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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1400



Ref: 94-F-2716
95-F-0199

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Bennett, Sr.
410 South Commerce Street
Natchez, MS 39120

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bennett:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests of November 3, 1994, pertaining to your son, Air Force Major Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., which were referred to this Directorate by the Department of the Air Force, and via Congressman Mike Parker to James W. Wold, Director, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO), Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (POW/MIA Affairs). Our interim responses of December 20, 1994, and January 31, 1995, refer.

Your requests were processed by DPMO, the proponent for POW/MIA affairs, which has provided the enclosed documents as responsive. However, the documents include medical or other personal information about some of the MIAs, and the Primary Next of Kin of those MIAs have declined to consent to the public release of information about them.

Colonel Joseph A. Schlatter, DPMO, an Initial Denial Authority, has determined that the blackened portions of the records be denied pursuant to 5 USC 552; (b)(1), which applies to material which is properly classified in accordance with Executive Order 12356, Section 1.3(a)(4), concerning intelligence activities of the United States, including intelligence sources and methods; (b)(3), which applies to information specifically exempted by a statute, in this instance, the names and privacy information of other MIAs are withheld pursuant to 50 USC 401 note, Public Law 102-190, Section 1082, also known as the "McCain Truth Bill"; and (b)(6), which applies to information, in this case the privacy information noted above, the release of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

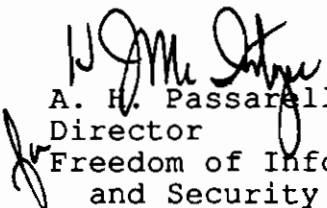
You have the right to appeal the decision to deny this information. Any such appeal should offer justification to support reversal of the initial decision and should be forwarded within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter, to:

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DFOISR
Room 2C757
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Additionally, it is noted that some personal information, pertaining to your son, you, and or your family members, which would normally be released to you, has been inadvertently deleted. In the interest of providing you the documents without further delay, we are providing them to you in that manner. If you wish to obtain a copy of the documents without these deletions, please advise us at the address listed above, and we will provide one.

There are no assessable fees for this response.

Sincerely,


A. H. Passarella
Director
Freedom of Information
and Security Review

Enclosures:
As stated

CC:
Honorable Mike Parker

Dear I sent, Wed. Oct 5, 94 USAF Veteran signed the 1995
 Defense Authorization Bill. Containing the amendment for the Sec
 of Defense to gather a comprehensive list of POWs/MIA's. Please,
 see that our MIA son's name & case are on list.

Case SYNOPSIS: BENNETT, THOMAS WARING, JR.
 Name: Thomas Waring "Buddy" Bennett, Jr.
 Rank/Branch: Captain/USAF (now Major)
 Unit: U Taphao Thailand
 Date of Birth: 22 December 1942
 Home City of Record: Natchez MS
 Loss Date: 22 December 1972
 Country of Loss: North Vietnam
 Loss Coordinates: 212500N 1062500E
 Status (in 1973): Missing In Action
 Category: 2
 Acft/Vehicle/Ground: B52D
 Others In Incident: Gerald W. Alley; Joseph B. Copack;
 both missing; Peter Camerota, Peter Giroux; Louis E. LeBlanc
 (all three returned POWs in 1973)



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 Sr.

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In early December 1972, Buddy Bennett sent Christmas presents home and wrote his family that his B52 crew would be making a few final runs and then he'd be back to Thailand to see Bob Hope on his birthday - December 22. Buddy was the copilot of a B52D aircraft sent over Hanoi the night of his 30th birthday. He never saw Bob Hope.

Frustrated by problems in negotiating a peace settlement, and pressured by a Congress and public wanting an immediate end to American involvement in Vietnam, President Nixon ordered the most concentrated air offensive of the war - known as Linebacker II - in December 1972. During the offensive, sometimes called the "Christmas bombings", 40,000 tons of bombs were dropped, primarily over the area between Hanoi and Halphong. White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said that the bombing would end only when all U.S. POWs were released and an internationally recognized cease-fire was in force.

Bennett's plane flew one such bombing mission, and was about 50 miles northwest of Hanoi when the plane was hit by Surface to Air Missiles (SAM). Bennett called the mayday and manually ejected the pilot, who had blacked out and then bailed out himself. The tailgunner later reported that he observed in the bright moonlight that the entire crew of six had deployed parachutes. Three of them, the pilot, tailgunner and bombardier were captured and subsequently released a few months later in the general prisoner release of 1973. *Alley, Copack and Bennett were not released.* *his 160th mission over Hanoi* *Came home in coffin, 1988*

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Copack and Bennett were not released. still unaccounted for?

During the month of December, 62 crewmembers of B52 aircraft were shot down and captured or went missing. Of these 62, 33 men were released in 1973. The remains of 10 more have been returned over the years, and 19 are still missing. At least 10 of the 19 survived to eject safely. Where are they?

Reports mount that indicate Americans are still held captive in Southeast Asia. Is one of them Buddy Bennett? How long can his faith sustain him when the country he loves has abandoned him? Isn't it time we found him and brought him home?

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**Defense Prisoner of War Missing in Action Office
Reference Document**



**U.S. Personnel Missing,
Southeast Asia (and Selected
Foreign Nationals) (U)**

Alpha, Chronological and Refno Reports

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DGD CODE-OF-CONDUCT
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ID#----- Each man has an individual DIA file number. This ID number consists of the first letter of the individual's last name followed by three digits assigned serially.

NAME----- Self explanatory. Last name, first name, middle name or initial.

STAT----- Describes the current status of an individual, in two characters:

AA .. AWOL/DESERTER	BB .. "KIA" BODY NOT RECOVERED
BR .. BODY RECOVERED	CC .. DETAINEE (CIVILIAN DETAINEE-RELEASED)
EB .. ESCAPEE	ER .. DIED IN CAPTIVITY, NEGOTIATED REMAINS RETURNED
KK .. DIED IN CAPTIVITY	NR .. NEGOTIATED REMAINS RETURNED
MM .. MISSING IN ACTION	RR .. RETURNEE
PP .. PW	SM .. POST 75 YACHT RELATED DETAINEE
XX .. PRESUMPTIVE FINDING OF DEATH	— .. STATUS NOT RECORDED
XR .. POST 75 YACHT PERSON RELEASED	

I-DATE----- Contains the date the individual was lost. It is written in year-month-day order and each is represented by two digits.

SER----- A one-letter abbreviation for the individual's parent service:

A .. ARMY	F .. AIR FORCE	M .. MARINE CORPS	N .. NAVY
P .. COAST GUARD	V .. CIVILIAN	W .. FOREIGN NATIONAL	

RK----- Describes rank of an individual at time of loss.

R----- Indicates the individual's race.

C .. Caucasian	M .. Mongoloid	N .. Black
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REFNO----- The JCRC reference identification number. This number references a particular INCIDENT and is referred to as the "REFERENCE NUMBER" or "REFNO".

CTRY----- The first two letters indicate the country in which an individual was first placed in a missing/captured status: The fourth and fifth letters indicate the country to which an individual was moved or it will indicate that a individual was lost over water "OW".

CB .. CAMBODIA	VS .. SOUTH VIETNAM
CH .. CHINA	VS/CB .. CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MOVED TO CAMBODIA.
LA .. LAOS	VS/VN .. CAPTURED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, MOVED TO NORTH VIETNAM.
VN .. NORTH VIETNAM	
LA/VN .. CAPTURED IN LAOS, MOVED TO NORTH VIETNAM	
___/OW .. LOST OVER THE WATER BODY ADJACENT TO THE COUNTRY INDICATED IN THE FIRST TWO LETTERS	

ACFT/VEH----- Contains the military identifier for the aircraft or vehicle involved loss, the type of vehicle or vessel involved in the loss, or in the "ground" when an individual was lost on patrol, engaging the enemy on foot, etc.

TIME----- Contains Greenwich (Zulu) and Local time. Time that the incident occurred.

REP/DATE----- The date that the report was received.

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TIME----- Contains Greenwich (Zulu) and Local time. Time that the incident occurred.

RET/DATE--- The date that the remains were returned to U.S. control.

CAT----- Numerical representation of the likelihood that the enemy would know the status of an individual (determined by parent military service).

1 = CONFIRMED KNOWLEDGE

- a. Identified by the enemy by name
- b. Identified by reliable information received from releasee/escapees
- c. Reported by highly reliable intelligence sources
- d. I.D. through analysis of all-source intelligence

2 = SUSPECT KNOWLEDGE

- a. Involved in the same incidents as individuals reported in Cat 1
- b. Lost in areas or under such conditions that they may reasonably be expected to be known by the enemy
- c. Connected with an incident which was discussed but not identified by name in the enemy news media, or
- d. Probably identified through analysis of all-source intelligence

3 = DOUBTFUL KNOWLEDGE

- a. This category includes personnel whose loss incident is such that it is doubtful that the enemy would have knowledge of the specific individuals (e.g., etc lost over water or remote areas).

4 = UNKNOWN KNOWLEDGE

- a. Whose time and place of incident are unknown (e.g., aircrew members downed at unknown locations or ground personnel separated from their unit at an unknown time or place), and
- b. Who do not meet the criteria of Category 1 through 3.

5 = REMAINS UNRECOVERABLE

- a. This category includes U.S. personnel whose remains have been returned.

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U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING

SOUTHEAST ASIA

INCLUDES SELECTED FOREIGN NATIONALS

PART I

ALPHABETICAL ORDER

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U.S. PERSONNEL, SOUTHEAST ASIA, ALPHABETICAL ORDER (INCLUDES SELECTED FOREIGN NATIONALS)

11/09/93

ID#	NAME	STAT	I-DATE	SER	RK	R	REFNO	CTRY	ACFT/YER	TIME LOC	ZULU	RET/DATE
(b)(3) 8600	BENGE, MICHAEL	RR	680128	V	--	C	1008	VS	JEEP			730305
8376		BB	670729	M	E3	C		VS	GROUND			
8167	BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE	XX	641229	A	E4	C	0049	VS	GROUND			
8375	BENNETT, ROBERT ELWOOD III	BB	671213	F	02	C	0938	VS	F4C			
8906	BENNETT, SHERMAN HENRY	CC	750429	V	--	C		VS	GROUND			760801
8195	BENNETT, THOMAS MARING JR	XX	721222	F	03	C	1963	VN	B52D	0345	2045	
8018	BENNETT, WILLIAM GEORGE	XX	670902	F	04	C	0825	VN	F105	0800	0100	
8902	BENOIT, CHARLES EDWARD JR	CC	740122	V	--	C		VS	GROUND			740129
8377	BENSON, LEE DAVID	BB	680317	M	02	C	1091	VN	S2E			
8120	BENTON, GREGORY REA JR	XX	690523	N	E2	C	1447	VS	GROUND	1500	0700	
(b)(3) 8212		BB	670427	M	E3	C		VS	UN34D			
8907	BERARD, ARAM JULES	CC	750429	V	--	C		VS	GROUND			750815
8378	BERDAIL, DAVID DONALD	BB	720120	A	E3	C	1799	VS	UH1H			
8379	BERESTIK, EUGENE PAUL	BB	680531	F	04	C	1200	VS	F105D			
(b)(3) 8380		BB	710807	A	E3	C		VS	GROUND			
8381	BERG, GEORGE PHILLIP	BB	710218	A	U1	C	1706	VS	UH1H			
8083	BERG, KYLE DAG	RR	650727	F	03	C	0115	VN	F105	1400	0700	730212
(b)(3) 8084		RR	661202	F	03	C	0534	VN	F4C	1415	0715	730218
8019	BERGER, JAMES ROBERT	XX	680823	F	02	C		VN	RF4C	2259	1559	
8210	BERKMAN, JOSEPH MIKE	RR	720502	A	03	C	1839	VS	UH1H			720720
(b)(3) 8196	BERNASCONI, LOUIS HENRY	RR	721222	F	05	C	1960	VN	B52	2058	2048	730329
8201	BERNHARDT, ROBERT EDWARD	RR	730205	F	02	C	1983	LA	EC470			730209
(b)(3) 8382		BB	681205	A	U1	C		VS	OH6A			
8383	BERNRE, KENNETH ALLEN	BB	670811	M	02	C	0790	VS	AAE			
(b)(3) 8124		XX	690513	A	02	C		LA	O1A			
8166	BEUTEL, ROBERT DONALD	XX	711126	F	02	C	1781	LA	F4D	0300	2000	
8021	BEYER, THOMAS JOHN	XX	680730	F	03	C	1241	VS	O2A	1543	0743	
8022	BEZOLD, STEVEN NEIL	XX	681029	A	02	C	1314	VN	O10			
(b)(3) 8608	BIAGINI, FREDERICK JAMES	CC	750916	V	--	C		LA	GROUND			
8384		BB	720411	A	E3	B		VS	OH6A			
8385	BIBER, GERALD RACK	BB	610422	A	E3	C	0005	LA	GROUND			
(b)(3) 8386	BIDWELL, BARRY ALAN	BB	710618	M	E3	C	1753	VN	EKA3B			
8023	BIEDIGER, LARRY WILLIAM	RR	670129	F	04	C	0584	VN	F105F	1508	0808	830603
(b)(3) 8024		XX	680108	F	02	C		VS	RF4C	0355	1955	
8025	BIGGS, EARL ROGER	RR	680116	A	E7	C	0990	VS	GROUND			890427
(b)(3) 8125	BILLIPP, NORMAN KARL	XX	690506	M	03	C	1434	VS	O10	1420	0620	
8158		XX	710510	A	E6	C		VS	GROUND			
8230	BIRCH, JOEL RAY	RR	721221	F	03	C	1962	LA	AC130A	1912	1212	721222
8387	BIRCHIN, JAMES DOUGLAS	BB	681115	A	02	C	1322	VS	GROUND			
8388	BIRD, LEONARD ADRIAN	BB	680713	M	02	C	1225	VS	F4B			
(b)(3) 8389	BISCAILUZ, ROBERT LYNN	RR	670730	M	E3	C	0777	VS	CH46A			920700
8390		BB	610422	A	E7	C		LA	GROUND			
8151	BISHOP, EDWARD JAMES JR	XX	700429	A	E3	C	1608	VS	GROUND			
(b)(3) 8085	BISS, ROBERT IRVING	RR	661111	F	03	C	0516	VN	F4C	0900	0200	730304
8086	BISZ, RALPH CAMPION	XX	670804	M	02	C	0785	VS	AAE	1617	0817	
(b)(3) 8391		BB	670707	F	03	C		VS	B52D			
8147		XX	700415	A	E4	M		VS	UH1H			
(b)(3) 8221	BIXEL, MICHAEL SARGENT	BB	721024	M	02	C	2019	VS	AA6			
8737	BIZOT, FRANCOIS	RR	711005	V	--	C	1773	CB	GROUND			
8087	BLACK, ARTHUR NEIL	RR	650920	F	E2	C	0152	VN	RF43B	1634	0934	730212
8088	BLACK, COLE	RR	660621	M	04	C	0369	VN	F8E	1520	0720	730212
8160	BLACK, JON DAVID	RR	671027	F	03	C	0881	VN	F4D			680216
8392	BLACK, PAUL VERNON	BB	710301	A	U1	C	1712	CB	UH1H			
8173	BLACKBURN, HARRY LEE JR	RR	720510	M	05	C	1850	VN	F4J	1305	0605	860410
8213	BLACKMAN, THOMAS JOSEPH	BB	680510	M	E2	C	1167	VS	GROUND			
8027	BLACKWOOD, GORDON BYRON	RR	670527	F	03	C	0711	VN	F105	1615	0915	890427
8028	BLAIR, CHARLES EDWARD	RR	680319	F	04	C	1096	VS	O10	1730	0930	880406
(b)(3) 8393	BLANKENSHIP, CHARLES HERMA	BB	670707	F	03	C	0758	VS	B52D			
8226		BB	680311	F	05	C	2052	LA	GROUND			
(b)(3) 8394		BB	720511	F	02	C	1853	VS	A37			
(b)(3) 8207		BB	750515	M	E2	C		CB	CH53			
(b)(3) 8089	BLEVINS, JOHN CHARLES	RR	660909	F	03	C		VN	F105D	1610	0910	730304
8395	BLEVINS, LURAL LEE III	RR	680816	A	E4	M		VS	GROUND			690610
8605	BLEWETT, ALAN L	XX	620714	V	--	C	0012	LA	NAVION			
8090	BLISS, RONALD GLENN	RR	660904	F	02	C	0444	VN	F105D	1440	0740	730304
8029	BLOGGETT, DOUGLAS RANDOLPH	XX	680419	A	E4	C	1134	VS	CH47A	1600	0800	
8601	BLOOD, HENRY F	XX	680201	V	--	C	1017	VS	GROUND			
(b)(3) 8152		XX	700724	F	02	C		LA	F4D	2145	1445	
8396	BLOCH, DAHL RUSSELL	BB	641113	M	03	C		VS	RF8A			
(b)(3) 8397	BLOOM, RICHARD MAULIFFE	BB	660920	M	02	C	0464	VS	AAE			
8126		XX	690316	A	E3	C		VS	U21	1015	0000	
8136		XX	691112	F	03	C		LA	F4E	0435	2155	
(b)(3) 8030	BODDEN, TIMOTHY ROY	XX	670603	M	E3	C	0720	LA	CH46A	1705	0905	
8031	BODENSCHATZ, JOHN EUGEN JR	XX	660828	M	E2	C	0439	VS	GROUND	0300	1900	
8398	BOFFMAN, ALAN BRENT	RR	710318	A	02	M	1729	LA	AH10			900113

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SUMMARY OF ALL NON-RETURNEES REPORTED
AND CANDIDATE DIA IDENTIFIER

AF PERSONNEL NOT RETURNED FROM SEA

***** INFORMATION REPORTED BY RETURNEE *****

NAME RANK	SERVICE	LAST KN DT LAST INFO	STAT INFO	SOURCE OF INFORMATION	LAST KNOWN CAMP CAMP NICKNAMES	PHYSICAL CONDITION	RETURNEE NAME AND REGIO
BENNETT THOMAS W JR		B195	AF	RANK ICUR / LOSSI 03 03	CURRENT STATUS	MISSING	
BENNETT THOMAS W							CAMEROTA PETER P C164

*** DETAILS OF LAST CONTACT ***

AFTER CAPT CAMEROTA EJECTED FROM HIS AIRCRAFT AND WHILE DESCENDING IN HIS CHUTE HE NOTED 2 OR 3 OTHER ASSUMED CREW MEMBERS FLASHING THE LITTLE SANYO LIGHT. NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE AFTER ENTERING CLOUD LAYER

*** GENERAL COMMENTS ***

CAMEROTA HEARD VOICES ON THE GROUND AND WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A SPLASHDOWN 30 TO 60 YDS AWAY BUT HE TOOK COVER AND DID NOT CONTACT ANYONE. HE EVADED FOR 12 DAYS. THE SAME INFO PERTAINS TO MAJ GERALD W ALLEY AND LT JOSEPH COPACK

BENNETT THOMAS W C3	AF	UNKNOWN 721222	FHC				GIROUX PETER J G104
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*** DETAILS OF LAST CONTACT ***

FIRST TWO EJECTION SEATS WENT FROM AIRCRAFT BUT CPT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION, STILL IN THE AIRCRAFT. BENNETT HAD SHUT DOWN ENGINES FIVE AND SIX FOR CAPT GIROUX AFTER AIRCRAFT WAS HIT, GUNNER, LEBLANC STATED HE HEARD BENNETT MAKE A RADIO CALL TO RED-UNKNOWN- RESCUE AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT

*** GENERAL COMMENTS ***

SOURCE OF INFO RETURNEE SAW BENNETT IN AIRCRAFT POSITION PRIOR TO PASSING OUT. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS- CPT GIROUX'S FIRST INTERROGATION BY A NVN OFFICER INDICATED THAT H

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* * * HOMECOMING (EGRESS RECAP) * * *

05 MAY 197

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E WAS AWARE OF THE NAME OF BENNETT. INTERROGATOR QUEST G
GIRoux ON SPELL OF BENNETT NAME. CPT GIRoux HAD NO HOPE I
NFO ON BENNETT GIRoux PUT BENNETTS NAME IN PN COMM-NEG.

BENNETT		UNKNOWN	HSY-SUBJECTS FELLOW CREWMAN			HYATT LEO GREGORY H097
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*** ADDITIONAL BURIAL COMMENTS ***

NEVER SEEN ON GROUND OR IN CAMP SYSTEM.

BENNETT, THOMAS W		UNKNOWN	FHC- ON SAME CREW			LEBLANC LOUIS EDWARD L083
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*** DETAILS OF LAST CONTACT ***

NO KNOWLEDGE OF ABOVE PERSONNEL STATUS BY RETURNEE. ONE
CHUTE WAS SEEN BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY PERSON COMPLETE
DETAILS OF SHOOT DOWN ON TAPE AVAILABLE FOR PHASE 3
DEBRIEFING.

BENNETT, TOM		PRISONER	HSY	CU LOC 200		MOORE, ERNEST M M118
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BENNETT, TOM						RISNER, ROBINSON R039
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*** GENERAL COMMENTS ***

KNOWN SHOOT DOWN WITH NO FURTHER INFO

BENNETT, TOM						RIVERS, KENDELL R. R040
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05 MAY 1971

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BENNETT, TOM

RUTLEDGE, HOWARD E.
R046

*** GENERAL COMMENTS ***

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BENNETT, TOM

SCHUMAKER, ROBERT H
S097

*** GENERAL COMMENTS ***

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
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CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-4044

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Ser: 345
5 Dec 94

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

Subj: DETAILED SEARCH AND RECOVERY REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO
1965

Encl: (1) CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//221143Z NOV 94

1. Enclosure (1) is provided for release to the next of kin of
THOMAS W. BENNETT, JR. (REFNO 1965-0-02).

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

(Handwritten signature)
GARY M. ALVAREZ
MAJOR, USAF
ACTING CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

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from;

Mr. Mrs. I. W. Bennett, Sr.

PROK of USSP

CASE SYNOPSIS: BENNETT, THOMAS WARING, JR.

On the list being made up for Sec of Defense, please, put

Please, help us find our son. POW-MIA



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In early December 1972, Buddy Bennett sent Christmas presents home and wrote his family that his B52 crew would be making a few final runs and then he'd be back to Thailand to see Bob Hope on his birthday - December 22. Buddy was the copilot of a B52D aircraft sent over Hanoi the night of his 30th birthday. He never saw Bob Hope.

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Bennett's plane flew on such bombing mission and was about 50 miles northwest of Hanoi when the plane was hit by Surface to Air Missiles (SAM). Bennett called the mayday and manually ejected the pilot, who had blacked out and then balled out himself. The tailgunner later reported that he observed in the bright moonlight that the entire crew of six had deployed parachutes. Three of them, the pilot, tailgunner and bombardier were captured and subsequently released a few months later in the general prisoner release of 1973. Alley, Copack and Bennett were not released.

Alley & Copack came USA in 1989 in coffins - now only USAF Major T.W. Bennett, Jr is UNACCOUNTED for.

During the month of December, 62 crewmembers of B52 aircraft were shot down and captured or went missing. Of these 62, 33 men were released in 1973. The remains of 10 more have been returned over the years, and 19 are still missing. At least 10 of the 19 survived to eject safely. Where are they?

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Reports mount that indicate Americans are still held captive in Southeast Asia. Is one of them Buddy Bennett? How long can his faith sustain him when the country he loves has abandoned him? Isn't it time we found him and brought him home?



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Casualty
Ref no 1965



09 JAN 1995

In reply refer to:
I-94/37701

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Bennett, Sr.

[Redacted address line]

Natchez, MS 39120-3506

[Handwritten mark]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bennett:

Thank you for your recent letter to Secretary of Defense William J. Perry concerning your son's missing status. Secretary Perry forwarded your letter to the Defense POW/MIA Office for response.

At present, my analysts are thoroughly reviewing all Southeast Asia losses to comply with the provisions of the 1995 National Defense Authorization Act which President Clinton signed into law on October 5, 1994. Your son's case will be reviewed as part of this process. We have informed Congress the review will be completed approximately mid-February, the results of which will then be reported to Congress. I view this effort as an essential part of the process which reflects our ongoing commitment to account as fully as possible for missing Americans. This review will in no way diminish our continuing efforts to account for missing Americans.

When the review is finished and the report completed, the Air Force casualty office will notify the Air Force families of the contents of the report. They will also be able to provide families a copy of the final document sent to Congress.

Thank you for contacting us concerning your case.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of James W. Wold]

James W. Wold
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense
(POW/MIA Affairs)

cc:
Air Force casualty office



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/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

RMKS/1. SUMMARY:

A. CASE 1965: FROM 16 OCTOBER THROUGH 12 NOVEMBER
1994, DURING THE 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA), RECOVERY
ELEMENT TWO (RE2) JOINTLY EXCAVATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED
WITH CASE 1965 NEAR TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT,
HOA BINH PROVINCE, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS CASE

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DEPUTY DIR.	
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Bennett, T.W. 1965

INVOLVES THE 22 DECEMBER 1972 LOSS OF A USAF B-52D AIRCRAFT. THERE IS ONE INDIVIDUAL UNACCOUNTED FOR. THE SITE IS AT GRID COORDINATES 48Q WH 6661 9752. BASED ON WITNESS INFORMATION AND A VISUAL SURFACE SURVEY, RE2 EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF 384 SQUARE METERS IN FOUR SEPARATE LOCATIONS. THE EXCAVATION YIELDED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND AIRCREW RELATED ITEMS. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO HUMAN REMAINS AT THE SITE. THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE THE TEAM RECOVERED IS EXCLUSIVE TO A B-52 TYPE AIRCRAFT. MATERIAL EVIDENCE WE RECOVERED DOES NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE CILHI TEAM LEADER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST, CLOSED THE SITE ON 12 NOVEMBER 1994. THE U.S. ELEMENT RECEIVED EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THEIR VIETNAMESE COUNTERPARTS THROUGHOUT THE JOINT EXCAVATION.

B. UNITED STATES TEAM MEMBERS:

CPT HERBERT	TEAM LEADER
MR. JONES	ANTHROPOLOGIST
SFC DIAZ	NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE
MSGT MAYNARD	LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN
SFC LANGLOIS	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN
PO3 ST. JOHN	LINGUIST/ANALYST
TSGT RAY	LINGUIST/ANALYST
SFC ADAMSKI	MEDIC
SSG KELLEY	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
SGT TATUM	PHOTOGRAPHER
SGT BUTTS	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
SPC CROSSLAND	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

C. SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TEAM MEMBERS:

PHAM TRUONG GIANG	VNOSMP TEAM LEADER
NGUYEN TRI CHU	ASST VNOSMP TEAM LEADER
NGUYEN KIM DUNG	VNOSMP TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN DUE BANG	VNOSMP TEAM MEMBER
NONG THANH HIEN	VNOSMP TEAM MEMBER
BUI VAN DUOI	PROVINCE TASK TEAM LEADER
BUI VIET BAC	PROVINCE TASK TEAM MEMBER
TRAN DUNG	PROVINCE TASK TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN PHUC THUAN	PROVINCE TASK TEAM MEMBER
MAI XUAN DIEN	PROVINCE TASK TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN VAN LAM	DISTRICT TASK TEAM LEADER
BUI VAN THIEP	DISTRICT TASK TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN HOAN	DISTRICT TASK TEAM MEMBER
BUI VAN BAN	VILLAGE TASK TEAM LEADER
NGUYEN VAN BAC	VILLAGE TEAM LEADER

2. BACKGROUND

A. ON 22 DECEMBER 1972, A B-52D AIRCRAFT WAS LOST ON A NIGHT BOMBING MISSION IN THE HANOI AREA AFTER A MISSILE STRUCK IT. THREE CREW MEMBERS EJECTED SAFELY AND RETURNED TO THE U.S. DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING IN 1973. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT REPATRIATED THE REMAINS OF TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS IN 1988, AND USACILHI SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED

THEM. ONE CREW MEMBER, THE CO-PILOT, REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR.

B. DURING THE 29TH JFA, A JOINT INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AND SURVEYED THE SUSPECTED CRASH SITE. THE IE INTERVIEWED MR. NGUYEN VAN DICH, A RESIDENT OF TRUNG SON VILLAGE. MR. DICH CLAIMED TO HAVE VISITED THE CRASH SITE THE MORNING AFTER THE PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN. HE REPORTED THAT AT THAT TIME THERE WERE TWO IMPACT CRATERS 40 METERS APART WITH A LARGE SCATTER OF DEBRIS TO THE SOUTH, EAST, AND NORTH. A LARGE WING FRAGMENT LAY IN THE VICINITY OF THE LARGER CRATER, WHILE PIECES OF BURNED FLESH LAY IN THE AREA OF THE SMALLER CRATER. BOTH CRATERS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN FILLED.

3. PROJECT LOCATION:

A. TRUNG SON VILLAGE
ONG SON DISTRICT
HOA BINH PROVINCE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

B. GRID COORDINATES 49Q WH 6661 9752, DETERMINED BY TRIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES.

C. MAP: TRI THUY, VIETNAM; EDITION 1-AMS; SERIES L7014; SHEET 6150 IV; SCALE 1:50,000; HORIZONTAL DATUM: INDIAN DATUM, 1960.

4. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA:

A. THE PROJECT AREA DESIGNATED AS CASE 1965 LIES ACROSS A SERIES OF FLAT CULTIVATED FIELDS BETWEEN TWO KARST RIDGES NEAR TRUNG SON VILLAGE. THE SITE IS 110 METERS NORTHWEST OF A SMALL CEMETERY AND 175 METERS DUE WEST OF HIGHWAY 21, A NORTH-SOUTH GRAVEL ROAD.

B. THE SITE LIES ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF A SHALLOW NATURAL DRAINAGE WHICH CONTAINS AN IRRIGATION DITCH. THE PREPONDERANCE OF WRECKAGE SCATTER COVERS AN AREA MEASURING 100 X 20 METERS. A LIGHT SCATTER OF SURFACE WRECKAGE, MOSTLY FUEL BLADDER FRAGMENTS, COVERS AN AREA MEASURING 150 X 100 METERS.

C. VEGETATION AT THE SITE INCLUDES RICE AND A SMALL AREA OF GRASS.

5. FIELD METHODS:

A. WE USED STANDARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROCEDURES TO EXCAVATE CASE 1965. TEAM MEMBERS INITIALLY REINTERVIEWED THE WITNESS TO THE CRASH SITE, MR. DICH, WHO SPECIFICALLY

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IDENTIFIED THREE CRATER LOCATIONS ON-SITE, ONE MORE CRATER THAN HAD BEEN INDICATED TO THE INVESTIGATIVE ELEMENT DURING THE 29TH JFA. ALL THREE CRATERS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN BACKFILLED AND HAD LITTLE OR NO SURFACE EXPRESSION. THE TEAM CLEARED THE VEGETATION FROM THE GROUND SURFACE IN THE AREA OF THE LARGEST CRATER, IDENTIFYING A SCATTER OF FUEL BLADDER FRAGMENTS. THE TEAM EOD THEN SEARCHED THIS LOCATION

WITH A METAL DETECTOR, OBTAINING POSITIVE READINGS INDICATING BURIED METAL OBJECTS.

B. THE TEAM FOUND NO CREW-RELATED ITEMS ON THE GROUND SURFACE IN THE VICINITY OF THE LARGE CRATER, BUT THE WITNESS INDICATED THAT THREE METERS OF EARTH HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO FILL IT, SUGGESTING THAT A MAJOR PORTION OF THE AIRCRAFT HAD IMPACTED THERE. THE TEAM LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN AND ANTHROPOLOGIST IDENTIFIED A GRASSY SLOPE AND SMALL ADJACENT FIELD RINGED BY A ROCKY DIKE AS THE AREA MOST LIKELY TO CONTAIN THE DEEPEST WRECKAGE DEPOSITS. WE DESIGNATED THIS LOCATION AREA A AND ESTABLISHED A GRID ACROSS IT MEASURING 20 X 24 METERS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST DESIGNATED THE LOCATION OF THE SECOND CRATER AS AREA B, AND INITIALLY ESTABLISHED ONE 4 X 4-METER EXCAVATION UNIT ATOP IT. WE DESIGNATED THE THIRD CRATER LOCATION AS AREA C, AND ESTABLISHED AN INITIAL 4 X 4-METER EXCAVATION UNIT ATOP IT. FINALLY, THE ANTHROPOLOGIST ESTABLISHED ONE 4 X 4-METER UNIT IN AREA D, A LOCATION WHERE ANOTHER VILLAGER CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND A WRIST WATCH CASING FOUR YEARS AGO.

C. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF TEN 4 X 4, SIX 2 X 4, FOUR 3 X 4, AND TWO 1 X 4-METER UNITS IN AREA A, AND TWO 4 X 4-METER UNITS AND THREE 2 X 4-METER UNITS IN AREA B. IN AREA C, RE2 EXCAVATED ONE 4 X 4 AND FOUR 2 X 4-METER UNITS, WHILE WE EXCAVATED A SINGLE 4 X 4-METER UNIT IN AREA D. THE TOTAL AREA WE EXCAVATED AT SITE 1965 WAS 336 SQUARE METERS. AMERICAN PERSONNEL EXCAVATED ALL GRIDS DOWN TO CULTURALLY STERILE SOIL USING PICKAXES AND SHOVELS. TEAM MEMBERS SIFTED ALL SOIL EXCAVATED FROM THE SITE THROUGH 1/4 INCH MESH SCREEN USING BOTH WET AND DRY SCREENING PROCEDURES. THE LIFE-SUPPORT TECHNICIAN RETAINED SELECTED WRECKAGE FOR ANALYSIS.

D. THE TEAM EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE TECHNICIAN WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE EXCAVATION OF SITE 1965, BUT THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER ANY ORDNANCE IN ANY OF THE EXCAVATIONS.

6. ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS:

A. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM ANY OF THE THREE CRATER EXCAVATIONS. THE TEAM RECEIVED A WRIST WATCH CASING FROM A VILLAGER WHO LED THE TEAM TO THE LOCATION SHE HAD FOUND THE CASING. THE TEAM SUBSEQUENTLY EXCAVATED ONE 4 X 4-METER SQUARE AT THAT LOCATION, BUT RECOVERED NO OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS.

B. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO HUMAN REMAINS AT THE SITE.

7. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:

A. AIRCREW EQUIPMENT:

PORTIONS OF CLOTH MATERIAL, AND FIBERGLASS POSSIBLY FROM AN AIRCREW MEMBERS PERSONAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

B. AIRCREW RELATED ITEMS:

- (1) PIECE OF LIFE RAFT SPRAY SHIELD
- (2) PIECE OF LIFE RAFT OR LIFE PRESERVER MATERIAL
- (3) LIFE RAFT INFLATION PORT DIFFUSER
- (4) PIECE OF LIFE PRESERVER CONTAINER

- (5) PIECE OF RIP STOP NYLON
- (6) PIECES OF 550 LB CORD
- (7) PIECE OF PARACHUTE HARNESS
- (8) TOP OF STROBE LIGHT AND INFRA-RED LENS
- (9) PORTION OF BEACON TRANSMITTER CASE
- (10) SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIABLE PORTIONS OF CLOTH AND FIBERGLASS

C. AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS:

- (1) PART NUMBER (P/N) 5-51253-99 (IDENTIFIED AS A B-52 INBOARD WING BACKING BOARD SUPPORT ASSEMBLY)
- (2) P/N J-57P45WG-14
- (3) DATA PLATE, P/N 316985, S/N 001051
- (4) P/N 215313E (TURBINE BLADE)
- (5) DATA PLATE, RECEIVER-TRANSMITTER SUB-ASSEMBLY, P/N 325E24623-1
- (6) DATA PLATE, HYDRA ELECTRIC CO., P/N 15015-1, FSN 5930-134-0379, S/N 3000
- (7) DATA PATE, P/N A40A1946
- (8) DATA PLATE, BARRYMOUNT, TYPE 6550-11A
- (9) DATA PLATE, WHITTAKER CONTROLS, VALVE NUMBER 116785
- (10) DATA PLATE, WJ-54 FILTER, FSN 5896-906-2844
- (11) METAL HOOK, P/N 286964

8. LIFE SUPPORT ANALYSTS COMMENTS: LOCAL MILITIA AND VILLAGERS HAVE REMOVED ALL LARGE PIECES FROM THE CRASH CRATER. THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE THE TEAM RECOVERED IS EXCLUSIVE TO A B-52 TYPE AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING PARTS REQUIRE FURTHER RESEARCH TO DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC MODEL AND AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER. THE AIRCREW EQUIPMENT RECOVERED DOES NOT CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF BOTH AIRCREW EQUIPMENT AND AIRCREW RELATED ITEMS WILL CONTINUE TO DETERMINE IF THEY INDICATE AN INDIVIDUAL REMAINED IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT.

9. LINGUIST/ANALYST COMMENTS: ON 17 OCT 94, RE2 TRAVELED TO LUONG SON (LWONG SOWN) DISTRICT, TRUNG SON (TRUNG SOWN) VILLAGE, HOA BINH PROVINCE TO EXCAVATE CASE 1965. IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXCAVATION WE INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS. WE INTERVIEWED TWO ADDITIONAL WITNESSES DURING THE EXCAVATION.

(1) WITNESS 1

- (A) NAME: NGUYEN VAN DICH (NGUYEENX VAWN DICHS)
- (B) AGE: 55 YOA

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- (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: MR. DICH HAS LIVED HIS ENTIRE LIFE IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE.
- (D) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: SAME.
- (E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED
- (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT: VILLAGE CHIEF
- (G) WITNESS RELIABILITY: CREDIBLE AND CONSISTENT

WITH PRIOR REPORTING.

(H) STATEMENT: ACCORDING TO MR. DICH, IN 1972 HE WAS THE VILLAGE UNIT COMMANDER. MR. DICH HEARD THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODE AND CRASH ONE NIGHT. HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE EXPLOSION OR CRASH. THE INCIDENT WAS LATER REPORTED TO HIM. MR. DICH HEARD THAT TWO PILOTS HAD PARACHUTED INTO THE VILLAGE AND ONE HAD DIED. THE OTHER WAS TURNED OVER TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. HE HEADED AND COORDINATED THE LOCAL MILITIA'S EFFORTS CONCERNING THE SITE UNTIL A PROVINCE TEAM TOOK OVER. HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON THE PROVINCE TEAM OR NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE TEAM OTHER THAN THAT MR. HOANG THE CHUC (HOANG THEES CHUCS) HEADED IT. HE DID STATE THAT THE PROVINCE TEAM SCAVENGED LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL FROM THE CRASH SITE. ONE PIECE HE REMEMBERS AS THE WING.

MR. DICH STATED THERE WERE THREE CRATERS AND NUMEROUS AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL OVER THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE MAIN CRATER BURNED FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT AFTER THE CRASH AND THE FOLLOWING DAY AND NIGHT. HE INSPECTED IT AFTER IT STOPPED BURNING. IT WAS THREE METERS DEEP, FILLED WITH WATER, AND HAD WRECKAGE SCATTERED AROUND IT. THERE WERE TRAILS OF WRECKAGE OVER A VAST AREA BUT THE LARGER PIECES WERE AROUND THE CRATER. AFTER THE MILITARY TEAM LEFT, SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE SKIMMED FUEL FROM THE SURFACE OF THE WATER IN THE CRATER. MR. DICH SAID THEY SKIMMED AROUND 200 HUNDRED LITERS OF FUEL. THE NEXT CRATER WAS SMALLER, ROUGHLY FOUR TO SIX METERS WIDE AND A METER DEEP. THE LAST CRATER WAS ALSO SMALL AND A METER DEEP WITH COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF ELECTRICAL WIRING IN IT. WHEN ASKED WHY HE SAID THERE WERE THREE CRATERS NOW AND TOLD A PREVIOUS TEAM THERE WERE ONLY TWO, MR. DICH RESPONDED THAT THE OTHER TEAM HAD NOT ASKED HIM HOW MANY CRATERS THERE WERE. MR. DICH SAID THEY HAD ONLY ASKED HIM TO POINT OUT THE CRATERS AND HE POINTED OUT THE ONES THAT THEY COULD STILL SEE.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT REMAINS, MR. DICH EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE BITS OF FLESH, THE LARGEST ABOUT THE SIZE OF TWO FINGERS, SPREAD OUT OVER THE WHOLE AREA. THE LOCAL INHABITANTS DID NOT ATTEMPT TO GATHER THE REMAINS OR BURY THEM. THEY DID NOT FIND ANY BONES, TEETH, PERSONAL ITEMS OR EQUIPMENT.

(2) WITNESS 2

- (A) NAME: NGUYEN VAN MEO (NGUYEENX VAWN MEOR)
- (B) AGE: 45 YOA
- (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE:
MR. MEO HAS LIVED IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE ALL HIS LIFE.
- (D) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: SAME.
- (E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: FARMER.
- (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT: VILLAGE GUERILLA UNTIL 1972 AND THEN A FARMER TILL PRESENT DAY.
- (G) WITNESS RELIABILITY: SEEMED STRAIGHTFORWARD BUT TRANSLATION INHIBITED BY THE NEED TO GO THROUGH A LOCAL TRANSLATOR. THE WITNESS IS A MEMBER OF THE MUONG (MUONGF)

ETHNIC GROUP AND DID NOT SPEAK VIETNAMESE WELL. THERE ARE SOME INCONSISTENCIES WITH THE FIRST WITNESS, BUT THEY ARE MINOR.

(H) STATEMENT: MR. MEO WAS A GUERRILLA DURING THE WAR AND WAS OPERATING LOCALLY WHEN THE CRASH OCCURRED. HE SAW THE SITE SEVERAL DAYS LATER AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS A PROVINCE TEAM AT THE CRASH SITE. HE DID NOT APPROACH THE AREA UNTIL AFTER THEY LEFT. HE ASSISTED IN HELPING THE VILLAGERS SCAVENGE AND DIG FOR WRECKAGE AND REMEMBERS FINDING A WHEEL AND WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A PIECE OF THE WING. MR. MEO DID NOT SEE WHAT PIECES THE PROVINCE TEAM TOOK, BUT DOES KNOW THAT THEY TOOK SOME OF THE LARGER PIECES OF WRECKAGE. MR. MEO DOES NOT REMEMBER HOW MANY CRATERS THERE WERE, BUT DOES REMEMBER THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE CREW, MR. MEO COULD NOT SPECULATE, THOUGH HE DOES REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT SOME PILOTS BEING CAPTURED. HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ANYONE FINDING REMAINS OR PERSONAL ITEMS.

(3) WITNESS 3

(A) NAME: MRS. BUI THI HONG (BUI THI HOONG)

(B) AGE: 30 YOA

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE:
MRS. HONG HAS LIVED HER ENTIRE LIFE IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE.

(D) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: SAME.

(E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: FARMER.

(F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NONE.

(G) WITNESS RELIABILITY: VERY POOR. MRS. HONG WAS CLEARLY VERY NERVOUS THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW AND HAD LITTLE TO NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. WE CANNOT CORRELATE THE WATCH TO THE INCIDENT OTHER THAN VERY GENERALLY. NEITHER CAN WE CORRELATE IT TO ANY ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS EXCEPT BY LOCATION. THE WATCH DID NOT SHOW ANY SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN IN A CRASH AND HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH BY HER OWN ADMISSION.

(H) STATEMENT: IN 1990, MRS. HONG WAS PLOWING THE RICE PADDY IN THE FIELDS CLOSE TO THE MAIN CRATER WHEN SHE FOUND A WATCH. SHE SPECULATED IT WAS BURIED ABOUT 20 CENTIMETERS DEEP. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND IT HAD NO WATCHBAND. MRS. HONG REMEMBERED SPECIFICALLY THAT IT WAS FROZEN ON THE DATE OF 22 DECEMBER. IT NO LONGER SHOWED THAT BECAUSE AFTER SHE FOUND IT SHE BROKE IT OPEN TO TAKE THE GOLD THAT WAS INSIDE THE TOP CASING. THAT WAS WHY THE HANDS WERE MISSING AND THE DATE WAS DIFFERENT.

MRS. HONG HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS OR THE WHEREABOUTS OR FATE OF THE CREW MEMBERS.

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MRS. HONG KNOWS NOTHING CONCERNING REMAINS. SHE ALSO HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ON THE CRASH SITE OTHER THAN SHE HAD HEARD AN AIRCRAFT HAD CRASHED.

10. EOD TECHNICIAN COMMENTS: WE DID NOT DISCOVER ANY ORDNANCE IN OR AROUND THE PROJECT AREA. THE AIRCRAFT OF

LOSS WAS KNOWN TO HAVE CARRIED 114 MK-82 500 LB BOMBS AND AN
UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF 50 CALIBER ROUNDS ON THE 22 DEC 72
MISSION. FIELD ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT ALL ORDNANCE WAS
DISPOSED OF BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT HIT THE GROUND.

11. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: WE EXCAVATED SITE
1965 TO ITS REASONABLE LIMITS, THE CILHI TEAM LEADER, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST, CLOSED THE SITE
ON 121030 NOV 94.

12. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS: NONE.//
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SERNO.....	= ██████████	.
LOSS RANK.....	= O3	.
SERVICE.....	= US AIR FORCE	.
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CREW.....	= ALLEY GW CAMEROTA PP	.
	COPACK JB GIROUX PJ	.
	LEBLANC LE	.
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SUBJ/JTF-FA SITREP 94-46//

RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 102000ZNOV94 TO 172000ZNOV94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) (15 OCT - 15 NOV 94) COMPLETED OPERATIONS AND REDEPLOYMENT. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS (IE) INVESTIGATED ONE CASE PRIOR TO REDEPLOYING TO BANGKOK. RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE) FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED THREE SITES BEFORE REDEPLOYING. NO REMAINS RECOVERED THIS WEEK. IN LAOS, PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR JFA 95-2L (4-20 DEC 94).

2. OPERATIONS

A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (TWO INVESTIGATION AND SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS) COMPLETED 32ND JFA (15 OCT-15 NOV 94); REDEPLOYMENT TO BANGKOK COMPLETED 15 NOV 94. WILL PROVIDE SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR ENTIRE JFA NEXT WEEK. BELOW IS REPORT OF THIS PERIOD'S ACTIVITY.

(A) ON 13 NOV 94, ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED REMAINS RECEIVED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0254 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0471 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); DETERMINED AS NON-HUMAN AND FEMALE, RESPECTIVELY. REMAINS RETURNED TO VMO SMP. REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 15 NOV 94.

(B) IE2 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASE: IN SONG BE PROVINCE, 1645 (UH-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). SURVEYED LAST KNOWN COORDINATES, FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CRASH. REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 14 NOV 94.

(C) RE1 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1910 (F-4J, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED NOTHING THIS WEEK. REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON

15 NOV 94.

(D) RE2 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (R-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED NOTHING THIS WEEK. ON 14 NOV 94, ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED REMAINS PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965; DETERMINED AS NON-HUMAN. REMAINS RETURNED TO VNOSMP. REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 15 NOV 94.

(E) RE3 REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 14 NOV 94.

(F) RE4 IN HO CHI MINH CITY MUNICIPALITY, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1442 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED NOTHING THIS WEEK. REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 14 NOV 94.

(G) RE5 REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 14 NOV 94.

(H) RE6 REDEPLOYED TO BANGKOK ON 14 NOV 94.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) MANNED JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC). CONTINUED WRITING IDENTIFICATION TAG REPORTS.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) CONTINUED WRITING REPORTS FROM INVESTIGATIONS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. PLAN TO RESUME INVESTIGATIONS ON 27 NOV 94, IN NGHE AN PROVINCE.

(4) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM COMPLETED CURRENT PHASE OF INTERVIEWS IN NHA TRANG CITY AND KHANH HOA PROVINCE ON 11 NOV 94. DURING 26 OCT-11 NOV 94, TEAM INTERVIEWED 11 INDIVIDUALS IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG, QUANG NGAI AND KHANH HOA PROVINCES. INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION. ON 14 NOV 94, CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST'S (CRS) OFFICE RECEIVED A PACKAGE CONTAINING 13 IDENTIFICATION TAG IMPRESSIONS, WITH ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED BONE FRAGMENTS, FROM A U.S. CITIZEN WHO TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY HAWAII (CILHI) ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED REMAINS; FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF CAUCASOID TRAITS. WILL FORWARD REMAINS TO JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW, 25-28 NOV 94, IN HANOI.

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JFA 95-1L SUMMARY. JFF-FA INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) OF 40 PERSONNEL (TWO INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY ELEMENTS) CONDUCTED JFA 95-1L FROM 7 OCT-7 NOV 94. IRT INVESTIGATED 38 CASES AND EXCAVATED 3 SITES (2 SITES CLOSED). REMAINS, INCLUDING ONE TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATION AND PORTIONS OF THREE TEETH, RECOVERED FROM ONE INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY SITES. THIS JFA WAS FIRST TO EMPLOY FOUR ELEMENTS COMPOSED OF A TOTAL OF 40 U.S. PERSONNEL (VICE 3/30 PREVIOUSLY). OF NOTE, INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY ELEMENTS OCCUPIED BASE CAMPS IN FOUR DIFFERENT PROVINCES SIMULTANEOUSLY. LAO TEAM COORDINATED EFFECTIVELY FOR THIS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP) DOCTOR TREATED 954 PATIENTS DURING JFA.

(2) DECISION ON APPROVAL OF CONCEPT FOR JFA 95-2L DELAYED PENDING VICE MINISTER SOUBANH'S RETURN TO VIENTIANE ON 21 NOV 94. LAO TEAM WILL CONDUCT JFA 95-2L ADVANCE TRIP ONCE CONCEPT IS APPROVED. LOGISTICS PLANNING AND PREPARATION ALSO DELAYED PENDING APPROVAL.

(3) LAOS ART REVIEWED 33 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER;

TOTAL OF 1868 FILMS VIEWED TO DATE. DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY POW/MIA-RELEVANT FOOTAGE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET THREE INTERVIEWED ONE WALK-IN. SOURCE REPORTS A CONTACT WITH A LAO AVIATION STEWARDESS WHOSE BROTHER ALLEGEDLY FOUND A MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD AT A CRASH SITE IN SOUTHERN LAOS. NAME ON CARD CORRELATES TO CASE 1187 (C-130A, NINE UNACCOUNTED FOR). ATTEMPTING TO INTERVIEW STEWARDESS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

B. DET FOUR INTERVIEWED THREE WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. DET HOLDING FIVE SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS, PENDING ANALYSIS BY CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST.

C. HQ JTF-FA SENT 49 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATED REDEPLOYMENT OF 32ND JFA TEAM AND EQUIPMENT. SHIPPED VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO DET FOUR ON 10 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT. RECEIVED PAJERO VEHICLE FROM DET FOUR ON 10 NOV 94; WILL SHIP TO DET THREE ON 18 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT.

B. DET TWO. COMPLETED SUPPORT OF 32ND JFA; REDEPLOYED TEAMS TO BANGKOK. CONTRACTOR CONTINUING DET COMPOUND ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT.

C. DET THREE. CONTINUING LOGISTICS PREPARATIONS FOR JFA 95-2L. PREPARED TO RECEIVE PAJERO VEHICLE ON 18 NOV 94; WILL TAKE TO LOCAL AUTO DEALER FOR MAINTENANCE TUNE-UP PRIOR TO TRANSFER TO LAO GOVERNMENT.

D. DET FOUR. THREE AIR CONDITIONERS AND HOT WATER SYSTEM AT TEAM HOUSE DAMAGED BY POWER SURGES; CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REPAIRS. TEAM HOUSE BACK-UP POWER GENERATOR REPAIRED BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR. CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUING REPAIRS TO DET HOUSE ROAD. CITY WATER SERVICE HAS NOT RESUMED; HAD TO PURCHASE WATER DAILY.

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E. HQ JTF-FA. CURRENTLY COORDINATING PLAN TO POSITION DEMOLITION EXPLOSIVES IN THAILAND FOR LONG-TERM STORAGE. DET ONE WORKING ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THAI MARINES TO STORE EXPLOSIVES AT THEIR BASE IN SAMESAN, NEAR U'TAPHAO. PURPOSE OF STORING EXPLOSIVES IN JTF-FA AO IS TO REDUCE ORDER/SHIP TIME WHEN REQUIRED TO DESTROY UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE DURING JFA'S.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY. HQ JTF-FA DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL; CORRECTING MINOR DEFICIENCIES IN SYSTEM.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 154 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED) AND 20 CIVILIANS (22 AUTHORIZED), WITH 10 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAINS: MCLEOD, D., CPT2, USN, J3; ECKERSLEY, K., TSgt, USAF, DET THREE. LOSS: BURGESS, A., CPT1, USN, SEPARATED. DET THREE STAFF MEMBER SUFFERING FROM MALARIA RETURNED FROM TREATMENT IN BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE ON 13 NOV 94.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. DET CDR ATTENDED WORKING BREAKFAST FOR LTG

CHRISTMAN, ASSISTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF,
ON 16 NOV 94.

B. DET TWO

(1) DET CDR AND JTF-FA CHIEF OF PA MET CODELS BOND AND KERRY AT AIRPORT ON 15 NOV 94. ESCORTED THEM TO DET TWO, WHERE THEY HAD LUNCH AND RECEIVED DET MISSION BRIEFING. DURING BRIEFING, DET CDR ASKED CODELS TO RAISE USE OF SATCOM AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH REPORTING WITH THE VIETNAMESE. PRESS COVERING CODELS INCLUDED AP, SAN JOSE MERCURY-NEWS, REUTERS, VIETNAM INVESTMENT NEWS, TIME MAGAZINE, AND TASS. VAST MAJORITY OF MEDIA INTEREST CONCERNED ECONOMIC/NORMALIZATION ISSUES, VICE POW/MIA ISSUE.

(A) DURING MEETING WITH MINISTER OF TRADE LE VAN TRIET, SENS BOND AND COHEN EMPHASIZED SEVERAL TRADE ISSUES AND HOW THEY RELATE TO NORMALIZATION. SEN BOND ALSO NOTED APPRECIATION FOR VIETNAM PROGRESS ON POW/MIA ISSUE AND HOPED FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION SO BILATERAL RELATIONS COULD MOVE FORWARD IN OTHER AREAS. SEN NUNN EMPHASIZED THE POW/MIA EFFORT, THANKING THE VIETNAMESE FOR THEIR COOPERATION. HE HIGHLIGHTED AREAS WHERE THE U.S. WOULD LIKE IMPROVEMENT: USE OF SATCOM AND BETTER REPORTING OF UNILATERAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, TO INCLUDE REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT DO NOT PRODUCE RELEVANT INFORMATION. SEN NUNN STATED, REPORTS SUCH AS THESE WOULD HELP HIM AND OTHER SENATORS INFORM COLLEAGUES AND CONSTITUENTS OF VIETNAM EFFORTS. MINISTER TRIET'S REMARKS DEALT WITH TRADE ISSUES.

(B) DURING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VO VAN KIET, THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED VIETNAMESE HAD A CONSISTENT POLICY TO DO THEIR BEST TO RESOLVE REMAINING ISSUES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND IN HIS VIEW, LIFTING THE TRADE EMBARGO CREATED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR SOLVING HUMANITARIAN POW/MIA ISSUE. HE ALSO STATED VIETNAM IS COMMITTED TO EXPANDING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND COOPERATION. SEN NUNN CONGRATULATED VIETNAM GOVERNMENT ON ITS MOVES TOWARD A MARKET ECONOMY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR BOTH NATIONS' VETERANS WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE MIA ISSUE FOR BOTH SIDES AND AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED SATCOM AND UNILATERAL REPORTING PROCEDURES. SEN NUNN MENTIONED TWO BENEFITS TO THE VIETNAMESE OF BETTER REPORTING: ENHANCE THE U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF POW/MIA SEARCH ACTIVITIES VIETNAM HAS UNDERTAKEN, AND LET AMERICAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND EFFORTS AND DILIGENCE OF VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. PRIME MINISTER KIET STATED HE INSTRUCTED ALL AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, TO LOOK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS AND TOOK NOTE OF U.S. INTEREST IN SATCOM. SEN KERRY THANKED PRIME MINISTER KIET FOR HIS PERSONAL INTERVENTIONS IN POW/MIA ISSUE AND ASKED TWO QUESTIONS: WHEN PEOPLE SUGGEST VIETNAM IS NOT DOING EVERYTHING IT SHOULD TO HELP RESOLVE THIS ISSUE, HOW WOULD THE PRIME MINISTER RESPOND; AND, WHAT ADVANTAGES ACCRUE TO U.S. BY NORMALIZING RELATIONS? PRIME MINISTER KIET RESPONDED BY SUGGESTING FAMILIES OF MISSING AMERICANS COME TO VIETNAM TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE LEVEL OF COOPERATION. SENS MIKULSKI AND PRYOR DISCUSSED ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES WITH PRIME MINISTER KIET.

(C) DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN MAN CAM, SEN NUNN RAISED SAME ISSUES AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND SENS

COHEN AND GLENN DISCUSSED TRADE AND LEGAL ISSUES.

(2) IN SEPARATE MEETINGS ON 11 NOV 94, CHIEF OF PA BRIEFED BANGKOK CORRESPONDENT FOR LONDON FINANCIAL TIMES MR. ROBERT MALLET AND NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO CORRESPONDENT MS. JENNIFER COMBS, ABOUT JTF-FA MISSION. ALSO INTERVIEWED BY HANOI AP CORRESPONDENT MR. BRUCE STANLEY REGARDING JTF-FA BUDGET.

(3) DET CDR AND CHIEF OF PA VISITED BY TIME MAGAZINE HANOI CORRESPONDENT MR. FRANK GIBNEY, JR., ON 14 NOV 94. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF AND OBTAIN BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON DET TWO.

(4) DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER (FSO) AND CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) VISITED BY NOK (WIFE) OF CASE 0543 (F-5C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 15 NOV 94. SHE STATED SHE WANTED TO STOP BY DURING HER TOUR OF VIETNAM TO THANK JTF-FA MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

(5) DOS FSO VISITED ON 16 NOV 94 BY U.S. HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WHO ASKED TO SPEAK WITH CRS ABOUT VIETNAM IN GENERAL. VISITOR ASKED NO POW RELATED QUESTIONS.

C. DET THREE. ON 17 NOV 94, AMB TOMSETH, DET CDR, CRS AND ART TEAM CHIEF MET WITH MR. DONE, LAO DIRECTOR, CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA). DISCUSSED RESULTS OF MR. WOLD'S 2-4 NOV 94 VISIT: DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE ARCHIVAL RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH PROCEEDS ON A MINISTRY-BY-MINISTRY BASIS AND INCLUDES LAO UNILATERAL CATALOGING OF FILMS AT PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES; WAYS OF STARTING AND OPERATING AN OHP; USCINCPAC HAS APPROVED CONTINUING BAKER LEADER SCHOOLS PROJECT, TO INCLUDE SURVEY AND POSSIBLE REPAIR OF EXISTING BAKER LEADER SCHOOLS; USCINCPAC APPROVED A FOLLOW-ON BAKER LADDER IRRIGATION WATER PUMPS PROJECT TO INSTALL PUMPS NOW HELD IN STORAGE IN LAOS; AND REQUESTED VICE MINISTRY SOUBANH'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE CONCEPT OF JFA 95-2L. THROUGHOUT DISCUSSION OF ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, MR. DONE REPEATEDLY REFERRED TO PRESIDENT NOUHAK'S POLICY-LEVEL DECISION TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST IN THE HUMANITARIAN POW/MIA ISSUE. MR. DONE STRESSED AMB AND DET THREE SHOULD WORK DIRECTLY WITH OTHER MINISTRIES IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH ARCHIVAL RESEARCH PROGRAM, CITING WORKING RELATIONSHIP JTF-FA HAS WITH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE. MR. DONE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY DECISIONS ON JFA 95-2L, BAKER LEADER AND BAKER LADDER UNTIL VICE MINISTRY SOUBANH'S RETURN TO VIENTIANE ON 21 NOV 94.

D. DET FOUR. DET CDR MET WITH RETIRED GEN HOUN SARETH, WHO THE CAMBODIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IS SENDING ON A DIPLOMATIC MISSION
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TO VIETNAM. AMONG OTHER ISSUES, HE WILL ADDRESS U.S. POW/MIA ISSUE WITH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT.

E. HQ JTF-FA. CJTF-FA DISCUSSED CURRENT AND RECENT OPERATIONS AND PRESENTED MISSION OVERVIEW BRIEF TO FAMILY AND COMMONWEALTH CLUBS IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA, ON 9 NOV 94. DCJTF-FA HOSTED MRS. HARSH, PRESIDENT, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) LADIES AUXILIARY AND MRS.

HELEN HARVEY, CHIEF OF STAFF, VFW LADIES AUXILIARY, WHO RECEIVED USCINCPAC PERSPECTIVES BRIEF AND JTF-FA BRIEFINGS ON 14 NOV 94. ON 15 NOV 94, MS. KARIN ASSMAN, SPIEGEL TV, HAMBURG, GERMANY, INTERVIEWED PAO AND TWO MEMBERS OF JTF-FA LIFE SUPPORT ANALYSIS BRANCH. STAFF PROVIDED USPACOM O-5 SPOUSES A FACILITY TOUR AND JTF-FA BRIEFINGS ON 16 NOV 94.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: CONUS 8-13 NOV 94; SE ASIA 14-17 NOV 94, 27 NOV-10 DEC 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: VNOSMP INFORMED DET TWO THAT MINISTRY OF INTERIOR FORMED A SPECIAL POW/MIA INVESTIGATION TEAM. TEAM WILL TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN VIETNAM TO UNILATERALLY SEARCH FOR DOCUMENTS AND INTERVIEW FORMER PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL. JTF-FA WILL MONITOR TEAM'S ACTIVITIES AND INVESTIGATION RESULTS. TWO CODELS, BOND AND KERRY, VISITED VIETNAM 15-16 NOV 94. DISCUSSIONS INCLUDED TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES AS WELL AS POW/MIA AFFAIRS. BOTH CODELS THANKED VIETNAMESE FOR THEIR CONTINUED COOPERATION ON POW/MIA EFFORTS. IMPROVED COOPERATION, INCLUDING ALLOWING USE OF SATCOM AND BETTER REPORTING OF UNILATERAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, WAS STRESSED TO VIETNAMESE.

(b)(1) 10. USCINCPAC POC MARCO LOVELL, CPT, USA, (DSN) [REDACTED]

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

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RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 032000ZNOV94 TO
102000ZNOV94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA)
CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH TWO INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS (IE) AND SIX
RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE). IE1 DUG TEST PITS AT AN F-4C SITE, EXCAVATED
AND CLOSED AN RF-4C SITE AND INVESTIGATED TWO OTHER CASES. IE2
INVESTIGATED TWO CASES. RE1 - RE6 CONTINUED RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN
FIVE PROVINCES. RE1 CONTINUED TO EXCAVATE AN F-4J SITE IN QUANG NINH
PROVINCE; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE3 COMPLETED EXCAVATING AN F-100D
SITE IN LAM DONG PROVINCE. RE3 RECEIVED REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED
WITH THIS CASE FROM VIETNAMESE CITIZEN. RE5 COMPLETED EXCAVATING
UH-1B SITE IN SONG BE PROVINCE. RE6 COMPLETED EXCAVATING UH-1H SITE
IN TAY NINH PROVINCE; RECOVERED REMAINS. IN LAOS, JFA 95-1L
COMPLETED OPERATIONS AND RE-DEPLOYMENT. DURING JFA, TWO IE'S
INVESTIGATED 38 CASES. TWO RE'S EXCAVATED THREE SITES. TWO
EXCAVATIONS WERE COMPLETED, ONE REMAINS OPEN. RECOVERED REMAINS FROM
ALL THREE SITES.
2. OPERATIONS
A. VIETNAM
(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (TWO INVESTIGATION
AND SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS) CONDUCTING 32ND JFA (15 OCT-15 NOV 94).
DET CDR DISCUSSED WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS
(VNOSMP) DEPUTY DIRECTOR ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF IE1 PROCEEDING TO TWO
REMAINING SITES ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0691 (A-6A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR)
BEFORE END OF JFA. THESE TWO SITES WERE UNILATERALLY INVESTIGATED BY
VIETNAMESE BECAUSE OF SITE LOCATION IN MILITARILY SENSITIVE AREA.
VNOSMP DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID HE WOULD REVIEW PROPOSAL WITH SUPERIORS
AND IE1 VIETNAMESE TEAM LEADER.

(b)(3) (A) IE1 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, TEAM A FINISHED DIGGING TEST PITS AT SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0680 (F-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR WRECKAGE. IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE: EXCAVATED AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE █████ (RF-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. INVESTIGATED CASE 1262 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN HANOI, TEAM B INVESTIGATED CASE (b)(3) █████ (F-100D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). MOVED TO HOA BINH PROVINCE ON 8 NOV 94 TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION OF CASE █████ (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). LOCATED AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE. TEAM RETURNED TO HANOI ON 10 NOV 94.

(b)(3) (B) IE2 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN DAC LAC PROVINCE, 1723 (F-100D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). MOVED TO SONG BE PROVINCE ON 6 NOV 94. IN SONG BE PROVINCE, TEAM A PREPARING TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1645 (UH-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). TEAM B INVESTIGATED CASE 0930 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(C) RE1 IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, CONTINUED EXCAVATING SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1910 (F-4J, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); THIS WEEK RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (INCLUDING SIX TEETH, THREE WITH RESTORATION) AND PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE, EJECTION SEAT, FLIGHT SUIT AND PARACHUTE. VIETNAMESE CITIZEN BROUGHT BONE FRAGMENT AND IDENTIFICATION TAG RUBBING TO SITE. BONE FRAGMENT WAS TOO SMALL TO DETERMINE RACE. INFORMATION ON RUBBING DID NOT CORRELATE TO ANY UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. TEAM LEADER DID NOT ACCEPT REMAINS.

(D) RE2 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, CONTINUED EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); THIS WEEK RECOVERED PIECES OF AIRCRAFT ENGINE AND UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE.

(E) RE3 IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0584 (F-100D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); THIS WEEK RECOVERED PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE; RECEIVED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS, PIECE OF FLIGHT HELMET, WATCH BAND AND DATA PLATE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0584.

(F) RE4 IN HO CHI MINH CITY MUNICIPALITY, BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1442 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(b)(3) (G) RE5 IN SONG BE PROVINCE, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE █████ (UH-1B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED UNIDENTIFIED WRECKAGE.

(H) RE6 IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, FINISHED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1297 (UH-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); THIS WEEK RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (INCLUDING ONE COMPLETE AND TWO PARTIAL TEETH) AND PIECES OF CLOTHING. MOVED TO HO CHI MINH CITY MUNICIPALITY AND ASSISTED RE4 WITH EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1442.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) MANNED JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC). CONTINUED WRITING IDENTIFICATION TAG REPORTS.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. INTERVIEWED 14 WITNESSES WHILE INVESTIGATING CASES 0251 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), 0778 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED

FOR) AND 1973 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(4) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM INTERVIEWED WITNESSES IN DA NANG, QUANG NGAI AND NHA TRANG. OHP TEAM IDENTIFIED NEW LEAD FOR TRILATERAL CASE 0339 (AC-47D, EIGHT UNACCOUNTED FOR) BASED ON 30 OCT 94 INTERVIEW OF FORMER PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) RECONNAISSANCE SOLDIER.

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY TEAM COMPOSED OF TWO INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY ELEMENTS, ENDED JFA 95-1L (7 OCT - 7 NOV 94) FIELD WORK; REDEPLOYED TO THAILAND ON 7 NOV 94. RE DID NOT COMPLETE EXCAVATING SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1534 (F-4E, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RE2 ESTIMATES ADDITIONAL 21-25 DAYS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE EXCAVATION. LAO FIELD TEAM COOPERATION EXCELLENT.

(A) ON 4 NOV 94, ADVANCE TEAM CONSISTING OF TWO DET THREE PERSONNEL, ONE LAO AND TWO RE2 MEMBERS ATTEMPTED TO INTERVIEW WITNESS IN XAIGNABOULI PROVINCE CONCERNING CASE 1791 (C-123K, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR); WITNESS WAS UNAVAILABLE. EARLIER THIS JFA, DISTRICT OFFICIALS IN XAIGNABOULI PROVINCE DID NOT ALLOW TRAVEL TO LOCATIONS NEAR THAI BORDER BECAUSE OF REMOTENESS AND SAFETY CONCERNS (REF JTF-FA SITREPS 94-41 AND 94-44).

(B) MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP) TOTAL 955 PATIENTS SEEN DURING MEDCAP. REMAINDER OF MEDICINES TURNED OVER TO NAMBAC DISTRICT, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE PHYSICIAN.

(2) LAOS ART REVIEWED 21 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER; TOTAL OF 1835 FILMS VIEWED TO DATE. DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY POW/MIA-RELEVANT FOOTAGE THIS REPORTING PERIOD. LAO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION PERSONNEL TURNED OVER LIST OF LAO FILMS CURRENTLY HELD IN HANOI.

(3) DET CDR, CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) AND ART TEAM LEADER MET WITH AMERICAS DESK OFFICER MR BOUNPHIENG, LAO TEAM //

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CHIEF MAJ SIKHAI AND LAO TEAM MEMBER ON 16 SEP 94 TO DISCUSS BAKER LADDER AND BAKER LEADER PROJECTS, ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, TRILATERAL MEETING AND JFA 95-2L.

(A) BAKER LADDER. DET CDR INFORMED MR. BOUNPHIENG ABOUT USCINCPAC PROPOSAL TO INSTALL FOUR IRRIGATION PUMPS THE LAO HAVE IN STORAGE IN SAVANNAKHET AND REQUESTED MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE LAO OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS CONCEPT FOR PUMP INSTALLATION.

(B) BAKER LEADER, DET CDR INFORMED LAO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS PRECLUDED SCHOOL SURVEY 19-29 NOV 94 AND PROPOSED DATES IN FEB 95. MR. BOUNPHIENG PROPOSED LAO CONDUCT PRECOORDINATION TRIP 14-20 NOV 94 IN PREPARATION FOR FEB 95 SURVEY.

(C) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH. ART TEAM CHIEF REQUESTED APPROVAL OF SURVEY TRIP TO PROVINCE FILM ARCHIVE CENTER. MR. BOUNPHIENG STATED HE WOULD COORDINATE SCHEDULE WITH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION. ART TEAM CHIEF ALSO REQUESTED DATE TO VISIT MILITARY MUSEUM.

(D) TRILATERAL TALKS. CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) PROVIDED TRILATERAL TALKING POINTS FOR 1 DEC 94 MEETING, DISCUSSED CONTENTS AND ANSWERED LAO TEAM MEMBERS QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY ISSUES. CRS ALSO PROVIDED LIST OF VIETNAMESE WITNESSES, INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH WITNESS IS NECESSARY TO RESOLVE EACH SPECIFIC CASE.

(E) JFA 95-2L. MAJ SIKHAI STATED, AFTER HIS SUPERIORS APPROVE CONCEPT, HE WILL PROVIDE DATES OF ADVANCE COORDINATION TRIPS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER HAVING FOUR ELEMENTS IN FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET THREE OBTAINED FROM WALK-INS HEARSAY INFORMATION CORRELATED TO CASE 1187 (C-130A, NINE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORT. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET FOUR INTERVIEWED TWO WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORT FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET HOLDING FIVE SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS, PENDING ANALYSIS BY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY HAWAII (CILHI) PERSONNEL.

C. HQ JTF-FA SENT NINE NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 95-1L TEAM AND EQUIPMENT. DELIVERED VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO HANOI VIA 4 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT. CONTINUED LOGISTICS PLANNING/COORDINATION FOR UPCOMING JFA 95-2L.

B. DET TWO. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF 32ND JFA. RECEIVED EQUIPMENT FOR ELECTRICAL UPGRADE ON 4 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT; CONTRACTOR BEGAN WORK ON 7 NOV 94. REPRESENTATIVE FROM WESTERN PACIFIC VETERINARY SERVICE SUPPORT DISTRICT (U.S. ARMY) IS IN COUNTRY CONDUCTING INSPECTION OF COMMERCIAL WATER SUPPLIERS.

C. DET THREE. COORDINATED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 95-1L TEAM AND EQUIPMENT. HELICOPTER HOURS FLOWN DURING JFA 95-1L: SQUIRREL - 341 HOURS; MI-8 - 95.5 HOURS. BEGAN PREPARATIONS FOR JFA 95-2L.

D. DET FOUR. SHIPPED PAJERO VEHICLE TO LAOS VIA 10 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT. TEAM HOUSE BACK-UP POWER GENERATOR BEING REPAIRED. CAMBODIANS CONTINUING EXTENSIVE ROAD WORK ON STREET LEADING TO TEAM HOUSE. CITY WATER SERVICE HAS NOT RESUMED; WATER PURCHASED DAILY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. COORDINATING WITH LOCAL AGENCIES ON RENEWAL OF DET TWO FACILITY LEASE. CONDUCTING INVENTORY OF HEADQUARTERS PROPERTY.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY

A. DET FOUR. TACSAT AND AC POWER SUPPLY NOT OPERATIONAL; COORDINATING WITH HQ JTF-FA FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT. WORKING WITH HQ JTF-FA ADP SECTION TO BRING E-MAIL ON LINE.

B. HQ JTF-FA. DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL. J2 COMPLETED INITIAL SCANNING OF 3,566 REFNO AND DESERTER FOLDERS TOTALING 248,300 IMAGES. ELECTRONIC IMAGE REFNO FOLDERS WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW DOCUMENTS ARE FILED. JTF-FA WILL EXPAND DOCUMENT IMAGING EFFORT TO OTHER RECORD FILES.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED) AND 20 CIVILIANS (22 AUTHORIZED), WITH 10 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAIN: CT11 R. VESPERAS, USN, J3. DET THREE STAFF MEMBER SUFFERING FROM MALARIA (P. FALCIPARUM) ARRIVED BANGKOK ON 5 NOV 94; MEMBER UNDERGOING TREATMENT IN BANGKOK HOSPITAL, CONDITION IMPROVING AND SHOULD BE DISCHARGED SOON.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. ON 5 NOV 94, DASD WOLD AND PARTY ARRIVED BANGKOK VIA C-12 FROM PHNOM PENH. UPON ARRIVAL AT BANGKOK AIRPORT, DET CDR AND STAFF MEMBER ASSISTED PARTY WITH TRANSPORTATION, IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS AND TICKETING PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE TO HAWAII.

B. DET TWO

(1) MISSING AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. RE3 WAS DEPLOYING VIA HELICOPTER FROM CASE 0584 BASE CAMP SITE IN LAM DONG PROVINCE TO DALAT ON 8 NOV 94. DURING THIRD AND LAST TRIP, MI-17 HELICOPTER WAS FORCED TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT AT BASE CAMP DUE TO DETERIORATING WEATHER. ON 9 NOV 94, WEATHER CLEARED AND MI-17 WITH ALL TEAM MEMBERS RETURNED SAFELY TO DALAT.

(2) PAO. MS. CHRISTINE DESLOGES, NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM, PAID COURTESY CALL TO DET CDR ON 3 NOV 94. AMBASSADOR INTERESTED IN RETURNING FOR MORE THOROUGH BRIEFING. DET CDR BRIEFED MS. KATHERINE WILHELM, NEW HANOI BUREAU CHIEF FOR ASSOCIATED PRESS AND MS. JANAKI KREMMER, STRINGER FOR CBS, ON DET OPERATIONS ON 4 NOV 94.

C. DET THREE. DASD WOLD VISITED LAOS 3-4 NOV 94. HE VISITED RE1/RE2 AT FIELD SITE AND MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) SOUBANH AND VICE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) LTG AI. LAO MND AGREED TO SEND SPECIAL TEAMS TO PROVINCES TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. LAO HOSTED DINNER IN HONOR OF DASD WOLD ON 3 NOV 94.

D. DET FOUR. ON 4-5 NOV 94, DASD WOLD VISITED CAMBODIA. DET CDR BRIEFED DASD WOLD, CJTF-FA AND PARTY REGARDING JTF-FA OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA AND CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT COOPERATION. DASD WOLD, AMB TWINING AND PARTY MET WITH CO-MINISTERS OF INTERIOR (MOI) H.E. SAR KENG AND H.E. YOU HOKRY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE (POLICY) SLOCOMBE VISITED CILHI ON 4 NOV 94 AND RECEIVED JTF-FA MISSION AND OPERATIONS BRIEFING, CILHI COMMAND BRIEFING AND TOUR OF CILHI LABORATORY. MS. MARY FANETTE, ASSOCIATE EDITOR, PEOPLE MAGAZINE, REQUESTED PHOTOS OF CASE 1879 EXCAVATION SITE; PAO PROVIDED PHOTOS ON 4 NOV 94. CJTF-FA HOSTED MEETING WITH DASD WOLD AND DPMO ON 7 NOV 94; DISCUSSED

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PLANNING FOR 1 DEC 94 TRILATERAL MEETING IN HANOI. CJTF-FA HOSTED JTF-FA BRIEFINGS FOR MG KERNAN, COMMANDER, SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PACIFIC, ON 7 NOV 94. MR. RUDI WILLIAMS, AMERICAN FORCES PRESS AND PUBLICATION SERVICE, INTERVIEWED DCJTF-FA ON 8 NOV 94. DCJTF-FA HOSTED JTF-FA BRIEFINGS FOR CAPTAIN WAGNER, COMMANDING OFFICER, FLEET INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CENTER AND FIVE ASSISTANTS ON 9 NOV 94.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: CONUS 8-13 NOV 94; SE ASIA
14-17 NOV 94, 27 NOV-10 DEC 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: JFA 95-1L, LARGEST MOST COMPLEX
JFA IN LAOS, COMPLETED VERY SUCCESSFULLY. LAO FIELD TEAM
COOPERATION WAS EXCELLENT. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECDEF FOR POW/MIA
AFFAIRS, MR. JIM WOLD, VISIT TO LAOS VERY PRODUCTIVE. MR. WOLD MET
WITH LAO VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. SOUBANH AND VICE
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, LTG AI. LTG AI AGREED TO SEND SPECIAL
LAO TEAMS TO PROVINCES SPECIFICALLY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT
UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. LAO ALSO ACCEPTED OUR CONCEPT FOR
CONTINUING HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECTS LIKE BAKER LADDER (IRRIGATION
PUMPS) AND BAKER LEADER (SCHOOLS).

(b)(1) 10. USCINCPAC POC MARCO LOVELL, CPT, USA, (DSN [REDACTED]).

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

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SUBJ/JTF-FA SITREP 94-43//

RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 202000Z OCT 94 TO 272000Z OCT 94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH TWO INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS (IE) AND SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE). IE1 AND IE2 INVESTIGATED 11 CASES IN 4 PROVINCES. RE1 - RE6 CONTINUED TO EXCAVATE SITES IN FIVE PROVINCES. EXCAVATIONS WERE COMPLETED AND CLOSED AT THREE SITES AND CONTINUED AT FOUR OTHERS. REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AT FOUR SITES. RE1, IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED AN RA-5C SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE1 BEGAN EXCAVATING AN F-4J SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE2, IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, CONTINUES TO EXCAVATE A B-52 SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE3, IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, COMPLETED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED AN RF-4C SITE. RE4, IN SONG BE PROVINCE, CLEARED AND SEARCHED A GROUND LOSS SITE. SITE WAS CLOSED WITHOUT EXCAVATING DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS FROM PRESENCE OF LARGE AMOUNTS OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE. RE5, ALSO IN SONG BE PROVINCE, BEGAN EXCAVATING AN F-4C SITE. RE6, IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, CONTINUES EXCAVATING A C-130B SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE6 ALSO RECOVERED REMAINS WHILE RECONNOITERING A UH-1H SITE. IN LAOS, JFA 95-1L CONTINUES OPERATIONS WITH TWO IES AND TWO RES. IE1 AND IE2 INVESTIGATED 13 CASES IN 2 PROVINCES. RE1 AND RE2 CONTINUED EXCAVATIONS IN TWO PROVINCES. RE1, IN HONGSA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, COMPLETED EXCAVATING AND CLOSED A C-123K SITE AND BEGAN EXCAVATING A UH-34D SITE IN LOUANGPHABANG PROVINCE; RECOVERED REMAINS AT BOTH SITES. RE2, IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE, CONTINUES WORK AT AN F-4E SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. USCINCPAC, ADM MACKE, VISITED JTF-FA DETS AND FIELD TEAMS.

2. OPERATIONS
 - A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (TWO INVESTIGATION AND SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS) CONDUCTING 32ND JFA (15 OCT-15 NOV 94).

(A) IE1 INVESTIGATE FOLLOWING CASES: IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE, 0911 (F-4B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND 0217 (RA-5C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN SON LA PROVINCE, 0147 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0254 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN HANOI, 0680 (F-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1107 (F-111A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1698 (F-4D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN LANG SON PROVINCE, 0460 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0471 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(B) IE2 INVESTIGATE FOLLOWING CASES: IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TEAM A INVESTIGATED 0453 (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). TEAM B INVESTIGATED 1820 (OV-10, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE, 1134 (CH-47A, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1145 (GROUND, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(C) RE1 IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, CLOSE SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0215 (RA-5C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1910 (F-4J, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND WRECKAGE. BRIEFED USCINCPAC ADM MACKE AND CJTF-FA ON 26 OCT 94.

(D) RE2 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, CONTINUED EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS, PART OF A B-52 WING, ENGINE WRECKAGE AND UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE. RECEIVED AVIATOR-TYPE WATCH. BRIEFED USCINCPAC, ADM MACKE, AND CJTF-FA ON 25 OCT 94.

(E) RE3 IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1424 (RF-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); THIS WEEK RECOVERED AN ENTIRE ENGINE, A DATA PLATE, PIECES OF FLIGHT CLOTHING AND LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

(F) RE4 IN SONG BE PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1819 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE IMPEDED WORK; THIS WEEK, RECOVERED PIECES OF CLOTHING AND VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. RECONNOITERED SITES POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0205 (GROUND, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1628 (RF-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(G) RE5 IN SONG BE PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED SITES ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0424 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1466 (UH-1B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0424; RECOVERED NINE 20MM ROUNDS, A DATA PLATE, ONE PIECE OF FLIGHT CLOTHING, AND PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

(H) RE6 IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, CONTINUED EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1461 (C-130B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS, U.S. COIN, PIECES OF FLIGHT CLOTHING AND PARACHUTE. RECONNOITERED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1297 (UH-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH A UH-1H AIRCRAFT.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) COMPLETED IDENTIFICATION TAG INTERVIEWS IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND RETURNED TO HANOI ON 24 OCT 94.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) CONTINUED INTERVIEWS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

A. DET TWO INTERVIEWED FOUR WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET FOUR INTERVIEWED FIVE WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET HOLDING FOUR SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS, PENDING ANALYSIS BY U.S. ARMY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY, HAWAII (USACILHI) PERSONNEL.

C. HQ JTF-FA SENT 44 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. ON 19 OCT 94, COORDINATED DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES TO DETS TWO AND THREE ON CHANNEL FLIGHT. ALSO USED USCINCPAC'S VC-135 FLIGHT ON 25 OCT 94 TO SEND ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES TO DET TWO.

B. DET TWO. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF 32ND JFA. WORKING WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP) TO OBTAIN FINAL BILLS FOR 30TH AND 31ST JFA'S.

C. DET THREE. CONTINUE SUPPORT OF JFA 95-1L. PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL ADVANCE OF \$20,000 TO LAO FOR JFA 95-1L, FOR A TOTAL ADVANCE OF \$40,000.

D. DET FOUR. CITY WATER SERVICE HAS NOT RESUMED; WATER PURCHASED DAILY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. J4 REPRESENTATIVE CONCLUDED 100 PERCENT INVENTORY OF JTF-FA PROPERTY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY. DET THREE IE2'S TACSAT NON-OPERATIONAL. COMMUNICATIONS WITH IE2 BASE CAMP VIA TELEPHONE. DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 3,303 CASE FOLDERS SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED) AND 18 CIVILIANS (22 AUTHORIZED), WITH 10 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAINS: MAUSOLF, F. CPT, USA, J3; POLLIO, A., SPC, USA, J3; AND TOLLE, S., SPC, USA, J3. LOSS: LOWE, T., MAJ, USAF, DET 4, PCS.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATED VISITS OF USCINCPAC, ADM MACKE, DASD WOLD, AND CJTF-FA.

B. DET TWO

(1) USCINCPAC, ADM MACKE, VISITED VIETNAM 25-26 OCT 94. ADM MACKE VISITED DET TWO AND VARIOUS HIGH LEVEL VIETNAM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON 25 OCT 94; RE1 AND RE2 SITES ON 26 OCT 94 AND HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT LE THACH GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE ON 26 OCT 94. MR. VU CHI CONG, VNOSMP DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AMERICAS DEPT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), INFORMED ADM MACKE THE VIETNAMESE WERE READY TO BEGIN MOVEMENT ON JTF-FA'S REQUEST TO USE SATCOM EQUIPMENT. MR. CONG ASKED FOR COPIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES' (I.E. LAOS, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND) FEDERAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF SATCOM, A COPY OF SYSTEM'S TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS CAPABILITIES. JTF-FA CHIEF OF PA COORDINATED ALL MEDIA COVERAGE FOR VISIT AND ADDRESSED NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIRIES. REPORT FORWARDED SEPCOR.

(2) ON 21 OCT 94, CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS)

VISITED BY FATHER JAMES NOTEBAART, WHO ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF PVT MISHUK (CASE 0497), SON OF ONE OF HIS PARISHIONERS. HE EXPLAINED ALTHOUGH NEXT OF KIN (NOK) DID NOT REQUEST HIS INTERCESSION, HE WANTED AN UPDATE FOR HIS OWN INFORMATION. CRS EXPLAINED CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS IN VERY GENERAL TERMS AND PROVIDED STATUS OF THE CASE.

(3) ON 22 OCT 94, VAN TRANSPORTING TWO RE4 MEMBERS STRUCK A VIETNAMESE CITIZEN (MALE IN HIS MID-TWENTIES), RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. VIETNAMESE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL; DISTRICT OFFICIALS INFORMED TEAM LEADER DURING OUTBRIEF RIDER'S CONDITION IS GOOD. VAN DRIVEN BY VIETNAMESE OPERATOR WHO DOES NOT BELONG TO JTF-FA.

(4) ON 22 OCT 94, MR. PHILIP SHENON, SE ASIA CORRESPONDENT FOR NEW YORK TIMES, INTERVIEWED DET CDR REGARDING GENERAL PROGRESS ON POW/MIA ISSUE AND ASKED TO VISIT A FIELD SITE IN JAN 95.

(5) ON 22 OCT 94, MR. TIMOTHY JOHNSON, HANOI CORRESPONDENT FOR KYODO NEWS SERVICE, VISITED DET CDR. HE RECEIVED MISSION BRIEF AND VIEWED JTF-FA VIDEO.

C. DET THREE

(1) USCINCPAC, ADM MACKE, VISITED LAOS FROM 26 - 27 OCT 94. REPORT FORWARDED SEPCOR.

(2) ON 21 OCT 94, MS. CAIT MURPHY, REPORTER FOR THE LONDON ECONOMIST NEWSPAPER, INTERVIEWED RE2 MEMBERS AT SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1534.

D. DET FOUR

(1) COORDINATED WITH AMBASSADOR, LOCAL USCINCPAC REPRESENTATIVE, AND CAMBODIAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS IN PREPARATION FOR ADM MACKE'S 28 OCT 94 VISIT TO PHNOM PENH.

(2) LTG SOEUNG RITHISAK, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR INVESTIGATION INTO FOREIGN HOSTAGES IN CAMBODIA, SAID DURING A 7 OCT 94 INTERVIEW, ALTHOUGH HIS COMMITTEE'S MISSION IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM JTF-FA, HE BELIEVED, VIA HIS CONTACTS THROUGHOUT CAMBODIA, HE COULD ASSIST DET FOUR IN LOCATING REMAINS AND INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING AMERICANS. LTG SOEUNG SENT DET FOUR LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PROMISED TO FORWARD ANY INFORMATION HE RECEIVES REGARDING MISSING AMERICANS TO DET FOUR.

E. HQ JTF-FA

(1) ON 20 OCT 94, CHIEF OF PA DEPARTED TDY TO SUPPORT ADM MACKE AND DASD WOLD VISITS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

(2) PAO BEGAN INITIAL COORDINATION OF PLANNED JAN 95 TRAVEL OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) MAGAZINE EDITOR TO THAILAND, VIETNAM AND LAOS.

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(3) ON 21 OCT 94, MR. GEOFF STEPHENS, PRODUCER FOR NBC NEWS, CALLED PAO FOR UPDATE ON FURTHER JTF-FA ACTIVITIES IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE, LAOS.

(4) ON 21 AND 25 OCT 94, PAO INTERVIEWED BY MR. STUART VINCENT, REPORTER FOR LONG ISLAND NEWSDAY, CONCERNING RECENTLY ANNOUNCED IDENTIFICATIONS. ON 24 OCT 94, PAO INTERVIEWED BY MR. JOSH

LEVINE, REPORTER FOR NEW YORK-BASED VIETNAM BUSINESS JOURNAL, ON SAME SUBJECT.

(5) ON 25 OCT 94, USCINCPAC CONDUCTED JOINT SERVICE DEPARTURE CEREMONY AT HICKAM AFB, HAWAII TO HONOR RETURN OF REMAINS OF FOUR SERVICEMEN AND GROUP REMAINS OF NINE OTHER SERVICEMEN PREVIOUSLY UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.

(6) DURING 27-28 OCT 94, JTF-FA HOSTED MEETING WITH DPMO REPRESENTATIVES TO PLAN COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ALL VIETNAM WAR UNACCOUNTED FOR CASES. ALSO DISCUSSED PLANNING FOR TRILATERAL VIETNAM-LAOS-U.S. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 1 DEC 94 IN HANOI.

(7) ON 27 OCT 94, DCJTF-FA HOSTED GEN SENNEWALD AND CAPSTONE FELLOWS. THEY RECEIVED USCINCPAC PERSPECTIVES BRIEFING, JTF-FA COMMAND, PHOU PHA THI INVESTIGATION, OPERATIONS UPDATE AND STATIC DISPLAY BRIEFINGS.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: SE ASIA 21 OCT-5 NOV 94, 27 NOV-10 DEC 94; CONUS 8-13 NOV 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IN VIETNAM, THE 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRESS AS TEAMS RECOVER REMAINS, SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. ADM MACKE VISITED TWO RECOVERY ELEMENTS IN THE FIELD AND OBSERVED OUTSTANDING COOPERATION BETWEEN VIETNAMESE AND U.S. PERSONNEL. HE ALSO MET WITH KEY VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER VO VAN KIET. IN LAOS, JFA 95-1L IS ALSO PROGRESSING WELL WITH SIMILAR RESULTS IN RECOVERING REMAINS AND INVESTIGATING CASES. ADM MACKE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH LAO OFFICIALS AND VISIT FIELD SITES IN LAOS BEFORE CONTINUING ONTO CAMBODIA AND THAILAND.

(b)(1) 10. USCINCPAC POC MARCO LOVELL, CPT, USA, (DSN) [REDACTED].
11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

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SUBJ/JTF-FA SITREP 94-42//
RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 132000Z OCT 94 TO
202000Z OCT 94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 32ND JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY
(JFA) BEGAN ON 15 OCT 94. TWO INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS (IE) AND SIX
RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE) INITIATED WORK IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN
VIETNAM. IE1 AND IE2 COMPLETED NINE CASE INVESTIGATIONS IN
LANG SON, HA BAC AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES. IE1 ALSO RECEIVED
REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN F-105D CRASH WHILE INVESTIGATING
IN LANG SON PROVINCE. SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS ARE COMPLETING INITIAL
STAGES OF OPENING THEIR RESPECTIVE EXCAVATION SITES. RE1 HAS ALREADY
MADE AN INITIAL RECOVERY OF REMAINS. RE4 ENCOUNTERED SIGNIFICANT
AMOUNTS OF ORDNANCE, INCLUDING LAND MINES AT THEIR GROUND LOSS SITE
IN SONG BE PROVINCE. IN LAOS, JFA 95-1L CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS
IN ITS SECOND WEEK. IE1 AND IE2 COMPLETED A TOTAL OF 15
INVESTIGATIONS. IE1 RECOVERED REMAINS WHILE SURVEYING IMPACT AREA OF
AN A-1J CRASH SITE. RE1 AND RE2 BOTH RECOVERED REMAINS AT THEIR
RESPECTIVE SITES IN OUDOMXAI AND XIANGKHOANG PROVINCES. RE1 CLOSED
A-1C-123K CRASH SITE THIS WEEK AFTER RECOVERING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT
OF REMAINS EACH DAY. EARLY MORNING FOG CONTINUES TO CAUSE DELAYS
FOR RECOVERY ELEMENTS.

2. OPERATIONS

A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (TWO INVESTIGATION
AND SIX RECOVERY ELEMENTS) CONDUCTING 32ND JFA (15 OCT - 15 NOV 94).

(A) IE1 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN LANG SON
PROVINCE, CASES 0460 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0471 (F-105D,
ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECEIVED POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED REMAINS (ONE
TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATIONS AND BONE FRAGMENTS); AND 0570 (RF-4C,

TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN HA BAC PROVINCE, CASES-0434 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0701 (RF-101C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE.

(B) INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 2 (IE2) INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, CASE 1820 (OV-10, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). TEAM A INVESTIGATED CASES 0453 (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1820 (OV-10, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). TEAM B INVESTIGATED CASES 0620 (UH-34D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 0748 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(C) RE1 IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0215 (RA-5C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND WRECKAGE. EXCAVATED THREE ISOLATED BURIAL SITES POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0215 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEARCHED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1910 (F-4J, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED WRECKAGE.

(D) RE2 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED ENGINE WRECKAGE.

(E) RE3 IN LAM DONG PROVINCE, BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1424 (A-6A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND UNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE.

(F) RE4 IN SONG BE PROVINCE, BEGAN CLEARING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1819 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IDENTIFIED THREE BUNKERS. UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, INCLUDING LAND MINES, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT SITE.

(G) RE5 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN SONG BE PROVINCE, SITES ASSOCIATED WITH CASES 0424 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1466 (UH-1B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). BEGAN CLEARING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0424.

(H) RE6 IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1461 (C-130B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS, PIECE OF PARACHUTE, AND A PIECE OF A 105MM ROUND.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) CONTINUED IDENTIFICATION TAG INTERVIEWS IN HO CHI MINH CITY. U.S. ARMY CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY HAWAII (CILHI) ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED REMAINS ART RECEIVED ON 11 OCT 94; WILL FORWARD TWO PARTIAL SETS OF REMAINS TO HANOI FOR JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW. CONTINUED REVIEWING WARTIME NEWSPAPERS FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING 32ND JFA CASES.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) INTERVIEWED 11 WITNESSES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

(4) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) DET TWO CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) AND OHP TEAM MEMBER RETURNED TO HANOI ON 13 OCT 94 FROM INTERVIEWS IN THAI BINH AND HAI HUNG PROVINCES. IN RESPONSE TO DET THREE REQUEST, RE-INTERVIEWED WITNESS TO OBTAIN SKETCH MAP OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0339 (AC-47D, FIGHT UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN LAOS.

(5) VIETNAMESE UNILATERAL RESEARCH. DET CDR RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. CONG, VNOSMP DIRECTOR, ON 15 OCT 94 REGARDING VIETNAM UNILATERAL EFFORTS. MR. CONG ANNOUNCED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S FORMATION OF A TEAM TO UNILATERALLY INTERVIEW VIETNAMESE

WITNESSES, AND INCLUDED REPORTS OF MIA LEAD INFORMATION RECEIVED BY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI). DET CRS AND RESEARCH HISTORIAN WILL MEET WITH MOI TEAM BEFORE IT DEPARTS FOR FIRST UNILATERAL INTERVIEWS. MR. CONG ALSO INCLUDED MEMORANDUM RESPONDING TO SOME OUTSTANDING ISSUES RAISED DURING TECHNICAL MEETINGS.

(6) CORRECTION TO SITREP 41. PARA 2A(5): CORRECT LAST SENTENCE TO READ: "DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING HIGH-LEVEL USG VISITS TO VIETNAM, MOI UNILATERAL RESEARCH, VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP) REQUEST FOR SRT REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION AND MR. CONG'S REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT TRAVEL OF WITNESS INTERVIEWERS TO HO CHI MINH CITY."

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. IRT CONTINUES FIELD WORK ON JFA 95-1L (7 OCT - 7 NOV 94). WET SOIL CONDITIONS AND EARLY MORNING FOG SLOWED RECOVERIES. LAO TEAM MEMBER, LT THONGVANH, BECAME ILL AND RETURNED TO VIENTIANE ON 18 OCT 94. LAO FIELD TEAM COOPERATION EXCELLENT.

(A) IE1 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, 0082 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0305 (O-1F, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0306 (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), SEARCH POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED CRASH SITE, RECOVERED PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT; CASE 1396 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED PORTIONS OF FLIGHT CLOTHING FROM POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED SITE, SITE SEARCH LIMITED BY LARGE QUANTITY OF ANTI-PERSONNEL ORDNANCE; CASE 1418 (F-4D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1518 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), SEARCH PROBABLE F-4 CRASH SITE, RECOVERED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. CASE 1576 (A-1J, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT; AND 1601 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED PORTIONS OF FLIGHT CLOTHING AND EJECTION SEAT PART. LAO TEAM MEMBER LT KHAMKHONG SPRAINED ANKLE; RESTING 1-2 DAYS.

(B) IE2 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN KHAMMOUAN

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PROVINCE, 0073 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0321 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1368 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1520 (F-4E, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1521 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); AND 1794 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN BOLIKHAMXAI PROVINCE, INVESTIGATED CASE 1465 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(C) RE1 IN HONGSA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE, CONTINUED EXCAVATION OF SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1985 (C-123K, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). THIS WEEK RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS, AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE (INCLUDING DATA PLATE IDENTIFYING AIRCRAFT AS A C-123); LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, KEYS AND U.S. COINS. ALSO SEARCH SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2061 (UH-34D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(D) RE2 IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE, CONTINUED EXCAVATION OF SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1534 (F-4E, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), THIS WEEK RECOVERED REMAINS AND PORTIONS OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING AND MAP. RECONNOITERED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED

WITH CASE 1284 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(E) MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP) TREAT 391 PATIENTS IN HONGSA SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE; MEDICAL SUPPLIES TURNED OVER TO LAO PROVINCIAL DOCTORS ON 20 OCT 94.

(2) LAOS ART REVIEWED 34 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER; TOTAL OF 1,778 FILMS VIEWED TO DATE. DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY POW/MIA-RELEVANT FOOTAGE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET TWO INTERVIEWED TWO WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET FOUR INTERVIEWED FOUR WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET HOLDING TWO SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS, PENDING ANALYSIS BY CILHI PERSONNEL.

C. HQ JTF-FA SENT 97 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. ON 15 OCT 94, COORDINATED 32ND JFA IRT DEPLOYMENT FLIGHTS. PARTS FOR DET TWO ELECTRICAL UPGRADE DID NOT CLEAR THAI CUSTOMS IN TIME TO MAKE RESCHEDULED CHANNEL FLIGHT TO HANOI; PLANNING TO SEND PARTS ON 4 NOV 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT.

B. DET TWO. DEPLOYED 32ND JFA; COORDINATING SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT. TECHNICIANS FROM HQ JTF-FA COMPLETED COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES.

C. DET THREE. CONTINUING LOGISTICS SUPPORT OF JFA 95-1L. CONTINUING COORDINATION WITH LAO OFFICIALS ON FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

D. DET FOUR. CITY WATER SERVICE NOT RESUMED; PURCHASED WATER DAILY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. COORDINATING MOVEMENT OF ONE PAJERO FROM DET FOUR TO LAOS FOR EVENTUAL TRANSFER TO LAO GOVERNMENT AS REPLACEMENT FOR PAJERO WRECKED EARLIER THIS YEAR. EXPECT TO HAVE TRANSFER COMPLETED WITHIN 30 DAYS. JTF-FA COMPTROLLER CURRENTLY WORKING WITH PRIME POWER ENGINEERS TO COMPLETE FINAL ACCOUNTING FOR BAKER LADDER FUNDS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY. DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 3,221 CASE FOLDERS SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED) AND 18 CIVILIANS (22 AUTHORIZED), WITH 8 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. LOSS: M. JANICH, GS-12, 13, LEFT GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATING UPCOMING VISITS OF ADM MACKE, DASD WOLD AND CJTF-FA.

B. DET TWO

(1) MR. BRUCE STANLEY, ASSOCIATED PRESS HANOI CORRESPONDENT, CALLED DET SEVERAL TIMES DURING WEEK REGARDING 32ND JFA AND UPCOMING VIP VISITS. DET ANSWERED JFA QUERIES AND REFERRED HIM TO JTF-FA PAO FOR VISIT INFORMATION.

(2) ON 14 OCT 94, MR. TIM JOHNSON, KYOTO NEWS SERVICE HANOI CORRESPONDENT, CALLED TO REQUEST DET BRIEFING; SCHEDULED FOR

22 OCT 94.

(3) ON 14 OCT 94, MR. ROBERT TEMPLER, AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE HANOI CORRESPONDENT, CALLED REGARDING 32ND JFA.

(4) ON 19 OCT 94, MR. JOHN ROGERS, REUTERS HANOI CORRESPONDENT, CALLED REGARDING UPCOMING VIP VISIT. DET REFERRED HIM TO JTF-FA PAO.

C. DET THREE. ON 21 OCT 94, MS. CAIT MURPHY, REPORTER FOR LONDON ECONOMIST NEWSPAPER, COORDINATED WITH LAO MFA TO VISIT RE2 AT SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1534.

D. DET FOUR. ON 17 OCT 94, MAJ SCOTT CHAVEZ, USAF, ASSUMED COMMAND OF DET FOUR, RELIEVING MAJ TONY LOWE, USAF.

E. HQ JTF-FA

(1) ON 4 OCT 94, CHIEF OF PA PRESENTED COMMAND BRIEF AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE TO 41 DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS AT DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL'S SENIOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER COURSE.

(2) ON 14 OCT 94, MS. SALLY HUXLEY INTERVIEWED JTF-FA PAO IN PREPARATION FOR BOOK SHE IS WRITING ABOUT JTF-FA.

(3) MS. JENNIFER WEIL, INSIDE EDITION, INTERVIEWED JTF-FA PAO REGARDING STATUS OF CASE 1873 EXCAVATION, SITE VISITED BY INSIDE EDITION FILM CREW DURING 31ST JFA.

(4) ON 20 OCT 94, MS. ROSE GEORGE, CORRESPONDENT FOR NATION MAGAZINE, INTERVIEWED JTF-FA PAO REGARDING RESULTS OF 31ST JFA.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: SE ASIA 21 OCT-5 NOV 94, CONUS 8 - 13 NOV 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IN LAOS, JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY 95-1L CONTINUES IN FOUR DIFFERENT PROVINCES. THIS THE IS LARGEST AND MOST COMPLEX JFA IN LAOS THUS FAR; LAO COORDINATION AND COOPERATION IS BEST REPORTED TO DATE. ESTABLISHING SUPPORT STRUCTURE TO INVESTIGATE TWO LOCATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A CASE ALONG LAO/THAI BORDER IS THE ONLY UNRESOLVED, REMAINING ISSUE. LAO TEAM IS COORDINATING WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARTICULAR CASE DURING THIS JFA.

10. USCINCPAC POC DAVID JOHNSTON, LCDR, USN, (DSN) ~~_____~~

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

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 RMKS/1. ON 21 MAY 94, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM INVESTIGATED A
 SUSPECTED B-52 CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES 48QWH66629753 IN
 HOA BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE INSUFFICIENT
 TO CORRELATE TO CASE 1965.

2. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
 - A. ONE PIECE OF POSSIBLE PARACHUTE CORD, 10CM LONG
 - B. ONE PIECE OF PLASTIC TUBING, 4CM X 24CM
 - C. ONE PIECE HARD BLACK RUBBER, 5CM X 9CM
 - D. ONE CYLINDRICAL ELECTRONIC COMPONENT, 1 X 2.5CM
 - E. ONE PIECE OF WHITE PLASTIC MESH, 1.5 X 2.5CM
 - F. ONE PIECE OF SOFT BLACK RUBBER, 4 X 6CM
 - G. ONE PIECE OF TIRE, 8 X 13CM
 - H. ONE LOW-DENSITY METAL FRAGMENT, 0.5CM X 4.5CM
 - I. ONE HIGH-DENSITY METAL FRAGMENT, 3 X 4CM
3. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES: THE ITEMS RECOVERED COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR CORRELATED TO A SPECIFIC COMPONENT OR AIRCRAFT.
4. FOR HQ AFMPC/DPMCB: THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A COPY OF REF A WAS PROVIDED ON 16 JUN 94.
5. EVAL/JDM//

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RMKS/1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV
ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM DURING THE 31ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY
FROM 19 AUG - 20 SEP 94. REF B IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF
INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1965 CONDUCTED BY THE CASUALTY
RESOLUTION SUPERVISOR. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD
ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL.

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ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 31 AUGUST 1994, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 1965 IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 22 DECEMBER 1972 LOSS OF SIX INDIVIDUALS ABOARD A B-52D AIRCRAFT ON A STRIKE MISSION. THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE CAPTURED AND LATER RELEASED DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING; THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT REPATRIATED REMAINS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS IN DECEMBER 1988. ONE AMERICAN REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR. THE DETACHMENT TWO CASUALTY RESOLUTION SUPERVISOR INVESTIGATED THIS CASE IN MAY 1994 AND IDENTIFIED A CRASH SITE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO SURVEY THE SITE IN HOA BINH PROVINCE. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE AND FOUND SMALL RUBBER AND METAL FRAGMENTS. NONE OF THE EVIDENCE THE TEAM FOUND AT THE SITE BEARS ANY MARKINGS. THE TEAM DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS.

RECOMMENDATION: EXCAVATE.

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 19 AUGUST 1994, THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAM INVESTIGATION TEAM ARRIVED IN HANOI TO BEGIN THE 31ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

CPT TIMOTHY J. THURMOND	TEAM LEADER
GYSGT VERNON E. BELL, JR.	ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER
CT11 ADAM J. BURGESS	JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST
SSG ALFRED S. IVERSEN	JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST
SGT MATTHEW L. LE	JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST
SSGT ROBERT E. THOMAS	EOD TECHNICIAN
SGT SIMON P. BANDA	SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST
SGT REBBELL HALLOWAY	SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST
SFC JACK R. STANDFORD	TEAM MEDIC

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:

MR. NGUYEN THE DANG (NGUYEENX THEES DDANG)	TEAM LEADER
MR. LE XUAN TINH (LEE XUAAN TINH)	MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
MR. DAO CONG COI (DDAOF COONG COOI)	MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
MR. NGUYEN GIANG MAO (NGUYEENX GIANG MAO)	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
MR. PHAM VAN NGUYEN (PHAMJ VAWN NGUYEEN)	MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

(3) HOA BINH PROVINCE TASK TEAM:

MR. BUI VIET BAC (BUIF VIEETJ BAWCS)	TEAM LEADER
MR. TRAN DUNG (TRAANF DUNGX)	TEAM MEMBER
MR. NGUYEN DUC BINH (NGUYEEENX DDUCS BINH)	TEAM MEMBER

B. ON 31 AUGUST 94, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO TRUNG SON (TRUNG SOWN) VILLAGE, LUONG SON (LUOWONG SOWN) DISTRICT, HOA BINH (HOAF BINH) PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1965. THE VNOSMP COULD NOT LOCATE ANY WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

C. THE TEAM SURVEYED A SITE AT GRID COORDINATE 48Q WJ 666 975. THE TEAM FOUND SMALL PIECES OF RUBBER AND METAL. THE RUBBER AND METAL THE TEAM FOUND AT THE SITE

DID NOT BEAR ANY MARKINGS. THE TEAM DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR NEW INFORMATION WHILE INVESTIGATING THIS CASE.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: SMALL PIECES OF METAL AND RUBBER. (ALL ITEMS LEFT AT SITE).

5. SURVEY RESULTS: IE1 SEARCH AND RECOVERY PERSONNEL OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

A. PROJECT AREA: GRID COORDINATE - 48Q WJ 666 975, MAP NAME - BA DINH, MAP SHEET - 6150 IV, SERIES - 17014, EDITION - 1-AMS, PRINTED IN - 1965.

B. OUTSTANDING FEATURE: CRASH CRATER 14 X 27 METERS.

C. TERRAIN: FLAT.

D. SOIL CONDITIONS: SOFT SOIL EASY TO SCREEN.

E. VEGETATION: RICE FIELDS.

F. METHOD OF SEARCH: A SKIRMISH SEARCH OF 100 X 100 METER AREA AROUND CRASH CRATER.

G. HAZARDS: THE TEAM SAW SNAKES AT THE SITE.

6. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: CHANGE OFFICIAL LOSS LOCATION FROM 48Q WJ 866 264 TO 48Q WJ 666 975.

7. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE.

8. ANALYST COMMENTS: THE AREA THE TEAM SURVEYED HAD MATERIAL EVIDENCE CONSISTENT WITH AN AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE. THE TEAM DID NOT FIND ANY NEW INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. PRIOR TO THE JOINT TEAM'S INVESTIGATION, BASED ON WITNESS STATEMENTS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE, THE JTF-FA, DET 2, CASUALTY RESOLUTION SUPERVISOR RECOMMENDED THE SITE FOR EXCAVATION.

9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: THE TEAM SEARCHED THE AREA AND FOUND FRAGMENTS OF RUBBER AND METAL. THE TEAM DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE SITE.

10. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

A. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM RECEIVED EXCELLENT SUPPORT FROM THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. THIS INCLUDES BOTH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE CONTINGENTS.

B. WITNESS RELIABILITY: NONE.

C. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSION: THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION WAS TO SURVEY THE CRASH SITE FOR EXCAVATION DURING THE 32ND JFA. THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE SITE. DESPITE THE FACT THAT IE1 DID NOT FIND ANY NEW INFORMATION DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR EXCAVATION BASED ON THE DETACHMENT 2 COMMANDER'S

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PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION. HE BASED HIS RECOMMENDATION ON THE CORRELATION OF WITNESS STATEMENT TO THE INCIDENT. THIS, COMBINED WITH THE RUBBER AND METAL FRAGMENTS WE FOUND DURING THIS INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THIS MAY BE THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965.

D. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.

11. RECOMMENDATION: EXCAVATE.//