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REFERENCE: T84-127
20 June 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNB

SUBJ: Immigrant (ODP) Report, "Dog Tag" Information from HCMC

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

1. Source Data. Van Son Dai; ID #IV531319; DOB 27 Feb 48; POB old Quang Yen (P), North Viet Nam; former lawyer; interviewed at Suan Phlu Immigration Detention Facility, Bangkok, Thailand on 19 June 1984.

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2. Information Obtained. The following information was related by Source to JCRC interviewer as fact. On or about 4 June 1984, just prior to Source departing Viet Nam under the ODP Program, he was approached by a female (Source refused to divulge name) who supplied him with the following information:

1533	Shanley Michael H	NAC	Russ William W	NAC	Simons Rogers
	RA 5671-9659		RA (?)		1452-90-95
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The woman requested that Source bring out the identification data of nine missing Americans which had been collected by communist friends of her nephew who was also a communist. (Location of discovery not related by Source.) The remains of these nine individuals were discovered in many different areas and were reburied for reasons of security. The woman requested Source, upon reaching U.S. soil, to turn the information over to the U.S. authorities so some sort of deal could be worked out for a friend of hers (NFI). Source stubbornly refused to disclose further information stating that he must keep his promise not to divulge her name or further details until he physically sets foot on American soil. Source admitted to being surprised of meeting a PW/MIA authority (interviewer) so soon after leaving Viet Nam but refused disclosure of further details. Source's female friend lives on Nguyen Van Troi St, 3d District, HCMC. Source claimed to have known her from since before 1975. Source's father, Van Thai Sinh (who is accompanying Source) memorized all the above identity information as Source had refused to carry any written information with him. Source has an older brother, Van Son Truong, living at _____ and will go to the Philippines on 23 June 84. His last address in Viet Nam was 12 C Tran Phu St, 5th District, Ward 21, HCMC. Source was exempt from military duty because he was the third son of a three-boy family. (Prob 1533)

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REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: VAN SON DAI, 36
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: T84-127, 20 Jun 84
ANALYST: MSGT D. D. CURTIS
ROSS REFERENCE (S): None

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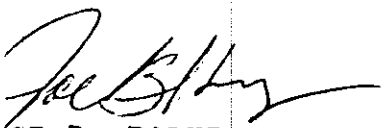
CATEGORY DATA: Report of identification media data/third hand account.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 1533-01.

CORRELATE DATA: On 2 December 1969, CW2 Martin D. Vanden Eykel II, CW2 William C. Dunlap, P5 Michael H. Shanley, and SP5 William D. Sanderlin, were flying in the second UH1B gunship in flight of two on a night ground support mission in South Vietnam. At 2030 hours CW2 Vanden Eykel's helicopter and the flight leader's helicopter departed landing zone (LZ) English, located at BR862984, to provide fire support for a longrange reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) that had radioed for help. The two helicopters were led to the reported LRRP location at BR731886 by another helicopter equipped to drop flares. Upon arrival in the target areas, the fleet began dropping flares, while the two armed helicopters circled the area trying to make radio contact with the LRRP team. CW2 Vanden Eykel radioed the flight leader that he was experiencing vertigo. The flight leader decided to make one more pass over the area in one last attempt to contact the LRRP team before aborting the mission. In this last pass the flight leader also experienced vertigo and nearly crashed into a mountain located at BR668876. The flight leader radioed CW2 Vanden Eykel to make a 180 degree turn and to leave the area. CW2 Vanden Eykel's acknowledgement was his last known radio transmission and was in the vicinity of BR750850. Search efforts began at 2200 hours, on 2 December, and continued until 1730 hours on 6 December 1969 with no success. All individuals are currently carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Pertinent biographic data pertaining to SP5 Shanley is a serial number of RA56719659, a SSAN of _____, and a blood type of O Pos. Both Russ and Simons are not unaccounted-for individuals.

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Commander

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