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 AMPN/SUBJ: LIST OF PERSONS FOR INTERVIEW-SENATOR KERRY, ENTRY
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 RMKS/1. BACKGROUND. ON 5 JULY 1993, A JOINT U.S./VIETNAM ORAL
 HISTORY PROGRAM INTERVIEW TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. THAI KE TOAI, A 45
 YEAR OLD HANOI RESIDENT. MR. TOAI IS CURRENTLY A WRITER AND
 POET, FORMERLY A GUNNER ON AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT (AA) POSITION AND A
 CONTRIBUTOR TO THE AIR AND AIR DEFENSE FORCE MEMOIRS, VOLUME III.
 THE TEAM MET AT THE ANTE-BUILDING MEETING ROOM OF THE GOVERNMENT
 GUEST HOUSE, 2 LE THACH STREET, HOAN KIEM DISTRICT, HANOI, TO
 INTERVIEW MR. TOAI, LISTED IN REFERENCE AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF
 INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN
 VIETNAM. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF TSGT RONALD D. WARD,
 JTF-FA ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM COORDINATOR; AND PO2 JOHN HARVEY,
 JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST. THE VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
 CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF MR. TRINH QUOC KHANH, MINISTRY OF
 INTERIOR. MR. TOAI HAD NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED BY A JOINT TEAM
 BEFORE.

2. SUMMARY. THE SOURCE, MR. THAI KE TOAI, PROVIDED NO FIRST
 HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. PERSONNEL MIA IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
 HE SUMMARIZED HIS PART IN WRITING THE AIR AND AIR DEFENSE FORCE

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 MEMOIRS, VOLUME III. MR. TOAI CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.
 PERSONNEL, LIVING FREELY OR AGAINST THEIR WILL, IN VIETNAM SINCE

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3. DETAILS.

A. AFTER FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS, MR. TRINH QUOC KHANH
 EXPLAINED THE JOINT TEAM'S MISSION AND TSGT WARD BEGAN THE
 INTERVIEW WITH THE FOLLOWING TWO KEY QUESTIONS:

(1) SINCE 1973, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN OR HAD KNOWLEDGE OF
 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (PW) CAPTIVE IN VIETNAM? MR. TOAI SAID HE
 HAD NOT.

(2) SINCE 1973, HAVE YOU EVER SEEN OR HAD KNOWLEDGE OF
 AMERICAN "STAY-BEHINDS" IN VIETNAM? MR. TOAI SAID HE HAD NOT.

B. AFTER ANSWERING THE FIRST TWO KEY QUESTIONS, MR. THAI KE
 TOAI (THAIS KEES TOAIJ) EXPLAINED THAT HE JOINED THE MILITARY IN
 1970 AS AN AA GUNNER, PROTECTING THE "NINH BINH" TO "HAM RONG"
 RAILROAD LINE. HE SAID THAT HE SPENT THE NEXT THREE YEARS IN
 THIS POSITION, AND CANNOT RECALL EVER HEARING ABOUT OR SEEING ANY
 U.S. PW'S DURING THIS TIME, OTHER THAN WHAT HE READ IN THE
 NEWSPAPER.

C. IN 1973, MR. TOAI BEGAN HIS RESEARCH WORK ON THE AIR AND

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 AIR DEFENSE FORCE MEMOIRS, VOLUME III, WITH THE 266TH AIR DEFENSE
 REGIMENT. MR. TOAI SAID HE RESEARCHED ONLY PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED
 MATERIAL, SUCH AS MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, SOME DATING
 BACK TO 1966. HE SAID THAT HE RESEARCHED SEVERAL U.S. SHOOT
 OOWNS FROM 1966 FOR INCLUSION IN THE BOOK. MR. TOAI CLAIMED
 AIRCRAFT SHOOT DOWN RECORDS WERE KEPT BY PROVINCE AND DISTRICT
 AUTHORITIES DURING THE WAR, NOT BY THE INDIVIDUAL AA UNITS. HE
 SAID THAT IF THOSE TYPES OF RECORDS HAD BEEN KEPT BY THE
 INDIVIDUAL AA UNITS, THEY WOULD HAVE PROBABLY CONTAINED VERY
 BASIC INFORMATION, SUCH AS THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND WHERE IT WAS
 SHOT DOWN, BUT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BECAUSE
 THE AIRCRAFT NORMALLY IMPACTED FAR FROM THE AA UNITS, AT SEA OR
 IN LAOS. THE RECORDS, HE ADDED, IF KEPT BY THE UNITS WOULD
 PROBABLY BE LOST BY NOW DUE TO CHANGES IN THE UNIT LOCATIONS AND
 CHANGES OF COMMAND. HOWEVER, THE RECORDS KEPT AT THE PROVINCE
 AND DISTRICT LEVEL ARE PROBABLY NOW IN MUSEUMS, HE SAID. HE SAID
 HE INTERVIEWED BATTLE PARTICIPANTS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
 VIETNAMESE BATTLE VICTORIES. MR. TOAI RECALLED USING ONLY
 PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE BOOK. MR. TOAI RECALLED
 WORKING WITH MR. KY, MR. NIEM, MR. HOI, MR. TICH, AND MR. SY (SEE

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PARA 7, BELOW), WHILE RESEARCHING FOR THE BOOK.

D. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD EVER SEEN PRISONER INTERROGATION
 REPORTS OR USED THEM AS AN INFORMATION SOURCE, MR. TOAI SAID THAT
 HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF SUCH REPORTS. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT AA
 UNITS HAD NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH PRISONERS AND THEY WERE
 NOT INTERESTED IN ASSOCIATING U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOOT DOWNS WITH
 BATTLES IN WHICH A PARTICULAR AA UNIT HAD PARTICIPATED.

E. MR. TOAI SAID THAT HE REMEMBERED READING ABOUT THE PILOTS
 "MURPHY NYZON", "CUSSLER", AND "GRAHAM BOYD", WHO WERE SHOT DOWN
 DURING 1966. HE SPECIFICALLY RECALLED THAT GRAHAM BOYD WAS SHOT
 DOWN IN VINH PHU. IN ADDITION, HE HAD READ OF THE LOSS OF AN

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"AC-130" DURING THE BATTLE OF HAM RONG. THIS AC-130, HE SAID, WAS DROPPING TORPEDOES IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE HAM RONG BRIDGE (WG8493) IN MAY OF 1966. AFTER BEING HIT WITH AA FIRE, THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF THO XUAN (WH0457). MR. TOAI EXPANDED BY SAYING THAT DURING THE BATTLE OF HAM RONG, THE UNITED STATES USED A-6A AIRCRAFT TO ATTACK THE HAM RONG BRIDGE.

F. CONCERNING OTHER SECOND HAND INFORMATION ON U.S. PW'S, MR. TOAI RELATED THAT NGUYEN TRUNG HIEU WAS A COMBAT PHOTOGRAPHER WHO TOOK PICTURES OF CAPTURED U.S. PILOTS. MR. TOAI SAID THAT HE

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HAD SEEN THE FILM "PILOTS IN PAJAMAS" (PHI COONG MAWCJ QUAANF AOS NGUR), BUT COULD RECALL ONLY THAT IT WAS ABOUT U.S. PILOTS IN CAPTIVITY.

G. IN CONCLUSION, MR. TOAI SAID THAT IN 1975 HE CONCLUDED HIS WORK ON THE BOOK AND RETURNED TO COLLEGE. HE SAID HE IS CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH DEVELOPING A FILM ABOUT VIETNAMESE MIA'S IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND WILL CONTACT VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD HE UNCOVER INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. MIA'S WHILE WORKING ON THE FILM. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE IS BEGINNING WORK ON A FILM ABOUT U.S. MIA'S THROUGHOUT VIETNAM; HOWEVER THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET GIVEN HIM THE FUNDING NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECT.

H. WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. TOAI, THE JOINT TEAM AGREED TO CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW.

4. CORRELATIONS TO EXISTING POW/MIA CASES.

A. MR. TOAI'S REFERENCE TO "MURPHY NYZON", PARA 3.E., ABOVE F1((UMM% 1eC THE PHONETIC SIMILARITY OF "MURPHY NYZON" TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE AND THE GENERAL TIME FRAME.

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