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

RHKS/1. SITUATION: JOINT OPERATIONS CONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH ART 1 EXAMINING ARTIFACTS COLLECTED FROM AIR DEFENSE UNITS IN THE HANOI AREA, ART 2 EXAMINING ARTIFACTS AT THE MILITARY REGION 5 MUSEUM, AND ART 3 EXAMINING ARTIFACTS COLLECTED FROM OUTLYING AREAS IN MILITARY REGION 7.

2. OPERATIONS:  
 A. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN: ALTHOUGH THE VNOSMP'S MND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SRCOL BIEN, IS WORKING HARD TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR JOINT RESEARCH ACTIVITY, PAVN'S CUMBERSOME COORDINATION PROCESS IMPEDES THE PACE OF ACTIVITY.

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 (1) CENTRAL RECORDS. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION AT DINNER ON 26 MARCH, MESSRS HO XUAN DICH (DIR VNOSMP), SRCOL TRAN VAN BIEN (MND BY DIR VNOSMP), AND SRCOL PHAM DUC DAI (DIR ARMED FORCES MUSEUM), REPEATED THEIR LONG STANDING ASSERTION THAT PAVN DESTROYED ALL CENTRAL LEVEL RECORDS RELATED TO U.S. POWS AND MIAS. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN REAFFIRMED HIS LONG STANDING POSITION THAT U.S. ANALYSTS HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE SUCH RECORDS STILL EXIST WITHIN SOME ELEMENT OF PAVN'S GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE. THEY AGREED TO DISAGREE ON THIS POINT.

(2) ART 1. ART 1 WILL EXPERIENCE A RELATIVELY SLOW SCHEDULE UNTIL AFTER THE 5-6 APR TECH MEETINGS. SRCOL BIEN HAS OBTAINED APPROVAL FOR ART 1 TO VISIT MR 1 AND MR 2; HOWEVER BOTH HE AND HIS DEPUTY, COL THO, WILL BE OUT OF TOWN DURING THE WEEK OF 29 MAR - 2 APR. SRCOL BIEN WILL BE IN DANANG TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN MR 5. COL THO WILL BE IN QUANG BINH AS ESCORT FOR THE O'GRADY FAMILY. ON 22 MARCH CDR DET 2 FORWARDED TO VNOSMP VN LANGUAGE SUMMARIES OF CASES FOR UNILATERAL RESEARCH BY CAPITAL MILITARY REGION (CMR) STAFF. SRCOL BIEN BELIEVES IT NECESSARY THAT HE AND DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN PRESENT THE CASES IN PERSON TO CMR OFFICIALS; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING

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 CONFLICTS WE CAN NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS UNTIL AFTER THE 5-6 APR TECH MEETINGS. ART 1 CAN USE THE TIME DURING 29 MAR - 2 APR TO VISIT THE BORDER DEFENSE MUSEUM IN HANOI TO MAKE AN INFORMAL SURVEY OF THE PUBLIC DISPLAYS AND COMPILE A SET OF PHOTOS OF ARTIFACTS AND DOCUMENTS EXAMINED AT THE AIR DEFENSE MUSEUM IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE AIR DEFENSE MUSEUM.

(3) ART 2. ON 26 MARCH SRCOL BIEN AND SRCOL DAI (DIR ARMED FORCES MUSEUM) ESTIMATED ART 2 WILL COMPLETE THE JOINT REVIEW OF ARTIFACTS IN THE MRS MUSEUM SYSTEM NLT 10 APRIL. SRCOL BIEN SAID HE AND POSSIBLY MAJOR CHIEN (DIR OF AIR DEFENSE MUSEUM, REPRESENTING THE AIR DEF COMMAND WILL TRAVEL TO DANANG FROM 30 MARCH TO 2 APRIL TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF MRS AND THE 375TH AIR DEFENSE DIVISION. THE 375TH AD DIV IS LOCATED IN MRS, BUT IS SUBORDINATE TO THE AIR DEF COMMAND. SRCOL BIEN'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO ASSESS THE AMOUNT OF ARTIFACTS AND RELATED INFORMATION THE 375TH AD DIV CAN SUPPLY CONCERNING U.S. CASUALTIES, AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ART 2 TO REVIEW THOSE ITEMS. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO GO BEYOND THE LIMITED AMOUNTS OF DATA IN MUSEUMS AND TRADITION HOUSES. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT SRCOL BIEN ALSO ARRANGE FOR ART 2 TO

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VISIT PROVINCE COMMANDS AND INDIVIDUAL UNITS TO DELIVER VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE CASE NARRATIVES, EXPLAIN OUR RESEARCH GOALS, ENCOURAGE UNILATERAL RESEARCH. SRCOL BIEN ACKNOWLEDGED THE NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS.

(3) ART 3. ON 26 MARCH SRCOL BIEN SUGGESTED THAT AFTER THE 5-6 APR TECH MEETING HE, MAJOR CHIEN (REPRESENTING AIR DEF COMMAND), AND DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN SHOULD TRAVEL TO HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC) TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF MR 7 AND THE 367TH AIR DEF DIV. SRCOL BIEN DESCRIBED THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES AS TO ASSESS THE AMOUNT OF ARTIFACTS AND RELATED DATA THE 367TH AD DIV AND OTHER AIR DEF UNITS IN MR7 CAN SUPPLY CONCERNING U.S. CASUALTIES, AND TO ARRANGE FOR ART 3 TO EXAMINE THOSE ITEMS, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN EMPHASIZED OUR DESIRE FOR ART 3 TO VISIT PROVINCE COMMANDS AND INDIVIDUAL UNITS IN MR7 AND MR9. SRCOL BIEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS.

B. ART 1.

- (1) COMPLETED WORK AT THE AIR DEFENSE MUSEUM IN HANOI.
- (2) AWAITING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN OPERATIONS AT MILITARY REGION 1 MUSEUM.

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(3) TEAM HAS NOT CONDUCTED OPERATION SINCE 25 MARCH (SEE PARA 8A)

C. ART 2.

- (1) CONTINUES COLLECTION AT THE MILITARY REGION FIVE MUSEUM.
- (2) ESTIMATES COMPLETION OF WORK BY 30 MARCH.

D. ART 3.

- (1) CONTINUES EXAMINATION OF ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS COLLECTED AND BROUGHT TO THE MUSEUM FROM OUTLYING AREAS.
- (2) ARTIFACTS EXAMINED HAVE BEEN EXCLUSIVELY WEAPONS SINCE 20 MARCH.

3. STATUS OF COLLECTION FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

A. ART 1.

- (1) EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 148 ARTIFACTS AND 121 MUSEUM RECEIPTS.
- (2) MADE 23 TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS. 14 OF WHICH MAY BE RELATED TO AN UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN BUT PROVIDE NO "NEW" INFORMATION (PARA 11).
- (3) ART 1 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 11.

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B. ART 2.

- (1) EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 386 MUSEUM ARTIFACTS AND 65 MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORDS.
- (2) MADE NO TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS.
- (3) ART 2 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 12.

C. ART 3.

- (1) EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 528 WEAPONS.
- (2) MADE NO TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS.
- (3) ART 3 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 13.

4. PERSONNEL: NSTR

5. LOGISTICS: NSTR

6. COMMUNICATION: NSTR

7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN. AT 0900 29 MARCH DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN SPOKE BY PHONE WITH SRCOL BIEN AND ASKED THE STATUS OF RENOVATION OF THE WORK SITES AT ARMED FORCES MUSEUM AND MR7 MUSEUM. SRCOL BIEN SAID WORK HAD NOT STARTED AND WOULD NOT START UNTIL THE MUSEUMS RECEIVED JTF-FA FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS. ((NOTE: DEP DIR OF ARMED FORCES MUSEUM APPARENTLY GAVE VNOSMP AN INCORRECT NUMBER.)) DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN REMINDED

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SRCOL BIEN THE JTF-FA TRANSFERRED THE FUNDS TO THE ACCOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE VNOSMP AND HAD SENT THE VNOSMP THE INFORMATION IT WOULD NEED TO RESOLVE THE MATTER. SRCOL BIEN SAID HE IS STILL WAITING FOR MR. DICH, DIR VNOSMP, TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

B. UPCOMING EVENTS:

A. ART #1: TEAM IS WAITING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN OPERATIONS AT MILITARY REGION 1 AND 2 MUSEUMS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ONE DAY EACH. TEAM HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT TRAVEL MAY NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNTIL AFTER THE 07 APRIL TECHNICAL TALKS DUE TO VNOSMP PERSONNEL COMMITMENTS. SEE ALSO DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN COMMENTS IN PARA 2A, ABOVE.

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B. ART #2: CONDUCTS MISSION CHANGE OVER ON 5 APRIL 1993, SEE ALSO DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN COMMENTS IN PARA 2A, ABOVE.

C. ART #3: SEE DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN COMMENTS IN PARA 2A, ABOVE.

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

10. COMMANDERS COMMENTS: NSTR.

11. ART 1 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF 27 MAR 1993:

MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
A. PHOTOGRAPHS	(--)	(1,879)
- POW	--	317
- REMAINS	--	64
- CREW GEAR	--	444
- ID MEDIA	--	275
- A/C	--	05
- A/C WRECKAGE	--	649
- NON A/C WRECKAGE	--	21
- PAVN/NLF PERSONNEL	--	64
- ARTIST DRAWINGS	--	40
B. ENVELOPES	--	209

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C. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD -- 610

D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT -- 02

E. ARTIFACTS 148 3,852

F. ARTIFACT RECEIPTS 121 461

CORRELATIONS REPORT PERIOD TOTAL TO DATE

(23) (941)

A. 135 LIST -- 13

B. UNACCOUNTED FOR 14 168

- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL -- 08

D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL -- 66

E. RESOLVED CASE 09 -- 686

12. ART 2 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED,

AS OF 27 MAR 1993:

MATERIAL REPORT PERIOD TOTAL TO DATE

A. PHOTOGRAPHS (--) (99)

- POW -- --

- REMAINS -- 04

- CREW GEAR -- 44

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- 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	65	2,010
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	06
E. ARTIFACTS	386	4,571
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	--	(12)
A. 135 LIST	--	05
B. UNACCOUNTED FOR	--	07
C. 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
E. RESOLVED CASE	--	--

13. ART 3 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED,

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AS OF 20 MAR 1993:

MATERIAL	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
A. PHOTOGRAPHS	(--)	(09)
- POW	--	08
- 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	528	1,648
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(--)	(05)
A. 135 LIST	--	01
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B. UNACCOUNTED FOR	--	02
C. 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
D. UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
E. RESOLVED CASE	--	02

16. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NTR.//  
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