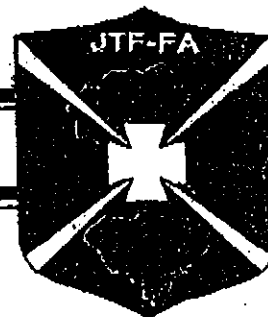


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1. REQUEST REVIEW/COMMENT ATTACHED
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PRIORITY**P 07ABCDZ DEC 92****TO USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J3OM//****INFO CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH****ZEN CJTFFA DET TWO HANOI****AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE//JTF-FA DET THREE//****USMISSION PHNOM PENH CB//JTF-FA DET FOUR//****CDR USACILHI HICKAM AFT HI//TAPC-PED-H//****USDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA//****CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI****UNCLAS//N03460//****OPER/FULL ACCOUNTING//****MSGID/SYS.RRM/CJTFFA NAD//****AMPN/SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF OVERALL SRV COOPERATION ON FIVE
AGREEMENTS FOR ~~SEP~~ 92//****REF/A/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/060300ZNOV92//****RMKS/FOL ASSESSMENT, UPDATING REF A, SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW.**

**A. AGREEMENT 1. INCREASED ACCESS TO RECORDS, ARCHIVES AND
MUSEUMS.**

**(1) NOV 92 MARKED THE FIRST MONTH OF THE LARGE SCALE
ARCHIVAL RESEARCH EFFORT IN HA NOI. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM 1
BEGAN WORK AT THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM 2 NOV 92. IN SUPPORT OF
ART 1, THE VIETNAMESE PROVIDED WORK SPACE, SUPPORT STAFF AND
ACCESS TO OVER 1,500 PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS. BY 30
NOV 92, ART 1 HAD CATALOGED, PHOTOGRAPHED AND RELAYED TO HQ JTF-
FA AND DIA INFORMATION RELATING TO 571 PHOTOGRAPHS, 228 ACCESSION
RECORDS/REPORTS AND 741 ARTIFACTS (ACTUAL MILITARY OR AIR CREW
EQUIPMENT, IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, PERSONAL EFFECTS). LITTLE OR NO
HISTORICAL DATA ACCOMPANIED MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS.**

**(2) ALSO DURING NOV 92, A DOD INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
TEAM ASSESSED THE OPERATION IN ORDER TO RECOMMEND AN APPROPRIATE
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THE PROJECTED SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE
COMPUTER-BASED RETRIEVAL OF INFORMATION FROM VIETNAMESE ARCHIVES**

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AND A NETWORK TO CONNECT RETRIEVAL LOCATIONS WITH DIA AND HQ JTF-FA. CJTF-FA WILL ADDRESS THE EQUIPMENT IMPORTATION ISSUE AT THE TECHNICAL TALKS SCHEDULED 10-11 DEC 92.

B. AGREEMENT 2. IMPLEMENT CREDIBLE LIVE SIGHTING MECHANISM.

(1) VIETNAMESE COOPERATION REGARDING THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATION PROGRAM INCREASED MANIFESTLY THIS MONTH. THE TWO HANOI-BASED LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATORS (LSI) CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 18 INVESTIGATIONS, FAR EXCEEDING ANY PREVIOUS MONTHLY TOTAL. IN A MEETING 4 NOV 92 WITH MR. PHONG (AMERICAS DEPARTMENT, MFA), MG NEEDHAM EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SLOW PROGRESS TO DATE OF THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATION PROGRAM. HE URGED THE VIETNAMESE TO SUPPORT U.S. EFFORTS TO CONDUCT AT LEAST ONE INVESTIGATION PER WEEK AND PROPOSED FOUR CASES FOR INVESTIGATION PRIOR TO THE 17 NOV 92 SSC VISIT TO HA NOI. INVESTIGATORS COMPLETED ALL FOUR CASES BY 17 NOV 92.

(2) IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, MG NEEDHAM GAVE THE SRV A LIST ON 18 NOV 92 OF 18 LSI CASES REQUIRING INVESTIGATION AND REQUESTED THE VIETNAMESE TO ALLOW THE U.S. TO INVESTIGATE EVERY CASE BEFORE 10 DEC 92. MG NEEDHAM ALSO PROVIDED A ROUGH SCHEDULE TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, WHICH THE VIETNAMESE ACCEPTED. BY 30 NOV 92, THE TWO HANOI-BASED LSI'S HAD INVESTIGATED ALL BUT ONE CASE.

C. AGREEMENT 3. IMPLEMENT PLAN OF EXTENDED JOINT OPERATIONS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS, TO INCLUDE FIVE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE NEXT 10 MONTHS. JTF-FA AND VNOSMP PERSONNEL CONDUCTED 20TH JFA BETWEEN 21 OCT AND 18 NOV 92. THE JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED 25 OF 26 PRIORITY DISCREPANCY CASES, 24 GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY CASES AND

7 UNSCHEDULED CASES. RECOVERY TEAMS EXCAVATED TWO SITES AND SURVEYED TWO OTHERS.

D. AGREEMENT 4. CONTINUE TRILATERAL EFFORTS TO RESOLVE BORDER CASES. THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT FOR THE PAST MONTH. AT THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN VIENTIANE 20-21 NOV 92, CJTF-FA PROPOSED A TRILATERAL MEETING WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AT A LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED; THE LAO DELEGATION AGREED TO FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR CONSIDERATION. CJTF-FA WILL PRESENT THE SAME PROPOSAL TO THE VIETNAMESE AT THE DEC 92 TECH TALKS.

E. AGREEMENT 5. RENEW UNILATERAL EFFORTS TO RECOVER AND RETURN REMAINS OF UNACCOUNTED-FOR IN VIETNAM. SRV DID NOT RETURN ANY REMAINS DURING NOV 92. U.S. AND VIETNAMESE SPECIALISTS WILL EVALUATE REMAINS OBTAINED PRIOR TO AND DURING THE 20TH JFA AT THE UPCOMING JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW SKED 12-14 DEC 92.

2. SUMMARY.

A. ARCHIVAL RESEARCH.

(1) SRV EXTENDED CONSIDERABLE COOPERATION AND UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS IN GETTING THIS PROGRAM STARTED. FOR THE MOST PART, THE VIETNAMESE WERE VERY RESPONSIVE TO TEAM REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. A SECOND ART WILL ARRIVE IN DA NANG 4 DEC 92 TO BEGIN A FOUR-MONTH RESEARCH EFFORT, FOLLOWED BY A THIRD ART WHICH EXPECTS TO START WORK IN HO CHI MINH CITY FEB 93. VIETNAMESE ASSESS THAT FAR FEWER ARCHIVES EXIST OUTSIDE HA NOI, BUT AGREE TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT.

(2) THE VOLUME OF MATERIAL RECEIVED SO FAR PREVENTED

MUCH MORE THAN A SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION OF THE ARCHIVAL MATERIAL. WITH THE SUDDEN EMERGENCE OF THIS PROGRAM, HQ JTF-FA HAD TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT ADJUSTMENTS TO MEET RAPIDLY EVOLVING REQUIREMENTS. THESE INCLUDED MANNING THREE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAMS AND MOUNTING THE EFFORT TO ANALYZE INCOMING INFORMATION WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS IN SPECIFIC CASES. MOREOVER, RESEARCH TO DATE INDICATES THAT THERE REMAINS MUCH INFORMATION YET TO BE REVEALED AND SEVERAL SOURCES TO EXPLOIT. ACCESS TO THESE SOURCES AND INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE A FURTHER MEASURE OF VIETNAMESE COOPERATION REGARDING ARCHIVAL RESEARCH.

B. LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS. DESPITE WHATEVER RESERVATIONS THEY MAY HAVE ABOUT THE LSI PROGRAM, THE VIETNAMESE FULFILLED THEIR COMMITMENT TO PERMIT AN ADDITIONAL LSI TO WORK IN HA NOI. FURTHERMORE, THEY AGREED TO AND IMPLEMENTED CJTF-FA PROPOSALS FOR AN ACCELERATED PLAN TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS. THE ARRIVAL OF THE SECOND LSI MADE IT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE THE ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATIONS. THUS THE PLAN FOR NOVEMBER FINISHED ON SCHEDULE.

C. JOINT OPERATIONS. AT THE DEC 92 TECH TALKS, CJTF-FA WILL PROPOSE EMPLOYING 5 TEAMS TO INVESTIGATE 21 PRIORITY DISCREPANCY CASES; 4 OF THESE ARE FIRST-TIME INVESTIGATIONS. CJTF-FA WILL ALSO PROPOSE INCLUDING A RECOVERY TEAM TO COMPLETE WORK AT SITE BEGUN DURING 20TH JFA AND A SMALL INVESTIGATION TEAM TO READDRESS A CASE FROM THE 20TH JFA. UP TO THE PRESENT, SRV SHOWED GREAT RELUCTANCE TO PERMIT MORE THAN ABOUT 60 U.S. PERSONNEL AT A TIME TO WORK IN THE COUNTRY. GIVEN THE RELATIVELY SHORT TIME PERIOD

ALLOWED FOR THE 21ST JFA AND THE IMPORTANCE BOTH SIDES PLACE ON COMPLETING THE 135 CASES, THE U.S. COULD POSSIBLY OVERCOME VIETNAMESE OBJECTION ON THIS POINT. WITH ADEQUATE PRIOR PREPARATION ON BOTH SIDES, THIS GOAL IS ATTAINABLE.

D. TRI-LATERAL COOPERATION. AT THE DEC 92 TECH TALKS, CJTF-FA WILL PROPOSE A TRILATERAL MEETING (LAOS, SRV, U.S.) FOR FEB 93 AT A LOCATION TBD. AT PRESENT, THE LAO HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL MADE IN NOVEMBER. IN ADDITION, THE U.S. WILL ALSO ADVISE THE VIETNAMESE OF SPECIFIC JTF-FA AIR AND FIELD OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA NEAR THE VIETNAMESE BORDER TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE DEC 92 JFA IN CAMBODIA.

E. UNILATERAL RETURN OF REMAINS. THIS IS A SENSITIVE ISSUE FOR VIETNAM WHICH HAS CONSISTENTLY CLAIMED IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY WAREHOUSED REMAINS. YET PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH PROGRAM SUGGESTS SOME CASES IN WHICH THE VIETNAMESE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE STATUS OF REMAINS. CJTF-FA WILL CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THIS POINT.//