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CASE 1100-0-01 AND 02

NARRATIVE

ON 21 MARCH 1968, FIRST LIEUTENANT PETER D. HESFORD AND FIRST LIEUTENANT AUBREY E. STOWERS WERE CREW MEMBERS OF AN F-4D AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 66-8767, WAS LAST SEEN DURING AN ORDNANCE PASS WHEN A LARGE EXPLOSION OCCURRED ON THE SIDE OF A HILL IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD160590, APPROXIMATELY 22 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF XEPON AND 400 METERS WEST OF ROUTE 91, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE OTHER PILOTS IN THE FLIGHT SAW NO PARACHUTES AND HEARD NO BEEPER SIGNALS.

ON 3 JUNE 1992, A JOINT U.S. AND LAO TEAM VISITED BAN KENGGHUP VILLAGE (XD168576) AND INTERVIEWED VILLAGERS WHO STATED THERE WAS NO CRASH SITE IN THE AREA AS INDICATED IN U.S. FILES. THE TEAM OBTAINED INFORMATION ON TWO OTHER CRASH SITES WHICH THE TEAM VISITED. AT ONE SITE, THE TEAM SAW NO WRECKAGE, MATERIAL EVIDENCE, IMPACT CRATER OR ANY OTHER INDICATIONS OF A CRASH SITE. AT THE OTHER SITE, THE TEAM FOUND AN IMPACT CRATER, AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, AND A PARACHUTE HARNESS. THE CRASH SITE IS LOCATED ON A 30 DEGREE SLOPE APPROXIMATELY 15 METERS BELOW A HILLTOP IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD185562, APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE REPORTED LOCATION OF THE EXPLOSION. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO SAID THAT LOCAL VILLAGERS HAD FOUND A PARACHUTE (NON-DEPLOYED), A LEATHER BOOT COMPLETELY INTACT WITH A ZIPPER UP THE MIDDLE, A BELT AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. HE SAID THE LOCAL VILLAGERS FOUND THE CRASH SITE IN THE EARLY

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1980'S BUT DID NOT SALVAGE SCRAP METAL FROM THE SITE UNTIL 1988-89. HE SAID NO REMAINS WERE FOUND AT THE SITE. THE TEAM RECOVERED A NUMBERED METAL PART WHICH CORRELATES TO AN F-4 AIRCRAFT. THIS CRASH SITE IS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE 1100 INCIDENT.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: HESFORD, PETER LEAN

RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 DECEMBER 1942

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.85 METERS

WEIGHT: 77.0 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BLUE

NAME: STOWERS, AUBREY EUGENE, JUNIOR

RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 OCTOBER 1941

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS

WEIGHT: 74.7 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN