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AMPN/SUBJ: LIFE SUPPORT WRECKAGE ANALYSIS REPORT, REFNO 1730//

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RMKS/1. REF A IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF REFNO

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1730. ON 16-17 JULY 1992 A JOINT U.S./LAO TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF A SUSPECTED UH-1 CRASH SITE, AT GRID COORDINATES XD581433 IN XEPON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS.

2. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING ARTIFACTS:

-PAIR OF PANTS/PIECE OF FLIGHT SUIT

-SMALL PIECE OF FLIGHT SUIT

-U/I PIECES OF AIRCRAFT BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH A UH-1.

3. JTF-FA ANALYSIS REVEALS THE FOLLOWING.

A. THE PAIR OF PANTS/PIECES OF FLIGHT SUITS APPEAR TO BE FROM ONE CREW MEMBER'S FLIGHT SUIT. THE FLIGHT SUIT USED BY ARMY AIRCREW DURING THE SOUTHEAST ASIA CONFLICT WAS A TWO PIECE STYLE.

B. THE PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE BELIEVED TO BE A UH-1 COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR ASSOCIATED WITH ANY AIRCRAFT TYPE. THE PIECE OF GLASS WITH THE NUMBER MS-25358-4, IS A LENS COVER FOR LIGHT ASSEMBLY USED IN THREE PLACES ON THE TOP OF A UH-1 HELICOPTER.

4. ADDITIONAL ANALYST COMMENTS: THE CONDITION OF THE FLIGHT SUIT RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE INDICATES AT LEAST ONE AIRCREW MEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE LENS COVER ASSOCIATES THIS SITE TO A UH-1 AIRCRAFT. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE 44 UH-1 HELICOPTERS CRASHED WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF GRID

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COORDINATES XD569429. THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE RECOVERED ARTIFACTS IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION TO THE SITE SURVEYED.

5. FOR CDRPERSCOM TAPC-PED-P: THIS INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF FREDERICK LEWIS CRISTMAN, RICARDO MARTINEZ GARCIA, AND JON MICHAEL SPARKS. A COPY OF REF A WAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR RELEASE TO THE NEXT OF KIN ON 4 AUG 92.

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