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AMPN/SUBJ: JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 05-10 APR 93//

RMKS/1. SITUATION: JOINT OPERATIONS CONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH ART 1 TRAVELING TO MILITARY REGION ONE, ART 2 EXAMINING ARTIFACTS AT THE MILITARY 5 MUSEUM. ART 3 CONDUCTED R&R DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD AND WILL RESUMED OPERATIONS ON 12 APRIL.

2. OPERATIONS:

A. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN: DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN AND ART 1 (CWO BUCHNER) VISITED MR-1 DURING 8-9 APRIL 1993. PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVES WERE, FIRST, TO DELIVER COPIES OF A VN LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF EACH CASE IN MR-1 AND INVITE MR-1 OFFICIALS TO SEARCH THEIR RECORDS FOR DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT CLARIFY THE FATE

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OF AMERICANS LOST IN MR-1; AND, SECOND, TO EXAMINE MUSEUM RECORDS FOR ARTIFACTS EXAMINED DURING EARLIER JFA. BOTH CENTRAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE FLEXIBLE AND HELPFUL. THEY CHEERFULLY ACCOMMODATED A LAST MINUTE REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO THE BAC THAI PROVINCE MUSEUM AND SOME OF ITS ACCESSION AND INVENTORY RECORDS. MR-1 OFFICIALS APPEARED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN UNILATERALLY SEARCHING THEIR FILES FOR DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT YIELD USEFUL INFORMATION AND PROMISED TO INFORM US OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR RESEARCH BY LATE-MAY OR EARLY-JUNE 1993.

(1) SRCOL LOC ((LOOCJ)), DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF MR-1, AND MAJOR NGUYEN VAN COC ((NGUYEENX VAWN COOCS)), DIR OF MR-1 MUSEUM AND HIS STAFF RECEIVED THE TEAM ON 8 APRIL. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN EXPLAINED U.S. RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND SUGGESTED TYPES OF DOCUMENTS WE BELIEVE COULD YIELD CASUALTY RESOLUTION DATA. TO ILLUSTRATE ONE SUCH TYPE OF DOCUMENT, WE SHOWED MR-1 OFFICIALS VIETNAMESE REPORTS OF UNILATERAL EFFORTS TO RECOVER REMAINS OF PATTERSON (CASE 0691; REPORT FILED 13/11/72. KIM BOI DIST, HOA BINH PROV/MR 3) AND STEEN (CASE 0349; REPORT FILED 10/3/73, NGHIA LO PROV, TAY BAC MILITARY REGION/MR 20.

(2) AS AN EXAMPLE OF UNILATERAL RESEARCH THAT WOULD BE

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HELPFUL, DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN REVIEWED WITH MR-1 OFFICIALS A ROSTER PREPARED BY MR-1'S LANG SON PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND LISTING FIVE INCIDENTS IN WHICH U.S. AVIATORS' REMAINS WERE LOST OR DESTROYED. THE POLITICAL OFFICER OF LANG SON PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND (MAJ LE TRAN QUOC/LEE TRAAF QUOOC) SIGNED THE ROSTER ON 9 NOV 1972. THE VNOSMP PRESENTED A COPY OF THE ROSTER TO SEN. KERRY O/A 17 DEC 92 IN HANOI. DET RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN EXPLAINED THE DATES AND LOCATIONS CITED IN THE ROSTER CANNOT BE RECONCILED WITH U.S. DATA. DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN EMPHASIZED IT IS IMPORTANT TO FIND DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT CAN RECONCILE THE LANG SON COMMAND'S DATA WITH OUR RECORDS. MR-1 OFFICIALS APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND PROMISED TO SEARCH FOR DATA THAT COULD HELP US ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVES. WE AGREED TO ARRANGE A MEETING TO SHARE DATA SOON AFTER MAJOR COC INFORMS SRCOL BIEN (DEPUTY DIR VNOSMP) THAT MR-1 SPECIALISTS HAVE LOCATED APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS. MAJOR COC ESTIMATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND ANSWERS BY MID-MAY OR EARLY-JUNE 1993.

(3) THE DET 2 TEAM VISITED THREE MUSEUMS IN THAI NGUYEN CITY: THE MILITARY REGION ONE MUSEUM, THE VIET BAC ETHNIC MINORITY CULTURAL MUSEUM, AND THE BAC THAI PROVINCE MUSEUM. ART

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1 TEAM MEMBER MSGT M. GRAHAM NOTED THAT DURING A PREVIOUS JFA, HE EXAMINED THE SAME ARTIFACTS PRESENTED TO THE DET 2 TEAM DURING THE 8-9 APR 93 VISITS.

(A) DET 2 RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN ASKED TO EXAMINE MUSEUM ACCESSION AND INVENTORY RECORDS FOR TWO ARTIFACTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST AT THE BAC THAI PROVINCE MUSEUM: A HALF BURNED MILITARY ID CARD FOR CASE 0313 (DYCZKOWSKI), AND A PARTIALLY BURNED U.S. ONE DOLLAR BILL. THE MUSEUM DIR, MR. DANG KHAC THO, PRESENTED THE ACCESSION RECORD AND SEVERAL INVENTORY RECORDS FOR ARTIFACTS ASSOCIATED WITH MUSEUM FILE NUMBER 371B (CASE 0313) AND FILE NUMBER 3716 (U/I CASE). RECORDS FOR FILE NUMBER 371B DID NOT YIELD ANY DATA THAT COULD LINK THE BURNED DOLLAR BILL WITH A SPECIFIC CASE.

(B) THE BAC THAI PROVINCE MUSEUM IS ONLY ABOUT ONE YEAR OLD. IT RECEIVED THE FEW ARTIFACTS AND ASSOCIATED DATA IN ITS INVENTORY FROM THE VIET BAC ETHNIC MINORITIES CULTURAL MUSEUM (FORMERLY THE VIET BAC MILITARY REGION MUSEUM). MR-1 AND LOCAL MUSEUM OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT MILITARY MUSEUMS IN MR-1 NEVER HAD LARGE NUMBERS OF ARTIFACTS AND HAD NEVER FOCUSE ATTENTION ON RECORDING PRECISE DATA ABOUT U.S. CASUALTIES. THEY NOTED PAN'S

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CENTRAL ARMED FORCES MUSEUM ORGANIZED A PUBLIC DISPLAY OF WAR TIME ARTIFACTS IN HANOI IN 1974. MR-1 SENT MANY ARTIFACTS TO HANOI FOR THE SHOWING. THE ARTIFACTS SUBSEQUENTLY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE CENTRAL ARMED FORCES MUSEUM IN HANOI. THE VIET BAC (MR-1) MUSEUM RECEIVED SOME ARTIFACTS IN 1977; HOWEVER, DURING THE LATE 1970S THROUGH ABOUT 1987, THE MR-1 COMMAND WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE BORDER CONFLICT WITH CHINA AND DID VERY LITTLE TO EXPAND ITS MUSEUM HOLDINGS. THE FACT THAT THE ACCESSION AND INVENTORY RECORDS EXAMINED BY THE DET 2 TEAM WERE DATED IN EARLY 1977, AND THE DEARTH OF SPECIFIC DATA IN THE RECORDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE VERBAL TESTIMONY OF THE MR-1 AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.

B. ART 1.

(1) TEAM TRAVELED TO THAI NGUYEN (MILITARY REGION ONE) ON 8/9 APRIL AND EXAMINED SEVERAL ARTIFACTS AT THE VIET BAC, CULTURAL, AND BAC THAI MUSEUMS.

(2) TEAM RETURNED TO HANOI ON 9 APRIL AND IS NOW AWAITING AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL TO MILITARY REGION FOUR MUSEUM IN VINH (20 APRIL).

C. ART 2.

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(1) CONTINUES COLLECTION AT THE MILITARY REGION FIVE MUSEUM.

(2) CW2 WEBB RETURNED TO BANGKOK ON 10 APRIL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

D. ART 3.

(1) OPERATIONS SUSPENDED FOR R&R.

3. STATUS OF COLLECTION FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

A. ART 1.

(1) TEAM EXAMINED 23 ARTIFACTS AND 26 ACCESSION RECORDS ON 8 AND 9 APRIL AT THREE MILITARY REGION ONE MUSEUMS.

(2) MADE FOUR TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS.

(3) ART 1 STATISTICAL UPDATE: PARA 11.

B. ART 2.

(1) EXAMINED AND PHOTOGRAPHED 57 ARTIFACTS AND 08 ACCESSION RECORDS.

(2) MADE NO TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS.

(3) ART 2 STATISTICAL UPDATE (NO CHANGE): PARA 12.

4. PERSONNEL:

A. ART 1: NSTR

B. ART 2: CW2 WEBB RECALLED TO U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK ON ORDER.

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 C. ART 3: NSTR
 5. LOGISTICS: NSTR
 6. COMMUNICATIONS: NSTR
 7. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. ART 1: NSTR
 B. ART 2: CW2 WEBB RECALLED TO U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK ON ORDER.
 C. ART 3: NSTR
 8. UPCOMING EVENTS:
 A. ART 1: AWAITING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN OPERATIONS AT
 MILITARY REGION 4 MUSEUM ON OR ABOUT 20 APRIL.
 B. ART 2: NSTR
 C. ART 3: RESUMED OPERATIONS ON 12 APRIL.

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9. MISCELLANEOUS: NSTR.
 10. DET 2 COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NSTR.
 11. ART 1 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF
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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
C. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD	26	636
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	02
E. ARTIFACTS	23	3,875
F. ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	--	461

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 CORRELATIONS

CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
- 135 LIST	(04)	(945)
UNACCOUNTED-FOR	--	13
REFNO: 0313-0-01	01	169
- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	08
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	66
- RESOLVED CASE	03	689
REFNO: 0670-1-01		
0589-1-04		
0606-1-01		
12. ART 2 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF		

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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	08	2,038
D. MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORT	--	06
E. ARTIFACTS	57	4,762
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(--)	(12)
- 135 LIST	--	05
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR	--	07
- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
- RESOLVED CASE	--	--

13. ART 3 STATISTICS ON MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED AS OF

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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	--	2,107
CORRELATIONS	REPORT PERIOD	TOTAL TO DATE
	(--)	(05)
- 135 LIST	--	01
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR	--	02

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- 135 LIST ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
- UNACCOUNTED-FOR ASSOCIATED WITH A RESOLVED INDIVIDUAL	--	--
- RESOLVED CASE	--	02

14. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NSTR.//

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