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Serial: J9485-92

3 March 1994

Donald Stafford
9044 West Center Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226

Dear Mr. Stafford:

This responds to your 28 July 1992 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following information: all information pertaining to your brother, Ronald D. Stafford, Captain USAF, who is listed as MIA-KIA/BNC; any information associated with the F-111A aircraft, REFNO 1948, piloted by your brother; copies of three specific JCRC Liaison documents; loss dates and coordinates of all unresolved F-111 aircraft incidents; and any correlated or uncorrelated reports of MIAs within a 25 km radius of the coordinates of the crash site and the coordinates of the wreckage. This response was delayed until all Agency-held POW/MIA material was reviewed and sanitized in accordance with Executive Order 12812 and Presidential Decision Directive NSC-8. Documents responsive to the portions of your request for records concerning your brother and the aircraft piloted by your brother are enclosed.

Information deleted from the documents was found to be currently and properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12356. This information meets the criteria for classification as set forth in subparagraphs (a)(2), (a)(4), and (a)(8) of section 1.3 and remains classified both TOP SECRET and SECRET as provided in section 1.1 of Executive Order 12356. The information is classified because its disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause exceptionally grave damage to the national security. Because the information is currently and properly classified, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. section 552(b)(1)).

This Agency is also authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. We have determined that such information exists in these documents. Accordingly, those portions are also exempt from disclosure pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statutes applicable in this case are Title 18 U.S. Code 798; Title 50 U.S. Code 403-3(c)(5); and Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 402 note).

In addition, the name of one individual has been deleted from the enclosures in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(6). This exemption protects from disclosure information which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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In balancing the public interest for the information you request against the privacy interests involved, we have determined that the privacy interests sufficiently satisfy the requirements for the application of the (b)(6) exemption.

Please be advised, we are unable to locate information responsive to the remaining three portions of your request. JCRC Liaison messages are not NSA documents. Copies of these should be requested from the appropriate agency. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is the agency which holds information regarding unresolved F-111 incidents. This portion of your request should be submitted to the DIA. With regard to the portion of your request for correlated or uncorrelated reports of MIAs within a 25 km radius of the crash sites and the coordinates of the wreckage, NSA's documentation/data base information is set up in such a way that a search for material within the stated parameters is not possible.

The fact that deletions have been made to the enclosed documents, and the fact that we were unable to locate records responsive to a portion of your request may be considered by you as an adverse determination, and you are hereby advised of this Agency's appeal procedures. Any appeal of an adverse determination must be submitted to the NSA/CSS Freedom of Information Act Appeal Authority within 60 days after notification of the response. The appeal shall be in writing addressed to the NSA/CSS FOIA Appeal Authority, National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6000. The appeal shall reference the initial denial of access and/or the inability of this Agency to locate records and shall contain, in sufficient detail and particularity, the grounds upon which you believe release of the information is required and/or the grounds upon which you believe the records exist. The NSA/CSS Appeal Authority shall respond to the appeal within 20 working days after receipt.

Sincerely,

for *Claudia C. Collins*
MICHAEL A. SMITH
Director of Policy

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████████████████████	Capt.	USAF	BB	C351	3
Stafford, Ronald D.	Capt.	USAF	BB	S421	3

721121 South Vietnam
F-111A # 67-0092
430th TFS, 474th TFW, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand
TDY from 6280th CSG ██████████ & Stafford)
212110z Nov 72
212125z Nov 72
212134z Nov 72 Opscomm Traffic (3 pgs)
212230z Nov 72
220142z Nov 72 Opscomm Traffic (3 pgs)
222000z Nov 72
222114z Nov 72
220115z Nov 72
231200z Nov 72 (New corr - add to)
262000z Nov 72
280055z Feb 73
Vietnamese collateral: "Journal of Tactical Anti-Aircraft in
Military Region 4 from 1964 - 1973" (U)
- Note; Some wreckage sighted on beach.
- 250th AAA Regiment shootdown of an aircraft in the Quang
Tri area by firing a 'rocket' (possible SA-7).
- tracking ceases at either 1745N 10617E or 1745N
10645E. The Vietnamese initiated search activities for the
downed aircrew at possible 1647N 10650E. No further reflections
of aircrew status.
- ...it is possible that the enemy pilots parachuted near
highpoint 310 (poss. 1647N 10650E) at Nui Vo. Efforts to attempt
the capture of the pilots were ordered.
- Thanh Hoa aircraft shot down
southeast of the city, with the pilot being rescued at sea.
- Note; One F-111 noted shot down. No recorded aircrew status.

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[REDACTED] 3262127

[REDACTED] 212110Z NOV 72 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SEARCH FOR DOWNED PILOT(S)

[REDACTED] 0342Z ON 21 NOVEMBER, [REDACTED]

SEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR DOWNED PILOT(S). [REDACTED]

THAT =IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ENEMY PILOT(S) PARACHUTED

NEAR HIGHPOINT 310 (POSSIBLE 16-47N 106-50E) AT NUI VO (UNLOCATED). =

[REDACTED] UNITS TO =(MOBILIZE) TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO CAPTURE THE PILOT(S). = [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] =IF THE PILOT(S) ARE FOUND, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN CAPTURING THE PILOT(S). =

COMMENTS: THIS ACTIVITY IS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE
282ND AAA REGIMENT WITH HEADQUARTERS AT SEN THUY (17-03N
107-05E) AND THE 16TH, 26TH AND 127TH BATTALION DEFENDING
ROUTE 1 BETWEEN THE DMZ AND DONG HA (16-48N 107-06E). XXHH
[REDACTED]

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U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSS, 28 NOVEMBER 1972

AIRCRAFT IN THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE

UNIDENTIFIEDS AT 1954Z ENTERING NVN AIRSPACE AT 4,000 METERS (13,123 FT) ON A WEST/NORTHWESTERN ROUTE. CEASED WITH THE FINAL POSITION AT 1956Z. 1939Z 16-58N 107-50E 1940Z 17-08N 107-50E 1954Z 17-08N 107-03E TWO AIRCRAFT 1955Z 17-22N 107-30E 1956Z 17-45N 107-43E OR 17-45N 107-17E 1957Z CEASED. COMMENT, COLLATERAL REPORTED THE LOSS OF AN F-111 DURING THE 1900 HOUR ON 28 NOVEMBER. THIS IS THE ONLY SMALL TYPE IN THIS AREA AT THIS TIME.

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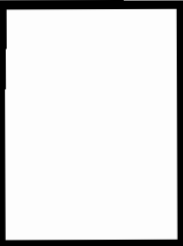
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62-1917-45N 107-43E OR 17-45N 106-17E

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COMMENT: COLLATERAL REPORTED THE LOSS OF AN F-111 DURING THE 1900 HOUR

ON 20 NOVEMBER. THIS IS THE ONLY

SMALL TYPE HOSTILES IN THIS AREA AT THIS TIME.

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NOV 22 1:42

WANT TO PASS THIS FYI

ON THE POL UP AND TART IN WHICH THE [REDACTED]
LATE TO THE LOSS OF THE F-111

THE F-111 RAVE IN FROM LAOS NOT THE GOT

FLIGHT ROUTE IS OR WAS

16334E TO 1736N 10620E

[REDACTED] WAS 1711N 10411E TO 1701N 10554E

1636N 10620E TARGET TO 1736N 10720E TO 1625N 12751E

OFF WAS AT 0152G THE FIRST [REDACTED] TIME

OPS REPORTING THIS FAR WAS AT 0239G WHEN LOW LEVEL ENTRY
HAT WAS REACHED 1710N 10450E HE WAS LAST NOTED ON

AND RADIO CONTACT AT 0245G

THAT 35 IT OPS SAYS HE WAS ON ROUTE NO TIME WAS HE

ADDRESS OR INGRESS VIA THE GOT KKKKKKKK

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AND MATE WE GOT SO ME STUFF HERE FOR YOU ON THE FILL

WILL GIVE THAT TO YOU AND THEN CONTINUE [REDACTED] AFTER

WE WENT TO TALK TO

HOPE WILL JUST CONTINUE WHEN FINIS OKK

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AND MATE WE GOT SOME [REDACTED] AND THINK MAY BE FILL "KKKK"

FINAL [REDACTED] IS EITHER 1745-10043 OR 1745-10117

AT 1955 ON 2 E NOV

WILLIAMS, F. S. PREVIOUS KK

HAVE [REDACTED] COMING BUT WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE

1708 10 03 1954Z [] 2 [] ALT AT 47

11-18-1955 1955Z

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THE AREA OF THE FIVE TARGET AT 8 ASCUT 1952Z WHICH WAS HIS TOT

THAT IS ALL WE HAVE MATE KKKKK

WILL YOU PLEASE TO PASS THIS INFO ON TO MACV ??? KKK

INDICATE PLEASE TO ASK ONE OF THE [] JOCKEYS THERE I BELIEVE THIS

IS GOING TO MACV ATT AS WE WERE SENDING

KKKK

OK WE CALL MACV AND ASK THEM. KK

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IF MACV HAS READ THIS PCE TO ANSWER [REDACTED] ATT. XXX

AND THEN WE WILL ET BACK TO THE [REDACTED] KKKKKKKKKK

OK YOU READY FOR THE REST ???

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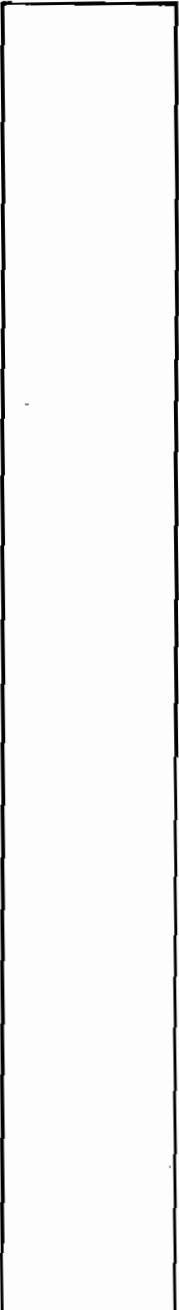
TOP SECRET SECTION EIGHT

SOUTHEAST ASIA SUMMARY

NORTH VIETNAM A. GROUND FORCES 1. MILITARY REGION 4 ON 22
FORCES AT THANH HOA (MG 8189,
NOT DOWN AN AIRCRAFT SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY, BUT THE PILOT WAS

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21/1700Z NOVEMBER 1972

AIR SUMMARY FOR 20/1700Z TO

(ALL TIMES ZULU) PART ONE, HIGHLIGHTS A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE
REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 21 NOVEMBER.

AT 2040 AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE THANH HOA AREA

AT 1945, TWO UNIDENTIFIEDS WERE
REFLECTED ENTERING NVN AIRSPACE AND CEASED TWO MINUTES LATER AT 17-45N
106-43E OR 17-45N 106-17E. COLLATERAL REPORTED THE LOSS OF AN F-111 DURING THE
1900 HOUR. ALSO AT, 0342, AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT
SEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR DOWNED PILOT(S) POSSIBLY NEAR 16-47N 106-50E.
2. BETWEEN 0144 AND 0416 NVAF IL-18/195 FLEW FROM

21 Nov

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F-111A

CAPT. RONALD D. STAFFORD

807H KIA - BODY NOT RECOVERED

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[REDACTED]
02064479

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3270115

[REDACTED] 220115Z NOV 72 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
21/2200Z, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOOTDOWN OF AN UNIDENTIFIED

AIRCRAFT

[REDACTED] 20NOV72, BETWEEN 1611Z AND 1620Z, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POSSIBLY [REDACTED] THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT

(LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF 1HHYATUE) [REDACTED] A ROCKET

SHOTDOWN AN AIRCRAFT IN THE POSSIBLE QUANG TRI AREA. THE

[REDACTED] FUR- THER [REDACTED] THE PILOT MAY STILL

BE ALIVE. COMMENTS: THE 250TH AAA REGIMENT IS REPORTEDLY

EQUIPPED WITH THE SA-7 MISSILE AND HAS BEEN OPERATIONAL

IN THE GENERAL QUANG TRI VICINITY. XXHH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3281434

231200Z NOV 72

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TO [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
DOWNED ALLIED AIRCRAFT=

XXCC BETWEEN 0849Z AND 0855Z, 22 NOV 72, AN UNIDENTIFIED
SAM FACILITY [REDACTED] SHOOTDOWN OF AN ALLIED ACFT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ONE MISSILE WAS FIRED AND DETONATED AT
A RANGE OF 12 KILOMETERS. THE ACFT WAS FLYING NORTH OF VINH
PHU (LOC# 23-10N 106-00E). THE ACFT JETTISONED ITS AUXILIARY
FUEL TANKS JUST PRIOR TO GOING DOWN AND THESE WERE PICKED
UP AND TAKEN TO THE VILLAGE OF YEN NHAN (LOC# 20-49N 105-45E).
FRAGMENTS WERE SAID TO HAVE FALLEN OVER A LARGE AREA. MUCH
OF THE WRECKAGE HAS BEEN RECOVERED, BUT THE CRUSHING IMPACT
OF THE CRASH LEFT ONE PIECE WHICH COULD NOT BE RECOVERED.

[REDACTED] THE PEOPLE WERE APPREHENSIVE OF DIGGING
THIS PIECE UP BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID OF UNCOVERING THE
BODY OF THE PILOT. [REDACTED] AS TO THE POSSIBILITY
OF THIS WRECKAGE BEING THE RESULT OF THE SECOND ENGAGEMENT,
[REDACTED] WAS NO, AS IT IS DEFINITE THAT THE WRECKAGE FROM
THE SECOND ENGAGEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN PICKED UP AND BROUGHT
BACK. [REDACTED] THEY ARE PRESENTLY WORKING IN
THE AREA OF DAI DONG (LOC# 21-04N 106-04E). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE ACFT PIECE NOT YET RECOVERED IS NOT PART OF THE
MISSILE ((PROB THE BOOSTER)) AS THE MISSILE HAD BEEN RECOVERED.
COMMENTS: NO DATE OR ACFT TYPE WAS GIVEN FOR THIS ACTY.

XXHH [REDACTED]

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SOUTHEAST ASIA SUMMARY

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NO LOSS OR CAPTURE ON 25th
LAST LOSS 1948 ON 21st
LAST CAPTURE ON 10 Oct

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AN AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND THE PILOT

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3262310

[REDACTED] 212310Z NOV 72 [REDACTED]

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SERIAL: [REDACTED]

CHANGE 1 POSSIBLE U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSS, 20 NOVEMBER CHANGE
TRACKING OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT TO READ, AS FOLLOWS: 1939Z
16-58N 107-50E 1940Z 17-08N 107-50E 1946Z 17-28N 107-30E (
POSSIBLE GARBLE) 1954Z 17-08N 107-03E 1955Z 17-18N 106-50E
1955Z 17-22N 106-30E 1956Z 17-45N 106-43E OR 17-45N 106-17E
1957Z TRACKING OF THIS RAID CEASED. [REDACTED]