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BODY

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SUBJ/JTF-FA SITREP 94-35//
RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 252000Z AUG 94 TO
012000Z SEP 94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 31ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA)
COMPLETED SECOND WEEK OF OPERATIONS. CONTINUED GOOD PROGRESS
DESPITE WEATHER DELAYS IN CENTRAL REGIONS. THREE INVESTIGATION
ELEMENTS (IE) COMPLETED EIGHT INVESTIGATIONS AND ONE EXCAVATION. IE1
INVESTIGATED CASES IN BAC THAI, QUANG NINH AND HANOI PROVINCES.
IE2, IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED A UH-34D
SITE; RECOVERED REMAINS. IE3 INVESTIGATED CASES IN PHU YEN AND BINH
DINH PROVINCES AND COORDINATED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS IN PHU YEN
AND KIANG HOA. FIVE RECOVERY ELEMENTS CLOSED FIVE EXCAVATION SITES
THIS PERIOD. REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AT FOUR SITES. RE1 CONTINUES TO
EXCAVATE AN A-1H SITE IN HA TINH PROVINCE. RE2 CLOSED AN F-4D SITE
AND IS WORKING AN F-4B SITE, BOTH IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. RE3,
WORKING IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE, CLOSED A CH-46A SITE AND BEGAN
EXCAVATING AN OH-6A SITE. RE4 CONDUCTED SPLIT TEAM OPERATIONS. TEAM
A EXCAVATED AND CLOSED GROUND LOSS SITE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.
TEAM B EXCAVATED AND CLOSED GROUND LOSS SITE AND BEGAN EXCAVATING AN
F-4C SITE IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. RE5, IN QUANG NGAI
PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED SITE RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION BY
SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM INVESTIGATORS; RECOVERED REMAINS. RE5 IS
CURRENTLY EXCAVATING ANOTHER GROUND LOSS IN SAME PROVINCE. IN LAOS,
JFA 94-6L COMPLETED OPERATIONS AND REDEPLOYMENT. DURING THIS PERIOD,
IE COMPLETED TWO INVESTIGATIONS IN VIENTIANE. RE'S STORED EQUIPMENT
IN PREPARATION FOR JFA 95-1L. DURING JFA 94-6L, ELEVEN
INVESTIGATIONS AND ONE EXCAVATION WERE COMPLETED. IN CAMBODIA,
ARCHIVAL RESEARCH AND ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) INTERVIEWS CONTINUE.
2. OPERATIONS

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A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (THREE INVESTIGATION AND FIVE RECOVERY ELEMENTS) CONDUCTING 31ST JFA (18 AUG - 20 SEP 94). INCLEMENT WEATHER IMPACTED FIELD OPERATIONS. CJTF-FA COMPLETED VISITS TO ALL FIELD SITES. FIELD TEAMS NOT SCHEDULED TO WORK ON 2 SEP 94 DUE TO VIETNAMESE OBSERVANCE OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

(A) INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 1 (IE1) INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN BAC THAI PROVINCE, CASE 0386 (F-105F, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, CASE 1912 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN HANOI MUNICIPALITY, RECONNOITERED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); LOCATED TWO CRATERS WITH SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT SITE.

(B) IE2, IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, EXCAVATED AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0203 (UH-34D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 29 AUG 94. RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS INCLUDING FOUR TEETH WITHOUT RESTORATIONS; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. INTERVIEWED TWO AMERICANS IN HUE CITY WHO WERE INVOLVED IN BATTLE OF HUE; OBTAINED NO NEW INFORMATION. TEAM LEADER BRIEFED CJTF-FA ON TEAM OPS ON 25 AUG 94 IN DA NANG.

(C) IE3 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, CASE 0242 (GROUND, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN PHU YEN PROVINCE, CASE 0258 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECEIVED REMAINS FOR UNCORRELATED CASE; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE, INTERVIEWED WITNESS CONCERNING UNCORRELATED REMAINS BASED ON LEAD FROM SENATOR NUNN'S OFFICE; OBTAINED NO REMAINS BUT RECEIVED NAME AND ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL WHO REPORTEDLY HAS REMAINS. ALSO IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE, REINTERVIEWED WITNESS WHO TURNED OVER REMAINS AND IDENTIFICATION TAGS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0229 (OV-1C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) DURING 25TH JFA; RECEIVED NO NEW INFORMATION. TEAM LEADER BRIEFED CJTF-FA ON TEAM OPS ON 27 AUG 94 IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

(D) RECOVERY ELEMENT 1 (RE1), IN HA TINH PROVINCE, EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0201 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED PIECES OF CREW-RELATED EQUIPMENT, WRECKAGE, AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS.

(E) RE2, IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1368 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 27 AUG 94. RECOVERED PIECES OF CREW-RELATED EQUIPMENT, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1281 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(F) RE3, IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE, COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1077 (CH-46A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 31 AUG 94. RECOVERED PIECES OF CREW-RELATED EQUIPMENT, DATA PLATE (DATA PLATE INFORMATION CORRELATED TO CASE 1077), AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. RECONNOITERED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1873 (OH-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECEIVED UNCORRELATED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS FROM VIETNAMESE CITIZEN. CJTF-FA VISITED RE3 ON 26 AUG 94 AND RECEIVED BRIEF ON SITE WORK.

(G) RE4, IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, CONDUCTING

SPLIT TEAM OPERATIONS. TEAM A COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0106 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 1 SEP 94. TEAM B COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0977 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 26 AUG 94. TEAM B BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0634 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE CORRELATED TO F-4 AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS; RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. CJTF-FA VISITED RE4 ON 26 AUG 94 AND RECEIVED BRIEF ON SITE WORK.

(H) RE5, IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0951 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 30 AUG 94. RECOVERED REMAINS INCLUDING 32 TEETH (10 WITH POSSIBLE RESTORATIONS); RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. BEGAN EXCAVATION OF CASE 9951 (DESERTER). RECONNOITERED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1580 (O-2A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). CJTF-FA VISITED RE5 ON 26 AUG 94 AND RECEIVED BRIEF ON SITE WORK.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) COMPLETED FIELD INVESTIGATIONS OF EIGHT IDENTIFICATION TAG CASES IN MILITARY REGION 5 (MR5) ON 23 AUG 94; RETURNED TO HANOI ON 24 AUG 94. RECEIVED NO NEW INFORMATION CONCERNING UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS. RESUMED MANNING OF JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER ON 29 AUG 94.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) INVESTIGATED CASE 1042 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. RECONNOITERED MR5 POW CAMP SITE; FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF BURIAL SITES. RETURNED TO HANOI ON 26 AUG 94. CHANGE OVER OF NEW TEAM PERSONNEL OCCURRED ON 1 SEP 94.

(4) PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM (PCIT) INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN LANG SON PROVINCE, CASE 0213 (F-4C, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, CASE 1456 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(5) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM INTERVIEWED SEVEN WITNESSES IN HA TINH PROVINCE. RECEIVED INFORMATION POSSIBLY

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CORRELATED TO CASE 0074 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND A RESOLVED CASE. ALSO RECEIVED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (INCLUDING NINE TEETH WITHOUT RESTORATIONS) AND UNCORRELATED IDENTIFICATION TAG. ANTHROPOLOGIST WILL EXAMINE REMAINS AT JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW.

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS (ONE INVESTIGATION AND TWO RECOVERY ELEMENTS) COMPLETED JFA 94-61; REDEPLOYED TO THAILAND ON 30 AUG 94.

(A) IE1 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES DURING FINAL WEEK OF OPERATIONS: IN VIENTIANE PROVINCE, CASES 0012 (CIVIL ACFT, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); CASE 1579 (O-1, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECONNOITERED WITNESS-IDENTIFIED SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0012; FOUND MINIMAL WRECKAGE AT SITE. COMPLETED OPERATIONS ON 28 AUG 94.

(B) RE1 AND RE2 REDEPLOYED TO VIENTIANE FROM BASE CAMP ON 27 AND 28 AUG 94.

(2) LAOS ART REVIEWED 50 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER. 1525 FILMS REVIEWED TO DATE. POW/MIA RELEVANT FOOTAGE IDENTIFIED ON A FILM TITLED, "SOVIET SUPPORT TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM." FILM SEGMENTS SHOWED DOWNED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, CLOSE UP OF HELMET AND FLIGHT GEAR, AND CAPTURED U.S. PILOT IN THE BACK OF A TRUCK. THE PILOT WAS UNRECOGNIZABLE BUT APPEARED TO BE CAUCASIAN, FAIR COMPLEXION, DARK HAIR AND MUSTACHE WITH HIS LEFT ARM IN A SLING. CHANGEOVER OF TEAM PERSONNEL OCCURRED ON 29-31 AUG 94.

(3) BAKER LADDER ADVANCE PARTY COMPLETED SITE INSPECTIONS. REPORTED LAO HAD PREPARED SITES AS REQUESTED. MAIN BODY ARRIVED ON 1 SEP 94; SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY TO SAVANNAKHET AND KHAMMOUAN PROVINCES ON 2 SEP 94.

(4) DET CDR AND STAFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) AMERICAS DESK OFFICER AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) TEAM LEADER ON 31 AUG 94; DISCUSSED RESULTS OF JFA 94-6L, ISSUES RAISED DURING JFA CONCERNING LAO COORDINATION, CONCEPT FOR JFA 95-1L AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES. LAO OFFICIALS PROVIDED CONCERNS GENERATED FROM JFA 94-6L, COMMENTED ON JFA 95-1L CONCEPT, AND REQUESTED HISTORICAL DATA FROM PREVIOUS EXCAVATIONS RESULTING IN IDENTIFICATION OF UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL.

C. CAMBODIA. ART COMPLETED FILM RESEARCH AT DIRECTORATE OF CINEMA AND VIDEO AND OFFICE FIVE OF MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE FILM REPOSITORY ON 30 AUG 94. ART ELEMENT CONTINUING OHP INTERVIEW PROGRAM; INTERVIEWED FOUR INDIVIDUALS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CJTF-FA MET WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION PORTER AND COL SOYATH, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC) POW-MIA COMMITTEE MEMBER, DURING VISIT TO PHNOM PENH ON 23 AUG 94.

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET TWO INTERVIEWED TWO WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATIONS TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET FOUR INTERVIEWED FOUR WALK-INS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATIONS TO UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET CURRENTLY HAS SIX SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS FROM WALK-INS. CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY ANTHROPOLOGIST SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH ON 23 SEP 94 TO EXAMINE REMAINS.

C. HQ JTF-FA SENT 23 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 94-6L TEAM AND DEPLOYMENT OF BAKER LADDER MAIN BODY AND EQUIPMENT. RETURNED \$37,000 OF UNOBLIGATED OPERATING FUNDS TO HQ JTF-FA. SHIPPED 2,000 LBS OF GROCERIES TO U.S. EMBASSY, LAOS VIA 30 AUG 94 REDEPLOYMENT FLIGHT.

B. DET TWO. RECEIVED 30TH JFA BILL (\$834,463.40) ON 29 AUG 94. CONTINUING TO SUPPORT 31ST JFA.

C. DET THREE. COORDINATED REDEPLOYMENT OF JFA 94-6L TEAMS TO BANGKOK. ASSISTED BAKER LADDER ADVANCE PARTY IN PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES. SHIPPED BAKER LADDER TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO SAVANNAKHET BY COMMERCIAL BOAT ON 30 AUG 94; SHIPMENT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN SAVANNAKHET ON 3 SEP 94. PREPARED FOR ARRIVAL OF BAKER

LADDER MAIN BODY ON 1 SEP 94. ESTIMATED COST OF REPAIRS ON JEEP CHEROKEE INVOLVED IN 24 AUG 94 ACCIDENT IS \$3,000. PLAN TO CANNIBALIZE VEHICLE FOR PARTS AND SELL CHASSIS THROUGH THE EMBASSY GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER. SERVICED ANOTHER CHEROKEE JEEP AT LAO TOYOTA.

D. DET FOUR. CITY WATER SERVICE STILL OUT; PURCHASED WATER DAILY. JTF-FA VEHICLE WAS HIT BY MOTORCYCLE ON EVENING OF 27 AUG 94; NO DAMAGE TO EITHER VEHICLE. INTOXICATED MALE MOTORCYCLIST TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER COMPLAINING OF LEG INJURY. FILED ACCIDENT REPORT WITH U.S. EMBASSY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. CJTF-FA APPROVED DET TWO ELECTRICAL SAFETY UPGRADE; COORDINATING WITH NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEER, PACIFIC DIVISION TO ESTABLISH CONTRACT.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY. DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 2,669 CASE FOLDERS SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 151 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED) AND 19 CIVILIANS (22 AUTHORIZED), WITH 6 EXCESS AND 2 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAIN: CTIC W. BRADFORD, USN, J3. RE3 ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER RETURNED TO HAWAII DUE TO ILLNESS IN FAMILY.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. ON 25 AUG 94, DET CDR PROVIDED JTF-FA OVERVIEW BRIEF TO CODEL LED BY REPRESENTATIVE LLYOD (D-TN), HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

B. DET TWO. MR. CHRIS KRAMER, ABC AUSTRALIA NEWS, RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW A TEAM DURING 31ST JFA. MR. MASAZO KUSAKABE, ASAHI TV, INTERVIEWED DET CDR ON 29 AUG 94. MR. THOMAS EASTON, BALTIMORE SUN (TOKYO), INTERVIEWED OPS OFFICER CONCERNING JTF-FA MISSION AND 31ST JFA.

C. DET THREE. AMB TOMSETH TRAVELED TO BAKER LADDER SITES IN KHAMMOUAN AND SAVANNAKHET PROVINCES WITH ADVANCE TEAM TO SEE EXTENT OF FLOOD DAMAGE IN THOSE PROVINCES.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: SE ASIA 21 SEP - 5 OCT 94 (SRV TECH TALKS 28 SEP 94).

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IN VIETNAM, EXCAVATION OF A SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH AN SRT CASE PRODUCED PROMISING REMAINS. SIX POWS REPUTED BURIED AT THIS POW CAMP BURIAL SITE, FIVE UNILATERALLY RECOVERED BY THE VIETNAMESE AND REPATRIATED. DISCOVERY OF REMAINS BY RECOVERY ELEMENT SUPPORTS VIETNAMESE CONTENTION THEY DID NOT RECOVER REMAINS AND THEN NOT REPATRIATE THEM. IN LAOS, COORDINATION FOR JFA 95-1L IS UNDERWAY AND WILL INCLUDE AFTER ACTION

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REVIEWS WITH LAO ABOUT COORDINATION PROBLEMS DURING JFA 94-6L.

10. USCINCPAC POC MARCO LOVELL, CPT, USA, (DSN) XXXXXXXXXX

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

ADMIN:

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In reply refer to:
I-94/47186

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, MISSING PERSONS AND INQUIRY DIVISION
ATTN: MR. WILLIAM R. FRAMPTON

SUBJECT: Next of Kin Request ICO Major Fredrick J. Wozniak and
Major Thomas W. Bennett, Jr.

Reference: HQ AFMPC/DPMCB Memorandum, 16 Mar 94

Reference requested copies of the Wozniak and Bennett files
for provision to the respective next of kin. These files are
attached as requested.

Charles W. Henley
Chief, External Affairs Division
Defense POW/MIA Office

Attachments:
As stated



Thomas W. Bennett, Jr.



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In reply refer to:
I-94/47142

Honorable Dick Armev
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20301-2400

Dear Congressman Armev:

This responds to your March 7, 1994, letter in which you enclosed a February 18, 1994, Request for Congressional Inquiry signed by Ms. Pat Steed. Ms. Steed wanted to know how to find information about Major Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., United States Air Force, unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

Major Bennett's parents, as the primary next-of-kin, consented to the release to the public of information regarding their son. Unclassified and declassified documents pertaining to Major Bennett can be viewed or obtained from the Library of Congress. Enclosed are fact sheets from the Photoduplication Service and Federal Research Divisions describing the services available at the Library of Congress.

In her request, Ms. Steed stated that she had heard of a building in Alexandria, Virginia where 350 people are employed in handling Vietnam classified information. We know of no such organization. The Defense POW/MIA Office is located in Clarendon, Virginia where 150 individuals are employed in the accounting for American servicemen lost in wars. Our efforts include declassification of Defense Department documents that pertain to the loss, condition, and treatment of American prisoners of war and missing in action from the conflict in Southeast Asia.

Your interest in this important issue is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Henley
Chief, External Affairs Division
Defense POW/MIA Office

Enclosures:
As stated

Ma; Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr.



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RMKS/5. SURVEY RESULTS:

- A. PROJECT AREA ONE: THE CENTER OF THE LARGEST IMPACT CRATER, APPROXIMATELY TEN METERS IN DIAMETER, IS LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES 48QWH66629753: MAP NAME - TRUNG SON, MAP SHEET - 6150 IV, EDITION 2-DMA, SERIES - I.7014, COMPILED IN 1984. (SECONDARY MAP NAME - TRI THUY, MAP SHEET - 6150 IV, EDITION 2-DMA, SERIES - I.7014, MAP INFORMATION AS OF 1965, PRINTED JUL 72.)
- B. PROJECT AREA TWO: THE CENTER OF A SECOND IMPACT CRATER, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT METERS IN DIAMETER, IS LOCATED AT GRID

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COORDINATES 48QWH66609761: MAP NAME - LUONG SON, MAP SHEET - 6150 IV, EDITION 2-DMA, SERIES - L7014, COMPILED IN 1984. (SECONDARY MAP NAME - TRI THUY, MAP SHEET - 6150 IV, EDITION 2-DMA, SERIES - L7014, MAP INFORMATION AS OF 1965, PRINTED JUL 72.)

C. OUTSTANDING FEATURES: THE STREAMSIDE EDGE OF PROJECT AREA ONE, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES 48QWH65919696, IS APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF METERS ABOVE A SMALL, SLOW-FLOWING STREAM. BOTH IMPACT CRATERS HAVE BEEN FILLED IN WITH SOIL FROM THE ADJACENT CULTIVATED FIELD AREAS.

D. TERRAIN: TERRACED, FLAT LAND. CULTIVATED FIELDS, RICE PADDIES, AND SMALL SLOW-FLOWING STREAMS SURROUND THE SITE AREA.

E. SOIL CONDITIONS: BOTH PROJECT AREAS ARE LOCATED IN CULTIVATED VEGETABLE PATCHES CONSISTING OF RED-BROWN ALLUVIAL CLAY SOIL SURROUNDED BY ADJACENT RICE PADDIES AND CULTIVATED DRY-LAND VEGETABLE PLOTS. ONE NEARBY AREA WITH SIMILAR SOIL CONSISTENCY IS CURRENTLY UNDER USE FOR MAKING BRICKS.

F. VEGETATION: PROJECT AREAS ARE CURRENTLY CULTIVATED DRY-LAND VEGETABLE PATCHES.

G. METHOD OF SEARCH: VISUAL SURFACE SEARCH OF THE TWO CRATERS AND ADJACENT CULTIVATED AREAS. THIS SEARCH YIELDED A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL FRAGMENTS OF RUBBER, PLASTIC, METAL, CANVAS, AND WIRE TOO SMALL TO IDENTIFY AS SPECIFIC COMPONENTS.

H. HAZARDS: ACCORDING TO WITNESS STATEMENT, THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF SIGNIFICANT SUB-SURFACE ACCUMULATION OF JET FUEL BENEATH THE CRATER SURFACES.

I. CHUONG MY DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE SITE: NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO PHYSICAL SITE WAS SURVEYED. ONE WITNESS, A CHUONG MY DISTRICT CADRE AT THE TIME OF THIS LOSS INCIDENT, CLAIMED THAT B-52 WRECKAGE FROM LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE, WAS STORED AT THE CHUONG MY DISTRICT MEETING HOUSE, BUT NO B-52 AIRCRAFT EVER CRASHED IN CHUONG MY DISTRICT.

6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: RECOMMEND THIS SITE (PROJECT AREAS ONE AND TWO ABOVE) BE EXCAVATED. ESTIMATE THAT THE SITE WOULD REQUIRE 20-30 DAYS TO COMPLETE.

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: RECOMMEND THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THIS CASE BE CHANGED TO GRID COORDINATES 48QWH66609761, BASED UPON WITNESS STATEMENTS.

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

9. COMMENTS:

A. ON 15 DEC 88, THE SRV REPATRIATED UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS IN BOXES 19 AND 20. SRV DOCUMENTATION FOR BOTH BOXES STATED "SHOT DOWN IN LUONG SON DISTRICT, HA SON BINH PROVINCE, 22 DEC 72. NO EVIDENCE." ON 20 JUN 89, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE REMAINS AS THOSE OF TWO CREW MEMBERS FOR CASE 1965, LEAVING ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR CREW MEMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THIS

CASE. THE PURSUIT OF THIS CASE WAS ALMOST SOLELY DEPENDENT UPON THE ARCHIVAL LEAD DEVELOPED FROM THE HOA BINH DOCUMENT AND INFORMATION OBTAINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 15 DEC 88 REPATRIATION. ON 16 JUL 93, USACILHI CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF THE REPATRIATION INFORMATION AND VERIFIED THEY HAVE NO REMAINS FROM PREVIOUS REPATRIATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 OR THE REMAINING UNACCOUNTED FOR CREW MEMBER.

B. THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION IN U.S. RECORDS FOR THIS CASE IS THE POSITION THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS LAST REPORTED BY ANOTHER U.S. AIRCRAFT OR RADAR. AT THAT TIME, THE CASE 1965 AIRCRAFT WAS STILL AT A SUBSTANTIAL ALTITUDE. IT IS PROBABLE THE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE FLOWN A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BEFORE IMPACTING WITH THE GROUND.

C. DESPITE MANY SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT DEBRIS AT THE SITE IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE, A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS.

D. WITHIN HOA BINH PROVINCE, OFFICIALS AT THE VILLAGE, DISTRICT, AND PROVINCE LEVELS VIEWED THE NEED TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE WITH MUCH SKEPTICISM UNTIL THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO ADVOCATE AND EXPLAIN THE REASONING FOR PURSUING THIS INVESTIGATION AT EACH LEVEL. ONCE THE OFFICIALS AT EACH LEVEL RECEIVED A REASONABLE CONCEPT FOR PURSUING LEADS WHICH MIGHT HELP TO ACCOUNT FOR U.S. B-52 CREW MEMBERS, THE TEAM RECEIVED THE FULL COOPERATION OF ALL OFFICIALS INVOLVED.

E. THE GRID COORDINATES OF ALL SITES VISITED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION WERE CONFIRMED USING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) TRACKING A MINIMUM OF FOUR SATELLITES.

F. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS TASKED AS A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TO RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL ACTIVITIES. THE VNOSMP ADJUSTED MFA, MOI, AND MOD PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE SMALL JOINT TEAM AS NECESSARY WHEN SPECIFIC CADRE WERE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OTHER JOINT ACTIVITIES. THE ONLY JOINT TEAM MEMBER WHO PARTICIPATED IN ALL ASPECTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION WAS THE CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST FROM DET 2.//

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ACTIVITY FROM 21 APR TO 24 MAY 94. PARA 2U OF REF A
PERTAINS TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1965, WHICH IS
REPORTED IN DETAIL HEREIN. REF B ESTABLISHED THE
REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS INVESTIGATION. THIS IS AN INITIAL
FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON

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2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: FROM 4 DEC TO 27 DEC 93, AND FROM 11 APR TO 24 MAY 94, THE DETACHMENT TWO CASUALTY RESOLUTION SUPERVISOR (CRS) INVESTIGATED CASE 1965. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 22 DEC 72 LOSS OF SIX USAF CREW MEMBERS. THREE CREW MEMBERS RETURNED TO THE U.S. DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING IN 1973. THE REMAINS OF TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE REPATRIATED ON 15 DEC 88, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED. ONE CREW MEMBER REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR. THE CRS INTERVIEWED SIX POTENTIAL WITNESSES AND SURVEYED SIX SITES ASSOCIATED WITH B-52 WRECKAGE. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH CORROBORATES THE KNOWN CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS FOR THIS CASE, AND SUBSTANTIATED SUBSEQUENT REPATRIATION DATA. THE WITNESS LED THE CRS TO AN ALLEGED B-52 CRASH SITE WHICH CORRELATES TO THIS CASE BASED ON GENERAL TIME FRAME AND GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS AS RELATED BY SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS. THE SITE IS COMPOSED OF TWO CRATERS APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS IN DIAMETERS. NUMEROUS FRAGMENTS OF WRECKAGE WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SITE DURING THE SURVEY OF THE SITE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE FOR EXCAVATION.

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 4 DEC 93, THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAM TEAM MET FOR THE FIRST TIME AT JTF-FA, DETACHMENT TWO, HANOI, TO REVIEW DETAILS OF CASE 1965, ESTABLISH SPECIFIC TEAM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO COORDINATE JOINT TEAM EFFORTS TO FOLLOW ALL POTENTIAL LEADS FOR THE CASE. THE U.S. TEAM LEADER REVIEWED ALL LEADS FOR CASE 1965 AVAILABLE FROM U.S. RECORDS. THE VNOSMP CONTINGENT AGREED TO RESEARCH VNOSMP RECORDS AND THE LEADS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. TEAM. THE JOINT TEAM MEMBERS AGREED MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EITHER MEET OR MAKE TELEPHONE CONTACT FREQUENTLY UNTIL ALL ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION WERE COMPLETE. BY REQUEST, THE U.S. TEAM LEADER PROVIDED VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS WITH MAPS TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION. ALL JOINT TEAM MEMBERS AGREED EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE FOR THE TEAM TO SURVEY EACH LOCATION AND INTERVIEW ALL POTENTIAL WITNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE.

(1) THE U.S. TEAM MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. K. GARY FLANAGAN, TEAM LEADER/CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS), JTF-FA DET 2
 MR. ROBERT W. MANN, USACILHI/PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST
 MSGT SCOTT J. BECKMAN, DET 2 ANALYST/LINGUIST
 PO2 JOHN L. HARVEY, DET 2 ANALYST/LINGUIST

(2) THE VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN NGOC BICH (NGUYEENX NGOCJ BICH),
 TEAM LEADER/MFA
 MR. NGUYEN QUANG MINH (NGUYEENX QUANG MINH), MINISTRY OF
 INTERIOR (MOI) REPRESENTATIVE
 MR. TO BINH (TOOR BINHF), MOI
 MR. LE THANH LONG (LEE THANH LONG), MOI

MR. TRAN VAN TU (TRAANF VAWN TUJ), - NFA -
 (3) THE HANOI MUNICIPALITY MEMBER WAS:
 MAJOR NGUYEN CONG TAM (NGUYEENX COONG TAAM), CAPITAL REGION
 MILITARY COMMAND

(4) THE HOA BINH PROVINCE MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
 MR. BUI VAN DUOI (BUIF VAWN ZUOOI), PROVINCE COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVE

MR. BUI VIET BAC (BUIF VIEETJ BAWCS), PROVINCE COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVE

MR. TRAN QUOC ZUNG (TRAANF QUOOCS ZUNGX), PROVINCE TASK TEAM
 MR. NGUYEN THANH BINH (NGUYEENX THANH BINH), PROVINCE TASK
 TEAM

(5) THE LUONG SON DISTRICT MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
 MR. BUI DUY HUNG (BUIF ZUY HWNG), DISTRICT TEAM CHIEF
 MAJOR BACH NGOC THANH (BACHJ NGOCJ THANH), DISTRICT MILITARY
 MR. NGUYEN XUAN DOAN (NGUYEENX XUAAN DOANF), DISTRICT
 PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

MR. BUI VAN BAC (BUIF VAWN BAWCS), DISTRICT PEOPLE'S
 COMMITTEE

(6) THE TRUNG SON VILLAGE MEMBERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
 MR. BACH VAN NAM (BACHJ VAWN NAM), VILLAGE COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVE

MR. NGUYEN DINH DUA (NGUYEENX DINHF ZWA), VILLAGE MILITARY

MR. BUI VAN BAN (BUIF VAWN BAN), VILLAGE COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVE

MR. BUI VIET VUONG (BUIF VIEETS VWONG), VILLAGE COMMITTEE
 REPRESENTATIVE

~~B.~~ DURING THE 4 DEC 93 INITIAL TEAM MEETING AT DET 2,
 VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS AGREED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(1) SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ENTRIES
 47, 48, 49, AND 50 IN A DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN
 AVIATORS SEIZED BY THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF HOA BINH PROVINCE
 DURING THE EIGHT-YEAR WAR OF DESTRUCTION (3 MAY 65 TO 30 DEC
 72)." FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN MANH CAN PRESENTED A COPY OF
 THIS DOCUMENT TO U.S. SENATOR JOHN KERRY ON 12 NOV 92.

(2) SEARCH FOR RECORDS OF THE VNOSMP, THE PAVN FORENSIC
 INSTITUTE, AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON
 BOXES 19 AND 20, REPATRIATED BY THE SRV IN DECEMBER 1988.

(3) LOCATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW SUCH WITNESSES
 AS MAY BE IDENTIFIED FOR THIS CASE.

(4) BASED UPON NEED, AS THIS INVESTIGATION CONTINUES,
 TRAVEL TO NECESSARY SITES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE.

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INCLUDING TRUNG SON (TRUNG SOWN) VILLAGE, LUONG SON (LWONG
 SOWN) DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE.

C. DURING THE 4 DEC 93 INITIAL JOINT TEAM MEETING, VNOSMP
 MEMBERS OF THE TEAM CITED SEVERAL PROBLEMS UNIQUE TO THE
 DECEMBER 1972 BOMBING CAMPAIGN WHICH THEY FELT WOULD MAKE
 THIS INVESTIGATION DIFFICULT. LTC RICH SAID THE FOREMOST
 DIFFICULTY WAS THE ENORMOUS SIZE OF A B-52 AIRCRAFT BREAKING

UP IN MID-AIR OVER A VERY WIDE SPAN OF TERRITORY. THIS PROCESS, WHICH MAY BEGIN AT EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDES, CAUSES WRECKAGE TO LAND IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, RESULTING IN NUMEROUS CRASH SITE REPORTS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING TO LTC BICH, THIS FACTOR, COMBINED WITH INFLATED WARTIME VIETNAMESE PRESS REPORTING OF THE NUMBERS OF B-52 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN, RELATIVELY WIDE DISTANCES BETWEEN REPORTED PARACHUTE LANDING LOCATIONS OF SURVIVING U.S. CREW MEMBERS, AND RESULTANT LONG DISTANCES BETWEEN CREW MEMBERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CRASH SITES, MAKES THIS INVESTIGATION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT. VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS SAID THE DOWNING OF A SINGLE B-52 ROUTINELY RESULTED IN MULTIPLE B-52 CRASH SITE REPORTS, FURTHER COMPLICATING THE SEARCH FOR WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE. VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS AGREED TO FOLLOW ARCHIVAL LEADS, ESPECIALLY LEADS INDICATING THAT RELEVANT DOCUMENTS EXIST OR LEADS IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC WITNESSES. THEY SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD THE NEED TO LOCATE WITNESSES WHO COULD IDENTIFY SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF AIRCRAFT (NOSE, MID-SECTION, TAIL, WING, ETC.) WHICH MAY OTHERWISE BE REPORTED SIMPLY AS B-52 CRASH SITES.

D. ON 17 DEC 93, THE JOINT TEAM MET. LTC BICH EXPLAINED THAT HIS DUTIES INCLUDED TAKING CUSTODY OF ALL REMAINS RECOVERED OR TURNED IN DURING JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES. MR. BICH SAID THAT AS PART OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY, HE HAD BEEN THE VNOSMP REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING REMAINS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW HELD IN HANOI 11-12 DECEMBER. AFTER THE JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW, MR. BICH REVIEWED RECORDS CONCERNING REPATRIATED REMAINS WHICH MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH B-52 INCIDENTS. LTC BICH BRIEFED THE STATUS OF THE VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS' PREPARATORY WORK ON CASE 1965:

- (1) VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS WERE WORKING WITH HOA BINH PROVINCE AGENCIES TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION COULD BE FOUND CONCERNING ENTRIES 47, 48, 49, AND 50 IN THE DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN AVIATORS SEIZED TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF HOA BINH PROVINCE DURING THE EIGHT YEAR WAR OF DESTRUCTION (3 MAY 65 TO 30 DEC 72)."
- (2) UNILATERAL RESEARCH WAS COMPLETE CONCERNING RECORDS OR REPORTS OF THE VNOSMP, THE PAVN FORENSIC INSTITUTE, AND OTHER AGENCIES IN AN EFFORT TO UNCOVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BOXES 19 AND 20 REPATRIATED BY THE SPV IN DECEMBER 1988.
- (3) VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS SUGGESTED THE JOINT TEAM VISIT THE "B-52 MUSEUM" IN AN ATTEMPT TO CHECK ALL OF THE AVAILABLE WRECKAGE FOR POTENTIAL CORRELATION TO THIS CASE. MR. BICH EXPLAINED THAT "B-52 MUSEUM" IS THE CURRENT TERM USED FOR THE AREA WHERE THE COLLECTED WRECKAGE OF U.S. AIRCRAFT IS NOW STORED.
- (4) THE VIETNAMESE TEAM MEMBERS WERE AWAITING FURTHER DETAILS FROM HOA BINH PROVINCE AGENCIES TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY LEADS ON THE TYPE AND NATURE OF B-52 WRECKAGE

RECOVERED THERE WHICH MIGHT CORRELATE TO THIS CASE.

(5) THE VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS SAID THEY WOULD MAKE POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR THIS CASE AVAILABLE AS SOON AS THEY WERE LOCATED.

E. ON 23 DEC 93, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO THE JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC) LOCATED AT THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM IN HANOI TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS AND EXAMINE WRECKAGE WHICH MIGHT RELATE TO CASE 1965.

(1) THE TEAM EXAMINED DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS CASE, PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LOOK FOR ENTRIES IN HANOI, HOA BINH, AND HA TAY PROVINCES. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WERE EXAMINED:

(2) DOCUMENT FROM HOA BINH PROVINCE: ONE PAGE WAS MISSING FROM THE JDC FILE COPY OF THE DOCUMENT TITLED "AMERICAN AVIATORS SEIZED BY CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS OF HOA BINH PROVINCE DURING THE EIGHT-YEAR WAR OF DESTRUCTION (3 MAY 65 TO 30 DEC 72)." SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN MANH CAM PRESENTED A BOUND COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT TO U.S. SENATOR JOHN KERRY (D-MASS) ON 17 NOV 92. BOTH THE U.S. AND VIETNAMESE TEAM LEADERS AGREED TO LOOK FOR COPIES OF THE MISSING PAGE FROM OTHER ARCHIVAL RESEARCH FILES. WITHOUT A COPY OF THE ACTUAL PAGE WITHIN THE HOA BINH DOCUMENT, THE JOINT TEAM REVIEWED NOTES ON ENTRIES WHICH MOST CLOSELY CORRELATED TO THIS CASE.

(3) DOCUMENT FROM HA TAY PROVINCE: IN THE DOCUMENT TITLED "AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN THE SECOND DESTRUCTIVE WAR," THERE WERE NO B-52 ENTRIES DURING DECEMBER 1972.

F. ON 27 DEC 93, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO CHUONG MY (CHUONG MYX) DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE, TO LOOK FOR WITNESSES AND SITES ASSOCIATED WITH B-52 WRECKAGE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM IN HANOI. THE TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CHUONG MY DISTRICT OFFICIALS THAT NO B-52 WRECKAGE HAD IMPACTED IN CHUONG MY DISTRICT DURING THE END OF DECEMBER 1972. DISTRICT OFFICIALS HAD LOCATED A FORMER CHUONG MY DISTRICT CADRE FROM THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, AND THE CADRE HAD VOLUNTEERED TO BE INTERVIEWED.

G. 19 APR 94, THE JOINT TEAM RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM IN HANOI TO REVIEW THE HOA BINH DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF U.S. AVIATORS SEIZED BY THE ARMY AND PEOPLE OF HOA BINH DURING THE EIGHT-YEAR DESTRUCTIVE WAR (3 MAY 65 - 30 DEC 72)" (ZANH SACHS GIAOJ LAIS NYX RIJ QUAAN VAF ZANH HOAF BINH BAWTS TRONG 8 NAWM CHUONGS CHIEENS TRANH PHAS HOAJI (3-5-1965 DEENS 30-12-1972)). THE TEAM REVIEWED DISCREPANCIES

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BETWEEN AN EARLIER TEAM REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LTC BICH.

(1) PRIOR TO THIS REVIEW, LTC BICH HAD PREPARED A VNOSMP WORKING MEMORANDUM STATING THAT ON 15 DEC 88, BOX 19 WAS REPATRIATED AS: UNIDENTIFIED; OBTAINED FROM HOA BINH PROVINCE.

(2) THE VNOSMP MEMORANDUM ALSO STATES THAT ON THE SAME DATE, 15 DEC 88, BOX 20 WAS REPATRIATED AS: UNIDENTIFIED; FROM HA TAY PROVINCE.

(3) THE TEAM REVIEWED APPROVED IDENTIFICATIONS FROM THE 15 DEC 88 REPATRIATION AND NOTED POSSIBLE DISCREPANCIES IN THE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS OF CREW MEMBERS WHEN COMPARING THE OFFICIAL REPATRIATION DOCUMENTS AND THE HOA BINH DOCUMENT. RECORDS OF THE 15 DEC 88 REPATRIATION INDICATE ONE B-52 CREW MEMBER FROM HOA BINH PROVINCE (IDENTIFIED, CASE 1965) AND ONE B-52 CREW MEMBER FROM HA TAY PROVINCE (IDENTIFIED, CASE 1965). THE JOINT TEAM AGREED TO PURSUE THESE DISCREPANCIES, IN PARTICULAR, THE APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE HOA BINH AND HA TAY PROVINCE LOCATIONS FOR THE TWO B-52 CREW MEMBERS REPATRIATED FROM CASE 1965.

(4) BY COMPARING THE REPATRIATION DATA IN THE MEMORANDUM WITH THE INFORMATION FROM LINE ENTRIES 47 THROUGH 50 OF THE HOA BINH DOCUMENT, THE JOINT TEAM DETERMINED THAT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO TRAVEL TO HOA BINH PROVINCE DURING THE 29TH JFA TO LOOK FOR WITNESSES, OBTAIN INFORMATION ON U.S. SERVICEMEN CAPTURED OR KILLED DURING THE INCIDENT, AND SURVEY CRASH SITES WHICH MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH B-52 AIRCRAFT.

(5) A JOINT TEAM REVIEW OF THE COMPLETE HOA BINH DOCUMENT SHOWED THAT LINE ENTRIES 47 THROUGH 50 CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) ENTRY NUMBER - 47; FULL NAME OF U.S. AVIATOR (BLANK); YEAR OF BIRTH - (BLANK); RANK - MAJOR; SERVICE NUMBER - (BLANK); AIRCRAFT FLOWN - B-52; POINT OF ORIGIN - UTAPAO; DATE OF CRASH - 22 DEC 72; DATE OF CAPTURE - 22 DEC 72; LOCATION OF CRASH AND CAPTURE - TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT (XAX TRUNG SOWN, LWONG SOWN); REMARKS - (BLANK).

(B) ENTRY NUMBER - 48; FULL NAME OF U.S. AVIATOR (BLANK); YEAR OF BIRTH - (BLANK); RANK - CAPTAIN; SERVICE NUMBER - (BLANK); AIRCRAFT FLOWN - B-52; POINT OF ORIGIN - UTAPAO; DATE OF CRASH - 22 DEC 72; DATE OF CAPTURE - (BLANK); LOCATION OF CRASH AND CAPTURE - TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT; REMARKS - DEAD.

(C) ENTRY NUMBER - 49; FULL NAME OF U.S. AVIATOR (BLANK); YEAR OF BIRTH - (BLANK); RANK - CAPTAIN; SERVICE NUMBER - (BLANK); AIRCRAFT FLOWN - B-52; POINT OF ORIGIN - UTAPAO; DATE OF CRASH - 22 DEC 72; DATE OF CAPTURE - (BLANK); LOCATION OF CRASH AND CAPTURE - TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT; REMARKS - DEAD.

(D) ENTRY NUMBER - 50; FULL NAME OF U.S. AVIATOR (BLANK); YEAR OF BIRTH - (BLANK); RANK - CAPTAIN; SERVICE NUMBER - (BLANK); AIRCRAFT FLOWN - B-52; POINT OF ORIGIN - UTAPAO; DATE OF CRASH - 22 DEC 72; DATE OF CAPTURE - (BLANK); LOCATION OF CRASH AND CAPTURE - TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT; REMARKS - DEAD? (QUESTION MARK)

(E) WHEN ASKED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE QUESTION MARK AFFIXED BY THE PREPARER OF THE LIST AT THE END OF LINE ENTRY

NUMBER 50, VNOSMP TEAM MEMBERS SAID THAT, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, THEY COULD ONLY SPECULATE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TEAM AGREED THAT CLARIFICATION OF THIS KEY POINT WOULD BE A PRIORITY DURING THE INVESTIGATION IN HOA BINH PROVINCE.

H. ON 19 APR 94, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO HUU TIEP (HWUX TIEEPJ) POND, NEAR THE HANOI BOTANICAL GARDEN LOCATED IN NGOC HA VILLAGE, BA DINH DISTRICT, HANOI, TO VIEW WRECKAGE COLLECTED AND PUT ON DISPLAY AT A MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO THE SHOOT DOWN OF A B-52 ON 27 DEC 72. THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED THE SITE, TRANSLATED THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE, AND INTERVIEWED MAJOR NGUYEN CONG TAM (NGUYENX COONG TAAM), REPRESENTING THE CAPITAL MILITARY COMMAND AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. THE HANOI BOTANICAL GARDEN SITE IN NGOC HA VILLAGE IS KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE B-52 MUSEUM.

(1) THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT THE SITE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING TEXT INSCRIBED ON MARBLE (TRANSLATED IN ENGLISH): AT 2220 HOURS ON 27 DEC 72, THE AIR AND AIR DEFENSE FORCES OF THE CAPITAL SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT ONE IMPERIALIST AMERICAN B-52G AIRCRAFT IN THE NGOC HA VILLAGE AREA. THIS IS ONE OF 23 B-52'S THAT WERE SHOT DOWN IN THE AIRSPACE OVER HANOI. THE B-52 STRATEGIC RAIDS WERE CRUSHED.

(2) MAJ TAM SAID, ACCORDING TO ABUNDANT RECORDS REGARDING THIS SITE, ALL OF THE WRECKAGE CURRENTLY ON DISPLAY CAME FROM THREE SPECIFIC LOCATIONS, AND REPRESENTED ONE B-52 WHICH HAD BROKEN UP AFTER BEING HIT DURING AN AIR DEFENSE BARRAGE AT PRECISELY 2220 HOURS ON THE NIGHT OF 27 DEC 72. THE THREE LOCATIONS WERE ON HOANG HOA THAM STREET, THUY KHUE STREET, AND THE NGOC HA VILLAGE SITE (GRID COORDINATES WJ86302623). ALL THREE SITES ARE WITHIN 300 METERS OF THE NGOC HA VILLAGE SITE.

(3) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT RECORDS FOR THE THREE SITES WHERE THE WRECKAGE WAS OBTAINED, MAJ TAM SAID HE BELIEVED THE RECORDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AND HE WOULD CHECK INTO THE MATTER. LT COL BICH SAID HE WAS AWARE OF SOME RECORDS AND PROFFERED THAT THE SITE WAS VERY FAMOUS TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND HUNDREDS OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SITE HAD BEEN PUBLISHED OVER THE YEARS. LT COL BICH SAID SINCE THIS SITE WAS SO WELL KNOWN, HE BELIEVED HE COULD OBTAIN RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE FACT THAT THE WRECKAGE FOR THIS MEMORIAL CAME FROM ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT, AS DESCRIBED BY MAJ TAM.

I. ON 23 APR 94, THE JOINT TEAM MET AT DETACHMENT TWO TO DISCUSS DISCREPANCIES IN ARCHIVAL LEADS FOR B-52 CASES. LTC

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BICH NOTED THAT EIGHT B-52 CREW MEMBERS HAD BEEN REPATRIATED FROM PHUC YEN CEMETERY, AS STATED BY THE VNOSMP MEMORANDUM. LTC BICH SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE REASON FOR THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE HOA BINH AND HA TAY PROVINCE RECOVERY LOCATIONS FOR THE TWO REMAINS REPATRIATED FROM CASE

1965.

(1) LTC BICH REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BOXES 19 AND 20 REPATRIATED TO THE U.S. ON 15 DEC 88. HE SHOWED CRS HANDWRITTEN NOTES WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(A) BOX 19. UNIDENTIFIED. THE PILOT'S PARACHUTE DID NOT OPEN. HE DIED IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE.

(B) BOX 20. UNIDENTIFIED. THIS MAN'S PARACHUTE OPENED BUT WAS STRUCK BY A MISSILE. HE DIED IN TUY LAM (TUY LAM) VILLAGE, MY DUC DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE.

(2) LTC BICH AGREED THE JOINT TEAM SHOULD TRAVEL TO HOA BINH PROVINCE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE DISCREPANCY FROM PROVINCE MILITARY CADRE OR WITNESSES. LTC BICH SUGGESTED THE U.S. CONTINGENT DO THIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION ACTIVITY ASSIGNED TO HOA BINH PROVINCE DURING THE 29TH JFA, EITHER AT THE END OF APRIL OR THE FIRST PART OF MAY. CRS REQUESTED VNOSMP MEMBERS CONTINUE LOOKING FOR WITNESSES, INCLUDING VETERANS AND PAST OR PRESENT AIR DEFENSE CADRE, WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.

J. ON 12 MAY 94, CRS AND MOI TEAM MEMBER, MR. MINH, TRAVELED TO LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE, TO SEEK INFORMATION AND INTERVIEW POTENTIAL WITNESSES IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE. THIS WAS THE LOCATION WHERE, ACCORDING TO THE HOA BINH LIST, ONE U.S. B-52 CREW MEMBER WAS CAPTURED ALIVE, AND TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE CREW MEMBERS DIED ON 22 DEC 72. AT THE LUONG SON DISTRICT PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE BUILDING, THE TEAM WAS INFORMED THAT THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND HAD LOCATED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS THE TRUNG SON VILLAGE UNIT COMMANDER IN DECEMBER 1972.

K. ON 12 MAY 94, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO THE TRUNG SON VILLAGE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE BUILDING (WH66699713). THE TEAM MET MR. NGUYEN VAN DICH (NGUYEENX VAWN DICH), A 55 YEAR-OLD FARMER RESIDING IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE. MR. DICH SAID THAT, EXCEPT FOR THREE YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE HOA BINH PROVINCE UNIT, HE WAS A LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF TRUNG SON VILLAGE.

(1) MR. DICH SAID HE WAS THE TRUNG SON VILLAGE UNIT COMMANDER IN DECEMBER 1972. ACCORDING TO MR. DICH, VERY EARLY ON AN UNRECALLED DATE NEAR THE END OF 1972, MR. DICH HEARD AN EXPLOSION. HE SAID THE SOUND WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THUNDERCLAPS OFTEN HEARD IN THE VALLEY. JUST BEFORE DAYBREAK, HE RECEIVED WORD THAT A U.S. PILOT HAD PARACHUTED INTO THE VILLAGE. THE PILOT WAS INJURED AND UNCONSCIOUS. MR. DICH SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE NATURE OF THE AMERICAN'S INJURIES. HE HEARD THAT ANOTHER PILOT HAD ALSO LANDED IN THE VILLAGE, BUT HAD DIED WHEN HIS PARACHUTE HAD FAILED TO DEPLOY. MR. DICH REPORTED THESE DETAILS UP HIS CHAIN OF COMMAND (TO THE DISTRICT UNIT WHICH WOULD IN TURN REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE PROVINCE UNIT).

(2) WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE TWO U.S. CREW

MEMBERS, MR. DICH SAID HE DID NOT RECALL THE NAMES OR ANY PARTICULARS OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVED CUSTODY OF THE LIVE AMERICAN. HE WAS TURNED OVER TO CADRE FROM EITHER THE PROVINCE OR MILITARY REGION COMMAND ON THE SAME DAY OF THE INCIDENT. HE SAID THE DEAD AMERICAN WAS BURIED ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE BEN CUOI HAMLET MEETING HOUSE. MR. DICH LED THE JOINT TEAM TO A LOCATION ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE MEETING HOUSE AND POINTED OUT AN AREA ALONGSIDE THE ROAD APPROXIMATELY SEVEN BY FIVE METERS, LOCATED LESS THAN FIVE METERS FROM THE ROAD. MR. DICH SAID CENTRAL OR PROVINCE CADRE HAD RETURNED TO TRUNG SON AND EXHUMED THE GRAVE SOMETIME AFTER THE PARIS PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED, POSSIBLY SOMETIME BETWEEN 1973 AND 1976. HE COULD NOT REMEMBER ANY SPECIFIC EVENT TO GIVE HIM A TIME REFERENCE.

(3) MR. DICH SAID HE BEGAN SEARCHING FOR SIGNS OF AN AIRCRAFT CRASH, BUT DID NOT LOCATE THE CRASH SITE UNTIL IT WAS FULL DAYLIGHT. HE SAID THERE WERE TWO IMPACT CRATERS AND A TRAIL OF DEBRIS OVER A CONSIDERABLE AREA. HE RECALLED SEEING MANY SMALL PIECES OF CHARRED, BLACKENED FLESH, WHICH HE BELIEVED TO BE THE REMAINS OF ONE OR MORE B-52 CREW MEMBERS WHO HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO EXIT THE AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO IMPACT OR EXPLOSION. WHEN ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE REMAINS, HE SAID HE DID NOT RECALL SEEING ANY BONES OR BONE FRAGMENTS. HE SAID THE LARGEST PIECES WERE ROUGHLY THE SAME SIZE OF TWO OF HIS FINGERTIPS. MR. DICH SAID HE ONLY RECALLED SEEING THE CHARRED FLESH IN THE AREA NEAREST THE SMALLER OF THE TWO IMPACT CRATERS. HE SAID THAT DUE TO THEIR SMALL SIZE, NO ONE GATHERED UP OR ATTEMPTED TO BURY THE REMAINS.

(4) MR. DICH LED THE TEAM TO THE TWO CRATERS, LOCATED VERY NEAR THE BEN CUOI (BEENS CUOOIS) (WH667971) HAMLET MEETING HOUSE. THE SITE IS IN A NEARLY LEVEL, DRY, CULTIVATED AREA WITH TWO FILLED CRATERS LESS THAN 40 METERS APART. THE LARGER CRATER, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES 48QWH66629753, WITH THE CRATER RIM STILL CLEARLY VISIBLE, MEASURES APPROXIMATELY TEN METERS IN DIAMETER. WHEN MR. DICH REACHED THE RIM OF THE CRATER, HE ASKED HOW MUCH FUEL A B-52 CARRIED ON BOARD, AND WHICH SECTION OF A B-52 CARRIED THE FUEL TANKS. MR. DICH SAID THE CRATER HAD BEEN FILLED IN AFTER THE MAIN PIECES OF WRECKAGE HAD BEEN REMOVED, AND THE VILLAGERS HAD BEEN AFRAID TO DIG DEEPER BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY SMELL OF JET FUEL. MR. DICH WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR A FUEL TANK TO STILL BE BURIED BENEATH THE CRATER BECAUSE WHEN THE WATER TABLE RISES, THE SHELL OF JET FUEL IS STILL PROMINENT IN THE MAIN CRATER. MR. DICH LED

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THE TEAM TO THE NEARBY SECOND CRATER, LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES 48QWH66609761. THE SECOND CRATER IS NOT AS CLEARLY VISIBLE AS THE LARGER CRATER, BECAUSE THE SURFACE OF THE CRATER HAS NEARLY BEEN LEVELED TO MATCH THE SURROUNDING

CULTIVATED FIELD. BOTH CRATERS ARE CURRENTLY PLANTED WITH VEGETABLES. MR. DICH SAID BOTH CRATERS HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH TOPSOIL FROM THE IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING AREAS AND THAT NO SOIL HAD BEEN CARRIED IN FROM OUTSIDE THE IMMEDIATE AREA. MANY SMALL PIECES OF RUBBER, INSULATION, PLASTIC, WIRE, AND METAL WERE CLEARLY VISIBLE ON THE SURFACE OF BOTH CRATERS AND ON THE SURFACE OF THE SURROUNDING CULTIVATED FIELD.

(5) WHILE STANDING ON THE RIM OF THE LARGER CRATER, MR. DICH TRIED TO DESCRIBE THE WRECKAGE AS IT WAS ON THE DAY HE HAD FOUND IT. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN A TRAIL OF SMALLER PIECES OF WRECKAGE EXTENDING OVER A VAST AREA SOUTH, EAST AND NORTH OF THE CRATER, BUT THAT MOST OF THE LARGER PIECES OF WRECKAGE HAD BEEN IN OR NEAR THE TWO CRATERS. HE DESCRIBED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE TWO-THIRDS OF AN AIRCRAFT WING, A PIECE LARGER THAN ONE VEHICLE COULD CARRY. HE SAID THE WING HAD BEEN FULL OF HOLES AND WAS LYING ON THE SURFACE VERY NEAR THE LARGER CRATER. MR. DICH SAID HE DID NOT RECALL ANY SPECIAL MARKINGS ON ANY OF THE WRECKAGE.

(6) MR. DICH SAID A MILITARY TEAM FROM THE PROVINCE UNIT HAD ARRIVED AT THE SITE ONE DAY AFTER ITS DISCOVERY AND HAD ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE AREA FOR TWO DAYS. MR. HOANG THE CHUC (HOANG THEES CHUCS) WAS THE LEADER OF THE PROVINCE TEAM AT THE SITE. MR. DICH SAID HE REMEMBERED MR. CHUC BECAUSE HE HAD ALSO BEEN THE PROVINCE UNIT POLITICAL OFFICER AND PARTY SECRETARY AT ONE TIME. MR. DICH SAID ALL OF THE MAJOR WRECKAGE WAS RECORDED AND REMOVED SHORTLY AFTER THE CRASH. TRUNG SON VILLAGE PERSONNEL DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES AT THE CRASH SITE ONCE THE PROVINCE TEAM ARRIVED. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD EVER HEARD ANY OF THE DETAILS OF MR. CHUC'S REPORT, MR. DICH REPLIED THAT HE HAD NOT. MR. DICH SAID HE HAD NEVER LEARNED ANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE PROVINCE REPORT. WHEN ASKED IF HE OR ANYONE ELSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CASE HAD EVER SPECULATED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF U.S. CREW MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE DIED IN THE CRASH, MR. DICH SAID HE DID NOT RECALL ANY SUCH SPECULATION. WHEN ASKED IF HE KNEW WHETHER MR. CHUC HAD SPECULATED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF U.S. CREW MEMBERS WHO MAY HAVE DIED IN THE CRASH, MR. DICH SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY OF THE DETAILS OF MR. CHUC'S REPORT.

L. ON 21 MAY 94, THE JOINT TEAM RETURNED TO TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE, TO SURVEY THE IMPACT CRATERS AND THE AREA INDICATED BY MR. DICH ON 12 MAY 94, AS THE LOCATION WHERE HE HAD SEEN LARGE PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND SMALL PIECES OF CHARRED FLESH. DURING THIS VISIT, THE TEAM WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE USAC/IIIA PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCAVATION.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: THE TEAM PICKED UP NINE REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF DEBRIS LOCATED WITHIN TEN METERS OF THE CENTER OF PROJECT AREA ONE ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING NINE ITEMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO HQ JTF-FA FOR

WRECKAGE ANALYSIS:

- A. ONE PIECE OF POSSIBLE PARACHUTE CORD, 10 CM LONG.
- B. ONE PIECE OF PLASTIC TUBING, 4 CM X 24 CM.
- C. ONE PIECE OF HARD BLACK RUBBER, 5 CM X 9 CM.
- D. ONE CYLINDRICAL ELECTRONIC COMPONENT, 1 X 2.5 CM.
- E. ONE PIECE OF WHITE PLASTIC MESH, 1.5 X 2.5 CM.
- F. ONE PIECE OF SOFT BLACK RUBBER, 4 X 6 CM.
- G. ONE PIECE OF TIRE, 8 X 13 CM.
- H. ONE LOW-DENSITY METAL FRAGMENT, 0.5 CM X 4.5 CM.
- I. ONE HIGH-DENSITY METAL FRAGMENT, 3 X 4 CM. //

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SUBJ/JTF-FA SITREP 94-21//
RMKS/1. THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 192000ZMAY94 TO
262000ZMAY94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, 29TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA)
ENDED ON 24 MAY 94 WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE INVESTIGATION AND
RECOVERY ELEMENTS. RECOVERY OF REMAINS CONTINUED UP TO THE LAST DAY
OF THIS JFA. INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 3 (IE3) RECOVERED REMAINS
WHILE INVESTIGATING AN F-4D CASE IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE.
WEATHER IMPACTED WORK AT RE1'S SITE; PREVENTING ANY EXCAVATION ON TWO
DAYS. RE2 RECOVERED REMAINS AT AN F-4B CRASH SITE IN QUANG BINH
PROVINCE, WHILE RE3 RECOVERED REMAINS IN QUANG TRI AT AN O-1D CRASH
SITE. RE3 AND RE5 CLOSED THEIR SITES. IN LAOS, JFA 94-5L IN
XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS THE THIRD WEEK OF
OPERATIONS. ALL THREE ELEMENTS RECOVERED REMAINS AT THEIR SITES
DESPITE CONTINUED WEATHER WHICH HAMPERS OPERATIONS. IE1 OPERATING AS
A RECOVERY ELEMENT EXCAVATED AND CLOSED TWO SEPARATE A-1 AIRCRAFT
CRASH SITES. A SMALL AMOUNT OF REMAINS WERE RECOVERED FROM ONE OF
THE SITES. BOTH RE1 AND RE2 RECOVERED REMAINS AT SEPARATE F-4D CRASH
SITES. IN CAMBODIA, ARCHIVAL RESEARCH CONTINUES.

2. OPERATIONS

A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. THREE INVESTIGATION AND FIVE RECOVERY
ELEMENTS COMPLETED THE 29TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) AND REDEPLOYED
FROM DA NANG AND HANOI TO BANGKOK ON 24 MAY 94.

(A) IE1 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN NGHE AN
PROVINCE, 0266 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0462 (F-4B, TWO
UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0465 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); AND [REDACTED] (A-7D,
ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN THANH HOA PROVINCE: 0465 (F-4B, TWO
UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(B) IE2 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE, 0077 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), INTERVIEWED WITNESSES; 1372 (UH-1H, SIX UNACCOUNTED FOR), INTERVIEWED WITNESSES; AND 1206 (HH-3E, FOUR UNACCOUNTED FOR). UNABLE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1487 (CH-53A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) DUE TO INADEQUATE LANDING ZONE.

(C) IE3 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN KONTUM PROVINCE, 0762 (GROUND, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), CONDUCTED AERIAL SURVEY. IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE: 1831 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED PORTIONS OF PILOT CLOTHING AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS.

(D) RECOVERY ELEMENT 1 (RE1) IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE: SEARCH OF SECOND AREA ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0626 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) CANCELED DUE TO POOR WEATHER ON 20 AND 21 MAY 94; RECOMMEND SCHEDULING EXCAVATION OF SECOND SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0626 DURING 30TH JFA.

(E) RE2 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE: EXCAVATED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1281 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED PILOT-RELATED EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE DETERMINATION PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. RECOMMEND CONTINUING EXCAVATION OF THIS SITE DURING 30TH JFA.

(F) RE3 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1001 (O-1D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS AND TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATION). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS.

(G) RE4 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE: CONTINUED EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1040 (GROUND, FIVE UNACCOUNTED FOR); SITE NOT CLOSED. ENCOUNTERED UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE.

(H) RE5 IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE █████ (F-4D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). (b)(2)

(2) VIETNAM ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) CONTINUES OPERATIONS AT JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC) AND VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBRARY. RESEARCHED WARTIME HISTORIES FOR INFORMATION TO SUPPORT 30TH JFA.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: 0251 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0335 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 0859 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); AND 0904 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). SRT RECOMMEND CASE 0335 SITE FOR EXCAVATION. SRT DEPLOYED TO QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0106 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND LOCATE MILITARY REGION (MR5) POW CAMP SITE WHERE INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1042 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IS ALLEGEDLY BURIED.

(4) PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM (PCIT) WROTE REPORTS OF CASES INVESTIGATED.

(5) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM: NSTR.

(6) CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST AND CIVIL ANTHROPOLOGIST SURVEYED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN TRUNG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON DISTRICT, HOA BINH PROVINCE. RECOMMEND SITE FOR EXCAVATION.

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. ONE IE AND TWO RE'S CONDUCTING JFA 94-5L. IE IS ACTING AS RECOVERY ELEMENT. JFA 94-5L OPERATIONS

COMPLETED IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE AND CONTINUE IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE.
ADVERSE WEATHER CONTINUES TO HINDER FIELD OPERATIONS.

(A) IE1 IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE █████ (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED NO ADDITIONAL REMAINS OR PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1432 (A-1J, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). DURING SURFACE SEARCH OF SITE, RECOVERED PILOT-RELATED ITEMS INCLUDING TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, DATA PLATE AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENT). IDENTIFICATION TAGS CORRELATE TO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1432. NO ADDITIONAL REMAINS OR ARTIFACTS FOUND. IE1 PROPOSED SURVEYING PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CRASH SITE AND BURIAL SITE 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF KHANG KHAI TOWN. LAO TEAM CHIEF'S RESPONSE EXPECTED ON 27 MAY 94. (b)(3)

(B) RE1 IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE: EXCAVATED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1926 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), RECOVERED PILOT-RELATED ITEMS INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION TAG AND PORTIONS OF FLIGHT SUIT AND SURVIVAL VEST, AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENT). IDENTIFICATION TAG CORRELATES TO ONE OF THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1926.

(C) RE2 IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE: LAO TEAM CHIEF MET WITH VILLAGE CHIEF AND FARMER OF CULTIVATED FIELD WHERE SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1771 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) IS LOCATED. FARMER REQUIRES COMPENSATION FOR CROPS DESTROYED IF SITE IS EXCAVATED. SURVEYED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1534 (F-4E, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); ACCESS TO SITE CONSIDERED DIFFICULT DUE TO DISTANCE FROM PHON SAVAN AND WEATHER AT HIGHER ELEVATION. BASED ON WEATHER AND OTHER VARIABLES SUCH AS CULTIVATION AND DISTANCE FROM PHON SAVAN, RE2 EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1786 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) VICE 1534 OR 1771. RECOVERED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). ORDNANCE FOUND AT SITE. WORKER AT SITE CLAIMED HE OBSERVED AN F-4 AIRCRAFT CRASH IN MAY 1969 APPROXIMATELY 15

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KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF CASE 1786 SITE. TWO CREW MEMBERS WERE ABOARD AIRCRAFT WHEN IT CRASHED; WITNESS COVERED REMAINS OF ONE CREW MEMBER FOUND AWAY FROM THE WRECKAGE. SECOND BODY WAS LEFT IN WRECKAGE. LAO TEAM AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SURVEY REPORTED CRASH SITE DURING JFA 94-6L. SURVEYED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1284 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 24 MAY 94.

(D) MEDCAP OPERATIONS CONCLUDED IN PHOU KOUT DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. ON 26 MAY 94, MEDCAP MOVED TO THATHOM DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. TO DATE 901 PATIENTS TREATED.

(E) COORDINATION UNDERWAY FOR JFA 94-6L. LAO TEAM COORDINATING FOR WATER AND FUEL AT PROPOSED BASE CAMP FOR JFA 94-6L AND USE OF SCHOOL FOR ACCOMMODATIONS. U.S. TEAM COORDINATED FOR STORAGE OF RECOVERY EQUIPMENT AT HOTEL IN PHON SAVAN AFTER COMPLETION OF JFA 94-5L; EXPECT TO REALIZE SAVINGS UP TO \$25,000 IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

(F) ON 20 MAY 94, TWO LAO MEN APPROACHED CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) OFFERING INFORMATION ON CRASH SITES. PER BILATERAL AGREEMENT, CRS INVITED BOTH MEN TO TEAM HOTEL TO INCLUDE BOTH U.S. AND LAO OFFICIALS. BOTH MEN INDICATED FEAR OF TROUBLE FROM LAO OFFICIALS AND DECLINED TO PROVIDE THEIR NAMES. CRS INFORMED LAO TEAM DURING EVENING MEETING. ON 22 MAY 94, ONE OF THE LAO RETURNED AND MET WITH CRS AND LAO TEAM CHIEF. HE HAD NO SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION, BUT REPORTED HIS FRIEND MAY HAVE INFORMATION. DURING 20 MAY 94 EVENING MEETING, LAO TEAM REPORTED NEITHER OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED FOR XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE INVESTIGATIONS ARE AVAILABLE (DETAILED IN DIPNOTES 516 AND 517, AUG 93; NO ASSOCIATION WITH A SPECIFIC CASE). THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS DURING JFA 94-6L.

(2) LAOS ART VIEWED 108 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER. NO RELEVANT POW/MIA FILM FOOTAGE IDENTIFIED. TOTAL OF 750 FILMS HAVE BEEN VIEWED TO DATE.

(3) ON 23 MAY 94, CDR DET THREE MET WITH MR. BOUNPHIENG, MFA AMERICAS DESK OFFICER, TO DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES INCLUDING PROGRESS ON JFA 94-5L, PREVIEW OF JFA 94-6L, STATUS OF LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS, ARCHIVAL RESEARCH, PILOT RECORD TRAINING, DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR MOTORCYCLES AND USCINCPAC IRRIGATION PUMP SURVEY TEAM VISIT. ON 24 MAY 94, MR. BOUNPHIENG PROVIDED DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 17 MOTORCYCLES SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN JUL 94. PLAN APPEARS TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN PROVINCES WITH HIGH DENSITY OF CASES (SAVANNAKHET, KHAMMOUANE AND XEKONG) OR ONGOING RECENT OPERATIONS (HOUAPHAN AND XIANGKHOANG), AND FOR LAO TEAM USE IN VIENTIANE.

C. CAMBODIA. NO FIELD OPERATIONS CONDUCTED. CAMBODIA ART VISITED MILITARY MUSEUM AND REVIEWED OVER 7,000 PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS, BOOKS AND PIECES OF EQUIPMENT FROM 16-20 MAY 94. INITIAL ANALYSIS REVEALED NO INFORMATION CORRELATED TO ANY KNOWN CASE. ART COMPLETED PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF TOUL SLENG GENOCIDE MUSEUM DOCUMENTS. HQ JTF-FA WILL AUGMENT CAMBODIAN ART WITH VIETNAMESE LINGUIST BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS; LINGUIST DEPARTS HAWAII ON 27 MAY 94. (NOTE: CORNELL UNIVERSITY PROJECT COPIED TOUL SLENG DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDED COPIES TO DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE (DPMO); ADDITIONALLY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE HAS COPIES AND IS ANALYZING DOCUMENTS.)

3. INTELLIGENCE

A. DET TWO CONDUCTED TWO WALK-IN INTERVIEWS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ONE WITNESS CORRELATES TO CASE 1786 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN SECOND INTERVIEW, VIETNAMESE CITIZENS PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION TAG INFORMATION AND FOUR BONE CHIPS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATION TO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUALS. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET FOUR CONDUCTED THREE WALK-IN INTERVIEWS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATION TO UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET CURRENTLY HOLDING FOUR SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS.

C. HQ JTF-FA. SENT 71 NOTIFICATIONS TO SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN.

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. SUPPORTED EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION OF SERIOUSLY ILL SERVICE MEMBER AND REDEPLOYMENT OF 29TH JFA FIELD TEAMS.

CANCELED 20 MAY 94 CHANNEL FLIGHT TO HANOI DUE TO LACK OF CARGO.

B. DET TWO. AWAITING BREAKDOWN OF ELECTRICAL UPGRADE/REPAIRS ESTIMATE FROM CONTRACTOR.

C. DET THREE. MITSUBISHI PAJERO IN DEFERRED MAINTENANCE STATUS FOR 4WD TRANSFER CASE. JEEP CHEROKEE INOPERATIVE; AWAITING WATER PUMP AND AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION PARTS. MFA COPIER REPAIRS COMPLETED ON 20 MAY 94. COPIER RETURNED TO MFA ON 23 MAY 94. PAYMENT CHECKS FOR LAO GOVERNMENT FOR JFA 94-4L RECEIVED ON 24 MAY 94. TOTALS WERE \$205,420 FOR MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AND \$38,944 FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

D. DET FOUR. ON 22 MAY 94, CELLULAR TELEPHONE BELONGING TO DETACHMENT WAS STOLEN FROM DET FOUR MEMBER AS HE WAS RIDING HIS BICYCLE FROM DET HOUSE TO EMBASSY. (SEE PARA 7D. BELOW). SERVICE FOR PHONE WAS TERMINATED ON 23 MAY 94. CITY WATER SERVICE STILL HAS NOT RESUMED; WATER PURCHASED EVERY DAY.

E. HQ JTF-FA. COORDINATING WITH NAVAL REGIONAL CONTRACTING CENTER (NRCC), SINGAPORE ON RENEGOTIATIONS OF FOLLOWING CONTRACTS: LAO WESTCOAST HELICOPTER, FLIGHT SERVICES CORP. OF VIETNAM, AND RENTCAR AGENCY V-75 (VEHICLE MAINTENANCE IN VIETNAM). NRCC WILL CONDUCT RENEGOTIATIONS DURING AUG 94 AND SEP 94. NRCC IS ON SCHEDULE TO ISSUE CONTRACT FOR PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF IRRIGATION PUMPS FOR CINC'S INITIATIVE FUND (CIF) IRRIGATION PROJECT IN LAOS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY

A. DET THREE RECEIVED SATCOM FAX EQUIPMENT (AN/UXC-7) FROM DET ONE VIA POUCH ON 25 MAY 94.

B. HQ JTF-FA. DOCUMENT SCANNING IMAGING SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 1,965 CASE FOLDERS SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL

A. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED), AND 19 CIVILIANS (23 AUTHORIZED), WITH 12 EXCESS AND 1 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAINS: CPT R. SMITH, USA, J3; MRS. E. ROBERSON, GS-4, DET ONE. LOSS: MRS. M. MARCIEL, GS-4, DET ONE.

B. MEDICAL STATUS UPDATE. RE5 TEAM MEMBER IS IN GOOD CONDITION; DISCHARGED FROM BANGKOK GENERAL HOSPITAL ON 24 MAY 94. DOCTOR DETERMINED TEAM MEMBER HAD PROBABLE ACUTE GASTROENTERITIS. TEAM MEMBER RETURNED TO HAWAII 25 MAY 94.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE. ON 23 MAY 94, COORDINATED HOSPITAL ADMITTANCE OF

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B. DET TWO: CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DISCUSSED JTF-FA MISSION WITH 60 MINUTES CORRESPONDENT AND PRODUCERS IN DA NANG ON 19 MAY 94. VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA GROUP TRAVELED FROM DA NANG TO HUE ON 20 MAY 94 AND CONTINUED TO HO CHI MINH CITY. THEY WERE UNABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INVITATION TO VISIT A RECOVERY SITE. ON 23 AND 24 MAY 94, CRS RESPONDED TO TELEPHONE QUERIES FROM MR. JOHN ROGERS, REUTERS, CONCERNING END OF 29TH JFA.

C. DET THREE

(1) ON 24 AND 25 MAY 94, DURING SEPARATE MEETINGS, CJTF-FA INTRODUCED INCOMING DETACHMENT COMMANDER TO MR. DONE, AMERICAS AND EUROPE DEPT DIRECTOR; MR. SOUBANH, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; AND LTG AI, VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. CJTF-FA ASKED LAO FOR MORE FLEXIBILITY ON FIELD OPERATIONS. CJTF-FA ENCOURAGED LAO TO CONTINUE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY JOINT TEAM CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN JFA 94-5L, BY ALLOWING INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS ON JFA 94-6L TO MOVE AHEAD TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS IN REMAINING PROVINCES IN NORTHERN LAOS. VICE MINISTER SOUBANH INDICATED THIS WOULD REQUIRE CLEARANCE FROM HIS SUPERIORS AND ELABORATION OF TECHNICAL DETAILS. CJTF-FA URGED LAO TO CONDUCT LAST TWO REMAINING LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS IN SOUTHERN LAOS IN JUL 94; ALTHOUGH NONCOMMITTAL, LAO AGREED TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL. CJTF-FA ALSO EXPLAINED U.S. PLAN TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AT MILITARY MUSEUM AND KILOMETER 21 WAREHOUSE. VICE MINISTER LTG AI RESPONDED HE WOULD ARRANGE FOR LAOS ART MEMBERS TO TOUR MUSEUM AND ASSURED CJTF-FA ACCESS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. LTG AI STATED MILITARY WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST ON POW/MIA EFFORT AND WOULD CARRY OUT ANY AGREEMENTS MADE BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

(2) MR. GERARD HINDMARSH, FREE LANCE JOURNALIST FROM NEW ZEALAND, CONTACTED EMBASSY UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE (USIS) OFFICER ON 26 MAY 94. HE INFORMED USIS OFFICER HE HAS RECEIVED LAO GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO COVER JFA 94-5L FROM 28 MAY-1 JUN 94. HE PLANS TO WRITE A STORY ON LAO WESTCOAST HELICOPTER'S SUPPORT OF JFA 94-5L.

D. DET FOUR. CAMBODIAN YOUTH RIDING ON BACK OF MOTORCYCLE SNATCHED BACKPACK FROM CAMBODIA ART TEAM MEMBER'S BICYCLE AS HE WAS BICYCLING TO POCHENTONG AIRPORT ON 22 MAY 94. ART TEAM MEMBER WAS RIDING BICYCLE AS PART OF HIS PHYSICAL TRAINING. BACKPACK CONTAINED MOTOROLA TELEPHONE, CLOTHING, WALLET CONTAINING CREDIT CARDS, CASH, MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE.

E. HQ JTF-FA. MR. DONALD HEARON, NATIONAL CDR, AMVETS, AND PARTY OF FOUR RECEIVED USCINCPAC PERSPECTIVE AND JTF-FA MISSION BRIEFING AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE ON 20 MAY 94. SUBMITTED PPAG FOR JUNE REPATRIATION TO USCINCPAC FOR APPROVAL ON 26 MAY 94.

F. ON 24 MAY 94, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCED IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN SERVICEMAN, PREVIOUSLY LISTED AS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SECDEF ALSO INDICATED THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR HAS BEEN REDUCED BY ONE ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL BASED ON RECENT ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES. REVIEW INDICATED REMAINS OF A CIVILIAN, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS UNACCOUNTED FOR, WERE RETURNED IN 1966. AT PRESENT, 2,231 ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

G. COMMANDER 15TH AIR BASE WING CONDUCTED SINGLE SERVICE

DEPARTURE CEREMONY AT HICKAM AFB, HAWAII, ON 25 MAY 94 TO HONOR THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF ONE AIRMAN WHO DIED DURING THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: SE ASIA 22 MAY-2 JUN 94 (VIETNAM TECH MEETING 31 MAY 93); WASHINGTON, D.C. 7-9 JUN 94; SE ASIA 15-24 JUN 94; 27 JUN - 6 JUL 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IN VIETNAM, THE 29TH JFA ENDED WITH MUCH THE SAME SUCCESS AS IT BEGAN; THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS AT MULTIPLE SITES. HISTORICALLY, MOST JFA'S RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY HALF THE SITES EXCAVATED RECOVERING REMAINS. HOWEVER, DURING THE 29TH JFA, RESULTS SHOW 11 OF 14 SITES YIELDED REMAINS. ADDITIONALLY, INVESTIGATION ELEMENTS RECOVERED REMAINS ON SIX OCCASIONS, AND ON EIGHT OCCASIONS REMAINS WERE RECEIVED UNILATERALLY FROM THE VIETNAMESE. A JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW WILL DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE REMAINS WILL BE REPATRIATED TO THE U.S. FOR FURTHER IDENTIFICATION. IN LAOS, JFA 94-5L OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE GOOD SUPPORT AND COOPERATION FROM THE LAO AS OUR 1 JUN 94 COMPLETION DATE APPROACHES. POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATIONS OF REMAINS RECOVERED DURING JFA 94-5L ARE PROMISING.

10. USCINCPAC POC DAVID JOHNSTON, LCDR, USN, (DSN) (6) (A)

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

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RMKS/). THIS SITREP COVERS THE PERIOD FROM 122000ZMAY94 TO
192000ZMAY94. SUMMARY. IN VIETNAM, THE 29TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY
COMPLETED IT'S FOURTH WEEK OF OPERATIONS. THE THREE INVESTIGATION
ELEMENTS (IE) HAVE CONDUCTED 57 OF 63 SCHEDULED INVESTIGATIONS. IE1
WORKED IN NAM HA, THANH HOA AND NGHE AN PROVINCES; RECOVERED REMAINS
AT AN ISOLATED BURIAL SITE WHILE INVESTIGATING AN A-7D CASE. IE2 IN
THUA THIEN-WAY PROVINCE WERE STOPPED BY VIETNAMESE BORDER GUARDS
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO INVESTIGATE A UH-1H INCIDENT. THIS IS THE SECOND
CASE FOR IE2 WHERE THE CASE SITE HAS BEEN LOCATED IN LAOS. IE3 IN
QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE RECOVERED A SOLE TOOTH WHILE DIGGING A
TEST PIT AT A BURIAL SITE ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUND
INCIDENT. FOUR OF THE RECOVERY ELEMENTS (RE) RECOVERED REMAINS AT
THEIR RESPECTIVE EXCAVATION SITES. RE1 CONTINUED TO RECOVER REMAINS
AND LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT AN F-105D CRASH SITE IN QUANG BINH. A
WITNESS LED THE TEAM TO A SECOND SITE NEARBY; BELIEVE THIS TO BE THE
IMPACT POINT. REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AT THE SECOND SITE. RE2, ALSO
IN QUANG BINH, CLOSED A F-4C SITE WHERE MINIMAL AMOUNTS OF REMAINS
WERE RECOVERED BUT SUBSTANTIAL LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WAS LOCATED.
RE3 RECOVERED REMAINS AT A HH-53C AND O-1D CRASH SITE IN QUANG TRI
PROVINCE. RE4, IN QUANG TRI, HAS WORKED SINCE 13 MAY 94 CLEARING THE
SITE AT LONG VE WHERE A LARGE UNDERGROUND BUNKER IS LOCATED. SAFETY
PRECAUTIONS BEING OBSERVED DURING THE REMOVAL OF ORDNANCE AT THE SITE
HAS MADE EXCAVATION DIFFICULT AND SLOW. RE5, IN THUA THIEN-WAY,
RECOVERED REMAINS AT AN OH-6A SITE; CLOSED SITE ON 15 MAY 94. THE
SPECIAL EXCAVATION TEAM IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE CLOSED THE SITE
ASSOCIATED WITH AN A-6A CRASH. IN LAOS, JFA 94-5L CONTINUED TO MAKE
PROGRESS IN THEIR SECOND WEEK OF OPERATIONS DESPITE WEATHER DELAYS

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DUE TO EARLY MORNING FOG AND LOW CLOUD COVER AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS. IE1, OPERATING AS A RE, RECOVERED REMAINS AT AN A-1E CRASH SITE IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. RE1 AND RE2 FOUND ADDITIONAL REMAINS AT THEIR RESPECTIVE F-105D CRASH SITES IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE BEFORE CLOSING THEM. RE1 AND RE2 MOVED TO XIANGKHOANG AND ARE CURRENTLY OPENING NEW EXCAVATION SITES. TWO DAYS WERE LOST DUE TO LOW CLOUDS WHICH PREVENTED ACCESS TO SITES AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS.

2. OPERATIONS

A. VIETNAM

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. THREE INVESTIGATION AND FIVE RECOVERY ELEMENTS CONDUCTING 29TH JFA. SPECIAL EXCAVATION TEAM COMPLETED EXCAVATION IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE. EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES INSTITUTED FOR RECOVERY ELEMENT 5 (RE5) TEAM MEMBER IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE ON 19 MAY 94. RE5 TEAM MEMBER DEVELOPED HIGH FEVER AND EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING; CONDITION STABILIZED AT 192100G MAY 94. TEAM MEMBER SCHEDULED TO DEPART DA NANG FOR BANGKOK APPROXIMATELY 201015G MAY 94.

(A) INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 1 (IE1) INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN NAM HA PROVINCE, 0260 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN THANH HOA PROVINCE: █████ (A-4F, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). IN NGHE AN PROVINCE: 0462 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED); █████ (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); AND █████ (A-7D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). DURING INVESTIGATION OF CASE █████, TEAM SURVEYED AN ISOLATED BURIAL SITE; RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. (b)(3)

(B) IE2 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE, 1106 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1206 (HH-3E, FOUR UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1660 (A-4E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); █████ (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); AND 1746 (UH-1H, FOUR UNACCOUNTED FOR). ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1706 (UH-1H, SIX UNACCOUNTED FOR); TRAVELED WITHIN TWO KILOMETERS OF SITE. BORDER GUARDS WOULD NOT ALLOW TEAM TO CONTINUE; STATED TEAM WOULD HAVE TO CROSS INTO LAOS TO GET TO INCIDENT LOCATION. (b)(3)

(C) IE3 INVESTIGATED FOLLOWING CASES: IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE, 0019 (UH-34D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); █████ (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED); 1423 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); 1578 (UH-1H, SEVEN UNACCOUNTED FOR), WITNESSES STATED SITE IS IN CAMBODIA; AND 1831 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). WHILE EN ROUTE TO SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0019, TEAM OBSERVED A CRASH SITE POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0020 (T-28B, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); SEARCHED SITE AND FOUND TWO DATA PLATES. DATA PLATES CURRENTLY UNDER ANALYSIS. DURING INVESTIGATION OF CASE █████ WITNESSES PROVIDED LOCATION OF A BURIAL SITE; DUG A TEST PIT AND RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATION). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. (b)(3)

(D) RE1 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED FIRST SITE IN FIRST AREA PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0626 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED PORTION OF FUEL BLADDER WITH "F/RF-4" MARKINGS, PARTIAL DATA, AND SERIAL NUMBERED WRECKAGE PART. CASE ASSOCIATION CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME. ON 14 MAY 94, WITNESS LED TEAM TO NEW AREA APPROXIMATELY 75 METERS FROM CURRENT

SITE. SECOND AREA MAY BE INITIAL IMPACT POINT. TEAM SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, PILOT-RELATED ITEMS, AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS AND TWO FRAGMENTED TEETH, ONE WITH RESTORATION). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. TEAM WAS UNABLE TO CONTINUE SEARCH OF IMPACT AREA ON 19 MAY 94 DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

(E) RE2 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0494 (F-4C, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 16 MAY 94. RECOVERED PIECE OF FLIGHT HELMET, PORTION OF FLASHLIGHT, RUCK SACK AND PIECE OF SURVIVAL KIT. MOVED TO DONG HOI AND BEGAN EXCAVATING SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1281 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RECOVERED PIECES OF PILOT-RELATED EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS.

(F) RE3 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1817 (HH-53C, SIX UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 19 MAY 94. RECOVERED A WATCH AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS AND THREE TEETH, ONE POSSIBLY WITH RESTORATION). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. LOCAL VIETNAMESE APPROACHED TEAM CLAIMING TO HAVE BURIED IN HIS BACK YARD REMAINS RECOVERED FROM CRASH SITE IN NOV 93. TEAM EXCAVATED ALLEGED BURIAL SITE AND RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. RECEIVED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS AND FIVE TEETH, ONE WITH RESTORATION) POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1001 (O-1D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. BEGAN EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1001. RECOVERED A MILITARY STYLE BUTTON AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS.

(G) RE4 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE: CONTINUED EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1040 (GROUND, FIVE UNACCOUNTED FOR). DUE TO EOD SAFETY HAZARD, WORK WAS POSTPONED ON 17 MAY 94. CONTINUED

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EXCAVATION ON 18 MAY 94 AFTER ORDNANCE WAS CLEARED.

(H) RE5 IN THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE: COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1701 (OH-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 15 MAY 94. RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (TWO TEETH, ONE WITH RESTORATION). RACE UNDETERMINED PENDING FURTHER ANALYSIS. BEGAN EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE ██████ (F-4D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). (b)(3)

(I) SPECIAL EXCAVATION TEAM IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE PREVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1924 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 17 MAY 94. RECOVERED PORTION OF FLASHLIGHT.

(2) ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM (ART) CONTINUES OPERATIONS AT JOINT DOCUMENT CENTER (JDC) AND THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBRARY. RESEARCHED BOOKS AND WARTIME NEWSPAPERS AT VIETNAMESE NATIONAL LIBRARY; MADE TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS TO THREE UNRESOLVED AND FIVE

RESOLVED CASES. PUBLISHED SUMMARIES AND FIELD ANALYSIS OF 12 ARTICLES FROM WARTIME ISSUES OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS AND BOOK REVIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR 30TH JFA ON 15 MAY 94. ON 11 MAY 94, VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNSMP) APPROVED REQUEST FOR ART'S ANALYSTS/LINGUISTS AND RESEARCH SECTION'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (LOCAL HIRE) TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LIBRARY.

(3) SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) COMPLETED INVESTIGATION OF CASE 9951 (DESERTER); RECOMMENDED SITE FOR EXCAVATION. SRT WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS OF CASES 0106 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) AND 1042 (GROUND, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE ON 20 MAY 94 AFTER LANDING ZONES ARE CONSTRUCTED. TEAM MOVED TO QUANG BINH PROVINCE ON 12 MAY 94 AND INTERVIEWED WITNESSES CONCERNING CASES 0335 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR), 1484 (F-4B, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR), AND 1973 (A-6A, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR).

(4) PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM (PCIT) INVESTIGATED CASE 0242 (GROUND, THREE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND CASE [REDACTED] (F-4D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN TUYEN QUANG PROVINCE. (b)(3)

(5) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP) TEAM MEMBER RETURNED FROM HAI HUNG PROVINCE WHERE HE PROVIDED ANALYST/LINGUIST SUPPORT TO THE SPECIAL EXCAVATION TEAM. ANOTHER OHP TEAM MEMBER JOINED WITH IE1 IN NGHE AN PROVINCE ON 16 MAY 94 TO ASSIST WITH INVESTIGATION.

(6) CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) INVESTIGATED CASE 1965 (B-52, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) IN HOA BINH PROVINCE. RECOMMENDED CRASH SITE FOR EXCAVATION.

B. LAOS

(1) FIELD ACTIVITY. IE1 COMPLETED ALL CASES REQUIRING INVESTIGATION. SINCE IE1 CANNOT MOVE TO THE NEXT PROVINCE UNTIL COMPLETION OF ALL WORK IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE, TEAM CONVERTED TO A RECOVERY ELEMENT. RE1 AND RE2 COMPLETED OPERATIONS IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE AND DEPLOYED TO XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. WEATHER CONTINUES TO HINDER FIELD OPERATIONS.

(A) IE1 IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE BEGAN EXCAVATION OF SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1558 (A-1E, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR); RECOVERED PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT AND PILOT-RELATED EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENT). BAD WEATHER CURTAILED OPERATIONS ON 15, 16 AND 18 MAY 94.

(B) RE1 IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE [REDACTED] (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 17 MAY 94. RECOVERED PIECES OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). MOVED TO PHON SAVAN, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE ON 18 MAY 94. IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE, SURVEYED CASE 1926 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR). (b)(3)

(C) RE2 IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE COMPLETED EXCAVATION AND CLOSED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0935 (F-105D, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON 16 MAY 94. RECOVERED LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, PILOT-RELATED ITEMS INCLUDING ONE COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION TAG AND ONE PARTIAL TAG CORRELATED TO UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL, AND REMAINS (BONE FRAGMENTS). MOVED TO PHON SAVAN, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE ON 18 MAY 94. FIELD WORK CANCELED ON 18 MAY 94 DUE TO BAD WEATHER. UNABLE TO FLY TO SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1284 (A-1H, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR) ON

19 MAY 94 DUE TO CLOUD COVER; SITE LOCATED IN MOUNTAINS AT 5,000 FOOT LEVEL. SURVEYED ALTERNATE SITE, CASE 1771 (F-4D, TWO UNACCOUNTED FOR); AREA IS UNDER CULTIVATION AND WILL REQUIRE NEGOTIATION WITH FARMER BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

(D) MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP) DOCTOR COMPLETED MEDCAP OPERATIONS AT HOUAPHAN PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL ON 16 MAY 94 PER LAO REQUEST. TURNED OVER REMAINING MEDICINE TO HOUAPHAN OFFICIALS. NEXT MEDCAP SCHEDULED AFTER MOVEMENT TO XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. TOTAL OF 460 PATIENTS TREATED.

(2) LAOS ART VIEWED 97 FILMS AT LAO FILM ARCHIVE CENTER: NO RELEVANT POW/MIA FILM FOOTAGE IDENTIFIED TOTAL OF 642 FILMS HAVE BEEN VIEWED TO DATE. ART COMPLETED RESEARCH AT LAO NEWS AGENCY ON 12 MAY 94; IDENTIFIED 28 PICTURES FOR REPRODUCTION. DIPLOMATIC NOTE NO. 306 DATED 12 MAY 94 SUBMITTED TO LAO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REQUESTING ART ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY TO RESEARCH ITS FILES.

(3) DET CDR MET WITH MR. BOUNPHIENG, MFA AMERICAS DESK OFFICER, ON 17 MAY 94 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES. DET CDR PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON STATUS OF JFA 94-5L WHICH MR. BOUNPHIENG STATED HE WOULD PROVIDE TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SOUBANH. MR. BOUNPHIENG DID NOT HAVE RESPONSES FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MND) CONCERNING RESEARCH AT MILITARY MUSEUM OR PILOT TRAINING. HE IS TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO COORDINATE TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR FOUR WATER PUMP SITES AND PREPARE ITINERARY FOR A USARPAC ENGINEER SURVEY TEAM VISIT IN JUN 94. MR. BOUNPHIENG WAS AWARE OF REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 17 MOTORCYCLES SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY IN JUN 94.

C. CAMBODIA. NO FIELD OPERATIONS CONDUCTED. CAMBODIAN ART BEGAN OPERATIONS ON 12 MAY 94 BY MEETING WITH MG MEN THAN LY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI). MG LY APPOINTED COL CHUM SOYATH, MOI, AS CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ART. ON 13 MAY 94, ART COORDINATED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITH MR. HUA HIM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL LIBRARY AND WITH MRS. LIM KIY, MANAGER, NATIONAL ARCHIVES. BOTH OFFICIALS TOLD CAMBODIA ART THEY MUST HAVE SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS EVEN THOUGH ART HAS LETTERS OF PERMISSION FROM COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. ART IS WORKING WITH COL SOYATH TO OBTAIN REQUISITE PERMISSION FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. ART WAS ALLOWED ACCESS TO DOCUMENT STORAGE ROOMS OF NATIONAL LIBRARY AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES. ART ESTIMATES IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS TO COMPLETE RESEARCH OF NATIONAL LIBRARY AND THREE WEEKS OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

3. INTELLIGENCE

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A. DET TWO CONDUCTED ONE WALK-IN INTERVIEW. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES INFORMATION CORRELATES TO CASE 1768 (O-2A, ONE UNACCOUNTED FOR). REPORT FORWARDED SEPCOR.

B. DET THREE CONDUCTED THREE WALK-IN INTERVIEWS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES ONE REPORT CORRELATES TO CASE [REDACTED] (A-4E, ONE

(b)(3)

UNACCOUNTED FOR). REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR.

C. DET FOUR CONDUCTED TWO WALK-IN INTERVIEWS. INITIAL ANALYSIS INDICATES NO CORRELATION TO UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. REPORTS FORWARDED SEPCOR. DET CURRENTLY HOLDING FOUR SETS OF UNCORRELATED REMAINS.

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

4. LOGISTICS

A. DET ONE. COORDINATING RETURN OF REPAIRED DET TWO UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY EQUIPMENT ON 24 MAY 94 CHANNEL AIRCRAFT TO HANOI. AWAITING ESTIMATE FROM CONTRACTOR TO EXTEND SECURITY CAGE WITHIN U'TAPAO WAREHOUSE; CONTRACTOR UNABLE TO PROVIDE ESTIMATE UNTIL COMPLETION OF EXERCISE COBRA GOLD.

B. DET TWO. AWAITING BREAKDOWN OF ELECTRICAL UPGRADE/REPAIR ESTIMATES FROM CONTRACTOR.

C. DET THREE. DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ON TWO MITSUBISHI PAJEROS; LAO TOYOTA AWAITING PARTS. SERVICE FACILITY AWAITING WATER PUMP AND AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION PARTS FOR INOPERATIVE JEEP CHEROKEE. LAO TECHNICIAN AWAITING REPAIR PARTS FROM BANGKOK FOR INOPERATIVE MFA COPIER MACHINE; ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE IS 20 MAY 94. RECEIVED SATCOM CONNECTORS AND FUSES FROM HQ JTF-FA.

D. DET FOUR. CITY WATER SERVICE HAS NOT RESUMED; PURCHASED WATER LOCALLY EVERY DAY. HIRED TEMPORARY DRIVER FOR THE ART.

E. HQ JTF-FA. COORDINATING DELIVERY OF 17 MOTORCYCLES FOR LAO. ESTIMATED DELIVERY DATE TO VIENTIANE IS 3 JUL 94. COORDINATING WITH USCINCPAC J30M, 84TH ENGINEERING BATTALION, AND USNRCC SINGAPORE FOR PROCUREMENT OF FOUR IRRIGATION WATER PUMPS FOR USARPAC SPONSORED IRRIGATION PROJECT IN LAOS.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/CONNECTIVITY

A. DET ONE. SATCOM FAX EQUIPMENT (AN/UXC-7) WAS RECEIVED FROM DET FOUR AND FORWARDED VIA OFFICIAL POUCH TO DET THREE ON 17 MAY 94.

B. DET THREE. MR. QUAN HOANG, QUALITY CONSULTING SERVICES, COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF LOCAL AREA NETWORK ON 18 MAY 94.

C. DET FOUR. FORWARDED DET SATCOM FAX EQUIPMENT (AN/UXC-7) TO DET ONE FOR FOLLOW-ON DELIVERY TO DET THREE ON 16 MAY 94.

D. HQ JTF-FA. DOCUMENT SCANNING IMAGING SYSTEM IS OPERATIONAL. TO DATE, 1,875 CASE FOLDERS HAVE BEEN SCANNED.

6. PERSONNEL. JTF-FA MANNING AT 153 MILITARY PERSONNEL (159 AUTHORIZED), AND 19 CIVILIANS (23 AUTHORIZED), WITH 11 EXCESS AND 1 ATTACHED PERSONNEL. GAINS: CPT T. THURMOND, USA, J3; SSG P. FRANCO, USA, J3; AND LTC M. RICHMOND, USA, PROSPECTIVE DET TWO CDR. LOSS: SSG R. ROMAN CAMPOS, USA, J3.

7. SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY/PAO EVENTS

A. DET ONE

(1) SUPPORTED MEDICAL EVACUATION OF RE1 TEAM MEMBER DUE TO A SUSPECTED SNAKE BITE ON 11 MAY 94. UPON ARRIVAL IN BANGKOK, PATIENT WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY TO THAI SNAKE BITE HOSPITAL. ON 12 MAY 94, DETERMINED TEAM MEMBER HAD IN FACT BEEN BITTEN BY A NONVENOMOUS SNAKE. TEAM MEMBER RETURNED TO HAWAII ON 13 MAY 94.

(2) ON 13 MAY 94, CJTF-FA PROVIDED AMBASSADOR LAMBERTSON AN UPDATE BRIEFING ON JTF-FA OPERATIONS AND ALSO INFORMED AMBASSADOR

OF HIS IMPENDING DEPARTURE. CJTF-FA MET WITH ACTING STONY BEACH CHIEF AND DISCUSSED ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST ON 14 MAY 94.

(3) DET CDR PROVIDED A JTF-FA BRIEFING TO LTG ORD, COMMANDER, USARPAC, ON 14 MAY 94.

B. DET TWO

(1) MEDIA INTERVIEWS. ON 12 MAY 94, MR. JOHN ROGERS, REUTERS, AND MR. BRUCE STANLEY, AP, INTERVIEWED CHIEF OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REGARDING INCIDENT IN QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE IN WHICH SEVERAL PEOPLE WATCHING VNOSMP/JTF-FA HELICOPTER FELL FROM A BRIDGE AND WERE INJURED. INTERVIEWS ALSO INCLUDED QUESTIONS REGARDING STATUS OF 29TH JFA. CBS 60 MINUTES PRODUCERS AND VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA (VVA) ADVANCE TEAM VISITED DET TWO ON 13 MAY 94 TO DISCUSS THEIR COVERAGE OF IMPENDING VVA VISIT TO SRV. CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST (CRS) BRIEFED CBS 60 MINUTES CREW AND VVA REPRESENTATIVE ON 14 MAY 94. AUTHOR MS. SALLY HUXLEY VISITED RE4 EXCAVATION SITE ON 16 MAY 94. CRS RESPONDED TO CBS BANGKOK CORRESPONDENT MR. RICK FREDERICKSON'S TELEPHONE QUERIES FROM HO CHI MINH CITY ON 16 MAY 94. MR. STEVE FIDEL, DESERET NEWS, SALT LAKE CITY, UT, VISITED RE3 EXCAVATION SITE ON 17 MAY 94. MR. FRANK SIMONS, CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST FOR INDIANAPOLIS STAR, VISITED DET TWO AND RECEIVED OPERATIONAL UPDATE ON 17 MAY 94.

(2) DET CDR AND STAFF BRIEFED VVA DELEGATION ON OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM ON 17 MAY 94. ATTENDING MEDIA (CBS 60 MINUTES, REUTERS TV AND WIRE, AP, KLFY TV LAFAYETTE, LA; REPORTER FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NM; AND REPORTER FROM VVA MAGAZINE) RECEIVED 10 MINUTE PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. 60 MINUTES CREW LATER FILMED AND RECORDED CRS GIVING MAP ORIENTATION TO VVA VISITORS. VVA DELEGATION IS VISITING VIETNAM 16-24 MAY 94.

(3) IE3 MET MUHAMMAD ALI DELEGATION IN DA NANG CITY ON 14 MAY 94. TEAM LEADER PROVIDED DELEGATION BRIEFING ON GENERAL OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM (DATES, NUMBER OF TEAMS, LOCATIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND COMPOSITION).

(4) VIETNAMESE REQUESTED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FROM RE1 FOR TWO YEAR OLD BOY GOING INTO CONVULSIONS ON 14 MAY 94. RE1 IDMT EXAMINED PATIENT, LOWERED TEMPERATURE, AND GAVE PATIENT AN ANTIBIOTIC SHOT; PATIENT RESPONDED FAVORABLY AND IS IMPROVING.

(5) ON 4 MAY 94, WOODEN BRIDGE SUPPORTING LARGE CROWD COLLAPSED AS HELICOPTER WITH IE3 ABOARD WAS LEAVING HAMLET 7, PHUOC HIEP VILLAGE, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE. BRIDGE APPARENTLY GAVE WAY DUE TO EXCESSIVE WEIGHT OF PEOPLE. FORTY-NINE PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY. VNOSMP TEAM LEADER LATER REPORTED THAT VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT GAVE HAMLET \$1000.00 TO REPAIR BRIDGE. REPORT OF INCIDENT APPEARED IN 12 MAY 94 EDITION OF LAO DONG NEWSPAPER IN DA NANG CITY.

C. DET THREE

(1) CJTF-FA MET WITH MR. DONE, DIRECTOR, MFA EUROPEAN AND AMERICAS DEPT, ON 13 MAY 94 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL ISSUES. CJTF-FA ASKED MR. DONE TO CONSIDER PERMITTING IE TO INVESTIGATE CASES IN OTHER NORTHERN PROVINCES SO THAT POTENTIAL EXCAVATION SITES CAN BE IDENTIFIED BEFORE EXCAVATIONS ARE COMPLETED IN XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE. CJTF-FA EXPLAINED CONTEXT OF ARCHIVAL RESEARCH REQUESTED AT MND KILOMETER 21 WAREHOUSE. CJTF-FA STATED THAT LAO REQUEST FOR WATER

PUMPS WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND HOPED FOR RESPONSE SOON. CJTF-FA

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EXPLAINED DELIVERY OF 17 MOTORCYCLES COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL JUL 94. MR. DONE SAID LAO COULD WAIT FOR DELIVERY OF 17 MOTORCYCLES AND PROVIDED DISTRIBUTION PLAN FOR 43 MOTORCYCLES. (NOTE: LAO HAD REQUESTED 43 MOTORCYCLES. DURING FEB 94 CONSULTATIVE MEETING, THEY LEARNED THAT USG APPROVED 17 MOTORCYCLES AND REQUIRED DISTRIBUTION PLAN TO JUSTIFY ANY ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLES.) CJTF-FA INFORMED MR. DONE OF HIS DEPARTURE IN JUN 94 AND REPLACEMENT BY BRIG GEN VIALE. MR. DONE EXPRESSED REGRET AT CJTF-FA'S DEPARTURE AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BILATERAL COOPERATION.

(2) DET CDR MET WITH MR. LANGSY, DIRECTOR OF IRRIGATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ON 19 MAY 94 CONCERNING LAO REQUEST FOR WATER PUMPS. MR. LANGSY PROVIDED PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR USCINCPAC SURVEY TEAM AND TECHNICAL DETAILS OF FOUR SITES LOCATED AT BAN NA (VD808765) AND BAN BUNGSANE (VD758833), KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE; AND BAN BOUAKHAI (VD738708) AND BAN KAHANAM (WC289989) SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

D. DET FOUR. CHIEF OF MISSION CHARLES TWINING TOOK OATH OF OFFICE AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CAMBODIA ON 13 MAY 94. ON 17 MAY 94, HE PRESENTED HIS DIPLOMATIC CREDENTIALS TO KING NORODOM SIHANOUK. DET FOUR PERSONNEL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF U.S. EMBASSY WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

E. HQ JTF-FA. MR. GEORGE R. CRAMER, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, VETERANS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION RECEIVED A USCINCPAC PERSPECTIVE BRIEFING AND A JTF-FA OPERATIONAL UPDATE, INCLUDING STATIC DISPLAYS, ON 14 MAY 94. LTC RICHMOND, PROSPECTIVE DET 2 CDR, RECEIVED MISSION BRIEF AND OPERATIONAL UPDATE, INCLUDING STATIC DISPLAYS, ON 17 MAY 94. MR. TIM COLLIE, REPORTER, TAMPA TRIBUNE, RECEIVED MISSION BRIEF AND STATIC DISPLAYS, ON 18 MAY 94. BRIG GEN P. HICKERSON, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, U.S. ARMY, MET WITH CJTF-FA AND WAS BRIEFED ON RECOVERY DECISION PROCESS ON 18 MAY 94. 8. JTF-FA COMMANDER'S TDY SCHEDULE: TDY SE ASIA 22 MAY-2 JUN 94; TDY CONUS 2-9 JUN 94; TDY SE ASIA 15-24 JUN 94; AND 27 JUN - 5 JUL 94.

9. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: THE 29TH JFA IN VIETNAM MAINTAINED ITS MOMENTUM FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOVERIES WHILE VIETNAMESE COOPERATION CONTINUES TO BE OUTSTANDING. IN LAOS, DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER WHICH HAS BEGUN TO HAMPER 94-5L OPERATIONS, SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN TERMS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOVERIES ARE BEING ACHIEVED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO POSITIVE RESULTS AND CONTINUED CAMBODIAN COOPERATION AS THE ART BEGAN OPERATIONS THERE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

10. USCINCPAC POC BOBBY MASON, MAJ. USAF, (DSN) [REDACTED]

11. MGEN HOPGOOD, J3, SENDS.//

ADMIN

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#8403

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 16 MAY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1965-0-02 (ACCNO 1660) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
 Name: BENNETT, THOMAS WARING JR Date Status assigned: 9 Oct 1980

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	██████████
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	O3	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	██████████	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	3228554	Height	75 in / 1.91 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	22 Dec 1942	Weight	220 lb / 99.7 kg	Duty pos	CO-PILOT
Home State	MISSISSIPPI	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
 UTM: 48QWJ866264
 Lat/Long: 210217N / 1055001E
 Country: NORTH VIETNAM
 Military Region: 3
 Mission Province: HA NOI
 (formerly):
 Mission District: BA DINH
 Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
 Mission Category: 3
 Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Feb 94, Sep 85
 Vessey Case: NO
 Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
 Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: B52	Serial: 61
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J57
Call Sign: SCARLET 03	1 Serial: 605403
Year: 55	2 Serial: 604365

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
 \$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
 @ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

18 November 1975

(U) AT 0132 HOURS ON 22 DECEMBER 1972 1LT JOSEPH B. COPACK. JR., NAVIGATOR, CAPT THOMAS W. BENNETT, JR., CO-PILOT, MAJ GERALD W. ALLEY, RADAR NAVIGATOR, MSGT LOUIS E. LEBLANC, JR., AERIAL GUNNER, CAPT PETER P. CAMEROTA, ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER, AND CAPT PETER J. GIROUX, PILOT, WERE FLYING A B52D AIRCRAFT, (#550061, CALL SIGN SCARLET 3), IN A FLIGHT OF THREE WHICH MADE UP A BOMBER STRIKE FORCE LAUNCHED ON A NIGHT STRIKE MISSION OVER HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM. AT ABOUT 0345 HOURS THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE NEAR THE TARGET. THE AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED BURNING AND DESCENDING, AND THERE WAS AN INFIGHT EXPLOSION.

THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) WJ 866 264. BEEPER SIGNALS WERE HEARD BUT COULD NOT BE DIRECTLY IDENTIFIED WITH THIS AIRCRAFT BECAUSE OF SIGNALS FROM OTHER AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE AREA AT THE SAME TIME. NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED AND NO RADIO CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE CREW. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE NOT CONDUCTED BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AND LOCATION. ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF THE AREA BY OTHER AIRCRAFT FAILED TO ESTABLISH ANY CONTACT WITH THE CREW. CAPT CAMEROTA, MSGT LEBLANC AND CAPT GIROUX WERE CAPTURED, AND LATER RELEASED DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING. (REF 1 & 2)

(U) ON 30 APRIL 1973 A RALLIER REPORTED THAT ON 22 DECEMBER 1972 HE SAW THE BODY OF A US AIRMAN BEING REMOVED FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A B52 AIRCRAFT THAT HAD CRASHED IN THE HANOI BOTANICAL GARDENS, (NORTH VIETNAM), AT (GC) WJ 866 264. THE AIRMAN'S BODY WAS TAKEN AWAY BY NORTH VIETNAMESE SECURITY POLICE. (THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO 1LT COPACK.) (REF 3)

(U) DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. MAJ ALLEY, CAPT BENNETT, AND 1LT COPACK ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED. MSGT LEBLANC, CAPT CAMEROTA, AND CAPT GIROUX ARE RELEASEES.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

30 August 1983

(U) SOURCE REPORTS OBSERVING THE BODY OF A US PILOT DURING THE DEC 72 IN THE VICINITY OF WJ 8625 2649. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO 1LT JOSEPH B. COPACK JR., CAPT THOMAS W. BENNETT JR., OR MAJ GERALD W. ALLEY. (REF 4)

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=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

5 November 1984

(U) SOURCE OBSERVED PARTIAL AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE VICINITY OF WJ 867 252. SOURCE HEARD THAT PART OF A PLANE THAT WAS HIT BY A ROCKET CRASHED AT THAT LOCATION AND ANOTHER PART AT (WJ 885 265). THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1965. (REF 5)

=== REFERENCES ===

5 November 1984

1.3(2)(4) REFERENCES: <1> RPT (FOUO), 307TH SW/DP, AF FORM 484, W/STATEMENTS, 11 JAN 73. <2> INFO SHEET (U) SUMMARY OF FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES UNDATED. <3> (C), SAIGON, RVN, [REDACTED] 19 MAY 73. <4> REFCON (U), 83-030, 29 APR 83. <5> REFCON (U), 84-095, 24 SEP 84. <6> (U) MSG, CDRPERSCOM/ALEX VA/TAPC-PED-ASGRO// 201900Z JUN 89. <7> MSG, DTG: 220902Z SEP 93, CDR, JTF-FA/J2. <8> CDR JTF-FA MSG 060942Z MAY 94.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 September 1985

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON JOSEPH B. COPACK JR., THOMAS W. BENNETT JR., AND GERALD W. ALLEY WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 25-28 SEP 1985 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

17 February 1994

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 1965-0-02 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 3 FEB 94 TECHNICAL MEETING.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

18 November 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: JOSEPH P. COPACK, JR. 1965-0-01, THOMAS W. BENNETT, JR. 1965-0-02, GERALD W. ALLEY 1965-0-03, LOUIS E. LEBLANC, JR. 1965-1-04, PETER P. CAMEROTA 1965-1-05, AND PETER J. GIROUX 1965-1-06.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

24 November 1975

(U) INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM WJ 623 257 AND WJ 883 203 TO WJ 866 264 BASED ON REPORT, SPECIAL REPORTING FACILITY, VIETNAM,

CASE: 1965

[REDACTED] 19 MAY 73, SUBJ: SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN HANOI, NVN.

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=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

10 July 1989

(U) ON 15 DECEMBER 1988 THE SRV REPATRIATED UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS IN BOX # 19 AND BOX # 20. ON 20 JUNE 1989 THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS IN BOX # 19 AS CAPT JOSEPH B. COPACK, JR. (REFNO 1965-0-01) AND IN BOX # 20 AS COL GERALD W. ALLEY (REFNO 1965-0-03). (REF 6)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

30 September 1993

ON 17 NOV 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "LIST OF AMERICAN PILOTS TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF HOA BINH DURING THE EIGHT YEAR WAR (3 MAY 1965 TO 30 DEC 1972)." LINE ENTRIES #47, 48, 49 AND 50 CORRELATE WITH REFNO 1965 BASED ON INCIDENT DATE AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. (REF 7)

16 May 1994

THIRTY-THREE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO REFNO 1965. PHOTOS ARE OF A MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD, NUMBER 4936 (ROLL 60/FRAMES 21-23); AND VARIOUS ITEMS OF CREW GEAR AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE (ROLL 62/FRAMES 06-11, ROLL 67/FRAMES 12-36). CORRELATION TO REFNO 1965 IS BASED ON THE LOCATION DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND NAMES PROVIDED IN THE ACCESSION RECORD. NO INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON THE FATE OF ANY OF THE AIRCREW. (REF 8)

ENVELOPE

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R 072021Z MAY 94
 FM JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC
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 R 060942Z MAY 94 ZYB
 FM CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//J2//
 TO RHWRMPC/HQ AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//DPMCR//
 INFO RHEHNSC/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASH DC
 RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USDP:RSA//
 RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//CA/OCS/CCS/EAP/VIC//
 RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J5//
 RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC
 RUHQHQB/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J30-M//
 RUEKJCS/USCINCPAC LO WASHINGTON DC
 RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC//
 RUEHBT/USDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA//
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 SECTION 01 OF 02

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

BODY

MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA//
 SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS OBTAINED FROM THE
 CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM RELATING TO REFNO 1965//
 RMKS/1. JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM ONE (ART 1) WORKING AT THE
 CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM RESEARCHED AND PHOTOGRAPHED VIETNAMESE
 DOCUMENTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, AND ARTIFACTS PROVIDED BY THE MUSEUM
 STAFF. ALL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE ROLL AND
 FRAME NUMBER LOGGED DURING THE COLLECTION PROCESS. THIS MESSAGE
 PROVIDES INITIAL ANALYSIS OF 33 PHOTOGRAPHS POSSIBLY CORRELATED
 TO REFNO 1965. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE IDENTIFIED AS ROLL
 60/FRAMES 21-23, ROLL 62/FRAMES 06-11, ROLL 67/FRAMES 12-36.
 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL ANNOTATIONS IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE
 ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF THE ORIGINAL VIETNAMESE TEXT. ((DOUBLE
 PARENTHESES INDICATE JTF-FA ANALYST COMMENTS.))
 2. ROLL 61/FRAME 21 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM
 ARTIFACT ACCESSION RECORD, NUMBER 4936. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:
 "EVIDENCE FROM A B52 PILOT. SHOT DOWN 27-12-1972 ON HOANG HOA
 THAM ROAD IN THE BA DINH REGION OF HANOI.
 1. SIX PIECES OF RUBBERIZED CLOTH (TARP.) AND SIX PIECES
 OF OLD, TORN RED CLOTH.
 2. 7 BLACK RUBBER LIFE RAFT OR LIFE PRESERVER PLUGS.
 3. FOUR RADIO-JAMMING BOXES AND CARDBOARD COVERS.
 4. ONE BROWN LEATHER WALLET, OLD BUT IN GOOD CONDITION.

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MADE IN ENGLAND WRITTEN IN WHITE LETTERS. TWO PIECES OF TORN BLACK LEATHER.

5. THREE COTTON GLOVES AND LEATHER COVERS LIKE HEAT RESISTANT GLOVES. TORN.

6. PERSONAL MEDICATION.

- ONE CANISTER OF CAMMO-FACE PAINT.
- ONE CONTAINER OF IODINE.
- ONE CONTAINER INSECT REPELLENT.
- ONE BOX OF BANDAGES.

7. ONE PIECE OF HARD RUBBER WITH THE WORDS: TERMINAL PANEL ITEM J193. GI1045. ((THE MUSEUM INVENTORY NUMBER))

8. VACCINATION RECORD CARD NUMBER AA2647660 BELONGING TO PETER PAUL C. AND DRIVERS LICENSE BELONGING TO ALLEY GERALD. BELONGS TO A B52...."

((THE LAST LINE OF THIS RECORD IS NOT LEGIBLE. THE AIRCREW NAMES, APPROXIMATE INCIDENT DATE, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND GENERAL INCIDENT LOCATION CORRELATE WITH REFNO 1965.))

3. ROLL 60/FRAME 22 IS OF PAGE TWO OF THE ACCESSION RECORD. THE TEXT CONTINUES FROM PAGE ONE AS FOLLOWS:

"...THERE IS A STAMP ON THE PLANE FROM UDON AIRPORT, AN ALUMINUM LABEL READS EASTERN INDUSTRIES SER. (SIGN ON TEMPERATURE GAGE).

9. FIRST AID KIT, GREEN. RED CROSS NUMBER 6545912. BROKEN/TORN, ALL MEDICINE GONE.

10. ONE PIECE AND SMALLER PARTS OF AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT.

- ELECTRIC SWITCHES (3), SQUARE, ALUMINUM, GREEN

COLOR.

(1) 8-9-58 (2) 19-2-59 (3) 18-2-59. PARTS BROKEN.

-FOUR ALUMINUM PARTS THAT READ SHOCK MOUNT (PART OF THE DOOR HANDLE LOCK) NUMBER 1513 OG 2.

-ONE PART OF AN ENGINE. ON IT IS WRITTEN RE-120A/ARA-25, 28V DC PRODUCED 2-5-59. BROKEN.

-ONE CYLINDER PART READS INITIATOR 3A2 NUMBER 1406 FA 200-22. CHARRED AND BROKEN.

-ONE SMALL PART READS INDICATE...TYPE ME84 BOMBING NUMBER 3298699. DISTORTED, ALL ELEMENTS LOST.

-A SECTION OF RUBBER WITH ALUMINUM. HAS A LABEL PLATE THAT READS CONNECTOR OXYGEN NUMBER AD1072. THE SECTION IS ONE PIECE 20 CM LONG...."

4. ROLL 60/FRAME 23 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF PAGE THREE OF THE ACCESSION RECORD. TEXT CONTINUES FROM PAGE TWO AS FOLLOWS:

"FACE OF AN ALUMINUM LATITUDE CLOCK. FACE IS BLACK WITH YELLOW LETTERS. THE FACE IS AN ELECTRIC COMPASS. BENT OUT OF SHAPE.

-AN INSTRUMENT BOX WITH THE WORDS "CIRCUIT BREAKER" NUMBER 'SER NO XB2397' BURNED. ALL THE INSIDE ELEMENTS ARE GONE.

-PIECE OF METAL, RED WITH BLACK. LETTERS READ 'GENERATOR PULSE SECTOR' NUMBER SER AF5006 AND 6375000.

-A PIECE OF YELLOW ALUMINUM WITH A TIN LABEL BEARING THE WORDS OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS IN BLACK.

-PIECE OF ALUMINUM WITH THE HANDWRITTEN WORD

AERONOTICAN.

11. NYLON PRESSURE SUIT, GREEN, TORN TO PIECES. NUMBER OFF OF THE OXYGEN METER READS 'SER 216024'.

12. A PIECE OF BROKEN GLASS 32X39 CM. ATTACHED TO A PIECE OF ALUMINUM.

13. A PIECE OF AN AIRCRAFT SEAT CUSHION MADE OF CLOTH MATERIAL AND CARDBOARD WITH THE NUMBER ASSY 25-5741-2, TORN AND BROKEN." ((NONE OF THE ITEMS OR SERIAL NUMBERS LISTED IN THIS RECORD WERE SUFFICIENT TO DETERMINE A CORRELATION TO ANY SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT OR INCIDENT. THE CORRELATION TO REFNO 1965 IS BASED SOLELY ON THE INCIDENT DATA AND AIRCREW NAMES PROVIDED ON PAGE ONE OF THE RECORD (ROLL 61/FRAME 21)).

5. THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW VARIOUS ITEMS OF CREW GEAR AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD. NONE OF THE ITEMS PROVIDED ANY INFORMATION SUFFICIENT TO CORRELATE THEM TO A SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. THE CORRELATION TO REFNO 1965 IS BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE MUSEUM ACCESSION RECORD.

A. ROLL 62/FRAMES 06-11 SHOW VARIOUS VIEWS OF A PARACHUTE HARNESS, MELTED AND BURNED IN SPOTS. IT BEARS NO MARKINGS CORRELATING TO A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL OR INCIDENT.

B. ROLL 67/FRAMES 12-13 SHOW VARIOUS VIEWS OF AN AIRCRAFT FUSE PANEL FROM A B-52 BOMBARDIER SIDE PANEL, WITH A DATA PLATE. THE ITEM IS MARKED WITH THE MUSEUM IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: VBTQD ((CENTRAL ARMY MUSEUM)) 11/V.10, 4936.KL.338.

C. ROLL 67/FRAME 15 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN HANDWRITTEN ON THE ITEM: "A CLEAN MACHINE IS NEVER OBSCENE." THE ITEM BEARS NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT MARKINGS.

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D. ROLL 67/FRAME 16 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SAME PIECE OF WRECKAGE. IT IS MARKED WITH THE MUSEUM'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: "VBTQD 11/V.10, 4936.KL.338/5."

E. ROLL 67/FRAME 17 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN AIRCRAFT RELAY FRAME. IT IS MARKED WITH THE MUSEUM'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: "VBTQD 11/V.10, 4936 KL.338"

F. ROLL 67/FRAME 18 IS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS SAME ITEM. A MANUFACTURER'S DATA PLATE IS VISIBLE, BUT NOT CLEARLY LEGIBLE. THE DATA PLATE IS DESCRIBED BELOW.

G. ROLL 67/FRAME 19 IS A CLOSE-UP PHOTOGRAPH OF THE RELAY FRAME DATA PLATE. IT READS "STOCK NUMBER: 1230-507-5040. SERIAL NUMBER: AF57-136. CONTRACT NUMBER: 35600-51392." ((THIS RELAY DOES ORIGINATE FROM A B-52 AIRCRAFT, BUT CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO A SPECIFIC AIRFRAME.))

H. ROLL 67/FRAMES 20-21 SHOW TWO VIEWS OF A BOMBING STATION POWER RECEPTACLE. IT IS MARKED WITH THE MUSEUM'S IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: "VBTQD 11/V.10, 4936.KL.338/4."

I. ROLL 67/FRAMES 22-23 SHOW TWO VIEWS OF AN UNIDENTIFIABLE