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To: Headquarters, Air Force Military Personnel Center
Attn: DPMCB, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

Subj: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1561

Encl: (1) AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE 030633Z JUN 93 (2 Copies)

1. Enclosure (1) is a detailed report of survey associated with case 1561 and is provided for release to the next of kin of Charles F. Morley and Thomas C. Daffron (REFNO 1561-0-01 and 02). This survey was conducted on 21 May 1993.

2. The JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed report by deleting U.S. personnel names Executive Order 12812, 22 Jul 92, and Title 5, U.S. Code 552a (Privacy Act). In no instance has substantive material been removed.

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Mrs. Michele Morley

Dear Mrs. Morley

The attached Detailed Report of Survey which we received from the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA), is forwarded as I promised during our 20 July 1993 telephone conversation. Correlation to the case of your husband, Major Charles F. Morley, is based on type of aircraft, location of crash site and witness testimony.

We are furnishing this material in keeping with our policy of providing everything we receive which may relate to your husband's case. We have attached an extra copy of the information for distribution to your mother-in-law at your discretion.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or if we can be of further assistance in this regard, please call us on our toll free telephone line (800-531-5501).

Sincerely

LYNN I. MALTBIE, 2d Lt, USAF
Assistant Liaison Officer
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1. SUMMARY OF SURVEY: REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT U.S.- LAO JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY 93-5L, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED FROM 8-28 MAY 1993. ON 21 MAY 1993 A JOINT U.S.-LAO TEAM SURVEYED AN AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1561. IN BAN HOUAYPA THE VILLAGE CHIEF TOLD TEAM OF TWO CRASH SITES IN THE DIRECTION OF CASE 1561. VILLAGERS HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRASH OR THE FATE OF THE CREWMEMBERS. THE TEAM POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE SITE AS THAT OF AN F-4 AND RECOVERED MATERIAL EVIDENCE WHICH INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT TIME OF IMPACT. NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. LAO COOPERATION WAS EXCELLENT. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION. END SUMMARY.

2. JOINT TEAM MEMBERS:
- A. U.S.:
LTC [redacted], MISSION COMMANDER
MR. [redacted], [redacted]: TEAM LEADER
GYSGT [redacted], ANALYST
SSGT [redacted], ANALYST
MR. [redacted], LKA INVESTIGATOR
SSG [redacted], MA TECHNICIAN
SSG [redacted], EOD
CDR [redacted], DOCTOR
- B. LAO:
LT KHAMKHONG INTHILATH, MND

3. DETAILS OF SURVEY: ON 21 MAY 93, A JOINT U.S-LAO TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES (XD06779076), NEAR BAN HOUAYPA VILLAGE, BOUALAPHA DISTRICT, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. MR. BOUNXOU (BOUALAPHA DISTRICT OFFICIAL) AND MR. IT (WITNESS/GUIDE) ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM. AFTER COORDINATING WITH DISTRICT OFFICIALS IN BAN NAPOUNG, THE TEAM TRAVELLED TO BAN HOUAYPA VILLAGE (XD099987) BY LAO WESTCOAST HELICOPTER. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THE VILLAGE CHIEF, MR. IT, WHO TOLD THE TEAM OF TWO CRASH SITES LOCATED WEST-NORTHWEST OF THEIR VILLAGE. (NOTE: THERE ARE TWO KNOWN LOSSES IN THE DIRECTION INDICATED: CASES 1561 AND 1379). THE VILLAGERS WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE CRASHES, BECAUSE THEY LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS DURING THE WAR AND DID NOT DISCOVER THE CRASH SITES UNTIL THEY

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RETURNED TO THEIR VILLAGE IN 1973. MR. IT STATED THAT AT ONE TIME HE SAW NUMEROUS PIECES OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE CRASH SITE, BUT HE DID NOT KNOWN WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. HE SPECULATED THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOSSED ASIDE WHEN VILLAGERS SCAVENGED FOR SCRAP METAL, BUT HE SAID NO ONE WOULD HAVE ANY REASON TO WANT TO REMOVE REMAINS FROM THE SITE AREA. MR. IT PRODUCED A 38 CAL. PISTOL WHICH HE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE. WHEN ASKED IF HE OR ANY OF THE VILLAGERS WERE AWARE OF ANY AMERICAN GRAVE SITES, REMAINS OR PRISONERS OF WAR IN THE AREA, THE VILLAGERS GAVE NEGATIVE RESPONSES. UPON COMPLETION OF THE INTERVIEW MR. IT ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE AREA WHICH YIELDED NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT ITEMS INCLUDING PIECES OF ANTI-G GARMENT AND VARIOUS BUCKLES WHICH INDICATE THAT AT LEAST ONE CREWMEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. WRECKAGE FOUND DURING THE SURFACE SEARCH ALSO IDENTIFIED THE SITE AS THAT OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:
- POSSIBLE SECTION OF SURVIVAL KIT
- LARGE SECTION OF ANTI-G GARMENT WITH HOSE
- MEDIUM SIDE SECTION OF ANTI-G GARMENT (CHARRED IN ONE PLACE)
- TWO SMALL SECTIONS OF ANTI-G GARMENT (CHARRED ON ENDS)
- SMALL PIECE OF HEAVY FABRIC WITH PARTIAL SLIDE FASTENER AND ONE MALE SNAP
- SEVERAL PIECES OF MATERIAL (UNIDENTIFIED)
- TOP FLAP OF F-4 TYPE PARACHUTE

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- PIECE OF SURVIVAL KIT WITH STRAP AND RING
- PARACHUTE LINK WITH STRAP AND SUSPENSION LINES
- SURVIVAL KIT BUCKLE: 140358-1
- STAINLESS STEEL PIECE
- 3HT13 3-64
- METAL PIECE GREEN, WITH: 1315V88E
- EJECTION SEAT LAP BELT BUCKLE
- MARTIN PAT. APP'D FOR
- REG'D DE8 903017
- MBEU/3181 PA-10
- RB 7831
- PARACHUTE LINK WITH ST@AP AND CHARRED SUSPENSION
LINES
- KOCH AND SONS INC (PARACHUTE RELEASE) PAT PEND
- SURVIVAL KIT STRAP WITH ATTACHMENT FOR LEG GARTERS
- SEVE@AL BUCKLES
- COMPRESSOR BLADE, ENGINE (J-79)
- T439 RU 146
- HELMET EAR PHONE
- EARPHONE H-143/AIC
- ELECTRO-VOICE
- METAL BLOCK WITH THREE PORTS
- INST GE DEPT
- 8TELAAK3
- GLP/N108R532P4
- S/N
- DATA PLATE
- LUBRICATION INSTRUCTIONS
- D@AIN OIL EVERY 200 STARTS
- OIL CAPACITY 8.5 FL OZ
- USE OIL PER SPEC MIL-L-7808

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BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE. WITNESS STATED A 500 POUND BOMB LIES 1.5 METERS BELOW THE SURFACE AT THE CENTER OF CRATER.
- B. THE AREA SURROUNDING THE SITE HAS BEEN CLEARED AND IS PRESENTLY BEING FARMED AS A DRY-RICE FIELD, SMALL TREE STUMPS ARE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. SOIL COMPOSITION IN THE CRATER ITSELF WAS A MOIST CLAY. THE SURROUNDING AREA CONSISTED OF SAND/SILT TOPSOIL.
- C. SURFACE SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF CRASH
DEBRIS. NO BIOLOGICAL
EVIDENCE WAS FOUND. THE AREA WAS PHOTOGRAPHED.

6. PERTINENT DATA OR LOCATION CHANGES: PER GPS (GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM) READING TAKEN AT THE CRASH SITE, CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION TO XD06779076.

7. CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE

8. ANALYST COMMENTS: WRECKAGE FOUND AT THE SITE IDENTIFIES THE AIRCRAFT AS AN F-4. THERE ARE NO OTHER F-4 LOSSES IN THE AREA. PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT ITEMS RECOVERED FROM THE SITE INDICATES THAT AT LEAST ONE CREWMEMBER WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT TIME OF IMPACT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE FOUND AT THE SURVEY SITE ALONG WITH RECORDS MAINTAINED AT JTF-FA SUGGEST THAT THIS SITE CORRELATES TO CASE 1561.

9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS:
- A. OUTSTANDING FEATURES: SITE IS APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS WEST-NORTHWEST OF BAN HOUAYPA

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REQUIRED. ANTICIPATE 15 DAYS TO EXCAVATE THIS SITE. A AREA SUITABLE FOR USE AS A HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE IS LOCATED ON THE SITE. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: TWO EOD PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN LOCATING, DETERMINATING FUSING, AND DISPOSING OF POSSIBLE 500 POUND BOMB IN IMPACT CRATER.

10. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS: WITNESSES INDICATED THAT ONLY SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS FOUND AT THIS SITE. SCAVENGING ACTIVITY HAS PROBABLY DISTURBED ALL SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE AREAS OF THE SITE, HOWEVER THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE VILLAGERS WERE INTERESTED IN OR REMOVED ANY REMAINS FROM THE SITE. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE CRATER, THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED AT A HIGH ANGLE. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE WITH THIS TYPE OF SITE, ANY RECOVERABLE REMAINS WILL PROBABLY BE VERY FRAGMENTED.

11. JTF-FA/DET 3 COMMANDER RECOMMENDATIONS: RECOMMEND THIS SITE FOR EXCAVATION. [redacted]

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