

September 6, 1993

Mr. Garnet (Bill) Bell
Hawaii
c/o Mr. Barney Frampton
HQ AFMPC/DPMCB
550 C Street West
Suite 15
Randolph AFB, Texas 78150

Attn: Mr. Bill Bell

Dear Mr. Bell;

I was informed by a member of the League of Families for POWs and MIAs, that you might be able to help me. I am the eldest child and family representative for Col. David Richard Williams, USAF. He was shot down over Laos during the Vietnam War on April 1, 1967. He was one of two pilots flying a T-28. The other pilot's name was Robert A. Govan.

At this time, the Joint Task Force is planning to begin excavations of their crash sight sometime within the next year and a half. We also recently found out that there had been several live sightings of my father. Since we were never notified of these sightings approximately 8 years ago, in 1985, we were not able to help with the case. The files concerning the live sightings were silently closed in 1987, only 6 years ago, without our knowledge.

Since I have heard such good things about your involvement with trying to locate missing men, I wanted to ask to see your uncensored case assessment on my father. I hope it will help further our search for him.

I would also appreciate any suggestions you could lend us. We are willing to help in any way in order to make sure the Joint Task Force has enough information to do their search efficiently. If you are interested in acquiring a copy of my father's files, please don't hesitate to ask. I am enclosing some pieces of his files for your observation.

Thank you in advance for your immediate assistance in this case. God Bless!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dana Duyka

Mrs. Dana Duyka

P.S. If you need more information and can't get it, please let me know. Also, if the Joint Task Force does not have access to this info. I can send them any files they need.

Thank you!

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CASE #0635-1-01/02

NARRATIVE

On the night of 1 April 1967, a T-28 propeller driven aircraft, serial number 49-1559, was hit by anti-aircraft fire, crashed, and exploded in the vicinity of coordinates XD 029773, Savannakhet Province, Laos. The two crewmembers on board were Maj Robert A. Govan and Maj David R. Williams, both U.S. Air Force. Search and rescue efforts were initiated, but no parachutes were located and no emergency radio signals were heard.

Data pertaining to these two individuals are as follows:

Name: Govan, Robert Allen
Rank: Major, U.S. Air Force
Date of Birth: 27 May 1934
Race: Caucasian
Height: 1.82 meters
Weight: 87.4 kilos
Hair: Blond
Eyes: Hazel

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PERSONAL DATA

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED 606 ACS	CREW POSITION Pilot (IP)	GRADE O5	SERVICE No. FR30523
DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH Memphis, Tenn.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYES
IDENTIFYING MARKS/FEATURES			
AUTHENTICATOR No.	BLOOD CHIT No.	ESCAPE AIDS	
OTHER AUTHENTICATOR INFORMATION			

STATUS MISSING	PRE/PAGE No. 3-045
NAME (last, first, middle) WILLIAMS, David R.	



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MISSION DATA

DATE/TIME/PLACE OF DEPARTURE 01/1950 Apr 67, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB		DATE/TIME MISSING 01/2102 Apr 67
TYPE AIRCRAFT T-28D	AIRCRAFT CALL SIGN Zorro 42	AIRCRAFT TAIL No./OTHER MARKINGS 49-1559
No. AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT	MISSION IDENTIFICATION Steel Tiger	TYPE MISSION Armed Reconnaissance
INTENDED TARGET Trucks	TARGET LOCATION LAOS Delta Echo Area	LOSS LOCATION LAOS 165845N/10558E 75 mi SE of NKP
OTHER CREW MEMBERS Maj Robert A. Govan, FV3036636, Pilot (See File/Pg No 3-044)		WITNESSES Capt Emery G. Cushing, FR73209 Capt Hatfield C. Brubeck, Jr., FV3102672

SUMMARY

Zorro 42 was working under PAC control of Nail Lily. Nail Lily sighted two trucks on Route 911 bypass, south of interdiction point Bravo, and so informed Zorro 42 (Major Williams and Major Govan). Nail Lily dropped one flare and then saw Zorro 42 at 1500-1800 feet AGL, first circling the truck location, then going northeast. Prior to flare burnout, Zorro 42 dropped two flares which burned on the ground, while Nail Lily continued southwest to position for additional flare runs. At that time, Nail Lily saw bright muzzle flashes apparently coming from directly underneath the Nail aircraft. The pilot saw tracers heading northeast, terminating in flashes. The pilot reported that six seconds after the bursts were seen, a fireball was seen on the ground approximately 3KM to the northeast. The fireball resembled a napalm strike and was slightly elongated. A secondary explosion came from the fireball, then two large explosions, followed by sparkles resembling 20MM ammo or CBU. Nail Lily called on all frequencies, but was unable to contact Zorro 42. Electronic search was conducted with negative results. Visual search also was negative.

EVIDENCE OF SURVIVAL	EVIDENCE OF CAPTURE	REFERENCES AF Form 484, 8 Apr 67
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Dear Mrs. Raney:

- As part of its efforts to assist the next-of-kin of POW/MIA members, the Department of the Air Force has advised us of your request for a search for documents that may be indexed or maintained under the name of David Richard Williams. This Agency processes such requests under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

We assume that your interest is limited to information concerning your brother being declared a prisoner or missing in action in Southeast Asia and any subsequent investigation of his status. If this understanding is correct, we plan to have only the pertinent records of our Directorate of Operations searched. This is the Agency component that would have reported on the incident and any subsequent reporting on his status, if any reporting was indeed done by the CIA. If, on the other hand, you wish an expanded search conducted, please notify us immediately, and we shall arrange for the search of all appropriate records systems, including our personnel and security records.

It should be noted here that this letter relates only to the search to be performed by CIA and not to any actions on your behalf by the Department of Defense or other Agencies.

While we are authorized to assess fees for records services performed pursuant to an FOIA request, we are waiving fees in your particular case.

We have accepted your FOIA request and will begin our search for responsive documents in existence as of and through the date of this acceptance letter.

As you may know, the heavy volume of FOIA requests received by the Agency has resulted in processing backlogs. Since we will be unable to respond within the 10 working days stipulated by the Act, it is your right to construe this as a denial, subject to appeal to the CIA Information Review Committee. It would seem more reasonable, however, for us to continue processing your request and to respond as soon as feasible. Any denials of records could be appealed at that time. Unless we hear from you otherwise, we will assume that this is agreeable to you, and we will proceed on this basis.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

Larry R. Strawderman
Information and Privacy Coordinator

cc: Bobby D. Ballard, Lt. Colonel, USAF
Assistant for Casualty and Mortuary Matters
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center
Randolph Air Force Base, TX 73150
MPCC (512-652-2909)

1 MAR 1977

Dear Mrs. Williams

It is with deep regret that I must officially notify you of the termination of the missing status of your husband, Colonel David R. Williams, since he can no longer reasonably be presumed to be alive.

As you were previously advised, Colonel Williams, as instructor pilot, and another pilot, comprised the crew of a T-28D aircraft that departed Nakhon Phanom Airport, Thailand, at 7:50 PM, 1 April 1967, on a solo armed reconnaissance mission over Laos. The weather was clear with three to five miles visibility in haze. In the target area, a segment of highway 50 miles southwest of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam, the mission came under the control of a forward air controller (FAC). The FAC, sighting two trucks on the highway, dropped a flare and asked Colonel Williams and his pilot if they had the target in sight. This transmission was not acknowledged; however, a quick remark which sounded like "Standby" was heard. Since more light was needed to illuminate the area, your husband and his pilot, flying at an altitude of approximately 1500 feet, dropped two additional flares which were released too low and went off target. Their aircraft was last seen in a left turn heading northwest as the FAC headed southwest to position for additional flare runs. The FAC dropped another flare and, while waiting for it to start burning, observed a bright flash in a northeasterly direction. This was followed by numerous flashes which appeared to be antiaircraft fire. Moments later a large fireball and secondary explosions were seen on the ground under the flashes. Attempts to establish radio contact with Colonel Williams and his pilot were unsuccessful. The FAC notified search and recovery forces of the incident, and remained in the area 25 minutes attempting to locate the missing crew members. Upon arrival, the search forces also flared the area. Repeated attempts to establish contact with your husband and his pilot brought no response. Finally, the search aircraft were forced to withdraw due to shortage of fuel. At no time were parachutes observed, emergency signals received or any visual sightings made which would clarify the status of your husband and his pilot. Since the incident occurred deep in enemy territory, further search was not possible.

A status review was held in the case of Colonel Williams. The review revealed no further report has been received from North Vietnam or its

allies, nor was there any supplemental information received through the debriefings of former prisoners of war or from any other official or unofficial source which would positively establish your husband's ultimate fate. Consideration of the facts and circumstances and the lapse of time during which no information concerning his whereabouts has been received lead to the conclusion that he may no longer reasonably be presumed to be alive. The panel recommended that your husband's missing in action status be terminated and a determination be made that he was killed in action. Under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, United States Code, I have approved that recommendation. An official report of this action has been issued by the Department of the Air Force indicating that Colonel Williams was killed in action, the presumed date of death being the date I signed this letter. This is not considered to be the actual or probable date of death, but is established in accordance with the law for the purpose of terminating pay and settling accounts.

We realize the sorrow you must feel at this time, and want you to know that your loss is shared by the Air Force. We are continuing our efforts to secure the necessary facts which may lead to the recovery and identification of the remains of all our personnel lost in Southeast Asia. Please be assured that you will be notified immediately if any information is forthcoming about the remains of Colonel Williams.

Your base assistance personnel will assist you in obtaining all benefits allowable as the result of your husband's death and will help in any other way they can. If you desire, our Mortuary Branch at Headquarters USAF, Washington, D.C., will also assist you in arranging for a Memorial Service. You may call that office collect at Area Code 202, 767-4921.

I am extremely sorry this letter cannot lighten the grief in your home. Please accept my deepest sympathy in your bereavement, and know that our thoughts are with you at this time.

Sincerely

Signed

WALTER D. DRUEN, JR.
Major General, USAF
Asst DCS/Personnel for Mil Pers

Cy to: 67CSG/DPMAF
HQ USAF/PRESM
JCRC
HQ USAF/DPEC

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

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04 MAY 1984

Dear Mrs. Raney:

This is a final response to your Freedom of Information Act request for information on your brother, David Richard Williams.

After a thorough search of the appropriate records systems in our Directorate of Operations, we were unable to identify any information or record indexed or filed under your brother's name.

We regret that the records service performed on your behalf did not surface the information you seek.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we were completing this search.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry R. Strawderman

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SUBJ: REFUGEE REPORTS - COL DAVID R. WILLIAMS, 409-36-5704

REF: A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG 031030Z JAN 85

T84-116: JCRC-LNB: REFUGEE RPT, 18 JUN 84

T84-152: JCRC-LNB: REFUGEE RPT, 10 AUG 84

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JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG 041104Z DEC 84

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REFERENCES A THRU I PERTAIN TO REFUGEE REPORTS CONCERNING AN ALLEGED AMERICAN SIGHTED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SOURCE IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF COL WILLIAMS AS THE ALLEGED AMERICAN.

WE ARE PREPARED TO PASS SANITIZED VERSIONS OF REFERENCES TO NOK WILLIAMS. PRIOR TO THIS, REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF CREDITABILITY

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCES.

OUR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF THIS REQUEST IS APPRECIATED. WE NEED TO SS INFO TO FAMILY IN NEAR FUTURE.

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JCRC-CUD

27 September 1984

SUBJECT: Transmittal/~~REQUEST~~ of Documents or Information

U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OPC/JCRC
ATTN: LTCOL PAUL MATHER
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO S. F. 96346

Ref: Our Msg 261930Z SEP 84 (C)

1. Documents/information pertaining to the above named individual is needed to aid us in the individual case analysis, or to establish a more complete and up to date file. Request the following documents/information be furnished this office:

2. Transmitted are documents or information pertaining to the above named individual:

XXX 3. Other: Photographs of T-28 Pilots Lost Over Laos (U).

a. (C) The following photographs are provided for your use during reinterview of source and wife, if possible. Of interest is REFNO's 0635-1-02 and 1666-0-01 as both match description provided by source. It is also felt that 1666 is the stronger candidate, based on another refugee report, (JCRC-LNB LTR Report T84-116 dtd 18 June 1984) which claims the same "alleged American" said he was shot down in 1970, which matches with REFNO 1666.

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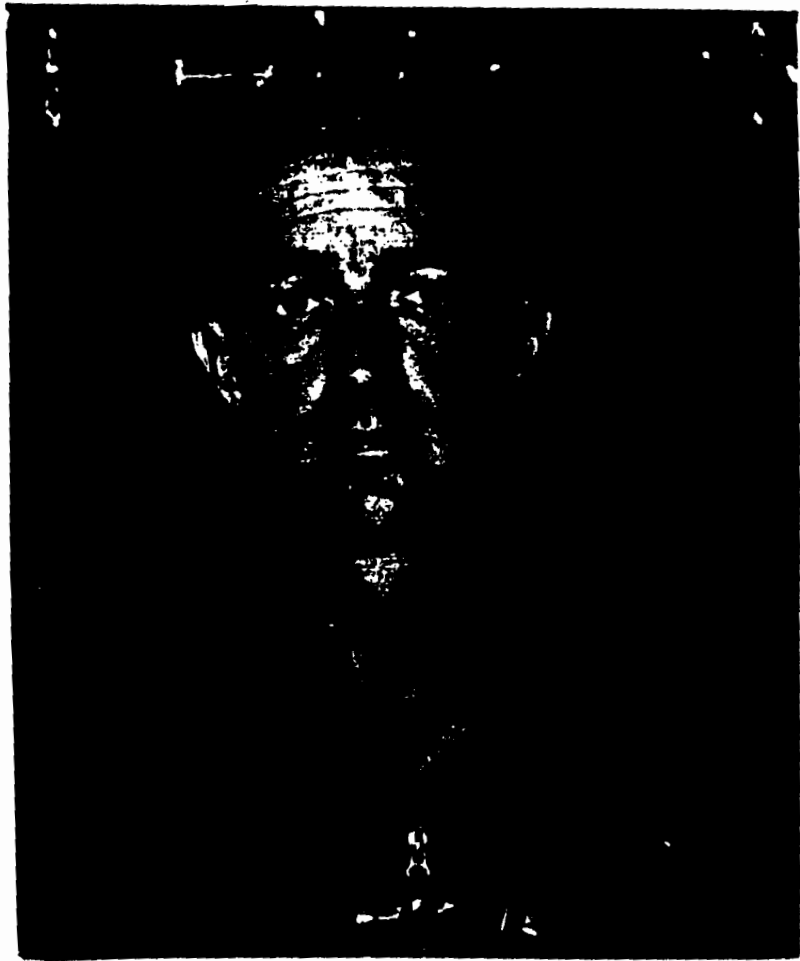

RAYMOND SPOCK
SMSGT USAF
Chief, Casualty Data Division

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AFMPC/MPCC
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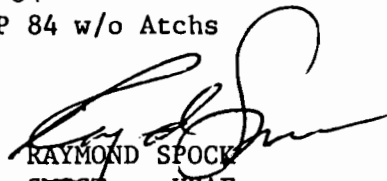
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XXXX3. Other: Per Ref A the following sanitized documents are forwarded:

- (U) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH, 081035Z JAN 85
- (U) T84-116: JCRC-LNB: REFUGEE REPORT, 18 June 1984
- (U) T84-152: JCRC-LNB: REFUGEE REPORT, 10 August 1984
- (U) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI, 261930Z SEP 84
- (U) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH, 010630Z OCT 84
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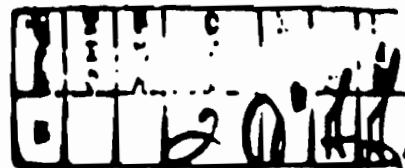
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SECTION 01 OF 02 LIAISON BANGKOK TH 00758

SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICANS

REFS: A. JCRC-LNB LTR 184-116.
 B. JCRC-LNB LTR 184-152. ✓
 C. CDR JCRC MSG, DTG 261930Z SEP 84.
 D. JCRC-LNB MSG, DTG 010630Z OCT 84.
 E. JCRC-LNB MSG, DTG 041104Z DEC 84.
 F. CDR JCRC MSG, DTG 012300Z OCT 84.
 G. DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 151726Z NOV 84.
 H. CDR JCRC MSG, DTG 052330Z DEC 84.
 I. DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 172028Z DEC 84.
 J. JCRC-CDD TRANSMITTAL LTR DTG 27 SEP 84.

1. REFS A THRU G PERTAIN TO THE INTERVIEWS AND REPORTING OF INFORMATION CONCERNING AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN WITH MISSING FINGERS RESIDING

SOURCES PROVIDED ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND REQUESTED REINTERVIEW OF ALL THREE SOURCES

REF J PROVIDED PHOTOS OF FORMER T28 PILOTS TO FACILITATE INTERVIEWS.

2. SOURCES AND WERE REINTERVIEWED AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

A. SOURCE STATED THAT SHE FIRST OBSERVED THE AMERICAN SOMETIME DURING (NOT SURE OF MONTH BUT THOUGHT IT WAS DURING SINCE RICE WAS BEING HARVESTED). SOURCE STATED THAT SHE OBSERVED THE AMERICAN ON APPROXIMATELY TEN SEPARATE OCCASIONS UNTIL SHE DEPARTED

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THE AREA IN [REDACTED] (NOT SURE OF MONTH BUT THOUGHT THAT IT WAS DURING [REDACTED] AND ABOUT TWO DAYS BEFORE SHE DEPARTED ENROUTE TO THAILAND). SOURCE CLAIMED THAT SHE WAS CONFUSED CONCERNING THE TIME FRAME BECAUSE THE SIGHTING OCCURRED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND BECAUSE SHE WAS VERY YOUNG AT THE TIME. SOURCE AGAIN STATED THAT SHE HAD NOT TALKED WITH THE AMERICAN BUT THAT SHE HAD BEEN PRESENT DURING BRIEF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND HER BROTHER [REDACTED] AND HER HUSBAND [REDACTED]. SOURCE STATED THAT NO OTHER MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY, INCLUDING HER PARENTS, HAD SEEN THE AMERICAN BECAUSE THE [REDACTED] WHERE THE AMERICAN WORKED WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 HOURS (WALKING TIME) FROM HER VILLAGE. SOURCE STATED THAT THE AMERICAN DID NOT HAVE A BEARD OR MUSTACHE AS SUCH BUT DID HAVE STUBBLE ON HIS FACE AND OVER HIS UPPER LIP WHICH SHE ATTRIBUTED TO HIS NOT HAVING SHAVED REGULARLY. SOURCE STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT SURE OF THE AMERICAN'S AGE BUT THAT HE WAS YOUNGER THAN THE ELDEST INTERVIEWER (46). SOURCE RECALLED HEARING THE AMERICAN MENTION THAT HE KNEW ONLY TWO OF THE FOUR PILOTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT SHE HAD SEEN [REDACTED] DURING HMONG NEW YEAR. IN DECEMBER 1984 BUT THAT SHE SEEMED TO RECALL THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT SHE HAD NEVER BEEN TO [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT THE AMERICAN WORKED OPENLY AND THAT THERE WAS NO APPARENT ATTEMPT TO HIDE HIM FROM THE OBSERVATION OF RESIDENTS OF THE [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT SHE HAD NEVER SEEN [REDACTED] (REF A) IN THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THAT HE HAD ONLY HEARD ABOUT THE AMERICAN FROM HER AND HER HUSBAND [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS A DISANT RELATIVE (ONE OF HIS RELATIVES MARRIED SOURCE'S COUSIN) AND THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW HIM WELL.

- 8. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD OBSERVED THE AMERICAN ONLY ON ONE OCCASION IN [REDACTED] (NOT SURE OF MONTH BUT SOURCE ARRIED THAILAND [REDACTED])

SOURCE STATED THAT WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE MET THE AMERICAN ON THAT OCCASION (THEY WERE NOT MARRIED AT THAT TIME), ONLY HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE AMERICAN. WHEN HE HAD INDICATED PREVIOUSLY THAT HE AND HIS WIFE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE AMERICAN, HE HAD INCLUDED HER ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN ACCOMPANYING HIM AT THE TIME AND NOT BECAUSE SHE HAD ~~USUALLY~~ SPOKEN TO THE MAN. SOURCE STATED THAT THE AMERICAN HAD MENTIONED KNOWING [REDACTED] PILOTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT HE (SOURCE) KNEW [REDACTED] BY SIGHT BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW [REDACTED] SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS OF ANY OF THE FORMER

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ARMY PILOTS. SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD SPECI-
FICALLY TOLD ONLY [REDACTED] ABOUT THE AMERICAN BUT ADDED
THAT OTHER PEOPLE RESIDING IN HIS BUILDING AT THAT TIME
MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE AMERICAN.

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SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICANS

3. BOTH SOURCES (INDIVIDUALLY) WERE AGAIN SHOWN CANDIDATE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH DIFFERENT DISTRACTOR PHOTOS AND BOTH SOURCES AGAIN SELECTED THE PHOTO OF REFNO 0635 (WILLIAMS) AS BEING THE MAN THEY SAW. BOTH SOURCES ADDED THAT THE MAN WAS MUCH OLDER AND MUCH THINNER THAN THE PHOTOGRAPH. BOTH SOURCES ALSO HESITATED ON THE PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BUT FINAL SELECTION WAS THE WILLIAMS PHOTO.

4. [REDACTED]

5. BOTH SOURCES READILY AGREED TO A POLYGRAPH EXAM AND SEEMED TO BE AMUSED BY THE REQUEST CONCERNING THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE EXAMINED.

6. THE NAMES OF THE FOUR FORMER [REDACTED] PILOTS HAVE BEEN PASSED TO THE LOCAL REFUGEE OFFICE TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THEIR PRESENT LOCATION. IF WE ARE ABLE TO

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[REDACTED]

LOCATE ANY OF THE [REDACTED] PILOTS OR ANYONE WHO
CLAIMS TO HAVE OBSERVED THE ALLEGED AMERICAN HE WILL IN-
TERVIEW THEM DURING THE NEXT TRIP.

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7. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWERS ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED]
(SOURCE OF REF A) BUT WERE INFORMED THAT HE IS STILL AB-
SENT FROM THE CAMP AND IS RESIDING SOMEWHERE IN NORTHERN
THAILAND (NO ESTIMATED TIME OF RETURN).

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JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346

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REFERENCE: T84-116
18 June 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNH

SUBJ: Refugee Report, Alleged Caucasians Observed [REDACTED]

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

[REDACTED]

Source stated that he observed three male caucasians [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Source stated that he observed the two caucasians two or three times over a two year period [REDACTED] and that each time he observed them they were plowing the ricefield [REDACTED]

Source stated that the two caucasians were used as water buffalo to pull the plows [REDACTED]

Source heard from a Hmong Communist soldier who worked with the PAVN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the two men were pilots who were captured during the war. Source stated that he heard the two caucasians speaking Lao well and did not hear them speaking any other language (Source is able to speak Lao but claimed that he could not recall what the men had said). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Source recalled that both men were caucasians but had skin which had been reddened by the sun. Both men also had long beards and mustaches according to Source. Both of the men had light brown or blonde hair which was fairly long. The two men wore long green trousers which were worn thin and tattered with sandbags wrapped around their feet for shoes and old worn

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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out green shirts. Source observed that the men were very thin but appeared to be strong and healthy.

Source stated that during the same time period he went several times (couldn't recall how many)

Source stated that he met a male caucasian who told Source he was an American. Source stated that the man said that he had been an advisor to the and had been shot down at a place called Source stated that the man was not guarded and appeared to be able to move about freely. Source did not observe that the man had a wife or children. Source recalled that the man mentioned to him

Source recalled that the man mentioned those two Americans because he knew they had worked with the Hmong people. Source described the man as being approx 45 YOA, slightly shorter than blonde hair, eyes same color as and about the same build as (Source stated that at the time he talked to the man he did not know and had not seen him. Source recalled that the man's fingers were missing from both hands except for the thumb and first joint of the index finger of each hand. Source recalled that the man spoke Lao very well. Source stated that he was sure that the man was American because he was 100% caucasian and did not have oriental features. Source stated that he observed the man periodically at the from sometime during

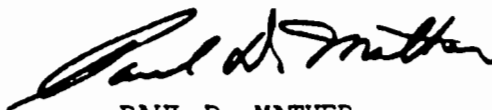
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during the same time frame at first said he did not see the caucasians at all but later when it appeared that he would not have his name recorded as being an observer claimed that he did see the two caucasians who were plowing from a distance of 100 meters and could not describe them because he was lying down wounded (he then pulled back his clothing and displayed to the interviewer what appeared to be two GSW's).

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[REDACTED] claimed to have six months of military training [REDACTED] and that he was in the [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were confused concerning directions, locations, and dates. [REDACTED] at first said he saw the men plowing from [REDACTED] but later changed to [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] was called [REDACTED] but could not provide the location. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared to be more interested in the skeletal remains that they claimed to have found in the wreckage of an F5 aircraft [REDACTED] Both men claimed that they recovered 3.5 kilograms of remains from the aircraft and turned them over to a group of Thai Airforce officers who arrived [REDACTED] to receive the remains of the Thai pilot for his father who was a Thai General officer. Both men claimed that the Thai officers had promised them a sum of 100,000 Baht (approx \$5000.00 U.S.) for the remains but that they had received only 3000 Baht (approx \$130) for their efforts. [REDACTED] had in their possession photographs of the wreckage with one photo of [REDACTED] holding remains near the wreckage of the aircraft. [REDACTED]



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FROM: JCRC-LNP

REFERENCE: T84-152

10 August 1984

SUBJ: Refugee Report, Alleged American [REDACTED]

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

[REDACTED]
Source stated that during [REDACTED] on two separate occasions he observed an American selling merchandise [REDACTED]. Source stated that he observed the American selling the merchandise [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. Source stated that he went there from his home [REDACTED] with his wife to buy food when both of them saw and talked with the American. Source said that he learned from the American that he had been there for three years and that he wanted to go back to America but was not able to (didn't say why). Source heard from the man that he had been [REDACTED] during the war and that he was acquainted [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Source also heard from the man that he had known [REDACTED] and another American whose name he could not recall who had married a Hmong girl. Source stated that the man could not speak Hmong but was able to speak some Lao (Source speaks native Hmong and good Lao). Source did not hear the man's name [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Source also heard from the man who said he was an American that he had been a T-28 pilot (didn't give his rank). Source recalled that the man was missing three fingers from his left hand (only thumb and index finger remaining) and two fingers from his right hand. Source stated that the man told him that Vietnamese soldiers had cut off his fingers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source did not hear the man mention any family members nor did he say what state he was from in the U.S. Source did not see any wife or children of the man [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Source described the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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American as male caucasian, light brown or blonde hair, white eyes, short beard on chin with mustache, slim build, no eye glasses, 6ft tall (Source at first pointed out on the wall a height of 1.95 meters but later changed to the height of the interviewer), good teeth, and wearing a white shirt with black trousers and rubber slippers. Source did not notice any watch, ring, or other jewelry. Source stated that except for the missing fingers the man appeared to be in good health with no other handicaps.

[REDACTED]

Comment: The interviewer attempted to locate Source's wife whom Source claimed also observed the American but she was unavailable for interview [REDACTED] Source was asked if he had related his information to anyone and he stated that he had told the story [REDACTED] (see JCRC-LNB LTR Report T84-116 dated 18 June 1984). Source stated that he was aware [REDACTED] had been interviewed but that he was sure [REDACTED] was only relating the story as he had heard it from Source and had never seen the American.

for *Samuel E. Bell*
PAUL D. MATHER
Lt Col, USAF
JCRC Liaison Officer

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REINTERVIEW (U)

A. JCRC LNB T84-152, 10 AUG 84

1. [REDACTED] REQUEST THAT SOURCE BE REINTERVIEWED AND SHOWN PICTURES OF KNOWN U.S. T-28 PILOTS [REDACTED] ASK SOURCE IF ONE OF THE PILOTS IS THE SAME AS THE ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN HE OBSERVED [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE FOUCHED TODAY.

2. [REDACTED] IF SOURCE'S WIFE IS AVAILAGLE, REQUEST THAT SHE BE DEBRIEFED CONCERNING ANY INFORMATION SHE MAY POSSESS ON THE ALLEGED AMERICAN.

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR REINTERVIEW (U).
REF: A. JCRC-LNB T84-152, 10 AUG 84.
B. CDR JCRC MSG, DTG 261930 SEP 84 (NOTAL).

1. [REDACTED] REF A WAS INITIAL INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED AN AMERICAN [REDACTED] AND THAT HIS WIFE HAD ALSO OBSERVED THE AMERICAN DURING THE SAME TIME FRAME. REF B WAS REQUEST FOR REINTERVIEW OF SOURCE AND HIS WIFE AND ADVISED THAT PHOTOS OF FORMER T-28 PILOTS WERE BEING FORWARDED TO JCRC-LNB.

2. [REDACTED] SOURCE'S WIFE WAS INTERVIEWED BY JCRC CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORMER HOUSEWIFE WITH ONE YEAR OF FORMAL EDUCATION WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. SHE SAW A LIGHT SKINNED "FARANG" [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE RECALLED HAVING OBSERVED THE MAN ON APPROX 10 SEPARATE OCCASIONS [REDACTED] SHE DESCRIBED THE MAN AS HAVING SKIN LIKE THE INTERVIEWER (CAUCASIAN WITH TAN COMPLEXION) HAIR LIKE THE INTERVIEWER (BROWN SHORT LENGTH), SAME HEIGHT AS INTERVIEWER (6 FT), THIN BUILD, WEARING A PULLOVER SHIRT WITH LONG TROUSERS, (COULDN'T REMEMBER COLOR) AND CANVAS SHOES. SHE COULD NOT RECALL THE COLOR OF THE MAN'S EYES. SHE OBSERVED THAT THE MAN HAD THREE FINGERS MISSING FROM HIS LEFT HAND AND

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TWO FROM HIS RIGHT HAND. THE MAN HAD A WRISTWATCH (COULDN'T REMEMBER TYPE OR COLOR) AND A NECKLACE MADE OF A SILVER COLORED (WHITE) METAL. SHE HEARD THE MAN SPEAKING BROKEN LAO WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO CAME [REDACTED] BUT DID NOT EVER SPEAK TO THE MAN HERSELF. EACH TIME THAT SHE OBSERVED THE MAN HE WAS SELLING MERCHANDISE [REDACTED]. SHE HEARD FROM HER [REDACTED] WHO TALKED WITH THE MAN THAT THE MAN WAS A FORMER U.S. PILOT WHO WORKED [REDACTED] AND KNEW SEVERAL AMERICANS WHO ALSO WORKED THERE INCLUDING [REDACTED] WHOM SHE LATER SAW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. SHE ALSO HEARD FROM [REDACTED] THAT THE MAN WAS CALLED [REDACTED] BY VIETNAMESE TROOPS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] TOLD HER THAT THE MAN HAD TO REQUEST PERMISSION ANYTIME HE DEPARTED [REDACTED] AND REPORT BACK AT A TIME SPECIFIED BY THE VIETNAMESE TROOPS. SHE DID NOT OBSERVE THE MAN BEING GUARDED OR UNDER ANY APPARENT FORM OF RESTRICTION. SHE STATED THAT THE MAN SEEMED TO LIVE [REDACTED] AND THAT TRAVELERS PASSING THROUGH THE AREA SOMETIMES STAYED THERE ALSO AFTER PAYING [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WAS STILL RESIDING [REDACTED] WHEN SHE DEPARTED AND HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAUCASIAN "FARANG".

3. [REDACTED] WHEN PHOTOS OF FORMER T-28 PILOTS (REF B) ARE RECEIVED WE WILL REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND HER HUSBAND [REDACTED] (REF A) [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE A PHOTO OF [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED [REDACTED] PRIOR TO BEING TRANSFERRED [REDACTED] WHERE HE WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE CAMP IN [REDACTED] AND BECAME FRIENDS [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE [REDACTED] AND ESCAPED [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] WE NOTE SEVERAL SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE [REDACTED] AND THE SIGHTING REPORTED [REDACTED] SINCE [REDACTED] WAS ONLY 12 YOA AT THE TIME OF HER OBSERVATION IT IS POSSIBLE

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[REDACTED]

THAT SHE IS CONFUSING HEARSAY CONCERNING THE CASE OF
[REDACTED] DURING THE TIME OF HER
OBSERVATION [REDACTED]
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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR REINTERVIEW (U)

- REFS: A. JCRC-LNB LTR 164-116 DTD 16 JUNE 84 (NOTAL)
 - B. JCRC-LNB LTR 164-152 DTD 10 AUG 84 (NOTAL)
 - C. CDR JCRC MSG, DTG 261930Z SEP 84 (NOTAL)
 - D. CDR JCRC TRANSMITTAL LETTER DTD 27 SEP 84
 - E. JCRC-LNB MSG, DTG 010630Z OCT 84

1. REF A WAS INITIAL INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED A MALE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WITH MISSING FINGERS [REDACTED]. REF B WAS INITIAL INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED A MALE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WITH MISSING FINGERS [REDACTED]. REF C ADVISED THAT PHOTOS OF 1-28 PILOTS WOULD BE FOUCED TO JCRC-LNB FOR REINTERVIEW OF SOURCES OF REF A AND REF B AND REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] ALSO BE INTERVIEWED AND SHOWN THE PHOTOGRAPHS. REF D WAS TRANSMITTAL LETTER FORWARDING PHOTOGRAPHS OF 1-28 PILOTS AND INDICATING THAT REFNO 0635-1-02 [REDACTED] MATCHED THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY SOURCE. REF E WAS INTERVIEW OF WIFE OF SOURCE OF REF B [REDACTED] PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPHS, WHEREIN SHE PROVIDED A SIMILAR DESCRIPTION OF THE MALE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WITH MISSING FINGERS.

2. SOURCE OF REF B [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED] WERE REINTERVIEWED [REDACTED]. SOURCE [REDACTED] WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED SIGHTING AND WHEN HANDED THE CANDIDATE PHOTOS ALONG WITH SEVERAL DISTRACTOR PHOTOS, ONLY GAVE THEM A CURSORY GLANCE AS IF HE WERE PRE-Disposed TO THINK THAT THE MAN HE CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED

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[REDACTED] WAS NOT AMONG THEM.
[REDACTED] PASSED THE PHOTOS QUICKLY TO WIFE [REDACTED] AND
VIEWED THEM CAREFULLY AND BECAME OBVIOUSLY EXCITED WHEN SHE
CAME TO THE PHOTO OF REFNO U635-1-02 (WILLIAMS, DAVID R.).
[REDACTED] LOOKED AT THE REMAINDER OF THE PHOTOS AND THEN IN-
FORMED THE INTERVIEWER THAT THE PHOTO OF WILLIAMS WAS THE
MAN SHE SAW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADDED THAT THE MAN [REDACTED] IS NOW OLDER AND THINNER
THAN THE PHOTOGRAPH SHE SELECTED. [REDACTED] WAS ASKED TO
VIEW THE PHOTOS AGAIN AND AFTER DOING SO INSISTED THAT THE
PHOTO OF WILLIAMS WAS THE MAN SHE SAW [REDACTED]
WHEN ASKED IF SHE WERE CERTAIN OF THE IDENTITY AND WHETHER
SHE WAS CERTAIN THAT SHE HAD PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE MAN
SHE REPLIED THAT SHE WAS SURE AND THAT SHE WAS TELLING THE
TRUTH.

3. [REDACTED] THE INTERVIEWER ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE [REDACTED]
(REF A) BUT WAS INFORMED THAT HE HAD DEPARTED [REDACTED]
SINCE HE HAD FOUND WORK CLEARING LAND [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (REF B) STATED THAT [REDACTED] RESIDED PRE-
VIOUSLY IN THE SAME BUILDING [REDACTED] AND HAD LEARNED
ABOUT THE AMERICAN [REDACTED] AND HAD
NOT SEEN THE AMERICAN HIMSELF.

4. [REDACTED] COMMENTS: BASED UPON THE STATEMENTS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT ONLY HE AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED] HAVE
ACTUALLY OBSERVED A MALE CAUCASIAN WHOM THEY BELIEVE TO BE
AN AMERICAN [REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED] WAS MORE CER-
TAIN OF HER OBSERVATION THAN HUSBAND [REDACTED] AND MAY POS-
SIBLY BE THE ONLY ONE OF THE TWO WHO CLEARLY SAW THE ALLEGED
AMERICAN. [REDACTED] MANNER WAS STRAIGHT-FORWARD, AND SHE
IMPRESSED THE INTERVIEWER WITH HER APPARENT DEGREE OF CER-
TAINTY CONCERNING HER OBSERVATION.

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[REDACTED]

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR PHOTO (U)

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 010630Z OCT 84.

1. [REDACTED] PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REF MESSAGE REQUESTED A PHOTO OF [REDACTED] BE PROVIDED TO JCRC LIAISON. HQ JCRC DOES NOT POSSESS A PHOTO OF SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL.

2. (U) IF AVAILABLE, REQUEST A COPY OF THE PHOTO BE PROVIDED TO BOTH CDR JCRC AND JCRC LIAISON.

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SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF LIVE AMERICAN

- A. JCRC LTR RPT 184-116
- B. JCRC LTR RPT 184-152
- C. CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 261930Z SEP 84
- D. -JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 010630Z OCT 84
- E. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 041104Z DEC 84
- F. CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 012300Z OCT 84
- G. DIA WASHINGTON DC 151726Z NOV 84

1. [REDACTED] REFS A AND B ARE REPORTS FROM [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN ALLEGED AMERICAN T-28 PILOT [REDACTED] REF C PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTED THAT SOURCES BE SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF UNACCOUNTED FOR T-28 PILOTS IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE REPORTS AND A POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBJECT. REF D PROVIDES INFORMATION GAINED THROUGH AN INTERVIEW WITH THE WIFE OF THE SOURCE OF REF B. REF E STATES THAT REF B SOURCE AND HIS WIFE HAD SELECTED A PHOTOGRAPH OF MAJOR DAVID R. WILLIAMS AS THAT OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN.

2. [REDACTED] REFS A, B, AND D DIFFER IN DETAIL, BUT ALL DESCRIBE A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN MISSING FINGERS ON BOTH HANDS WORKING IN A STORE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REFS B AND D INDICATE THAT ALTHOUGH THE CAUCASIAN LIVES AND WORKS [REDACTED] HE IS UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND CONTROL OF THE PAVN TROOPS [REDACTED] REF A STATES THAT THE CAUCASIAN TOLD THE SOURCE [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD BEEN [REDACTED]. REF B IDENTIFIES THE CAUCASIAN AS A FORMER T-28 PILOT. PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALL UNACCOUNTED FOR T-28 PILOTS WERE SHOWN TO THE

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SOURCES OF REFS A AND D, ALONG WITH DISIRAC-ION PHOTOS, [REDACTED] (REF E). JCRC INTERVIEWER ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF REF A ON THE SAME DATE BUT WAS INFORMED THAT THE MAN HAD DEPARTED [REDACTED] AFTER OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] SOURCE OF REF D, WHO APPEARS FROM THE REPORTS TO HAVE HAD THE MOST (IF NOT THE ONLY) ACTUAL CONTACT WITH THE CAUCASIAN, EXHIBITED A POSITIVE REACTION TO THE PHOTOGRAPH OF MAJOR WILLIAMS (REF D 0635-1-02) AND STATED POSITIVELY THAT THE MAN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS THE MAN SHE HAD SEEN [REDACTED]

3. (U) MAJOR DAVID R. WILLIAMS WAS DECLARED MIA AFTER HIS T-28D WAS DOWNED BY PROBABLE GROUND FIRE ON 1 APR 67 IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. A FAC CREW FLYING AN O-1 WERE WITNESSES TO THE CRASH AND STATED THAT SURVIVAL OF EITHER CREW MEMBER WAS IMPROBABLE DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRASH (INTENSE FIRE WITH SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS) AND THE AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE AT THE TIME OF DOWNING (TOO LOW FOR MAIL JUI).

4. [REDACTED] FOR JCRC LIAISON:

A. [REDACTED] REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT SIGHTINGS TERMINATED WITH DEPARTURE [REDACTED] OF SOURCES RATHER THAN CAUCASIAN.

B. [REDACTED] REQUEST YOU CONTINUE, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, EFFORTS TO REINTERVIEW SOURCE OF REF A USING SAME PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN TO OTHER SOURCES.

C. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REQUEST YOU COORDINATE WITH REFUGEE OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ENTERED THE REFUGEE SYSTEM. IF SO, REQUEST THEY BE INTERVIEWED IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF ANY CAUCASIANS WITH WHOM THEY MAY HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED DURING THE WAR.

5. [REDACTED] FOR DC-2:

A. [REDACTED] REF D CALLED ATTENTION TO SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE SIGHTING REPORT CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE CASE OF [REDACTED] WHO ESCAPED [REDACTED] WHILE THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SIMILAR, THE SOURCES CONSISTENTLY DESCRIBE THE SUBJECT AS A CAUCASIAN. A PHOTO OF [REDACTED] WAS REQUESTED BY REF F, BUT HQ JCRC WAS INFORMED TELEPHONICALLY THAT NONE WAS AVAILABLE. REF G REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] AND DETERMINE THE ACTUAL EXTENT TO WHICH HE RESEMBLES THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORTS, BOTH IN APPEARANCE AND CIRCUMSTANCE. SHOULD YOU BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A PHOTO OF [REDACTED] HE WOULD STILL LIKE TO SHOW IT TO THE SOURCES. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE NEED AT LEAST A GOOD PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION TO COMPARE TO BOTH THE REPORTS AND RECORDED DATA FOR

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MAJOR WILLIAMS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS [REDACTED] STATUE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE COULD PASS FOR PURE CAUCASIAN.

R. [REDACTED] REF B STATES THAT THE CAUCASIAN WORKED DURING THE UAR [REDACTED] WHILE WE ARE AWARE OF THE ROLE THAT RASL PLAYED IN REGARD [REDACTED] WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON AMERICAN MILITARY ACTIVITY THERE. WE KNOW THAT MAJOR WILLIAMS DEPARTED FROM NAKON PHANOM ON HIS LAST MISSION. SINCE HE WAS AN INSTRUCTOR PILOT IN THE T-28, HOWEVER, HE MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] IN THAT CAPACITY. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT HAVE THAT COULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS SUBJECT.

C. [REDACTED] REQUEST YOUR REVIEW OF REFS AND EARLY ASSESSMENT AND COMMENTS ON THE APPROPRIATE NEXT STEPS TO INCLUDE THE DESIRABILITY OF POLYGRAPHING SOURCES.

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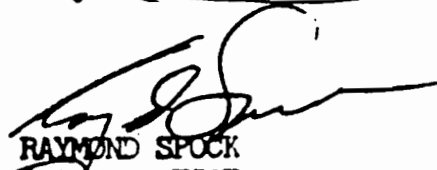
SUBJECT: Transmittal/~~REQUEST~~ of Documents or Information

U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE OPC/JCRC
ATTN: LTOOL PAUL MATHER
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO S. F. 96346

Ref: Our Msg 261930Z SEP 84 [REDACTED]

1. Documents/information pertaining to the above named individual is needed to aid us in the individual case analysis, or to establish a more complete and up to date file. Request the following documents/information be furnished this office:
2. Transmitted are documents or information pertaining to the above named individual:
- XXX 3. Other: Photographs of T-28 Pilots Lost Over Laos (U).
 - a. (C) The following photographs are provided for your use during reinterview of source and wife, if possible. Of interest is REFNO 0635-1-02 [REDACTED] description provided by source. It is also felt that [REDACTED] is the stronger candidate, based on another refugee report, (JCRC-LNB LTR Report T84-116 dtd 18 June 1984) which claims the same "alleged American" [REDACTED], which matches with [REDACTED]

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RAYMOND SPOCK
SMSGT USAF
Chief, Casualty Data Division

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Mr Atkinson/DPMCB/3752/18 Feb 88/ald

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Dear Mrs Raney

During our last telephone conversation you asked when the narrative on your brother, Colonel David R. Williams, was passed to the Laotians.

The Joint Casualty Resolution Center in Hawaii has advised that your brother's case has not yet been passed to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Please continue to contact us when we may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

GEORGE E. ATKINSON
Chief, Missing Persons Division

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23 OCT 1992

Mrs. Ralph Raney
5323 Sea Isle Road
Memphis TN 38119

Dear Mrs. Raney

In our ongoing efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all missing servicemembers from the Southeast Asia conflict, the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA) will conduct field operations from 23 October to 10 November 1992 in selected areas of Laos. These field operations will investigate the circumstances surrounding personnel declared missing, captured, or killed in action/body not recovered. The investigations may include interviewing witnesses, researching records, and examining and excavating aircraft crash related incident sites as appropriate.

This letter is to notify you that JTF-FA intends to investigate the case of Colonel David R. Williams during these field operations. We expect that the field operations will proceed as scheduled; however, the results of the investigations can be affected by many factors such as weather, accessibility to sites, cooperation of local witnesses and coordination with officials of the Asian governments concerned.

As in the past, we will furnish to you, as quickly as possible, all information we receive concerning Colonel Williams. We ask that you inform other family members, as you deem appropriate, of this notification and also of any results of the investigation as we proceed.

Questions about these field operations should be directed to the Missing Persons & Inquiries Division at the above address or on our toll-free telephone line (800-292-5642 within Texas or 800-531-5501 outside Texas). Again, I wish to assure you that we will provide you information as promptly as we receive it.

Sincerely


WILLIAM R. FRAMPTON
Senior Liaison Officer
Missing Persons & Inquiries
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16 December 1992

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Sincerely

WRF

WILLIAM R. FRAMPTON
Senior Liaison Officer
Missing Persons & Inquiries
Division

NAME: Williams, David R.

RANK: Colonel

SMR #: ~~1173~~ 1173

SUBJECT: Detailed Report of Investigation + Survey

SYNOPSIS: SEE SUMMARY of 8 Mar 93 Interviewed 2 witnesses who at a later date brought them to the crash site. The day they returned they interviewed a witness of info on the case. Found small pieces of wreckage + no remains. In the village a village gave a date date seemed for the satellite correlates it to this case.

RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTION: Recommend for Excavation

COMMENTS: He has been inactive NOK more verbally contacted.
Use extreme caution

PROPOSED ACTION: Pass to Primary Next of Kin

'NO NOK' listed, hold in file

Do not pass to NOK

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ACTION OFFICER: Lt Maltbie
Maltbie (12)

ACTION COMPLETED: Maltbie 2 Jun 93

→ Morning is best

before 12 after 3 or 4

* work phone is incorrect

called 19 May 93 (4) 0800 - busy
called 19 May 1330 (H) - NO answer
called 20 May 93 1000 - NO answer
called 25 May 93 1500 - busy
called 1 Jun 93 0900 - NO answer

Send w/out contact

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