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NARR/REF A IS JCRC REFUGEE REPORT HK86-069

REF B IS JCRC EVALUATION OF JCRC REPORT HK86-069

REF C IS FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT OF REFNO 0540

REF D IS JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF THE HA BAC PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
COMBAT CHRONOLOGY//

RMK3/1. SOURCE OF REF A REPORT PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A U.S. JET AIRCRAFT ABOUT 1400
HOURS ONE AFTERNOON IN THE MID-1960'S. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR
TAM DI (XJ4462) AND BAO SON (XJ4163) VILLAGES, LUC NAM DISTRICT,
HA BAC PROVINCE. JUST PRIOR TO THE CRASH, HE OBSERVED ONE PILOT
PARACHUTE FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE SOURCE HEARD THAT THE AIRCRAFT
WAS AN F-4 AND THAT THE PILOT WHO EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT HAD
BEEN CAPTURED BY MILITIA FORCES. AFTER THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED, THE

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SOURCE SAW MEMBERS OF THE BAO SON VILLAGE MILITIA, ALONG WITH RESIDENTS FROM BAO SON AND TAM DI VILLAGES, SEARCH THE WRECKAGE. NEAR THE WRECKAGE, HE OBSERVED THE SEVERED LEG OF A CAUCASIAN PILOT. VILLAGERS BURIED THE LEG AND OTHER BODY PARTS IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE NEAR THE CRASH SITE. HE SAW MR. HOANG CAM, A MEMBER OF THE TAM DI VILLAGE RICE CONTROL TEAM, RECOVER A PISTOL

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FROM THE WRECKAGE. THE SOURCE PROVIDED A HAND-DRAWN MAP OF THE CRASH SITE AND THE BURIAL SITE. JCRC ANALYSIS ORIGINALLY CORRELATED THE SOURCE'S EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT TO REFNO 0459. SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS INDICATES THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A CORRELATES TO REFNO 0540 AND SHOULD BE DISASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0459. THIS IS NOT A FINAL EVALUATION.
2. REFNO 0540:

A. ON 2 DECEMBER 1966, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE DAVID E. MCRAE, PILOT, AND ENSIGN DAVID G. REHMANN, RADAR INTERCEPT OFFICER, WERE CREWMEMBERS ABOARD AN F-4B FIGHTER-BOMBER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A COMBAT AIR PATROL MISSION OVER NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 151014, WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATE XJ451613, APPROXIMATELY NINE KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF KEP AIRFIELD AND TEN KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF LUC NAM DISTRICT TOWN, HA BAC PROVINCE. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT OBSERVED NO PARACHUTES AND HEARD NO ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE NOT INITIATED. ENSIGN REHMANN SUCCESSFULLY EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND WAS CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE FORCES. THE VIETNAMESE RELEASED HIM DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING. UPON HIS

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RETURN TO U.S. CONTROL, ENSIGN REHMANN REPORTED THAT SHORTLY AFTER HIS CAPTURE, HE PASSED BY THE CRASH SITE, BUT DID NOT SEE ANY SIGN OF LIEUTENANT MCRAE. LIEUTENANT MCRAE IS UNACCOUNTED FOR.

B. DURING THE 26TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA), A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES IN BAO SON VILLAGE. THE WITNESSES

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PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT IN BAO SON ONE AFTERNOON IN LATE 1966 OR 1967. THE TWO MEN BURIED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN CREW MEMBER NEAR THE CRASH SITE. THE DAY AFTER THE BURIAL, CHINESE SOLDIERS EXHUMED THE BODY, THEN REBURIED THE BODY IN A SHALLOW GRAVE. THE CHINESE ALSO REMOVED THE WRECKAGE FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE WITNESSES CLAIMED THAT DOGS LATER DUG UP AND SCATTERED THE AMERICAN'S REMAINS. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE REPORTED CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATE XJ411638 AND THE 100 X 100 METER AREA WHERE THE WITNESSES CLAIMED THE PILOT'S BODY WAS REPORTEDLY REBURIED. THE TEAM FOUND NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. REF C IS GERMANE.

C. AN ENTRY ON PAGE 21 OF THE HA BAC PROVINCIAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS COMBAT CHRONOLOGY REPORTS THAT ON 2 DECEMBER 1966, A U.S. AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN IN BAO SON VILLAGE, LUC NAM DISTRICT.

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ONE PILOT WAS CAPTURED. ONE PILOT WAS KILLED. REFNO 0540 IS THE ONLY LOSS INCIDENT INVOLVING UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS WHICH OCCURRED IN LUC NAM DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, ON THAT DATE. REF D PERTAINS.

B. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A REPORT CONCERNING THE TIME OF DAY AND GENERAL TIME FRAME OF THE INCIDENT, THE LOCATION, AND THE FATE OF THE TWO CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED CORRELATES WELL WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0540. HIS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ENTRY IN THE HA BAC COMBAT CHRONOLOGY WHICH CORRELATES TO REFNO 0540 AND CORROBORATES SIMILAR EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OBTAINED DURING THE 26TH JFA INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE IN BAO SON VILLAGE.

4. ALTHOUGH THE FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT PRESENTED IN REF A REPORT CONCERNING THE TIME OF DAY, YEAR OF OCCURRENCE, AND FATE OF THE TWO CREWMEMBERS IS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH REFNO 0459 AND REFNO 0540, THE SOURCE'S INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH SITE IN BAO SON VILLAGE DISSOCIATES HIS ACCOUNT FROM REFNO 0459. DURING THE 9TH AND 15TH JFA'S, JOINT TEAMS DETERMINED THE REFNO 0459 CRASH SITE IS

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LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATE XJ457377, THON TRUC HAMLET, CONG HOA
VILLAGE, CHITLINH DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE. THE THON TRUC
CRASH SITE IS APPROXIMATELY 26 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE BAO
SON VILLAGE CRASH SITE DESCRIBED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A REPORT.
D. FOR BUPERS/PERS-663P; FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A
SANITIZED COPY OF REF A WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY TO
BUPERS/PERS-663P. COPIES OF REFS C AND D WERE PREVIOUSLY
PROVIDED TO BUPERS/PERS-P. COPIES OF REFS A AND B MESSAGES WERE
PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO HQ AFMPC.
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