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 AMPN/SUBJ: JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 28  
 JUNE - 03 JULY 93//

RHKS/1. SITUATION: ART 1 CONDUCTED A SMOOTH TURNOVER TO ART 1 OPERATIONS AT THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC) CONTINUED UNINTERRUPTED. ART 1 RECEIVED 10 X NEW DOCUMENTS AT THE JDC, ONE OF WHICH IS A DUPLICATE RECEIVED IN DEC 92. ART 2 CONTINUES OPERATIONS AT MR-4 MUSEUM AFTER MEETINGS WITH THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND AND PROVINCE PEOPLES COMMITTEE IN HA TINH, QUANG BINH, AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES TO DELIVER SUMMARIES OF UNRESOLVED CASES, EXPLAIN OUR RESEARCH OBJECTIVES, AND INVITE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP RESOLVE

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 CASES. MR. COYLE AND MR-7 RESEARCH TASK TEAM (RTT) VISITED THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND AND PROVINCE PEOPLES COMMITTEE IN EACH OF THE PROVINCES IN MILITARY REGION SEVEN (MR-7) AND DELIVERED SUMMARIES OF UNRESOLVED CASES, EXPLAINED OUR RESEARCH OBJECTIVES, AND INVITED LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP RESOLVE CASES.

2 OPERATIONS:

A. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN:

(1) ART 2 (CWO WEBB DISPLAYED OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIS TEAM'S SCHEDULED TRAVEL TO MEET THE TEAM LEADERS OF IE TEAMS 1, 2, AND 3. HE PASSED TO EACH TEAM THE DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS ART 2. HAS EXAMINED CONCERNING EACH UNRESOLVED CASE IN THE INDIVIDUAL IE TEAM'S AREA. THE INITIATIVE PROVED HELPFUL TO IE 1 (SFC THOMPSON) INVESTIGATING CASE 0088. LOCAL OFFICIALS WORKING WITH IE #1 SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT CASE 0088. ART 2, HOWEVER, HAD DISCOVERED IN THE MR-4 MUSEUM ARTIFACTS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE SERIAL NUMBERED ITEM, THE TEAM COULD DEFINITELY LINK TO CASE 0088. ADDITIONALLY, ART 2 HAD DISCOVERED A PHOTOGRAPH THAT

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 DEPICTED WRECKAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED NEAR THE VINH CITY TRAIN STATION. WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE MUTILATED SKULL OF THE PILOT ALSO CAN BE SEEN AMONG THE WRECKAGE IN THE PHOTO. ALL DATA IN THE MUSEUM'S ACCESSION RECORD (E.G., DATE, LOCATION, TYPE AIRCRAFT) FOR THE ARTIFACTS AND PHOTO WAS CONSISTENT WITH U.S. RECORDS CONCERNING CASE 0088. AS A RESULT OF CWO WEBB'S INITIATIVE SFC THOMPSON'S TEAM MAY HAVE ENOUGH DATA TO CONFIRM THE FATE OF THE AVIATOR LOST IN CASE 0088. CWO WEBB WILL EFFECT SIMILAR COORDINATION WITH IE 4 WHEN ART 2 RETURNS TO DANANG IN MID-JULY.

(2) CDR DET 2 WILL SEND MEMOS TO VNOSMP O/A 5 JULY 93 REQUESTING ART 2 AND MR-7 RESEARCH TASK TEAM MEET WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN DA NANG AND HO CHI MINH CITY TO IDENTIFY VIETNAMESE NEWS ORGANIZATIONS THAT COULD HAVE ARCHIVAL RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS CONCERNING UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. THE REQUEST IS IN SUPPORT OF REQUESTS MADE BY SENATOR KERRY IN MAY 93 AND BY THE CJTF-FA AT THE 3 JUN 93 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

(3) THE TRANSFER OF TEN NEW DOCUMENTS TO THE JDC DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD APPEARS TO REFLECT A GOOD FAITH EFFORT BY THE VNOSMP TO LOCATE RECORDS THAT CONTAIN USEFUL CASUALTY

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RESOLUTION DATA. HOWEVER, THE DELAY IN GRANTING ART 1 ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATES ONCE AGAIN HOW EASILY THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF OUR JOINT EFFORTS CAN BE OBSCURED BY THE INEFFICIENCIES ENDEMIC TO THE VNOSMP BUREAUCRACY.

(A) ON 10 JUN 93, WHEN ART 2 BEGAN OPERATIONS IN MR-4 ON SRCOL TRAN BIEN SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT MR-4 WOULD FIND SOME ARCHIVAL RECORDS BEYOND THE DATA IN THE MILITARY MUSEUM SYSTEM. ON 23 JUN 93, AFTER HE AND ART 2 MET WITH THE THANH HOA PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND, SRCOL BIEN INFORMED DIR VNOSMP AND DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN THAT THANH HOA PROVINCE HAD LOCATED TEN NEW DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING A 25 PAGE RECORD OF U.S. AIR LOSSES IN THANH HOA PROVINCE BETWEEN AUGUST 1964 AND TO THE END OF THE WAR AND REPORTS OF SEVERAL AIR DEFENSE BATTLES IN NGHE AN, HA TINH, AND QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE 25 PAGE RECORD FOR THANH HOA PROVINCE WAS ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS SENATOR KERRY REQUESTED IN MAY 1993.

(B) DURING THE 23 JUN 93 MEETING, SRCOL BIEN ALSO INFORMED US THE TEN DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION WERE STILL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN MR-4 AND ASKED WHETHER WE WISHED MR-4 AUTHORITIES TO RELAY THE DOCUMENTS TO HANOI THROUGH ART 2 OR DISPATCH A

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COURIER TO HANOI WITH THE DOCUMENTS. ASSUMING ART 2 WOULD RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS IMMEDIATELY, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN SUGGESTED RELEASING THE DOCUMENTS THROUGH ART 2. ON FRIDAY, 25 JUN 93, MR. HO XUAN DICH, DY DIR VNOSMP, CONTACTED DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN AND ASKED WHETHER WE WISHED TO RECONSIDER ASKING MR-4 TO BRING THE DOCUMENTS TO HANOI. BY THIS TIME IT WAS CLEAR THE DOCUMENTS WOULD NOT BE SHARED WITH ART 2 IMMEDIATELY; THEREFORE, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN ASKED MR. DICH TO HAVE THE DOCUMENTS BROUGHT TO THE JDO IMMEDIATELY; IF POSSIBLE, NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 28 JUN. MR. DICH AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE VNOSMP TEAM IN MR-4 REQUESTING THAT THEY CARRY THE DOCUMENTS TO HANOI BY 28 JUN. COLONEL TUONG, SRCOL BIEN'S ASSISTANT WITH ART 2, COLLECTED THE DOCUMENTS AND CARRIED THEM TO HANOI DURING THE WEEKEND OF 26-27 JUN.

(C) ON THE MORNING OF 28 JUN MR. DICH SENT THE DOCUMENTS AND A MEMO AUTHORIZING THEIR RELEASE TO LTC BICH, SRCOL BIEN'S ASSISTANT WORKING WITH ART 1. HOWEVER, LTC BICH DID NOT INFORM ART 1 ABOUT THE DOCUMENTS AND MR. DICH DID NOT INFORM DET RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN UNTIL LATE 28 JUN. THE FOLLOWING DAY, LTC BICH SAID HE COULD NOT RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS WITHOUT

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INSTRUCTIONS FROM SRCOL BIEN. THE DOCUMENTS WERE SEALED IN AN ENVELOP MARKED FOR SRCOL BIEN, WHO HAD BEEN IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC) SINCE 25 JUN TO COORDINATE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE MR-7 TASK TEAM. LTC BICH ASSURED US HE WOULD RECEIVE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE ART 1 ARRIVED AT THE JDC ON 30 JUN. IN THE MEANTIME, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN JOINED SRCOL BIEN AND MR. COYLE IN HCMC AND, ON 30 JUN ASKED SRCOL BIEN TO AUTHORIZE LTC BICH TO RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS TO ART 1 THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE JDC.

(D) EARLY ON 1 JUL, DURING A TRIP TO TAY NINH PROVINCE, SRCOL BIEN SAID HE HAD NOT YET CONTACTED LTC BICH AND SAID HE, SRCOL BIEN, WOULD PERSONALLY HANDLE THE MATTER AFTER HE RETURNED TO HANOI ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 JUL. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN NOTED THAT U.S. LEADERS HAVE BEEN WAITING SEVERAL DAYS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE DOCUMENTS AND STRONGLY URGED SRCOL BIEN TO CALL HANOI IMMEDIATELY AND INSTRUCT LTC BICH TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH ART 1 EARLY ENOUGH FOR THE TEAM TO PUBLISH A REPORT ON THE DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND BEGINS IN THE U.S. FINALLY GRASPING THE URGENCY OF THE

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SITUATION, SRCOL BIEN AGREED TO CALL LTC BICH AND AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENTS. WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER SRCOL BIEN ARRIVED IN HCMC LTC BICH INFORMED ART 1 THAT HE WOULD RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS THE NEXT MORNING AT THE JDC.

(E) WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE SRCOL BIEN TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY AND TO GRASP THE FACT THAT FAILURE TO DO SO SLOWS THE PROCESS AND COULD PUT AT RISK LARGER ISSUES.

## B. ART 1.

(1) ART 1 ASSUMED THE MISSION 02 JULY 1993.

(2) CONTINUES MANNING THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER.

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(3) CONTINUES ARCHIVE FILM RESEARCH PROGRAM.

(4) RECEIVED 10 X DOCUMENTS WHICH INCLUDED 1 X PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED.

(5) WILL CONTINUE TO FAX FILM SUMMARIES DAILY UNTIL 10 JUL; HOWEVER, IF J2 CONCURS, WE RECOMMEND THAT WE CONSOLIDATE FILM SUMMARIES AS ENCLOSURES TO THE WEEKLY SITREP BEGINNING WITH 11-17 JUL 93 SITREP.

## C. ART 2.

(1) MET REPRESENTATIVES OF MILITARY COMMAND AND PEOPLES COMMITTEE IN HA TINH, QUANG BINH, AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES TO DELIVER SUMMARIES OF UNRESOLVED CASES, EXPLAIN OUR RESEARCH OBJECTIVES, AND INVITE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP RESOLVE CASES.

(2) CONTINUED OPERATIONS AT MR-4 MUSEUM.

## D. MR-7 RESEARCH TASK TEAM:

(1) CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN MR-7 MILITARY COMMANDS TO DELIVER SUMMARIES OF UNRESOLVED CASES, EXPLAIN OUR RESEARCH OBJECTIVES, AND INVITE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO SEARCH FOR INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP RESOLVE CASES.

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(2) INITIATED REQUEST FOR APPROVAL BY VNOSMP IN RESPONSE TO J224A REQUEST (30 JUN) TO FOLLOW UP STONY BEACH REPORT 6 024 0107 93; SOURCE IN HCMC HAS INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 0155 (ROBERT GARWOOD) AND REMAINS OF EIGHT OTHER U.S. SERVICEMEN.

3. STATUS TO DATE OF COLLECTION FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

## A. ART 1.

(1) TEAM VIEWED 18 FILMS (23 REELS), MADE 5 TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS, NONE OF WHICH ARE UNRESOLVED CASES.

(2) ART 1 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 11.

## B. ART 2.

(1) EXAMINED & PHOTOGRAPHED ARTIFACTS AND ACCESSION RECORDS AT MR-4 MUSEUM.

(2) EXAMINED & PHOTOGRAPHED ARTIFACTS AND ACCESSION RECORDS AT MILITARY MUSEUMS IN HA TINH, QUANG BINH, AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES.

(3) MADE TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS TO 19 INDIVIDUALS/CASES, 11 OF WHICH ARE UNRESOLVED CASES.

(4) ART 2 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 12.

## C. MR-7 RESEARCH TASK TEAM. NSTR.

4. PERSONNEL:

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- A. ART 1:  
(1) CW2 BANKS AND SGT DUNCAN REPORTED FOR DUTY ON 30 JUNE.  
(2) CW2 BUCHNER DEPARTED DET-2 ON 03 JULY.  
(3) DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN RETURNED FROM MR-7 ON 2 JULY.
- B. ART 2: NSTR.  
C. MR-7 RTT: NSTR.
5. LOGISTICS: NSTR.  
6. COMMUNICATION: NSTR.  
7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
A. ART 1: COMPLETED MISSION TURN OVER ON 02 JULY.  
RECEIVED 10 DOCUMENTS AT JDC FROM MR-4.  
B. ART 2: NSTR.  
C. MR-7 RTT: NSTR.
8. UPCOMING EVENTS:  
A. ART 1: CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER.  
B. ART 2: CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT MR-4 UNTIL 12 JULY.  
C. RTT 3: AWAITING COORDINATION OF TASKING.
9. MISCELLANEOUS: NSTR.  
10. DET 2 COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NSTR.

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11. ART 1 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF 03 JULY 1993:

MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
1. PHOTOGRAPHS	(--)	(1,880)
- POW	--	317
- REMAINS	--	64
- CREW GEAR	--	444
- ID MEDIA	--	276
- A/C	--	05
- A/C WRECKAGE	--	649
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	21
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	64
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	40
2. ENVELOPES	--	209
3. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	--	636
4. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	02
5. ARTIFACTS	--	4,390
6. ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	--	747

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7. DOCUMENT ACCESSIONS 10 175  
8. ARCHIVAL FILMS RESEARCHED 18 23

CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(05)	(1177)
- 135 LIST	--	14
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR	--	182
- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH	--	08
- A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED	--	67
- WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	
- RESOLVED CASE	05	842

12. ART 2 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED, AS OF 03 JULY 1993:

MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
1. PHOTOGRAPHS	(05)	(196)

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- POW	02	34
- REMAINS	04	08
- CREW GEAR	--	44
- ID MEDIA	01	10
- A/C	--	70
- A/C WRECKAGE	08	14
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	05
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	--
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	--

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2. ENVELOPES	--	149
3. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	55	2,682
4. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	06
5. ARTIFACTS	51	5,525
6. ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	--	00

CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
- 135 LIST	(19)	(132)
- UNACCOUNTED FOR	--	08
- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	11	66
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
- RESOLVED CASE	08	58

13. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NSTR.//  
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