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Dear Family Member

The attached extract of a message we received from the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA), is forwarded for your information. The context of the message extract gives an analysis of information from a Vietnamese Group 559 Document titled, 'Downed Aircraft - Record of Enemy Aircraft Shot Down from 1965 to 1975' obtained from the Vietnamese in Hanoi and believed to be associated with the case of your loved one.

In keeping with our policy of providing everything we receive which may relate to your loved one, we have attached copies of all pages of the message pertaining to him.

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

Sincerely

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SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE GROUP 559 DOCUMENTATION TITLED "DOWNED  
AIRCRAFT - RECORD OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 1965 TO 1975."//  
RMKS/1. ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1993, THE VIETNAMESE PROVIDED JTF-FA  
RESEARCHERS IN HANOI WITH A DOCUMENT TITLED "DOWNED AIRCRAFT -  
RECORD OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN FROM 1965 TO 1975." THE  
DOCUMENT WAS COMPILED BY THE PAVN GROUP 559, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR THE HO CHI MINH  
TRAIL. THIS 58-PAGE AIR DEFENSE RECORD IS A LISTING OF 2466  
AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS REPORTED BY AIR DEFENSE UNITS OPERATING ALONG  
THE TRAIL, PREDOMINANTLY IN EASTERN LAOS. THIS NUMBER OF REPORTED

THEREFORE, MANY OF THE DOCUMENT ENTRIES MAY REFER TO AIRCRAFT ENGAGED BY GROUND UNITS, BUT NOT ACTUALLY SHOT DOWN, OR BE THE RESULT OF MULTIPLE REPORTS OF THE SAME INCIDENT.

2. THE DOCUMENT IS HANDWRITTEN IN TABULAR FORMAT, WITH ANYWHERE FROM 9 TO 13 COLUMNS PER PAGE. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT COLUMN HEADINGS INCLUDE THE INCIDENT DATE, VIETNAMESE UNIT CREDITED WITH

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THE SHOOTDOWN, THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, THE VIETNAMESE UNIT'S LOCATION, THE AIRCRAFT CRASH LOCATION, AND CRASH EVIDENCE FOUND. THE OTHER COLUMN HEADINGS PROVIDE OTHER, LESS SIGNIFICANT STATISTICAL DATA. ALL OF THE COLUMN HEADINGS ARE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BELOW.

3. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES A FULL TRANSLATION OF EACH LINE ENTRY WHICH CORRELATES WITH A REFNO INCIDENT. (A FULL TRANSLATION OF THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT WILL FOLLOW UPON COMPLETION.) MOST OF THESE CORRELATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL LINE ENTRIES TO ACTUAL U.S. AIR LOSSES ARE BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. SOME LINES ALSO IDENTIFY THE TIME OF DAY THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN. MANY LINE ENTRIES DO NOT INDICATE THE UNIT LOCATION OR CRASH LOCATION. INCIDENT LOCATIONS WERE DETERMINED BY COMPARING THE VIETNAMESE AIR DEFENSE UNITS LISTED IN THE DOCUMENT WITH AVAILABLE WAR-TIME ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION. HOWEVER, RELIABLE ORDER OF BATTLE DATA FOR THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL REGION IS LIMITED, PARTICULARLY FOR THE EARLY YEARS OF THE WAR. THIS LACK OF RELIABLE ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION WAS THE SINGLE GREATEST FACTOR COMPLICATING THE ANALYTICAL PROCESS.

4. JTF-FA AND DPMO ANALYSTS HAVE IDENTIFIED LINE ENTRIES POSSIBLY

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CORRELATING WITH THE FOLLOWING UNRESOLVED CASES: 0252, 0256, 0275, 0276, 0297, 0305, 0306, 0321, 0339, 0343, 0359, 0370, 0376, 0498, 0536, 0537, 0553, 0571, 0572, 0600, 0635, 0703, 0784, 0833, 0929, 0947, 0955, 1053, 1084, 1086, 1099, 1101, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1138, 1146, 1151, 1153, 1187, 1196, 1203, 1205, 1232, 1293, 1341, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347, 1361, 1363, 1366, 1368, 1369, 1374, 1383,

1384, 1409, 1417, 1418, 1421, 1427, 1430, 1435, 1436, 1437, 1467, 1488, 1517, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1530, 1535, 1543, 1544, 1546, 1549, 1561, 1570, 1573, 1576, 1587, 1598, 1600, 1601, 1643, 1644, 1655, 1657, 1664, 1683, 1688, 1698, 1701, 1711, 1724, 1726, 1739, 1743, 1795, 1800, 1807, 1824, 1894, 1947, 1973, 1982, 2000; AND THE FOLLOWING RESOLVED CASES: 0240, 0558, 1111, 1127, 1198, 1333, 1393, 1526, 1734, 1790, 1801, 1962. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE OTHER DOCUMENT LINE ENTRIES ALSO REFER TO ACTUAL U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES, FURTHER ANALYSIS IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM THESE CORRELATIONS.

5. THE DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF TWO MAIN PARTS. THE FIRST PART CONTAINS PAGES 2 THROUGH 10 (PAGE 1 IS BLANK). THESE PAGES APPEAR TO BE A WORKING DRAFT OF AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS FROM 1971 TO 1973.

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7. THE SECOND PART OF THE DOCUMENT BEGINS WITH PAGE 12 AND CONSISTS OF EIGHT COLUMNS. THE LAYOUT OF THE COLUMNS VARIES SLIGHTLY FROM PAGE TO PAGE, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING, THE COLUMNS FOR EACH LINE ENTRY ARE LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

A. THE FIRST COLUMN INDICATES THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNIT REPORTING THE SHOOT DOWN. THE VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS ARE LISTED USING THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS: C=COMPANY; D=BATTALION; E=REGIMENT; F=DIVISION; BT=TROOP STATION (FOR EXAMPLE, C3 B4=COMPANY 3 BATTALION 4).

B. THE SECOND COLUMN INDICATES THE INCIDENT DATE AND IN SOME CASES, THE TIME OF DAY.

C. THE THIRD COLUMN INDICATES THE TYPE OF WEAPON USED IN THE SHOOTDOWN, WITH SUBHEADINGS SUCH AS: 37MM, 14.5MM, 12.7MM AAA, 12.7MM, AND INFANTRY WEAPON. DATA ENTRIES FOR THIS COLUMN WILL APPEAR AS FOLLOWS: AIR DEFENSE WEAPON-AIRCRAFT TYPE (FOR EXAMPLE, 37MM - F-4D).

D. THE FOURTH COLUMN INDICATES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWNS FOR THAT LINE ENTRY.

E. THE FIFTH COLUMN INDICATES THE NUMBER OF SHOOTDOWNS FOR

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THAT SEASON OF THE YEAR, BUT CONTAINS NO ENTRIES.  
F. THE SIXTH COLUMN INDICATES THE GROUP 559 STORAGE NUMBER  
AND APPEARS TO BE A RUNNING TOTAL OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. THIS  
COLUMN CONTAINS VERY FEW ENTRIES AND HAS NO APPARENT SIGNIFICANCE  
WITH REGARD TO CASE RESOLUTION.  
G. THE SEVENTH COLUMN INDICATES THE AIR DEFENSE UNIT'S FIRING  
POSITION.  
H. THE EIGHTH COLUMN INDICATES THE AIRCRAFT CRASH LOCATION.  
I. THE NINTH COLUMN IS TITLED "EVIDENCE" AND CONTAINS

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ADDITIONAL NOTES SUCH AS NUMBER OF PILOTS KILLED OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE RECOVERED.

8. ALL LINE ENTRIES CORRELATED TO REFNO INCIDENTS ARE LISTED BELOW. THE DATA FOR EACH LINE ARE LISTED IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE NINE COLUMN HEADINGS JUST DESCRIBED, PRECEDED BY THE PAGE AND LINE NUMBER OF THE ENTRY: ((PAGE NUMBER/LINE NUMBER)) UNIT; DATE;

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ARTILLERY USED IN THE SHOOTDOWN; TOTAL; SEASON NUMBER; 559 STORAGE NUMBER; FIRING POSITION; CRASH LOCATION; EVIDENCE.

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ENGINE, NAVY JET AIRCRAFT AND ARE VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE. THE  
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LOCATION "N" IS NOT KNOWN.))  
((PAGE 34/LINE 8)) C2 D57/284; 20:00 11 JAN 70; 37MM - 1 AD-  
5; -;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1549 INCIDENT,  
(CHORLINS) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE  
AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))  
((PAGE 35/LINE 32)) C2 D22; 22:00 18 FEB 70; 37MM - 1 F-4; -  
;-;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1561 INCIDENT,  
(MORLEY & DAFFRON) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON

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INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 36/LINE 12)) D57/284; 17:00 19 MAR 70; 37MM - 1 F-4; -  
;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1573 INCIDENT,  
(PUGH) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND  
AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 36/LINE 15)) C1 D28; 19:00 9 MAR 70; 37MM - 1 F-4; -;-

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;-;-; KILOMETER 24; PILOT DIED. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO  
1570 INCIDENT, (COTTON & [REDACTED] AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS  
BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 36/LINE 19)) C12 D7 AND D57/284; 12:00 21 MAR 70; 37MM  
- 1 AD-5; -;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1576  
INCIDENT, [REDACTED] AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON  
INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 37/LINE 7)) C8 D40; 13:40 6 APR 70; 37MM - 1 F-100; -  
;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO 1587 INCIDENT,  
(KLINGER) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE  
AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 37/LINE 12)) C2 D6; 1:15 21 APR 70; 37MM - AC-130; 2  
GUNS;-;-;-;-; 3 PILOTS DIED. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO  
1600 INCIDENT, (DAVIS, LINT, BROOKS, IRELAND, TOWLE, ROWLEY, HARRIS,  
FISHER, ADACHI, HENSLEY) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED  
ON APPROXIMATE INCIDENT DATE AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.))

((PAGE 37/LINE 14)) C3 D28; 10:20 21 APR 70; 37MM - 1 OV-10;  
;-;-;-;-; EXCELLENT BATTLE. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE REFNO  
1598 INCIDENT, [REDACTED] AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED  
ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

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((PAGE 37/LINE 28)) D 24 ENGINEERING AND C20 D42; 18:00 23  
APR 70; 12.7 - 1 F-4; -;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE  
REFNO 1601 INCIDENT, (LUCKI & GOMEZ) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION  
IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

((PAGE 39/LINE 7)) C1 D35; 12:15 AND 15:13 30 JUN 70; 37MM -  
OV-10 AND 1 AD-5; -;-;-;-;-; ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE  
REFNO 1601 INCIDENT, (LUCKI & GOMEZ) AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED  
ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.))

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9. SEVERAL OTHER ENTRIES MAY ALSO RELATE TO U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES, BUT CONTAIN INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ASSOCIATE THEM WITH A SPECIFIC INCIDENT. FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL INVOLVE HELICOPTER LOSSES RELATED TO OPERATION LAM SON 719, WHICH OCCURRED IN LAOS DURING EARLY 1971. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF HELICOPTER LOSSES--BOTH U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE--IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SPECIFY WHICH AIRCRAFT LOSSES ARE THOSE REFERENCED IN THE GROUP 559 RECORD. IN THESE CASES, PAVN ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION WAS INSUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE EXACT CASE CORRELATIONS. JTF-FA ANALYSTS WILL SEEK ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION TO HELP CORRELATE OTHER ENTRIES.

10. FOR CDRPERSCOM/TAPC-PED-P, BUPERS/PERS 663P, AFMPC/DPMCB AND CMC/MHP-10: FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

11. EVAL-JSB//

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