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A. AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE 200901Z MAY 86

1. REF A PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED RECOVERY OF SKELETAL REMAINS FROM A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE NEAR DAC O VILLAGE, PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE OF REF A, DAC O VILLAGE IS LOCATED ABOUT 27 KILOMETERS FROM "BUI GIA MAP AIR BASE". THE SOURCE ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION FROM AN ID TAG FOUND WITH THE REMAINS WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS: "WILLY WILLUNG, ~~PHUOC LONG~~, BLOOD TYPE O. ROMAN CATHOLIC". WILLY WILLUNG IS NOT AN UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL.

2. MAPS AVAILABLE TO JCRC SHOW NO "DAC O" VILLAGE; HOWEVER, THERE IS A STREAM CALLED DAK ON WHICH FLOWS PARALLEL TO THE AIR STRIP AT BUI GIA MAP IN A SOUTHEASTERLY/NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. =

3. THE SOURCE STATED THAT THE CRASH SITE WAS LOCATED ABOUT "27 KMS FROM BUI GIA MAP AIR BASE". JCRC ANALYSIS INDICATES A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE (REFNO 1645) IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS NORTH NORTHEAST OF BUI GIA MAP.

4. REFNO 1645: ON 30 JUNE 1970, SP5 JOHN L. BURGESS, AND FOUR OTHER CREW MEMBERS, WERE ABOARD A UH-1H HELICOPTER WHICH WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE, AND CRASHED AND BURNED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YU 372568, SONG BE (FORMERLY PHUOC LONG) PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. ONE INDIVIDUAL SURVIVED THE INCIDENT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RESCUED. THE REMAINS OF THREE OF THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE RECOVERED. THE REMAINS OF SP5 BURGESS WERE NEVER LOCATED. IT IS SPECULATED THAT HIS REMAINS WERE EITHER BURIED BENEATH THE WRECKAGE OF THE HELICOPTER OR INCINERATED IN THE FIRE WHICH ENGULFED THE HELICOPTER AFTER IT CRASHED. SP5 BURGESS IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE

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PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

5. WITHOUT FURTHER AMPLIFYING DATA, NO CORRELATION CAN BE MADE TO REFNO 1645 OR TO ANY OTHER HELICOPTER INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. REQUEST THAT DURING INTERVIEW OF SOURCE OF REF A, JCRC INTERVIEWER ATTEMPT TO ELICIT A REFINED LOCATION OF THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE.

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