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GENTEXT/SITUATION/ RESEARCH TEAMS AND DEPLOYMENT IN THREE MUSEUMS IN VIETNAM. REDEPLOYMENT OF 22ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT FROM SRV TOOK PLACE 22/23 MAR 93. ACTIVITIES OF JFA 93-4L NEAR COMPLETION. DET AND ADVANCE TEAMS COMPLETE PREPS FOR JFA 94-3C IN CAMBODIA.//

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 GENTEXT/OPERATIONS/

A. VIETNAM

(1) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY.

(A) ART 1 RESUMED WORK AT AIR DEFENSE MUSEUM IN HANOI 18 MARCH 93. THE TEAM COMPLETED EXAMINATION OF ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS BROUGHT TO THE MUSEUM FROM OUTLYING AREAS 24 MAR 93. ART 1 IS AWAITING AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS AT MR 1 (THAI NGUYEN) AND MR 2 (VIET TRI) MUSEUMS. SR COL BIEN (MND MEMBER AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR VNOSMP) ESTIMATES ABOUT TWO DAYS WORK AT EACH MUSEUM.

(B) ART 2 CONTINUES RESEARCH AT MR 5 MUSEUM. TEAM ESTIMATES COMPLETION OF WORK 14 APR 93. ART 2 IS PREPARED FOR TURNOVER OF DUTIES TO CW3 WEBB'S INCOMING TEAM 5 APR 93.

(C) ART 3 CONTINUES EXAMINATION OF ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS COLLECTED AND BROUGHT TO THE MR 7 MUSEUM FROM OUTLYING AREAS.

(D) RESEARCH SUMMARY (AS OF 20 MAR 93)

	PHOTOGRAPHS	ENVELOPES	ACCESSION RECORDS	ARTIFACTS
ART 1	1,879	209	612	3,704
ART 2	99	119	1,951	4,185

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ART 3 9 - 1 1,120

(2) TWENTY-SECOND JFA. DURING THE LAST WEEK, FIELD WORK ENDED; TEAMS NOT ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATIONS/SURVEYS/RECOVERIES BEGAN DETAILED REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION, COORDINATED WITH LOCAL SRV OFFICIALS, AND PREPARED EQUIPMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT.

(A) INVESTIGATION TEAM 1 (GIA LAI PROVINCE). GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY CASE 1323 (O-1F, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

(B) INVESTIGATION TEAM 4 (DONG THAP PROVINCE). 0843 (BOAT, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR. 1010 (GROUND LOSS, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

(C) RECOVERY TEAM 2 (DAC LAC PROVINCE). CONDUCTED AERIAL SURVEY OF CASE 1046 (UH-1H, FOUR UNACCOUNTED FOR) CRASH SITE. COMPLETED CLEANING AND INVENTORY OF REMAINS FOUND AT SITES ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0212 AND 0933.

(D) RECOVERY TEAM 3 (SONG BE PROVINCE) CLOSED SITE OF ADD-ON CASE 1131 (A-37A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

(3) LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS. LSI KEELER ASSUMED LSI DUTIES AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN PREPARING INVESTIGATIONS. HE

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DEPARTED TDY TO HO CHI MINH CITY 22 MAR 93 TO INVESTIGATE CASE PRESENTED BY SEN SMITH AND EXPECTS TO RETURN TO HANOI 27 MAR 93.

(4) CASE 0691/0954 UPDATE. DET TWO STILL WAITING MND RESPONSE TO REQUEST/PROPOSAL FOR AERIAL SURVEY OF CASE 0691 SITE. IF NO DECISION FORTHCOMING BY 29 MAR 93, DET TWO WILL REQUEST PERMISSION TO PROCEED ON GROUND AT EARLIEST DATE. CDR DET TWO SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO 0954 SITE BETWEEN 29-31 MAR 93.

B. LAOS.

(1) JFA 93-4L, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. DETAILED REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION/RESULTS WILL FOLLOW CONCLUSION OF JFA. TEAM EXPECTS TO COMPLETE JFA AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AND REDEPLOY TO U'TAPAO 27 MAR 93.

(A) COMBINED RECOVERY TEAM. COMPLETED RECOVERY OF GRAVE SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0018; RECOVERED REMAINS INCLUDING SKULL AND MANDIBLE, TEETH WITH RESTORATIONS AND LONG BONES. CLOSED SITE.

(B) INVESTIGATION TEAM INVESTIGATED/SURVEYED:
0256 (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.
0480 (GROUND LOSS, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

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0536 (GROUND LOSS, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

0537 (UH-1D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) FOUND WRECKAGE CORRELATING TO UM-1, NO PERSONAL EFFECTS/REMAINS.

1344 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED PILOT-RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM CRASH SITE POSSIBLY RELATED TO CASE.

1366 (F-4E, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

1544 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

1643 (HH-53C, FIVE UNACCOUNTED FOR), FOUND WRECKAGE CORRESPONDING TO AIRCRAFT TYPE.

1719 (OH-58, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IDENTIFIED ASSOCIATED CRASH SITE, BUT FOUND NO PERSONAL EFFECTS/REMAINS. TEAM ALSO SURVEYED NEARBY SITE OF FORMER BT 70 HOSPITAL AND CEMETERY. VIETNAMESE PREVIOUSLY EXHUMED 21 GRAVE SITES THERE; TEAM FOUND NO INDICATION THAT ANY AMERICAN WAS EVER BURIED AT THIS LOCATION.

1726 (O-2A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), NSTR.

(2) BAKER LEADER V. SCHOOL PROJECT IN SALAVAN PROVINCE IS 85 PER CENT COMPLETE, WILL FINISH AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

(3) MFA MEETING. DET THREE CDR MET WITH DEPT 2 AMERICAN DESK OFFICER, MR. ANNOUYKONE SUDACHAN, 22 MAR 93. THEY DISCUSSED THE NEXT JFA IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, RECONFIRMED SCHEDULE FOR BAKER

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LEADER VI, VII AND VIII SITE SURVEYS, PROPOSED VISIT TO GOL FILM ARCHIVES, AND PRESSED SURVEY OF WATTAY AIRFIELD. DESK OFFICER PROMISED QUICK RESPONSE.

C. CAMBODIA. DET AND ADVANCE TEAM COMPLETED PREPARATIONS FOR JFA 93-4C WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF FUEL AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT PHNOM PENH, AND FORWARD OPERATING BASE (FOB) AT STOENG TRENG. IRT WILL DEPLOY TO PHNOM PENH 26 MAR 93 VIA C-130 THEN FORWARD DEPLOY TO FOB VIA CH-46 26 MAR 93.//

GENTEXT/PERSONNEL/

A. JTF-FA MANNING INCREASED TO 142 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED), AND 21 CIVILIANS (23 AUTHORIZED), TOTALING 163 PERSONNEL. ROSTER ALSO LISTS NINE EXCESS PERSONNEL.

B. NEWLY REPORTED PERSONNEL:

(1) CWO BANKS, USMC, J2, INTEL ANALYST.

(2) CF2 HARVEY, USN, J3, VIETNAMESE LINGUIST.

(3) SSGT BOWEN, USA, J3, VIETNAMESE LINGUIST.//

GENTEXT/INTELLIGENCE/

A. DET ONE. NTR.

B. DET TWO. NTR.

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C. DET THREE. HAD ONE WALK-IN INTERVIEW, 22 MAR 93. TWO BRITISH NATIONALS TOLD CDR DET THREE 22 MAR 93 THAT WHILE THEY WERE VACATIONING IN VIETNAM, A VIETNAMESE NATIONAL TOLD THEM ABOUT THE CRASH OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRCRAFT AND THE EXECUTION OF ITS PASSENGERS BY VIETNAMESE MILITARY FORCES.

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D. DET FOUR.

(1) BRIEFED UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA (UNTAC) OPERATIONS AND PLANS STAFFS CONCERNING CURRENT JFA; DET FOUR OFFICE MAINTAINS DAILY CONTACT WITH UNTAC. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION (DCM) ASKED UNTAC CHIEF OF PLANS TO REMIND ALL UNTAC MILITARY SECTIONS OF THE REQUIREMENT TO ALERT U.S. MISSION IMMEDIATELY OF ANY POTENTIAL THREATS TO JTF-FA OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE KHMER ROUGE. GEN SANDERSON'S (UNTAC CHIEF) OFC RELAYED ITS ASSURANCE THROUGH OPS STAFF TO DCM OF UNTAC'S ATTENTIVENESS TO SECURITY THREATS 20 MAR 93.

(2) CONDUCTED TWO WALK-IN INTERVIEWS DURING THE PAST WEEK. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATED NO CASE CORRELATION.

E. HQ JTF-FA.

(1) DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, JTF-FA SENT 21 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH ANALYSIS BRANCH IDENTIFIED CORRELATIONS TO EIGHT UNRESOLVED CASES; WILL FORWARD REPORTS TO RESPECTIVE SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NOK.// GENTEXT/LOGISTICS/

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A. DET ONE.

(1) PROVIDED LOGISTICS SUPPORT FO ON-GOING JFA ACTIVITY INCLUDING REDEPLOYMENT F 22ND JFA AND DEPLOYMENT OF 93-4C. PREPARING FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 93-4L. CONTINUED LOGISTICS PLANNING FOR THE THAILAND PHASE OF THE 23RD JFA DEPLOYMENT.

(2) MEDICAL TEAM INSPECTING MRE'S STORED AT THE U'TAPHAO WAREHOUSE. EXPIRATION DATE FOR LOTS 1602B AND 1702B EXTENDED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.

(3) THREE PALLETS OF EQUIPMENT (FURNITURE, WASHER, DRYER, AND MATTRESSES) DELIVERED TO U'TAPHAO WAREHOUSE FOR FUTURE DELIVERY TO THE U.S. MISSION PHNOM PENH.

(4) CHANNEL FLIGHT 24 MAR 93 TO VIENTIANE CARRIED FOUR BOXES FOR DET THREE AND THREE BOXES OF SUPPLIES FOR THE U. S. EMBASSY.

B. DET TWO.

(1) WORKING WITH WATER UTILITY COMPANY TO CONNECT TO NEW WATER MAIN. RECEIVED COST PROPOSAL OF \$800 AND MADE AN INITIAL \$600 PAYMENT 22 MAR 93. EXPECT WORK TO BEGIN AROUND 26 MAR 93.

(2) ACQUIRING MATERIALS TO EFFECT NECESSARY REPAIRS TO

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KITCHEN IN TEAM HOUSE. ANTICIPATE REPAIR WORK TO START 29 MAR 93.

(3) ACCEPTED PLANS FOR THE NEW STORAGE BUILDING. MADE INITIAL \$1,400 PAYMENT 22 MAR AND EXPECT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN 29 MAR 93.

(4) ANTICIPATE DELIVERY OF THE WATER PRESSURE BOOSTER SYSTEM FROM U'TAPHAO 2 APR 93 CHANNEL FLIGHT.

C. DET THREE.

(1) CONTINUED LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO JFA 93-4L.

(2) EMBASSY CHANCERY UPGRADE WORK STARTED. DET THREE RELOCATING AT START OF NEXT WEEK TO FIRST FLOOR FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS. ANTICIPATE LITTLE DISRUPTION TO JTF-FA ACTIVITIES BECAUSE OF SUPERB EMBASSY SUPPORT.

D. DET FOUR.

(1) ASSISTED WITH DEPLOYING PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT FOR JFA 93-4G.

(2) TRANSFER OF \$132,546.06 OF EQUIPMENT TO THE STATE OF CAMBODIA IAW PL 102-391 AWAITING CJTFFA VISIT EARLY APR 93.

E. JTF-FA.

(1) INSPECTION AND PREP OF VEHICLES FOR SHIPMENT FROM

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KOREA TO HAIPHONG AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ARE ON TRACK.

(2) NRCC OFC, HONG KONG IS NEGOTIATING CONTRACT FOR EN ROUTE MAINTENANCE/REPAIR OF THE 30 VEHICLES; AGREEMENT WILL BE IN PLACE WHEN VEHICLES ARRIVE. NRCC, SINGAPORE ARRANGING SHIPMENT OF VEHICLES FROM HONG KONG TO HAIPHONG.

(3) INITIATED FUNDING DOCUMENTS FOR NRCC, SINGAPORE TO EFFECT EFT FOR MONTHLY HOTEL PAYMENTS IN DA NANG AND HO CHI MINH CITY.//

GENTEXT/COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY/

A. DET ONE. NTR.

B. DET TWO. IN GENERAL, HF COMMS DURING JFA WERE GOOD.

C. DET THREE. EXPERIENCED GOOD TACSAT COMMS WITH FIELD TEAM, COMMS WITH DETS ONE, FOUR AND HQ JTF-FA WERE POOR PROBABLY BECAUSE OF PERIODIC WEATHER-INDUCED INTERFERENCE.

D. DET FOUR. ALL BASE COMM SYSTEMS, NOW INSTALLED AT TOC IN DET HOUSE, ARE OPERATIONAL. HF COMMS WITH FOB ARE GOOD, BUT TACSAT COMMS FAILED. DET WILL SEND ANOTHER TACSAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE FLIGHT.//

GENTEXT/PAO/

A. CONTINUED PLANNING FOR CHINESE DELEGATION VISIT

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SCHEDULED FOR 28 MAR - 1 APRIL 93. USCINCPAC FORWARDED PPAG TO OASD(PA) FOR APPROVAL 23 MAR 93.

B. CDR DET TWO GAVE THREE MEDIA INTERVIEWS 19 MAR 93: MR. HENRY KAMM, NEW YORK TIMES, MESSRS STEIN MANENBORG AND TORE LETVIH, ARBEIDERBLANDET (NORWAY), AND MR. ANDREW SHERRY, AFP.

C. ON 20 MAR, CDR, DET TWO MET WITH MR. SHELDON KENT OF CEO, INC., WHO IS DOING ADVANCE WORK FOR A TRIP BY MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION LATER IN 1993.

D. CDR, DET TWO BRIEFED A GROUP OF FIVE FORMER POWS 20 MAR 93 VISITING VIETNAM TO FILM A DOCUMENTARY WITH MR. WILL FURMAN.

E. TWO REPS FROM GTE HAWAIIAN TELEPHONE VISITED DET TWO AND RECEIVED TOUR AND BRIEFING 23 MAR 93.

F. CJTF-FA GAVE OPERATIONAL UPDATE TO PACOM LEGAL CONFERENCE ON GUAM, AND GRANTED INTERVIEW TO GUAM CABLE TV REPORTER 23 MAR 93.

G. GAVE COMMAND BRIEFING AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE TO COL DAVID FABIAN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 24 MAR 93.

H. COORDINATED VISIT TO DET TWO BY MR. LARRY BRADEN OF REP JON KYL'S (R-ARIZ) OFFICE, TOUR AND BRIEFING AT DET TWO, SCHEDULED

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- I. RESPONDED TO QUERIES FROM MR. BOB SISSIN OF "VANCOUVER (WA) COLUMBIAN" IRT PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING REMAINS.
- J. COORDINATED WITH MR. FRED REED, COLUMNIST FOR TIMES PUBLISHING, FOR PROBABLE VISIT TO DET FOUR 19-23 APR 93.

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K. COORDINATED VISIT TO DET TWO OF SENATOR CHARLES ROBB. SENATOR ROBB WILL RECEIVE UPDATE BRIEFING AND HAVE DINNER AT THE DET HOUSE 9 APR 93.

L. MAO DEPARTED FOR SE ASIA 24 APR 93 TO HANDLE MEDIA ISSUES PERTAINING TO FAMILY MEMBER VISIT TO SRV, FORENSIC REVIEW, TECH TALKS, REPAT CEREMONY, CONGRESSIONAL VISITS, AND POTENTIAL CBS NEWS VISIT TO DET TWO.//
 GENTEXT/SIGNIFICANT/POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY EVENTS/

A. IN ARRANGING THE C-130 REDEPLOYMENT OF 22ND JFA, DET ONE ARRANGED THROUGH U.S. EMBASSY AND THAI IMMIGRATION OFFICE A PROCEDURE RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANTLY FASTER PROCESSING OF JFA TEAM MEMBERS AND A \$5,400 SAVINGS IN LANDING FEES. DET ONE COLLECTED ALL PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION TO GIVE DIRECTLY TO THAI IMMIGRATION; TEAM MEMBERS BYPASSED AIRPORT CUSTOMS, AND WENT DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL. DET ONE ALSO ARRANGED FOR EXPEDITED HANDLING BETWEEN BKK AND U'TAPHAO OF EQUIPMENT LOADED ON ACFT.

B. THROUGHOUT THE PREPARATIONS FOR JTF 93-4C, SOC MFA AND MNS HAVE AFFORDED DET FOUR AND JFA EXCELLENT COOPERATION. HOWEVER, CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE RECENTLY REQUESTED THAT FOB HELICOPTERS PARK AT STOENG TRENG AFLD, INSTEAD OF AT THE FOB, TWO

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MILES FROM THE AFLD, PRESUMABLY TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL LANDING AND PARKING FEES. DET CHALLENGED THIS REQUEST THROUGH LTG NOUN SARET, VICE MNS.//

GENTEXT/COMMANDER'S COMMENTS/SCHEDULE/

A. HQ JTF-FA ASSISTED USCINCPAC ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING VISIT OF PRC DELEGATION TO DISCUSS MIA ISSUES 28 MAR-1 APR 93.

B. SCHEDULE.

- (1) TDY SE ASIA UNTIL 27 MAR 93.
- (2) TDY SE ASIA 1-B APR 93. PERIOD INCLUDES TECH TALKS IN HANOI 5-7 APR, AND SITE INSPECTIONS IN CAMBODIA 3-5 MAR.
- (3) TDY SE ASIA 16-23 APR 93, SITE INSPECTIONS IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS.//

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