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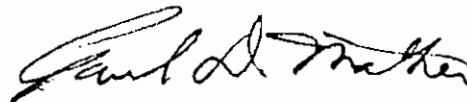
FROM: JCRC-LNB

SUBJ: Refugee Report, Alleged U.S. Remains in the Tan Uyen (D) Area,
Song Be (P)?

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

1. Source Data. Nguyen Thi My Loan; ID #7212/84; DOB 8 Oct 60; Rescued by Danish vessel Anna Maerski; interviewed at Hawkins Road Refugee Camp, Singapore on 15 May 1984.

2. Information Obtained. The following information was related by Source to JCRC interviewer as fact. Sometime late in 1983, while at a family death anniversary at the family residence at 7 Nguyen Thi Hien, Tanh Binh Ward, Bien Hoa City, Dong Nai (P), someone (position, name and address unknown) told Source's father, Nguyen Van Tho, that also in late 1983, some farmers (NFI) in the area of Tan Uyen (D), Song Be (P) had unwittingly dug up some remains of a U.S. serviceman including the individual's dog tag and turned both the remains and dog tag over to local authorities (level, positions and names unknown). Local rumor had it that the farmers were rewarded with resettlement to the U.S. (NFI). Source doubted this to be true, reasoning that if it were, all details would have been related to her as it would have been much bigger news. Source escaped from Viet Nam with her husband and their only two children.



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REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: NGUYEN THI MY LOAN, 23
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: S84-001, 5 JUN 84
ANALYST: SFC W. A. BLACK
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None

CATEGORY DATA: U.S. remains with dogtags/third hand account.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by source reveals a potential correlation to REFNO
0326-0-01.

CORRELATE DATA: On 4 May 1966, PVT Jimmy M. Malone, Radio Operator, was given specific
directions to go to the weapons platoon position to pick up his platoon's mail. When he
failed to show up for a patrol briefing at about 1830 hours, a search was started in the area
of his last known position; XT 922249.

It was determined that PVT Malone had left the battalion defensive position. Jungle boot
prints (believed to be PVT Malone's) were found outside the perimeter and were followed for a
short distance. Shower shoe footprints, of the type worn by the Viet Cong, were seen to link
up with the jungle boot prints. At that point the patrol followed the prints until reaching a
fortified enemy position and withdrew without making contact. A reinforced squad was then sent
out to continue the search. This squad came under sniper fire but continued to search until
0330 hours that night.

The battalion commander ordered up a helicopter equipped with a loudspeaker system to
broadcast instructions to PVT Malone to assist in his recovery. The next day from 0630 hours
to 11 0930 hours a search of the area was made by another platoon. They were only able to locate
shower footprints at a point approximately 1,500 meters from the battalion perimeter which passed
the fortified enemy position. At 0930 hours, the search operation was suspended.

PVT Malone is currently carried in the presumptive status of dead, body not recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: It is possible that the information related to source pertains to PVT
Malone since his last known location is approximately four kilometers from Tan Uyen.



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