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 AMPN/SUBJ: ARCHIVAL RESEARCH ASSESSMENT UPDATE 7//
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 RMKS/1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A, THIS MESSAGE UPDATES
 INFORMATION OBTAINED TO DATE THROUGH JTF-FA'S ARCHIVAL RESEARCH
 PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM COMMENCED 2 NOV 92 AS A RESULT OF THE
 VESSEY-CAM AGREEMENT OF 19 OCT 92. CUMULATIVE QUANTITY, QUALITY AND
 SIGNIFICANCE OF ARCHIVAL MATERIAL INSPECTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY
 JTF-FA ARCHIVAL TEAMS (ART'S) ARE PRESENTED.
 2. SUMMARY. OVERALL JOINT ARCHIVAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM
 INCREASED MARKEDLY DURING JUNE 93. NEW RESEARCH EFFORTS IN NORTHERN,
 CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN VIETNAM ALL BENEFITED FROM AN IMPROVEMENT IN

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 VIETNAMESE COOPERATION. HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH INCLUDED THE
 OPENING OF THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER IN HANOI, ART 2 RESEARCH AT THE
 MILITARY REGION 4 MUSEUM IN VINH CITY, AND THE CREATION OF A MOBILE,
 RESEARCH TASK TEAM IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

A. ART 1 BEGAN THE MONTH WITH THE OPENING OF A JOINT DOCUMENTS
 CENTER (JDC) IN HANOI. THE CENTER WILL SERVE AS A CENTRAL REPOSITORY
 FOR SRV AND U.S. DOCUMENTS RELATED TO PERSONNEL MISSING IN VIETNAM.
 LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM, THE JDC OFFICIALLY OPENED ITS
 DOORS ON 7 JUNE 1993. IT WILL BE MANNED BY JTF-FA DET 2 AND
 VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL AND WILL OPERATE FIVE DAYS A WEEK. SINCE JDC
 OPERATIONS BEGAN, ART 1 HAS BEGUN EXAMINING DOCUMENTS AND ARCHIVAL
 FILMS PROVIDED BY THE VIETNAMESE. THE TEAM REPORTS A HIGH LEVEL OF
 VIETNAMESE COOPERATION. OVERALL, IN JUN 93 ART 1 EXAMINED 232
 RECORDS, ARTIFACTS AND FILMS, RESULTING IN 9 CORRELATIONS TO
 UNRESOLVED INCIDENTS.

B. ART 2 BEGAN WORK AT THE MR 4 MUSEUM IN VINH CITY 11 JUN 93.
 FOLLOWING SOME INITIAL DELAYS AND COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES, THE ART
 TEAM REPORTED A HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION AND ACCESS TO ARCHIVAL
 MATERIALS. JTF-FA IS COORDINATING FOR ADDITIONAL ART 2 RESEARCH
 PROJECTS. OVERALL, IN JUN 93 THE TEAM EXAMINED 1100 RECORDS AND

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ARTIFACTS; RESULTING IN 61 NEW CORRELATIONS TO UNRESOLVED INCIDENTS.

C. ART 3 TERMINATED OPERATIONS IN EARLY JUN 93. AT THE JUN 93
 TECHNICAL TALKS CJTF-FA REQUESTED THAT ART 3 BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE HO
 CHI MINH CITY, PROVIDED THAT RESEARCH IN THE SURROUNDING PROVINCES
 COULD RESUME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE VIETNAMESE APPROVED THIS PLAN
 AND SCHEDULED RESEARCH TO RESUME IN LATE JUN 93. TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
 OF THIS RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY, JTF-FA FORMED A RESEARCH TASK TEAM
 (RTT), TO BE HEADED BY THE FORMER ART 3 TEAM LEADER. THE RTT SHOULD
 HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO TRAVEL TO VARIOUS FACILITIES IN MILITARY
 REGION 7 AND MAKE A FIRST HAND DETERMINATION OF WHAT ARCHIVAL
 MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE. ON 28 JUN, THE RTT BEGAN VISITS TO
 PROVINCIAL MILITARY MUSEUMS. INITIAL TEAM REPORTS INDICATE A
 HIGH LEVEL OF VIETNAMESE COOPERATION.

3. ART 1 RESEARCH SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL ACCOUNT
 OF MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY ART 1 AS OF 3 JUL 93:

MATERIAL REVIEWED/PHOTOGRAPHED	TOTAL NUMBER TO DATE
TOTAL PHOTOGRAPHS	(1880)
-- POW	317
-- REMAINS	64
-- CREW GEAR	444

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-- ID MEDIA	276
-- AIRCRAFT	5
-- AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE	649
-- NON-AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE	21
-- NVA PERSONNEL	64
-- ARTIST DRAWINGS	40
ENVELOPES	209
MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORDS	636
MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORTS	2
ARTIFACTS	4390
ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	747
DOCUMENT ACCESSIONS	175
ARCHIVAL FILMS RESEARCHED	23
4. ART 2 RESEARCH SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING IS A STATISTICAL ACCOUNT OF MATERIAL REVIEWED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY ART 2 AS OF 3 JUL 93:	
MATERIAL REVIEWED/PHOTOGRAPHED	TOTAL NUMBER TO DATE
PHOTOGRAPHS	(196)
-- POW	34
-- REMAINS	8
-- CREW GEAR	55

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-- ID MEDIA	10
-- AIRCRAFT	70
-- AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE	14
-- NON-AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE	5
-- NVA PERSONNEL	0
-- ARTIST DRAWINGS	0
ENVELOPES	149
MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORDS	2682
MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD REPORTS	6
ARTIFACTS	5525
ARTIFACT RECEIPTS	0

5. SIGNIFICANT ANALYTICAL OBSERVATIONS/DEVELOPMENTS:

A. THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER IN HANOI WILL BE THE FOCUS OF RESEARCH EFFORTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE JDC ENJOYS ENTHUSIASTIC SRV SUPPORT AND SHOULD SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE RESEARCH LOCATION.

B. IN ADDITION TO WRITTEN DOCUMENTS, ART 1 HAS BEGUN THE REVIEW OF OVER 200 WAR ERA VIETNAMESE FILMS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES SOME INFORMATION CORRELATING TO UNRESOLVED CASES. HOWEVER, THE LEVEL OF USEFUL CASUALTY RESOLUTION EVIDENCE HAS NOT BEEN FULLY ASSESSED.

C. THE RESUMPTION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY FOR ART 2 AND THE RTT

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REPRESENTS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE RESEARCH SLOW DOWN DURING MAY.

D. THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT CONTINUES TO RECEIVE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM THE VIETNAMESE AND IS PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE.

E. IN RESPONSE TO A LIST OF KEY DOCUMENTS SENATOR KERRY PRESENTED TO THE VIETNAMESE ON 18 MAY, THE VIETNAMESE HAVE BEGUN TO PROVIDE SHOOTDOWN RECORDS AND SKETCHES. ALTHOUGH THESE APPEAR TO CONTAIN LITTLE CASUALTY RESOLUTION DATA, THE VIETNAMESE RESPONSIVENESS TO SENATOR KERRY'S REQUEST IS A POSITIVE SIGN.

6. OVERALL EVALUATION OF VIETNAMESE ARCHIVES REVIEWED TO DATE:

FOLLOWING A LACK OF PROGRESS IN MAY, THE RECENT GAINS IN THE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH PROGRAM ARE A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD. THE NEW RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR ALL THREE RESEARCH TEAMS SHOULD ALLOW THE TEAMS TO WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY. FUTURE PROGRESS WILL BE MEASURED BY CONTINUED ACCESS TO MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND THE QUANTITY OF TRULY SIGNIFICANT POW/MIA RELATED DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED TO U.S. RESEARCHERS.//

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