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Ms. Colleen Shine
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Dear Ms. Shine

The attached memorandum that we recently received from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Defense POW-MIA Office (DPMO) is forwarded per your request. This memo contains the Order of Battle on both sides of the Lao/Vietnam border along Route 7 and lists those units operating in the area of your father's loss incident. And as indicated in paragraph 4 of the memo, suspected commanders associated with these units remain unconfirmed and research continues in an effort to identify possible witnesses to loss incidents in specific areas of operation..

Please contact us when we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely


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Attachment:
DPMO Memo, I-94/50850, 18 Dec 94



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In reply refer to:
I-94/50850

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSING PERSONS
AND INQUIRIES DIVISION (ATTN: MR. ATKINSON)

SUBJECT: Next of Kin Request for Order of Battle

This responds to your memorandum of October 4, 1994, requesting order of battle information on behalf of Ms. Colleen Shine, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Anthony C. Shine. Ms. Shine requested the order of battle on both sides of the Lao/Vietnam border along Route 7, as well as unit and local commanders in the area of her father's loss incident.

The enemy order of battle in this region was never static. It changed year by year and from wet season to dry season. In general, Vietnamese units moved into Laos during the dry season to mount seasonal offensives, then moved back into Vietnam during the rainy season. By 1969, however, some Vietnamese units remained in Laos year-round. The primary unit responsible for Route 7 as far west as Muong Sen was Binh Tram (Military Station) 11. The primary Pathet Lao units in the area included the 601st Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Battalion, the 603rd AAA Battalion, and the 28th Infantry Battalion. All of these units operated within 20 nautical miles of the Shine loss incident.

Other units known to operate in Xieng Khoang Province at various times include the following: the 312th North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Division; elements of the 316th NVA Division; and the 866th NVA Group, which included the 924th NVA Battalion, and the 5th NVA Independent Battalion.

Pathet Lao units, in addition to those mentioned above, included: the 2nd, 3rd, 24th, 585th, 701st, and 609th Battalions, as well as Pathet Lao allied Deuane Neutralist forces. Suspected commanders associated with these units remain unconfirmed. Research continues in an effort to identify possible witnesses to loss incidents in specific areas of operation.

