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POW/MIA Affairs  
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Mrs. Catherine M. Walton

Dear Mrs. Walton:

Enclosed are copies of documents provided by the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting which relate to your son Sergeant First Class Lewis C. Walton.

This information is being sent to you in keeping with our policy of providing all information we obtain which relates to your loved one. If I may be of further assistance in explaining the attached documents, please call me collect at (703) 325-5305.

Sincerely,

*Mack M. Brooks*

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Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
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DIA PASS TO DOD POW-MIA CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION OFFICE  
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SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT OF CASE 1745 (LUTTRELL,  
WALTON AND BINGHAM).

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SECTIONAL MSG

1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV  
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM DURING ITERATION 17 FROM  
21 APRIL TO 20 MAY 92. PARA 4B (10) OF REF PERTAINS TO  
THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1745 WHICH IS REPORTED IN  
DETAIL HEREIN. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS  
AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL  
CONCLUSIONS. REF B IS AN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT  
CONCERNING CASE 1745 PREPARED AFTER ITERATION 14, FROM  
17 JULY TO 12 AUGUST 1991.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 3 MAY 1992, A JOINT  
US/SRV INVESTIGATION TRAVELED TO A PAT HAMLET, A VUONG  
VILLAGE IN HIEN DISTRICT TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE  
TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED CONSISTENT  
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHOOTING DEATH OF THREE  
AMERICANS WHO WERE ON A JOINT US/ARVN RECON TEAM.  
WITNESSES CLAIM THE REMAINS WERE NEVER BURIED AND HAVE  
NOW BEEN WASHED AWAY.

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:  
A. ON 21 APRIL 1992, THE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF JOINT  
INVESTIGATION ELEMENT THREE ARRIVED IN DA NANG CITY,  
QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE TO BEGIN THE 17TH SERIES OF  
JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF  
CW3 [REDACTED] (TEAM CHIEF), SFC [REDACTED]  
(ASSISTANT TEAM CHIEF), MR. [REDACTED] (LIVE  
SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR), CT12 (NAC) [REDACTED]

(TEAM ANALYST), SPO [REDACTED] (LINGUIST), SFC [REDACTED]  
AND SSG [REDACTED] (RESEARCH AND RECOVERY  
SPECIALISTS) AND MSGT [REDACTED] (TEAM MEDIC). THE  
VIETNAMESE CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF MR. PHAM VAN RUYEN  
(PHAM VAN RUYEN), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
REPRESENTATIVE AND TEAM CHIEF; MR. PHAM CONG KHOI (PHAM  
COONG KHOI), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
REPRESENTATIVE; MR. PHAM VAN THAM (PHAM VAN TRAM),  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE.

B. ON 22 APRIL 92, THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM MET  
WITH MEMBERS OF THE QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE TASK  
TEAM. THE PROVINCE TEAM CONSISTED OF: MAJ THANH PHUOC  
SAU (TRAM PHUOC SAU), TEAM LEADER AND PROVINCE  
MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE; CPT VU XUAN CAN (VUX  
XUAN CAANX), PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE;  
MR. LAM QUANG MINH (LAM QUANG MINH), PROVINCE EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE; MR. MAI QUY TRUNG (MAI QUY  
TRUNG), PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE; MR. THANH  
THANH TRINH (TRAM THANH TRINH); MR. NGUYEN THANH NHAN  
(NGUYENX THANH NHAAM); MR. HA MINH THAM (HA MINH TRAM)  
AND MR. NGUYEN VAN LOC (NGUYENX VAN LOOC), EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE. DURING THIS MEETING THE  
VIETNAMESE SIDE EXPLAINED ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THIS  
ITERATION AND OFFERED A WORK SCHEDULE. MR. KHOI SAID  
THE VNOSMP HAD ARRIVED IN QUANG NAM DA NANG PROVINCE ON  
15 APRIL 92 TO BEGIN ADVANCE PREPARATIONS.

C. ON 3 MAY 1992, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELED BY  
HELICOPTER TO A PAT (A PAT) HAMLET (VICINITY YC755591),  
A VUONG (A VUONG) VILLAGE, HIEN DISTRICT TO INVESTIGATE  
CASE 1745. (NOTE: A PAT HAMLET IS AN ETHNIC KA TU  
SETTLEMENT AND ALL FOUR WITNESSES ARE MEMBERS OF THIS  
ETHNIC MINORITY). THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF FOUR  
WITNESSES WHO HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE. THE  
FIRST WITNESS WAS A MR. ZRAM A GOOC (ZRAM A GOOC), 55  
YOA, WHO RESIDES IN A PAT HAMLET. DURING THE WAR HE WAS  
A MEMBER OF THE A VUONG VILLAGE MILITIA. HE PROVIDED  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) AROUND 0830 HOURS ON 24 APRIL 1971, NINE

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AIRCRAFT APPEARED IN THE AREA AND INSERTED TROOPS. TWO  
 VILLAGERS, MR. RUOI (RWOIS) AND MR. THO (THOR), HAD GONE  
 HUNTING AND REPORTED THIS INCIDENT TO THE HAMLET. AT  
 ABOUT 1600 HOURS, HAMLET GUERRILLAS DISCOVERED THE  
 TRACKS OF THE INSERTED TROOPS. FROM 1700 HOURS UNTIL  
 1830 HOURS THE VILLAGE MILITIA REPLACED THE HAMLET  
 MILITIA. AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT THIS WITNESS WAS  
 THE VILLAGE MILITIA PLATOON LEADER.

(1) AT 0500 HOURS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, A FORCE OF  
 ABOUT 37 MEN CONSISTING OF HAMLET AND VILLAGE MILITIA,  
 AND REGULAR FORCE SOLDIERS OF TAY GIANG (TAY GIANG)  
 DISTRICT WERE SEARCHING FOR THE INSERTED TROOPS. THESE  
 TROOPS WERE FIRST SEEN AT ABOUT 0900 AND CONSISTED OF  
 EIGHT SOLDIERS INCLUDING THREE AMERICANS. THEY ALL WORE  
 OLIVE DRAB COLORED UNIFORMS.

(2) AT 0930 HOURS, THE COMMUNIST FORCES INITIATED  
 CONTACT, KILLING ONE ARVN SOLDIER AND ALL THREE  
 AMERICANS. THEY SCAVENGED THE SITE AFTER THE OTHER ARVN  
 SOLDIERS HAD FLED. THEY RECOVERED THREE HAND HELD  
 RADIOS, ONE BIG RADIO CONTAINED IN A RUCK SACK, FOUR  
 AR15 RIFLES, AND ONE M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER.

(3) TWO DAYS LATER A SECOND ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED AT  
 1800 HOURS. FOUR ARVN SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND THE  
 MILITIA RETRIEVED FOUR AR 15 RIFLES AND A RUCK SACK  
 CONTAINING FOOD AND WATER. THE TWO ENGAGEMENTS WERE  
 ONLY APPROXIMATELY 300 METERS APART. HE ALSO RECALLED  
 THAT THE MILITIA GATHERED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: EIGHT  
 CLAYMORE MINES, BOOBY TRAP GRENADES, THREE WATCHES, TWO  
 MAPS, AND ONE NOTE BOOK. HOWEVER, HE COULD NOT RECALL  
 WHETHER THEY WERE COLLECTED AFTER THE FIRST OR SECOND

INCIDENT. ALL OF THESE ITEMS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE  
 DISTRICT. HE SAID NONE OF THE DEAD BODIES WERE BURIED.

(5) OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE INCIDENT WERE MR. RIO  
 (RIOD) AND MR. ALANG RO (ALANG RWO) WHO WERE BOTH FROM  
 THE A VUONG VILLAGE MILITIA. MR. BO LO (BWO/LWOF) FROM  
 THE TAY GIANG DISTRICT FORCES WAS THE ACTING COMMANDER  
 OF THE OPERATION. THIS OPERATION WAS RECORDED IN A  
 BOOK; HOWEVER, MR. GOOC BELIEVES THE BOOK HAS SINCE BEEN  
 LOST.

(6) TWO MONTHS AFTER THIS BATTLE, MR. GOOC LED TWO  
 MONTAGNARDS FROM THE GIA LAI-KONTUM AREA TO THE  
 INCIDENT LOCATION. THEY INSPECTED THE SITE AND FOUND  
 THE REMAINS OF ONE U.S. SOLDIER NEAR A RAVINE.

(7) IN 1990 OR 1991, THE WITNESS HEARD THAT THREE  
 MEN HAD VISITED THE SITE. THEY WERE MR. NUI (NWS), MR.  
 CHINH (CHINNS), AND MR. BAN (BAAN). IN 1991, MR. GOOC  
 HIMSELF RETURNED TO THE SITE. HE DID NOT SEE ANY  
 REMAINS BUT HE FOUND A KNIFE, PARACHUTE CORD, BUTTONS,  
 AND SOME BATTERIES. HE DID NOT TAKE ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

(8) THE SECOND WITNESS WAS A MR. ZRAM NUI (ZRAAN  
 NWS), A 55 YOA, WHO RESIDES IN A PAT HAMLET, A VUONG  
 VILLAGE. HE IS NOW THE VILLAGE PARTY CHIEF. HE DID NOT  
 PARTICIPATE IN THIS BATTLE BUT HE READ THE BATTLE  
 REPORT. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT HE WAS THE DISTRICT  
 MILITARY COMMANDER. HE JOINED THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN  
 1958. FROM 1969 TO 1983 HE WAS THE DISTRICT MILITARY  
 COMMANDER. HIS UNIT CONSISTED OF THREE PLATOONS. EACH  
 PLATOON HAD THREE SQUADS AND EACH SQUAD HAD TEN MEN. HE  
 PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) IN APRIL OR MAY OF 1971, TWO RECONNAISSANCE  
 AIRPLANES Q-20'S ACCORDING TO THE WITNESS) CIRCLED HILL  
 "R" TWICE. AFTER THAT, 18 HELICOPTERS APPEARED AND THE  
 LAST HELICOPTER IN THE FORMATION LOWERED TO THE GROUND  
 AND INSERTED TROOPS. ONE GUERRILLA OF A PAT HAMLET  
 DISCOVERED THE TROOPS WHILE INSPECTING HIS TRAPS AND  
 REPORTED THIS TO THIS WITNESS. THE GUERRILLA DID NOT  
 KNOW HOW MANY TROOPS HAD LANDED OR WHETHER THEY WERE  
 AMERICAN OR ARVN. LATER SCOUTS REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE  
 INSERTED TROOPS BIVOUACKED AT A LOCATION 20 MINUTES FROM  
 THE DROP OFF LOCATION.

(2) AT 0300 HOURS THE NEXT DAY, A FORCE OF 40 MEN,  
 WHICH CONSISTED OF ONE SQUAD FROM THE DISTRICT MAIN

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FORCE (AKA B1), TWO SQUADS FROM THE VILLAGE GUERRILLAS  
AND ONE SQUAD FROM THE HAMLET FORCE, DEPARTED TO SEARCH  
FOR THE INSERTED TROOPS. AT 0500 HOURS, THE COMMUNIST  
FORCE ATTACKED THE INSERTED TROOPS WHILE THEY WERE  
RECOVERING CLAYMORE MINES. THEY KILLED THREE AMERICANS  
AND TWO ARVN SOLDIERS. AFTER SEIZING THE WEAPONS, THE  
COMMUNIST FORCE RETREATED FROM THE AREA.

(3) TWO DAYS LATER, FOUR SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS  
RETURNED TO THE DROP OFF POINT. AT 1200 HOURS, MR. RO  
(RVDF) AND THE VILLAGE MILITARY DEPUTY COMMANDER FOUND  
AN ARVN SIGNALING WITH A MIRROR AND RED FLAG. MR. RO  
THREW A GRENADE WHICH DID NOT CAUSE ANY CASUALTIES.  
FOUR ARVN SOLDIERS WERE LATER SURROUNDED NEAR THE FIRST  
BATTLE SITE AND KILLED.

(4) FROM THE TWO BATTLES, THE COMMUNIST FORCES  
COLLECTED NINE AR 15 RIFLES (ONE WITH A FOLDING STOCK),  
ONE M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, 50 GRENADES, FIVE CLAYMORE  
MINES, FOUR WATCHES, MAPS, TWO PAIRS OF BINOCULARS, TWO  
HAND HELD RADIOS, ONE BIG RADIO CONTAINED IN A RUCK  
SACK, AND ONE CAMERA. THESE ITEMS WERE RECEIVED BY MR.  
BINH (BINH) OF FRONT 44 (QUANG NAM/DA NANG FORCES).  
ONE DAY AFTER THE BATTLE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT RETURNED  
TO THE AREA AND CIRCLED FOR TWO DAYS.

(5) ONE DAY AFTER THE INCIDENT HE VISITED THE SITE.  
HE OBSERVED THE BODIES AS DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT. THE  
SOLDIERS WERE WEARING OLIVE DRAB COLORED UNIFORMS AND  
WERE NOT BURIED.

(6) LAST YEAR, THE WITNESS AND MR. A VET (A VET)  
WENT LOOKING FOR RATTAN WOOD NEAR THE INCIDENT SITE.  
THEY FOUND SIX BUTTONS AND A BELT.

E. THE TEAM THEN INTERVIEWED A MR. BLIN CHIA (BLIN  
CHIA), 52 YOA, FROM A PAT HAMLET, A VUONG VILLAGE. HE  
SERVED AS A REGULAR FORCE SOLDIER FROM 1959 TO 1970 IN  
LAOS, DA NANG CITY AND DIEN BAN DISTRICT, RESPECTIVELY.  
IN 1970 HE RETURNED TO SERVE WITH THE A PAT HAMLET  
GUERRILLAS. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT:

(1) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE, AROUND 0830 HOURS WHILE  
ON HIS WAY TO CAI THIEN (CAI THIEEN), HE OBSERVED THE  
LAST HELICOPTER IN A FORMATION OF TEN INSERTING TROOPS  
IN THE BLIN HAMLET AREA. AT 0900 HOURS, HE LED A SCOUT  
TEAM OF FIVE MEN TO OBSERVE THE INSERTED TROOPS. ABOUT  
1730, A FORCE OF 30 MEN WAS FORMED FROM HAMLET, VILLAGE  
AND DISTRICT MILITIA TO OPPOSE THE INSERTED TROOPS.

(2) AT 0800 HOURS ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE INSERTED  
TROOPS HAD RECOVERED THEIR CLAYMORE MINES AND WERE  
PREPARING TO DEPART. THE COMMUNIST FORCE OPENED FIRE  
BUT THEY DID NOT KILL ANY OF THEM. LATER BANDAGES WERE  
FOUND TO INDICATE THAT A FEW WERE WOUNDED. THE  
COMMUNIST FORCE CONTINUED TO TRACK THE INSERTED TROOPS  
AND LATER KILLED THREE AMERICAN AND ONE ARVN SOLDIERS.  
TWO AMERICAN BODIES WERE TEN METERS APART AND ONE WAS IN  
A RAVINE. AFTER RECOVERING THE WEAPONS, THE COMMUNIST  
FORCE RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE AT ABOUT 1600 HOURS.

(3) TWO DAYS LATER FOUR ARVN SOLDIERS WERE FOUND  
USING A SIGNAL MIRROR AND SIGNALING PANELS. COMMUNIST  
FORCES THREW HAND GRENADES KILLING ALL OF THEM. HE SAID  
NONE OF THESE BODIES WERE BURIED.

(4) A MONTH AFTER THIS INCIDENT HE WAS HUNTING IN  
THE AREA BUT DID NOT SEE ANY SIGNS OF REMAINS. IN 1971,  
HE FOUND SOME BONES DOWN STREAM FROM THE INCIDENT SITE.  
HE DID NOT COLLECT THEM BUT LEFT THEM WHERE THEY WERE  
FOUND.

F. THE LAST WITNESS WAS A MR. ALANG RO (ALANG RVDF),  
30 YOA, LIVING IN A PAT HAMLET, A VUONG VILLAGE. NOTE:  
HE CLAIMED HE IS ONLY 30 HOWEVER HE AND OTHER LOCAL  
RESIDENTS WERE ADAMANT ABOUT HIM BEING A DIRECT  
PARTICIPANT IN THIS INCIDENT. HE SERVED WITH THE  
VILLAGE MILITIA FROM ABOUT 1969 TO 1992. NOW HE IS A  
MEMBER OF THE HAMLET COMMITTEE. HE PROVIDED THE  
FOLLOWING ACCOUNT.

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- (1) ON AN UNRECALLED DAY WHEN HE HAD JUST RETURNED  
 FROM MILITARY TRAINING, A HELICOPTER CIRCLED HILL "R".  
 THE HELICOPTER INSERTED THREE AMERICANS AND SIX ARVN'S.  
 THE COMMUNIST FORCES HAD A TOTAL OF 22 PEOPLE FROM  
 HAMLET, VILLAGE, AND DISTRICT UNITS.

- (2) AT 0500 HOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE COMMUNIST  
 FORCES INITIATED CONTACT WITH THE JOINT US/ARVN FORCE.  
 DURING THIS INITIAL ACTION, NONE OF THE US OR ARVN  
 SOLDIERS WERE KILLED BUT A FEW WERE WOUNDED. HOWEVER,  
 THE COMMUNIST FORCES WERE ABLE TO COLLECT A RADIO AND  
 SEVERAL RUCK SACKS. AT 0630 HOURS, ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT  
 OCCURRED WHICH KILLED THREE AMERICANS AND TWO ARVN  
 SOLDIERS. THE FIVE BODIES WERE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY  
 FIVE METERS APART FROM EACH OTHER. TWO AMERICANS DIED  
 OF BULLET WOUNDS. THE THIRD AMERICAN'S BODY WAS MISSING  
 AN ARM AND A LEG. AT 1200 HOURS, THE NEXT DAY,  
 COMMUNIST FORCES KILLED THE REMAINING FOUR ARVN  
 SOLDIERS. NONE OF THE BODIES WERE BURIED.

- (3) COMMUNIST FORCES WERE ABLE TO COLLECT EIGHT AR-  
 15 RIFLES, ONE M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, ONE HAND HELD  
 RADIO, A FEW WATCHES, AND GRENADES. THE COMMUNIST  
 FORCES USED AK-47 AND CRC RIFLES DURING THESE  
 ENGAGEMENTS. THE SECOND DAY OF THE ENGAGEMENT,  
 RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANES APPEARED IN THE AREA. THEY  
 CONTINUED TO CIRCLE THE REGION FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER THE  
 BATTLE.

- G. USING THE ATUM MAP SHEET (1:50,000 SCALE, SERIES  
 L7014, SHEET 65401V), ALL OF THE WITNESSES INDICATED A  
 GENERAL LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT TO BE IN THE VICINITY  
 OF GRID COORDINATES YC753580, APPROXIMATELY ONE

KILOMETER SOUTH OF A PAT HAMLET. BECAUSE NO ONE CLAIMED  
 TO HAVE SEEN ANY REMAINS IN MANY YEARS AND BECAUSE THEY  
 SEEMED UNSURE OF WHERE THE REMAINS MIGHT PRESENTLY BE,  
 THE TEAM DID NOT VISIT THE SITE. THE TEAM DECIDED TO  
 TEMPORARILY HALT THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

5. SURVEY RESULTS: NONE.

6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS:

- A. REQUEST THE VNOSMP AND THE QUANG NAM/DA NANG  
 PROVINCE TASK TEAM SEARCH FOR THE RECORD BOOK THAT MR.  
 GOOC TALKED ABOUT IN PARAGRAPH 3C.
- B. REQUEST THE VNOSMP AND THE QUANG NAM/DA NANG  
 PROVINCE TASK TEAM ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANY OF THE ITEMS  
 RETRIEVED FROM THE AMERICANS. A CHAIN OF CUSTODY MAY  
 HELP BRING THIS CASE NEARER TO CLOSURE.
- C. REQUEST THE VIETNAMESE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A MR.  
 BINH WHO SERVED WITH FRONT 44 OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE.  
 ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES HE RECEIVED THE ITEMS  
 RECOVERED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD. HIS STATEMENT ON THE  
 LOCATION OF SAID ITEMS COULD ASSIST IN VERIFYING THE  
 TESTIMONY OF THE WITNESSES.

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: CHANGE INCIDENT  
 LOCATION FROM YC756573 TO YC753583 BASED ON WITNESS  
 TESTIMONY.

8. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED:  
 NONE.

9. ANALYST COMMENTS:

- A. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES (THREE FIRST  
 HAND AND ONE HEARSAY) WHO ALL PROVIDED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT  
 OF A GROUND INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED JUST SOUTH OF A PAT  
 HAMLET. THE INFORMATION THEY PROVIDED CORRELATES TO  
 CASE 1745 BY GENERAL TIME FRAME, LOCATION, NUMBERS OF  
 AMERICANS IN THIS INCIDENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.  
 THE STATEMENTS BY THE WITNESSES CONCERNING ARVN SOLDIERS  
 USING MIRRORS AND PANELS TO SIGNAL AIRCRAFT IS  
 CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION FOUND IN U.S. RECORDS. THE

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WITNESSES WERE ALL INTERVIEWED INDIVIDUALLY. THE FIRST  
HAND WITNESSES PRESENTED THEIR STORIES UNHESITATINGLY.

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 DIA PASS TO DOD POW-MIA CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION OFFICE  
 DELIVER DURING FIRST DUTY HOUR  
 SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT OF CASE 1745 (LUTTRELL,  
 WALTON AND GINGHAM).  
 NONE OF THEM APPEARED TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO PURPOSELY  
 MISLEAD THE TEAM.

- B. MR. NUI (PARA 30), HOWEVER, WAS INTERVIEWED BY  
 THE HEAD OF THE QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE TASK TEAM  
 DURING THE 14TH ITERATION (REF B) AND NOW APPEARS TO  
 HAVE CHANGED HIS STORY. HE PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED HE  
 COMMANDED THE BATTLE AGAINST THIS SMALL RECON FORCE.  
 NOW HE SAYS HE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTION.

- ALTHOUGH HE WAS THE DISTRICT MILITARY COMMANDER AT THE  
 TIME OF THE INCIDENT HE PROBABLY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN  
 THIS INCIDENT.

- C. THIS IS THE ONLY GROUND LOSS INVOLVING ANY  
 UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITHIN A 15 KILOMETER  
 RADIUS.

10. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: NONE.

11. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

- A. ALTHOUGH MR. NUI (PARA 30) HAS ALTERED HIS STORY  
 SLIGHTLY, THE THREE FIRST HAND WITNESSES PROVIDED THEIR  
 INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. THEY WERE OPEN  
 AND DID NOT APPEAR TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO ALTER THEIR  
 STORIES IN ANY WAY.

- B. THE TEAM CHIEF BELIEVES IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO  
 RECOVER THE REMAINS OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN  
 THIS INCIDENT.

- C. THIS IS THE SECOND CASE INVESTIGATED WHERE A MR.  
 BINH OF FRONT 44, QUANG NAM/DANANG PROVINCE WAS  
 MENTIONED AS BEING THE RECIPIENT OF CAPTURED EQUIPMENT.  
 THIS MR. BINH MUST BE LOCATED FOR HIS TESTIMONY COULD  
 PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO THE LOCATIONS AND

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