE SUPPORT GEAR; RECEIVED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED BONE FRAGMENTS. ALL BONE FRAGMENTS OF UNDETERMINED RACE, PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. CONDUCTED RECON OF SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1236 (F-4J, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(G) RE4 IN SONG BE PROVINCE, CLEARED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1628 (RF-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(H) RE5 IN MINH HAI PROVINCE, EXCAVATED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0021 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), AND SURVEYED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0048 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) ANALYZING AND REVIEWING HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AT JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC). COMPLETED

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EDITING AND PRINTING TRANSLATION OF COMBAT JOURNAL OF FORMER COMMANDER OF NHUYEN VIET XUAN BATTALION. COMPLETED PROCESS OF CONVERTING RECORD OF AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY GROUP 559 TO COMPUTER BASED FILE. UPON RECEIPT OF REQUEST FROM DET CDR, NATIONAL LIBRARY ISSUED LIBRARY CARD TO DET TWO RESEARCH HISTORIAN (R/H). R/H IMMEDIATELY BEGAN REVIEWING NEWSPAPERS FROM NGHE AN, THANH HOA AND NAM HA PROVINCES REGARDING CASES 0462 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0465 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). ON 2 MAR 94, RECEIVED SMALL AMOUNT OF DETERIORATED, POSSIBLY HUMAN, BONES FROM WALK-IN SOURCE; TURNED OVER

TO VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP) PENDING JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW. CONDUCTING TRANSITION FROM TEAM NESBIT TO TEAM BANKS.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) BEGAN INVESTIGATIONS IN MILITARY REGION 5 (MR5) ON 25 FEB 94. IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED CASE 0106 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS HAVING RELATED INFORMATION. ON 28 FEB 94, SRT MOVED TO GIA LAI PROVINCE TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS.

(4) PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM (PCIT) IN THUA THIEN-HUE AND QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCES, INVESTIGATED CASES REMAINING FROM PHASE THREE: 1402 (AH-1G, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1598 (OV-10A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1747 (UH-1H, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1748 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1756 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(5) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM DEPARTED HANOI ON 2 MAR 94 TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN THANH HOA, HA TINH AND NAM HA PROVINCES IN SUPPORT OF PCIT INVESTIGATIONS. TO DATE, TEAM HAS CONDUCTED 74 INTERVIEWS, REPRESENTING 46 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 83 LINE ITEMS FROM THE ORIGINAL ENTRIES ON SENATOR KERRY'S LIST.

(6) LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS (LSI) TEAM IN HANOI PREPARING TO CONDUCT 10 INVESTIGATIONS.

B. LAOS. MEETINGS HELD WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) ON 25, 28 FEB 94 AND 1 MAR 94

TO COORDINATE JFA 94-4L AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. MFA'S MR. SOUDACHAN AND MR. BOUNTHOM RECEPTIVE TO U.S. PLANS FOR JFA 94-4L; MND'S MAJ SIKHAI AND LT KHAMKONG GENERALLY CRITICAL OF U.S. PROPOSALS.

(1) OPERATIONS

(A) OPERATIONAL CONCEPT. LAO AGREED TO PERMIT IE'S AND RE'S TO MOVE TO XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE INDEPENDENTLY, PROVIDED THE MOVES WERE ONLY A FEW DAYS APART. DET CDR POINTED OUT IMPRACTICALITY OF THIS RESTRICTED APPROACH; MAJ SIKHAI SEEKING EXPLICIT GUIDANCE.
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(B) FOLLOW-ON OPERATIONS. LAO REFUSED TO PERMIT WORK BEYOND XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE BECAUSE ONLY XIANGKHOANG AND HOUAPHAN PROVINCES WERE APPROVED FOR JFA 94-4L, OR TO WORK IN DISTRICTS OTHER THAN THOSE ALREADY APPROVED, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED NEW INFORMATION COULD REQUIRE A TEAM TO RETURN TO A "COMPLETED" PROVINCE FOR ADDITIONAL WORK. DET CDR POINTED OUT THAT FREQUENTLY CHANGING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES NECESSITATED FLEXIBILITY AND ASKED LAO TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION FROM VICE MINISTER (VM) SOUBANH ABOUT APPROVING WORK BEYOND XIANGHOANG PROVINCE.

(C) CASE 0079 WITNESS. MND UNABLE TO LOCATE WITNESS, DET CDR SUGGESTED CONTACTING LTC SIPHAY AT LAO EMBASSY IN HANOI FOR INFORMATION, SEE B.(4) BELOW.

(2) SUPPORT DETAILS

(A) LAO TEAM DEPARTED ON 2 MAR 94 FOR HOUAPHAN ON RECON TRIP AND WILL CALL BACK WITH INFORMATION ABOUT LODGING, FUEL AND VEHICLE SUPPORT. U.S. AGREED TO STAY IN SAMNEUA AND FLY TO EXCAVATION SITES DAILY DUE TO LACK OF ADEQUATE LODGING IN VIENGXAI.

(B) AVIATION FUEL. MI-8 WILL RETURN TO PHON SAVAN TO REFUEL, UNLESS LAO DETERMINE MILITARY AT PHON SAVAN CAN SUPPORT MI-8 FIELD OPS. DEPARTING FROM PAST PRACTICE, LAO TEAM REFUSED TO ARRANGE FUEL FOR LAO WESTCOAST HELICOPTER. WESTCOAST WILL SHIP 45 FUEL BARRELS OVERLAND TO SAMNEUA FROM VIENTIANE VIA LAO FREIGHT FORWARDER, AND IS ATTEMPTING TO COORDINATE WITH MND FUEL SECTION AT PHON SAVAN AIRFIELD TO REFILL BARRELS, OR TO TRUCK MORE FUEL FROM LOUANG PHRABANG.

(C) MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES. RECOVERY EQUIPMENT WILL BE FLOWN TO SAMNEUA WITH ADVANCE TEAM VIA MI-8 BECAUSE OF ROAD CONDITIONS. WATER WILL BE SHIPPED FROM VIENTIANE. LAO WILL MOVE TWO PAJEROS FROM PHON SAVAN TO SAMNEUA, AND RENT A BUS AND TWO CARGO TRUCKS TO SUPPORT SAMNEUA OPERATIONS.

(3) OTHER ISSUES

(A) MEDICAL. MND MEDICAL EXAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED AFTER JFA 94-4L. DET ASKED FOR DETAILS TO ARRANGE PAYMENT FOR MR. SOMCHIT'S HOSPITALIZATION FOR MALARIA TREATMENT; HE WILL REMAIN HOSPITALIZED TWO TO THREE WEEKS. MFA ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE TWO NEW ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONNEL TO FULLY MAN FIELD TEAM.

(B) PERSONAL FIELD EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO LAO CUSTOM, MAJ SIKHAI REFUSES TO ASK CPT ONCHANH AND LT TONGVANH FOR RETURN OF EQUIPMENT, BELIEVING THEY SHOULD RETAIN IT UPON DEPARTURE FROM TEAM AND STATING THAT A SUPERPOWER SUCH AS U.S. COULD FIND A WAY TO PROVIDE SUCH LOW COST ITEMS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR EFFORTS.

(C) MOTORCYCLES. LAO DECIDED 125CC MACHINES APPROPRIATE SINCE THEY ARE FOR USE OUTSIDE VIENTIANE AND WERE TOLD NAVAL REGIONAL CONTRACTING CENTER (NRCC), SINGAPORE WOULD PROVIDE DETAILS ON MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

(D) WATER PUMPS AND GENERATORS. MFA ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DETAILED RATIONALE FOR U.S USE IN PREPARATION OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PURCHASE DOCUMENTATION.

(4) POTENTIAL CASE 0079 WITNESS. UPON SUGGESTION OF DET CDR, LAO CONTACTED LTC SIPHAI AT LAO EMBASSY, HANOI, WHO PROVIDED WHEREABOUTS OF MR. KONG THONG, POTENTIAL WITNESS FOR CASE 0079. MND WILL CONDUCT INITIAL INTERVIEW ON 4 MAR 94.

(5) LAOS ART VIEWED 60 FILMS (162 REELS) AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER. TOTAL OF 236 FILMS (525 REELS) VIEWED TO DATE. IDENTIFIED NO POW/MIA RELEVANT FILM THIS WEEK. INITIAL ASSESSMENT VISIT TO PHONE KENG MILITARY MUSEUM DELAYED BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN VISITORS; DET CDR REQUESTED SCHEDULING OF VISIT IN MID-MAR 94, AFTER JFA 94-4L START.

C. CAMBODIA

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. IE1 CONTINUED JFA 94-3C FIELD WORK.

(A) INVESTIGATED CASE 1692 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN TAKEO PROVINCE WHILE AWAITING HELICOPTER REPAIR (SEE C(3) BELOW), INTERVIEWED VILLAGERS WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION CORRELATING TO LOSS INDIVIDUALS AND IDENTIFIED AN ALLEGED GRAVE SITE. SITE CROSS TRENCHED; NOTHING FOUND, SITE CLOSED. IN KANDAL PROVINCE, INTERVIEWED A THIRD HAND WITNESS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED SAME INFORMATION DURING A WALK-IN INTERVIEW AT DET FOUR, AND WHO IDENTIFIED ANOTHER POSSIBLE WITNESS TO IE1. KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC) POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNABLE TO LOCATE ADDITIONAL WITNESS; ALL LEADS EXHAUSTED FOR CASE.

(B) IN KOMPONG THOM CITY, BEGAN INVESTIGATING CASE 1738 (F-100D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES; ONE PRESENTED THREE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED BONE FRAGMENTS OF UNKNOWN RACE. CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST RETAINED FRAGMENTS. IE1 AND DET CDR COORDINATED WITH PROVINCE SECURITY AND MILITARY OFFICIALS TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1738 SITE IN OUTLYING AREA OF KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE. SITE INVESTIGATION FORECAST FOR 8 MAR 94 BY CAMBODIAN OFFICIALS, WHEN KOC FORCES SECURE INVESTIGATION AREA. AMBASSADOR FORWARDED REQUEST TO KOC OFFICIALS FOR INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BEFORE 8 MAR 94, TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULED 11 MAR 94 UH-60 REDEPLOYMENT TO THAILAND. KOC RESPONSE RECEIVED ON 3 MAR 94, STATING 8 MAR 94 REMAINS EARLIEST POSSIBLE START DATE FOR CASE 1738 INVESTIGATION.

(2) HELICOPTER MAINTENANCE PROBLEM. ON 24 FEB 94 DURING FLIGHT TO CASE 1692 SITE, UH-60 SIDE NUMBER 005 EXPERIENCED ABOVE NORMAL TRANSMISSION TEMPERATURE; CONDUCTED PRECAUTIONARY LANDING IN LARGE OPEN AREA APPROXIMATELY 2.5 KM FROM CASE LOCATION. AIRCRAFT 001, ACCOMPANYING 005, ALSO LANDED IN AREA. CAMBODIAN SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE ON BOARD AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT 003, AFTER COMPLETION OF REPAIRS AT POCHENTONG AIRPORT, MADE 45 MINUTE FLIGHT TO LZ CARRYING

REPAIR PARTS. AIRCRAFT 005 DEPARTED LZ FOR POCHENTONG CARRYING CREW ONLY, ACCOMPANIED BY AIRCRAFT 001 AND 003 WHICH CARRIED TEAM PERSONNEL. ALL AIRCRAFT RECOVERED SAFELY BEFORE NIGHTFALL.

(3) HELICOPTER LIVE FIRE INCIDENT. UH-60 CREW WITNESSED APPROXIMATELY FIVE TRACER ROUNDS DIRECTED AT HELICOPTER AS IT RETURNED FROM KOMPONG THOM PROVINCE TO PHNOM PENH, AT 1218G, FLYING AT 3300 AGL ON 25 FEB 94. ROUNDS FELL APPROXIMATELY 1000 METERS SHORT; CREW TOOK EVASIVE ACTION AND CLIMBED TO 4300 AGL. NO INJURIES; POST FLIGHT INSPECTION REVEALED NO DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT.

(4) LSI. DIA-STONY BEACH ATTEMPTED TWO LSI'S; COMPLETED ONE, SOURCE FOR OTHER NEVER ARRIVED FOR SCHEDULED INTERVIEW. STONY BEACH WILL FORWARD REPORTS SEPCOR.

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET FOUR. CONDUCTED THREE WALK-IN INTERVIEWS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATION TO CASES OF UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. ONE SOURCE PROVIDED UNCORRELATED REMAINS: TWO BONE FRAGMENTS AND A MANDIBLE WITH ONE UNRESTORED TOOTH. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET CURRENTLY HOLDING SEVEN UNCORRELATED SETS OF REMAINS FROM WALK-IN INTERVIEWS; WILL TURN OVER TO CILHI
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REPRESENTATIVE AT END OF JFA 94-3C FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS AT CILHI.

B. HQ JTF-FA. JTF-FA SENT 262 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATED DEPLOYMENT TO VIETNAM OF 28TH JFA TEAMS AND BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR JFA 94-4L TEAM DEPLOYMENT TO THAILAND. RECEIVED 810 LBS OF MEDICAL BOOKS FROM NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT-2 IN JAKARTA FOR SRV MINISTRY OF HEALTH; SHIPMENT TO HANOI SCHEDULED FOR 4 MAR 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT.

B. DET TWO. COMPLETED COORDINATION FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF BOTTLED WATER IN SUPPORT OF 28TH JFA. CONDUCTED 28TH JFA TEAM AND EQUIPMENT DEPLOYMENT FROM HO CHI MINH CITY AND HANOI ON 26 FEB 94. RECEIVED TRILATERAL JFA BILL ON 25 FEB 94. COMPLETED TRANSLATION AND VERIFICATION; FORWARDED BILL TO HQ JTF-FA FOR PAYMENT.

C. DET THREE. CJTF-FA AND DET COMMANDER VISITED LAO TOYOTA TO INSPECT DAMAGED MND VEHICLE; DET AWAITING WRITTEN COST ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR. ONE MND MITSUBISHI PAJERO RECEIVED PERIODIC MAINTENANCE SERVICING. INOPERATIVE JEEP CHEROKEE AWAITING WATER PUMP AND AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION PARTS. LAO TOYOTA ANTICIPATES COMPLETION OF REPAIRS BY 4 MAR 94. ON 1 MARCH 94, DET PROVIDED ADVANCE PAYMENT OF $10,000 TO MFA MR. BOUNTHOM FOR JFA 94-4L EXPENSES. ALSO PROVIDED

MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR LAO POW/MIA SPECIALISTS AND GASOLINE EXPENSES. RECEIVED JFA 94-2L BILL FOR MFA AND MND EXPENSES. BILL TRANSLATED, VERIFIED AND FORWARDED TO HQ JTF-FA FOR PAYMENT. NRCC, SINGAPORE CONTRACTING OFFICER ARRIVED ON 2 MAR 94. SCHEDULED TO INITIATE SELECTED PURCHASES, ESTABLISH BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND REVIEW CONTRACTS.

D. DET FOUR. CITY WATER SERVICE HAS NOT RESUMED, NECESSITATING DAILY PURCHASE OF WATER.

E. HQ JTF-FA. RECEIVED BILL FROM LAO GOVERNMENT FOR JFA 94-2L EXPENSES. INITIATED PAYMENT ACTION TO MND AND MFA FOR $177,864 AND $32,532, RESPECTIVELY. INITIATED ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PAYMENT OF $72,301.40 FOR SRV TRILATERAL JFA BILL. CONTINUED PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT FOR DEPLOYMENT OF JFA 94-4L TEAMS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY

A. HQ JTF-FA. COORDINATING WITH USCINCPAC J6 TO REQUEST JOINT STAFF APPROVAL TO LOCATE TACSAT TERMINALS AT LAO MND AND MFA OFFICES IN VIENTIANE DURING JFA'S, IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST LAO MADE DURING TECHNICAL TALKS ON 18-19 FEB 94. TERMINALS SHOULD ALLOW MORE TIMELY AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSES FROM LAO REGARDING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS DURING JFA'S.

B. HQ JTF-FA. DOCUMENT SCANNING IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 750 CASE FOLDERS SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED), AND 20 CIVILIANS (23 AUTHORIZED), WITH 5 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAIN: CTI2 S. MCCROSKEY. LOSS: CTI2 D. THORUP AND SK2 S. ARRINGTON.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY EVENTS

A. DET ONE. 29TH JFA MEMBER INJURED IN PATTAYA ON 25 FEB 94 WHEN A TRUCK TURNED SUDDENLY IN FRONT OF MOPED HE WAS OPERATING. THIS WAS CONTRARY TO JTF-FA POLICY GUIDANCE, THAT TDY JTF-FA PERSONNEL SHALL NOT OPERATE MOTORIZED VEHICLES WHILE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE IMPACTED TRUCK, AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR STITCHES AND OBSERVATION FOR A CONCUSSION. MEMBER TRANSPORTED TO BANGKOK ON 27 FEB 94, AWAITING MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR RETURN TO HAWAII.

B. DET TWO

(1) WORLD TELEVISION NEWS, ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP), AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE (AFP) AND STANDARD NEWS SERVICE, INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF PA ON 26 FEB 94 REGARDING 28TH JFA. ALL BUT STANDARD NEWS SERVICE PLAN TO VISIT TEAMS IN FIELD. GEORGE ESPER, AP HANOI BUREAU CHIEF, INTERVIEWED DET CDR ON 27 FEB 94. KEN STIER, FREELANCE REPORTER BASED IN BANGKOK, INTERVIEWED DET TWO R/H AND CHIEF OF PA AT JDC ON 28 FEB 94. REPRESENTATIVES OF USA TODAY, CANADIAN BROADCASTING

COMPANY AND AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF PA ON 28 FEB 94. ALL PLAN FIELD TEAM VISITS. SUMIKO TAN, REPORTER FOR SINGAPORE SUNDAY TIMES, INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF PA ON 2 MAR 94. JONATHAN MANTHORPE, REPORTER FOR SOUTHAM NEWS SERVICE (CANADA), AND ANNE GROSVOLD AND RON CHRISTOPHERSON, REPORTERS FOR NORWEGIAN TV, VISITED RE2 IN THANH HOA PROVINCE ON 1-2 MAR 94. MARILYN GREENE, REPORTER FOR USA TODAY, ACCOMPANIED DET TWO COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF PA, ON SITE VISITS TO RE'S 1-3 ON 2-3 MAR 94.

(2) U.S. PROFESSORS NICK LARDY (UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON), ALLEN GOODMAN (GEORGETOWN) AND TOM LAIRSON (ROLLINS COLLEGE), IN VIETNAM FOR A 12-WEEK SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH MFA. RECEIVED COMMAND BRIEFING FROM CHIEF OF PA ON 28 FEB 94.

(3) HO XUAN DICH, HEAD OF THE VNOSMP OFFICE IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC), RETIRED DURING LAST WEEK OF FEB 94. REPLACING HIM IS LE HONG LINH, FORMER MFA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN HCMC. ALTHOUGH NEW TO VNOSMP, MR. LE HAS COORDINATED WITH JTF-FA IN PAST.

C. DET THREE. DET MEMBER DEVELOPED FEVER ON 28 FEB 94, INITIAL MEDICAL CHECK INDICATED POSSIBLE DENGUE FEVER; AWAITING FINAL BLOOD TEST RESULTS. ON 2 MAR 94 MEMBER PLACED ON BED REST.

D. DET FOUR. ON 28 FEB 94, THREE AVIATION DETACHMENT MEMBERS VIOLATED 2130 CURFEW IN PHNOM PENH. MEMBERS SIGNED INTO HOTEL AT 2130, LATER DEPARTING FOR A LOCAL BAR. EACH LATER ADMITTED TO UNDERSTANDING CURFEW POLICY, AND RAMIFICATIONS OF IGNORING IT. ALL THREE MEMBERS RESTRICTED TO HOTEL EXCEPT FOR OFFICIAL DUTY. ONE NON-MISSION ESSENTIAL MEMBER RETURNING TO HAWAII. TWO MISSION ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL TO REMAIN IN CAMBODIA.

E. HQ JTF-FA

(1) ON 28 FEB 94, BETSY SNAGLE, PRODUCER, PACIFIC TV NEWS, INTERVIEWED PAO ON FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION REGARDING HER CREW'S FIELD VISIT TO LAOS. WARREN STROBLE, REPORTER FOR WASHINGTON TIMES, TELEPHONE INTERVIEWED PAO ON 1 MAR 94 REGARDING UPCOMING OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM AND LAOS, AND INDICATED HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO VIETNAM BETWEEN 25 MAR AND 15 APR 94. NARANART PRAPAYAN, CNN BANGKOK PRODUCER, INTERVIEWED PAO ON 2 MAR 94. HE ALSO INDICATED CNN CREW, INCLUDING CNN BANGKOK BUREAU CHIEF TOM MINTIER, WILL ARRIVE VIENTIANE ON 6 MAR 94 AND ARE INTERESTED IN VISITING FIELD TEAMS.

(2) CJTF-FA PRESENTED MISSION BRIEF AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE TO FORT RICHARDSON CHAPTER, ASSOCIATION OF U.S. ARMY ON 2 MAR 94. COVERED BY CHRIS GRYGIEL, ANCHORAGE AP CORRESPONDENT.

(3) MISSION BRIEFING GIVEN TO LT COL JEANNIE SCHIFF AND MONETTE MELANSON, DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE (DPMO), AND CLIFF GROMER, POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE ON 1 MAR 94; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF JOINT MORTUARY AFFAIRS OFFICE ON 3 MAR 94.

8. HQ JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE. TDY SE ASIA 4-12 MAR 94;

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TDY SE ASIA 23 MAR-2 APR 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IN VIETNAM, THE 28TH JFA HAS BEGUN WITH
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INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY ELEMENTS SPREAD OUT OVER EIGHT PROVINCES
REPORTING SOLID AND PRODUCTIVE PROGRESS. CONTINUING FIELD OPERATIONS
SUCH AS SRT, PCIT, SRT AND OHP ARE MAKING PROGRESS WITH
INVESTIGATIONS AND INTERVIEWS. JFA 94-3C IN CAMBODIA COMPLETED
THE SEVENTH OF EIGHT SCHEDULED INVESTIGATIONS. THE ROYAL CAMBODIAN
GOVERNMENT IS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THIS
FINAL INVESTIGATION, BUT HAVE DELAYED THE START DATE UNTIL 8 MAR 94
BECAUSE OF CONCERNS WITH THE KHMER ROUGE THREAT IN KOMPONG THOM
PROVINCE.

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