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RMKS/1. ON 23 AUG 92, A JOINT U.S.-LAOS TEAM SURVEYED AN ALLEGED
CH-47 HELICOPTER CRASH SITE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES
XD54103834, NEAR BAN DONG VILLAGE, XEPON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE, LAOS.

2. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING ARTIFACTS AND INFORMATION
DURING THE SURVEY:

- ONE PIECE OF HEAVY WEAVE NYLON MATERIAL.
- A STACK OF CHARRED AND MELTED PLASTIC DOCUMENT PROTECTORS.
- ONE PIECE OF FABRIC WITH STRAPS AND BUCKLES.
- SEVERAL PIECES OF ALUMINUM.
- SEVERAL PIECES OF ARMOR PLATING.
- SEVERAL PIECES OF HEAVY PLASTIC, TRIGGER SHAPED.
- SEVERAL PIECES OF MOLDED FIBERGLASS.
- ONE PIECE OF MOLDED FIBERGLASS (LEFT AT CRASH SITE) WITH PART
NUMBERS AS FOLLOWS: HL 934 (ON BACK SIDE), 209-070-722-1 (ON FRONT
SIDE).
- ONE ARTILLERY ROUND SHIPPING CANISTER (LEFT AT SITE) LABELED P0MC
M13AL LOT GZE.
- ONE SHORT LENGTH OF STAINLESS STEEL BRAIDED TUBING WITH AN ELBOW
SHAPED CONNECTOR CONTAINING PART NUMBER G65104-B (ITEM

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INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FORM REF A)

3. ANALYSIS OF THE WRECKAGE REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:

- THE CHARRED AND MELTED PLASTIC DOCUMENT PROTECTORS ARE THE
REMAINS OF AN AIRCRAFT DASH-1 CHECKLIST, COMMONLY USED BY AIRCREW
MEMBERS TO IMPLEMENT AIRCRAFT PREFLIGHT, EMERGENCY EGRESS,
POSTFLIGHT, AND OTHER AIRCRAFT OPERATING PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED.
- THE FABRIC WITH STRAPS AND BUCKLES IS PART OF A FLIGHT HELMET.
UNABLE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC HELMET TYPE, BUT CLOSELY RESEMBLES AN
SPH SERIES HELICOPTER HELMET WORN BY ARMY AIRCREWS.
- THE PIECE OF MOLDED FIBERGLASS CONTAINING NUMBERS 209-070-722-1
IS PART OF A SEAT BACK ASSEMBLY, A COMPONENT OF THE GUNNER'S
ARMORED SEAT INSTALLATION FROM AN AH-1 SERIES HELICOPTER. THIS
PARTICULAR SEAT CAN BE USED ONLY IN HELICOPTERS MANUFACTURED BY
BELL. THE CH-47 HELICOPTER WAS MANUFACTURED BY BOEING-VERTOL.
- THE CONNECTOR ATTACHED TO THE STAINLESS STEEL BRAIDED TUBING
CONTAINING PART NUMBER G65104-B IS A FLARELESS NIPPLE. AFTER
SEARCHING THROUGH VARIOUS HELICOPTER TECHNICAL MANUALS, ONLY THE
AH-1 MANUAL LISTED THIS PART NUMBER.
- THE REMAINING ARTIFACTS COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR CORRELATED
TO ANY SPECIFIC TYPE AIRCRAFT.

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4. JTF-FA COMMENTS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE RECOVERED ARTIFACTS INDICATES THIS CRASH SITE DOES NOT CORRELATE WITH REFNO 1703. THIS SITE IS PROBABLY AN OPERATIONAL LOSS INVOLVING AN AH-1 SERIES HELICOPTER. THE BRIGHT LIGHT DATA BASE INDICATES 18 AH-1 HELICOPTER LOSSES OCCURRED WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF GRID COORDINATES XD54103834.

5. FOR CDRPERSCOM TAPG-PED-P: THIS INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF DONALD E. CRONE, JOHN L. POWERS, WILLIS C. CREAR, BARRY F. FIVELSON, JAMES H. TAYLOR, AND MARVIN M. LEONARD, REFNO 1703. A COPY OF REF A WAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR RELEASE TO THE NOK ON 9 SEP 92.

6. EVAL/DLC//

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