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 AMPN/SUBJ: JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 22 -
 27 FEB 93//

RMKS/1. THREE JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAMS (ART'S) ARE CURRENTLY WORKING IN VIETNAM; ART 1 IN HANOI, ART 2 IN DANANG AND ART 3 IN HO CHI MINH CITY. THESE TEAMS CONDUCT JOINT RESEARCH WITH VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS. THE ART TEAMS PROVIDE HQ JTF-FA WITH A WEEKLY UPDATE ON RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.
 2. SITUATION: JOINT RESEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH ART 1 AT THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS AND ART 2 AT THE MILITARY REGION FIVE MUSEUM. ART 3 IS NOT CONDUCTING JOINT RESEARCH OPERATIONS PENDING NOTIFICATION TO RETURN TO WORK BY THE VNOSMP AND ART 3 COUNTERPARTS FROM THE

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 MR 7 MUSEUM. ART 3 WILL RESUME JOINT RESEARCH OPERATIONS ON 1 MARCH 1993.

3. OPERATIONS:
 A. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN. NTR.
 B. ART 1.

(1) MR. TRAN VAN TU (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, VNOSMP) NOTIFIED ART 1 TEAM LEADER ON 25 FEBRUARY THAT ART 1 WOULD BE ABLE TO RESUME RESEARCH OPERATIONS ON 26 FEBRUARY. ART 1 RESUMED RESEARCH OPERATIONS ON 26 FEBRUARY AT THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS LOCATED 33 PHAM NGU LAO STREET. SR COL TRAN XUAN (DEPUTY CDR, CAPITAL MILITARY REGION) AND COL NGUYEN VAN TUC (VNOSMP) GREETED ART 1 AND INTRODUCED CAPITAL MILITARY REGION PERSONNEL WHO WILL WORK WITH ART 1. THEY ARE: COL NG DUC THU (DIRECTOR, CAPITAL MILITARY MUSEUM), MAJ TRINH QUANG VINH AND MAJ NG DUC THONG (ASSISTANTS TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR), LT TRUONG QUANG KHAI (WEAPONS ARCHIVIST), LT NG THI HAI (ARTIFACTS ARCHIVIST), AND LT TRAN DUNG (WEAPONS ARCHIVIST). SR COL XUAN MADE A BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT, THE SALIENT POINTS ARE: THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION DOES NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED MUSEUM LIKE OTHER MILITARY REGIONS; ARTIFACTS ARE NOT STORED IN ONE LOCATION RATHER THEY ARE

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 MAINTAINED AT THREE DIFFERENT SITES IN THE HANOI AREA - ONE SITE BEING THE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE REGION; THAT THERE IS NO SUITABLE WORK SPACE FOR ART 1 AT THE HEADQUARTERS, THEREFORE ALL WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED AT LENIN PARK; THERE ARE NO ACCESSION RECORDS FOR THE ARTIFACTS; HE AND HIS STAFF ARE EAGER TO ASSIST ART 1 IN ANYWAY POSSIBLE; AND HIS PROPOSED WORK PLAN. SR COL XUAN PROPOSED THAT AFTER THE MEETING, ART 1 VISIT THE WORK SITE AT LENIN PARK, VIEW A VIDEO SHOWING VIETNAMESE ARCHIVISTS RECOVERING AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, AND EXAMINE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE ON DISPLAY AT THE PARK. SR COL XUAN ALSO PROPOSED THAT RESEARCH OPERATIONS BEGIN THAT AFTERNOON AND THAT AFTER ONE WEEK HE WOULD MEET AND DISCUSS RESEARCH PROGRESS. SR COL XUAN TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO COL THU (DIRECTOR, CAPITAL MILITARY REGION MUSEUM) AND DEPARTED THE AREA. COL THU REITERATED ALL POINTS MADE BY SR COL XUAN. ART 1 TEAM LEADER REQUESTED THAT RESEARCH OPERATIONS BE CONDUCTED IN THE STOREROOM AT THE HEADQUARTERS, POINTING OUT THE TEN MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE HEADQUARTERS TO LENIN PARK AS WELL AS THE U.S. RESEARCH PROPOSAL THAT OUTLINES RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED AT THE STORAGE LOCATION OF THE ARTIFACTS -- THAT ARTIFACTS ARE NOT TO BE GATHERED AND BROUGHT TO THE TEAM. COL THU AND COL THO

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(VNOSMP) BOTH STATED THAT THE STOREROOM IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR RESEARCH WORK, THE LOCATION (BUILDING) AT LENIN PARK IS BETTER SUITED FOR RESEARCH WORK, AND THAT THE DRIVE IS NOT AN INCONVENIENCE TO THEIR PEOPLE. ART 1 TEAM LEADER AGAIN REQUESTED TO VIEW THE STOREROOM SO THAT THE TEAM COULD DEVELOP AN APPRECIATION FOR THE TYPE AND QUALITY OF ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION. COL THU STATED THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE AS THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS IN THE STOREROOM NOT RELATED TO THE MIA ISSUE. ART 1 TEAM LEADER AGREED TO THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION WORK PLAN FOR THE NEXT WEEK, BUT REMINDED COL THO OF THE RESEARCH PLANNING MEETING SCHEDULED ON 2 MARCH BETWEEN CDR, DET 2, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN, MR. HO XUAN DICH (DIRECTOR, VNOSMP), AND SR COL TRAN BIEN (SR MND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE VNOSMP); POINTING OUT THAT THE MEETING MAY HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE WORK PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION. COL THO AND COL THU STATED THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THE MEETING AND UNDERSTOOD THAT PLANS MAY CHANGE. THE MEETING ENDED AT THAT POINT AND ALL PERSONNEL RELOCATED TO LENIN PARK.

(2) ART 1 AND CAPITAL MILITARY REGION PERSONNEL SPENT THE AFTERNOON OF 26 FEBRUARY AND THE MORNING OF 27 FEBRUARY RECEIVING

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150 UNTRACEABLE ARTIFACTS SUCH AS PARACHUTES, PARACHUTE PACKS, OXYGEN BOTTLES, BOOTS, LIFE VESTS, AND LIFE BOATS. NONE OF THE ARTIFACTS ARE MARKED WITH AN ACCESSION NUMBER NOR DO ANY OF THEM HAVE ACCESSION RECORDS. ADDITIONALLY CAPITAL MILITARY REGION PERSONNEL PRESENTED 82 ARTIFACT RECEIPTS, 23 CONTAIN AN INCIDENT DATE, LOCATION, OR INDIVIDUALS NAME; ALL 23 RECEIPTS TENTATIVELY CORRELATE TO RESOLVED INCIDENTS. CAPITAL MILITARY REGION PERSONNEL STATED THAT THE 82 RECEIPTS ARE THE ONLY DOCUMENTS THEY HAVE FOR THE ARTIFACTS MAINTAINED AT THE MILITARY REGION. ART 1 TEAM LEADER MET WITH COL THO (VNOSMP) AND COL THU (DIRECTOR, CAPITAL MILITARY REGION MUSEUM) AND EXPLAINED THAT WITHOUT ACCESSION RECORDS FOR ARTIFACTS OF THIS TYPE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHO THE ARTIFACT MAY HAVE BELONGED TO OR WHERE IT MAY HAVE COME FROM. ART 1 TEAM LEADER PROPOSED THAT RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED AT THE STOREROOM LOCATED AT THE MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS; SUGGESTING THAT THE ARTIFACTS RELEVANT TO THE MIA ISSUE BE SEPARATED FROM THE OTHER ITEMS. IN DOING SO, ART 1 WOULD ONLY EXAMINE ITEMS RELATED TO THE MIA ISSUE WHICH MAY BE OF VALUE WITHOUT THE AID OF ACCESSION RECORDS (E.G. FLIGHT HELMETS WITH INDIVIDUAL NAMES OR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE BEARING DATA PLATES)

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AND SAVE THE TIME AND EFFORT ON THE PART OF CAPITAL MILITARY REGION PERSONNEL. COL THO AND COL THU AGREED THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD BE BETTER FOR BOTH SIDES. COL THO STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO HAVE THE MIA ARTIFACTS SEPARATED FROM THE OTHER ITEMS IN THE STOREROOM AND GAIN AUTHORIZATION FOR ART 1 TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN THE STOREROOM. COL THO WILL CONTACT ART 1 TEAM LEADER ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 1 WITH AN ANSWER TO THE PROPOSAL. ART 1 TEAM LEADER ASSURED COL THO AND COL THU THAT THE DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN WILL CONTACT SR COL BIEN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME ON 1 MARCH FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION FROM COL THO AS TO WHICH WORK SITE WILL BE USED.

C. ART 2. SR COL TRAN BIEN (SENIOR MND REPRESENTATIVE TO THE VNOSMP) VISITED ART 2 ON 24 FEBRUARY. SR COL BIEN MET WITH ART 2 MEMBERS AND MR 5 MUSEUM STAFF FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, OBSERVING OPERATIONS AND DISCUSSING WORK PLANS.

D. ART 3. ART 3 DID NOT RESUME RESEARCH OPERATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ART 3 WILL RESUME RESEARCH OPERATIONS AT THE MR 7 MUSEUM ON 1 MARCH; MUSEUM OFFICIALS HAVE PREPARED APPROXIMATELY 300 WEAPONS FOR EXAMINATION.

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4. STATUS TO DATE:

A. ART 1.

(1) ART 1 EXAMINED APPROXIMATELY 150 ARTIFACTS AND 82 ARTIFACT RECEIPTS. ART 1 EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED FOUR ARTIFACTS AND TWO ARTIFACT RECEIPTS. ART 1 MADE A TENTATIVE CORRELATION TO A CASE WHICH REPRESENTS AN UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN: REFNO 0103-0-01.

(2) ART 1 STATISTICAL UPDATE: ANNEX 1.

B. ART 2.

(1) ART 2 EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 552 MUSEUM ARTIFACTS (DOG TAGS AND WEAPONS) AND 541 MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORDS. ART 2

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 MADE NO TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS TO A CASE WHICH REPRESENT AN UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN.

(2) ART 2 STATISTICAL UPDATE: ANNEX 2.

C. ART 3.

(1) NTR.

(2) ART 3 STATISTICAL UPDATE: ANNEX 3.

5. JOINT RESEARCH TEAMS: NTR.

6. PERSONNEL: THE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH SECTION CONSISTS OF MR. ROBERT J. DESTATTE AND TWO LOCAL HIRES: AN ADMIN ASSISTANT AND A DRIVER. ART 1 CONSISTS OF ARMY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GARY L. FULTON, NAVY PETTY OFFICER JAMES L. MINIHAN, AND NAVY PETTY OFFICER ERIC A. FRANSDEN. ART 2 CONSISTS OF ARMY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TWO EDWARD E. JOHNSON, NAVY PETTY OFFICER ADAM. J. BURGESS, AND NAVY PETTY OFFICER STEVEN J. STRIKE. ART 3 CONSISTS OF MR. JAMES COYLE, USAF MSGT JAMES WHITE, AND USAF SSGT WILSON SIBLEY.

7. INTELLIGENCE:

A. ART 1. ART 1 EXAMINED APPROXIMATELY 150 ARTIFACTS AND 82 ARTIFACT RECEIPTS. ART 1 EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED FOUR ARTIFACTS AND TWO ARTIFACT RECEIPTS. ART 1 MADE ONE TENTATIVE

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 CORRELATION TO A CASE WHICH REPRESENTS AN UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN: REFNO 0103-0-01, ROLL/FRAHE 247/10 AND 11, (ARTIFACT RECEIPT FOR AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE). THE ANNOTATION ON THE RECEIPT BEARS CORRECT DATE AND LOCATION FOR REFNO 0103-0-01, HOWEVER, THE AIRCRAFT TYPE IS INCORRECT.

B. ART 2. ART 2 EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 552 MUSEUM ARTIFACTS (DOG TAGS AND WEAPONS) AND 541 MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORDS. ART 2 MADE NO TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS.

C. ART 3. NTR.

B. LOGISTICS: NTR.

9. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. ART 1 - TELEPHONE LINK WAS RELIABLE BETWEEN THE RANCH AND THE CAPITAL MILITARY REGION HEADQUARTERS.

B. ART 2 - TELEPHONE LINK WAS RELIABLE BETWEEN THE RANCH AND THE BACH DANG HOTEL.

C. ART 3 - TELEPHONE LINK WAS RELIABLE BETWEEN THE RANCH AND THE NORFOLK HOTEL IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

10. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NTR.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS:

A. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN RETURNED TO

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 HANOI ON 28 FEBRUARY.

B. ART 1 PERSONNEL WILL ROTATE DURING THE COMING WEEK. CW2 BUCHNER AND MSGT GRAHAM ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN HANOI 2 MARCH. THEY WILL RECEIVE AN EXTENSIVE TURN-OVER OF DUTIES FROM THE CURRENT ART 1. ADDITIONALLY, CW3 FULTON WILL TURN-OVER ADDITIONAL DUTIES (DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN TASKS) TO CW2 BUCHNER. CTI2 FRANSEN WILL ARRIVE IN HAWAII ON 5 MARCH, CW3 FULTON ON 9 MARCH.

C. CDR DET 2, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN, MR. HO XUAN DICH (DIRECTOR, VNOSMP) AND SR COL TRAM BIEN (SENIOR MND REPRESENTATIVE TO VNOSMP) WILL MEET AT 1400 HOURS ON 2 MARCH AT THE DET 2 COMPOUND. TOPIC OF THE MEETING IS THE SRV ASSESSMENT OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARCHIVE RESEARCH AND ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMS.

12. MISCELLANEOUS. NTR.

13. DET TWO COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NTR.

14. ART 1 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF 27 FEB 1993:

MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
A. PHOTOGRAPHS	(--)	(1,852)

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- POW	--	306
- REMAINS	--	64
- CREW GEAR	--	443
- ID MEDIA	--	260
- A/C	--	05
- A/C WRECKAGE	--	649
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	21
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	64
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	40
B. ENVELOPES	--	209
C. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	--	605
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	02
E. ARTIFACTS	04	3,333
F. ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	02	02
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(01)	(876)
A. 135 LIST	--	10
B. UNACCOUNTED FOR	01	148
C. 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	08

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D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	66
E. RESOLVED CASE	--	644
15. ART 2 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED, AS OF 27 FEB 1993:		
MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
A. PHOTOGRAPHS	(--)	(99)
- POW	--	--
- REMAINS	--	04
- CREW GEAR	--	44
- ID MEDIA	--	06
- A/C	--	34
- A/C WRECKAGE	--	06
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	05
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	--
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	--
B. ENVELOPES	--	119
C. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	541	2,048
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	06

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	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
E. ARTIFACTS	--	(12)
CORRELATIONS	--	05
A. 135 LIST	--	07
B. UNACCOUNTED FOR	--	--
C. 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
E. RESOLVED CASE	--	--
16. ART 3 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED,		

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 AS OF 27 FEB 1993:

	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
A. MATERIAL	(--)	(09)
PHOTOGRAPHS	--	08
- POW	--	--
- REMAINS	--	--
- CREW GEAR	--	--
- ID MEDIA	--	--
- A/C	--	--
- A/C WRECKAGE	--	--
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	--
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	01
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	--
B. ENVELOPES	--	--
C. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	--	01
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	--
E. ARTIFACTS	--	175
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(--)	(03)
A. 135 LIST	--	--
B. UNACCOUNTED FOR	--	02

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C. 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH
A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL -- --
 D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED
WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL -- --
 E. RESOLVED CASE -- 01
 17. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. THE RESUMPTION OF ART 1 AND
 ART 3 ACTIVITY IS A SIGNIFIGANT STEP FORWARD. THE 2 MAR 93 MEETING
 BETWEEN DET 2 RESEARCH AND VNSOMP PERSONNEL SHOULD CLARIFY THE
 ARCHIVAL RESEARCH SCHEDULE FOR THE NEAR FUTURE.//

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