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1 Sep 93

Mrs. Dianne M. Mossman

Dear Mrs. Mossman:

We have recently received information from Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA) concerning your husband, Lieutenant Junior Grade Joe R. Mossman, U.S. Navy. The Department of Defense "full disclosure policy" states our commitment to provide you all available unclassified information concerning your husband.

The enclosed document is a Case Narrative passed to the Vietnamese Government during a meeting on July 28, 1993, to facilitate their assistance in joint investigations. If you have any difficulty interpreting it, please let us know.

Please be assured that we will continue to forward all information regarding your husband as we receive it. If we can do anything else to assist you, please write:

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or call Lieutenant Geoff Stothard at 1 (800) 443-9298.

Sincerely,

M. S. DEBIEN
Captain, U.S. Navy
Director, Personal, Family and
Community Support Division
(Pers-66)

Encl:

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Subj: TRANSMITTAL OF UPDATED JTF-FA CASE NARRATIVES

Encl: (1) JTF-FA Case Narratives

1. Enclosure (1) is an attached list of JTF-FA Case Narratives with Lao translation passed to the officials of Vietnamese government during the 28 July 1993 technical meeting and is provided for release to the next of kin.

Charles R. Marineau, Jr.
CHARLES R. MARINEAU, JR.
By direction

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CASE 0143-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1965,, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE JOE R. MOSSMAN WAS FLYING AN A-4E ATTACK BOMBER (SERIAL NUMBER 149999) IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT. HIS AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE610335, APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS WEST OF DONG HOI, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH NO EJECTION WAS OBSERVED, A FLIGHT MEMBER OBSERVED A PARACHUTE AMID THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND HEARD AN ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNAL.

ON 14 OCTOBER 1982, VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS TURNED OVER LIEUTENANT MOSSMAN'S MILITARY IDENTIFICATION AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS.

ON 21 JULY 1991, AT THE MILITARY REGION IV MUSEUM IN VINH, THE VIETNAMESE PRESENTED TO A JOINT TEAM SIX PAGES OF A DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY THE ENEMY PROSELYTIZING OFFICE FOR MILITARY REGION IV. ENTRY #5, PAGE 2, INDICATED AN A-6 PILOTED BY "02" MOSSMAN CRASHED ON 5 OCTOBER 1966 AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE AIRCRAFT TYPE, LOCATION AND PILOT'S NAME CORRELATE TO THE LOSS OF LIEUTENANT MOSSMAN.

IN JANUARY 1992, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RELEASED A DOCUMENT TITLED "MILITARY REGION IV AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS JOURNAL FROM 1964-1973 - REFERENCE MATERIAL." ENTRY #341 LISTED THE SHOOT DOWN OF AN A-4D AIRCRAFT AT 1325 HOURS ON 13 SEPTEMBER 1965 BY THE DUC TRACH MILITIA. THE DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND LOCATION CORRELATE TO THIS INCIDENT.

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Vietnamese government during a
28 Jul 93 technical meeting

ON 14 MAY 1992, WHILE AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM IN BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, THE JOINT TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION WHICH MAY CORRELATE TO THIS INCIDENT. THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE FARM RELATED THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN 1500 AND 1600 HOURS ONE AFTERNOON IN SEPTEMBER 1965, A JET AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE DAI MAI BRIDGE AREA (XE603335). TWO MILITIAMEN (NOW DECEASED) BURIED ONE BODY SOME DISTANCE FROM THE WRECKAGE. THE BURIAL SITE IS NOW UNDERWATER DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAM IN 1975. THE TEAM VISITED THE REPORTED CRASH SITE (XE601347) BUT SAW NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH. LOCAL RESIDENTS SHOWED THE TEAM SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE FOUND AT THE SITE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: MOSSMAN, JOE RUSSELL
RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 9 JUNE 1939
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS
WEIGHT: 77.9 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN