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JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
APO San Francisco 96232

CASE #1965-1-01 thru 03

NARRATIVE

Early in the morning of 22 December 1972, a B-52, bomber, tail number 550061 was struck by a surface-to-air missile while flying over Hanoi. Numerous emergency beeper signals were heard by other aircraft, but because of the darkness no parachutes could be seen. In 1973, three of the crewmembers on board this aircraft were returned to US control. They were Capt P. J. Giroux, Capt P. P. Camerota, and MSgt L. E. LeBlanc. Three other crewmen, 1Lt Joseph B. Copack Jr., Capt Thomas W. Bennett Jr., and Maj Gerald W. Alley, are still unaccounted for.

Data pertaining to these three individuals are as follows:

Name: Copack, Joseph Bernard Jr.

Rank: 1Lt, US Air Force

Date of Birth: 4 June 1947

Race: Caucasian

Height: 1.82 meters

Weight: 90.6 kilos

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Brown

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Name: Bennett, Thomas Waring Jr.

Rank: Capt, US Air Force

Date of Birth: 22 December 1942

Race: Caucasian

Height: 1.90 meters

Weight: 99.6 kilos

Hair: Black

Eyes: Blue

Name: Alley, Gerald William

Rank: Major, US Air Force

Date of Birth: 23 July 1934

Race: Caucasian

Height: 1.80 meters

Weight: 79.2 kilos

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20321



TO: Central Intelligence Agency
FOIA Coordinator

SUBJECT: Request for Classification Review for FOIA Purposes

Reference: DoD FOIA Request, Control Number 77-872, dated
15 Sept 75, pertinent to the loss of

~~(rank)~~ Colonel (name) Thomas W. Bennett, USAF
~~(serv)~~ (enclosure 1)

1. In providing a response to reference, it was determined that
~~one~~ CIA originated document(s), with DIA evaluation(s), possibly
pertained to the loss of ~~(rank)~~ Colonel (name) Joseph R.
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through the are provided for your classification review and
direct response to:

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ADDRESS

~~Mr. [redacted]~~
~~[redacted]~~

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2. The aforementioned CIA evaluation(s) has/have not been provided
to the requestor because of its/their application to (a) CIA origi-
nated document(s). It is requested that this/these evaluation(s)
be forwarded to the next of kin with your response.

process when [redacted]

3. Request a copy/copies of the sanitized document(s) be provided to:

Defense Intelligence Agency
ATTN: DS-4H (CDR B.L. Heller)
Washington, D.C. 20301

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

3 Enclosure(s)

BRUCE L. HELLER
Commander, USN
Chief, PW/MIA Branch
Resources and Installations
Division
Directorate for Intelligence
Research

1. JOD FOIA Request 78-872, 5 Sept 78, (U), 1cv
2. [REDACTED] 23 Mar 73, (U), 1cv
3. DIA Evaluation ^{dated} _{18 Apr 75 of} [REDACTED], (U), 1cv
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23 May 1973

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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM
DOI 22 DECEMBER 1972
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM

AGO VIETNAM, SAIGON (30 APRIL 1973) [REDACTED]

SOURCE AN EXPERIENCED VIETNAMESE INTERROGATOR [REDACTED]

3.2 (9) [REDACTED]

VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) DIVISION, WHO RALLIED ON
[REDACTED] 1973 IN [REDACTED] DISTRICT, QUANG TRI
PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN). (FOR ADDITIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC DATA, SEE PARAGRAPH 4.) ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] (S) (9)
WAS COOPERATIVE DURING DEBRIEFING AND APPEARED TO BE
OF ABOVE AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE, HIS REPORTING RELIABILITY
HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION
THROUGH PERSONAL OBSERVATION.

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1. ON 22 DECEMBER 1972, ██████████ SAW THE BODY OF A U.S. AIRMAN BEING REMOVED FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A B-52 AIRCRAFT THAT HAD CRASHED IN THE HANOI BOTANICAL GARDENS (WJ866264) OFF HOANG HOA THAM STREET, HANOI, THE NIGHT BEFORE, 21 DECEMBER, ██████████ SAW THE B-52 HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AS IT AND "DOZENS" OF OTHER B-52 AIRCRAFT WERE BOMBING TARGETS AROUND HANOI. ██████████ OBSERVED THE BODY FOR ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWO METERS. ██████████ SAID THAT AN OXYGEN MASK WAS STILL COVERING THE NOSE OF THE DEAD MAN DURING HIS OBSERVATION, AND THAT THE BODY WAS SCORCHED ABOUT THE HEAD AND CHEST. THE DEAD MAN, A CAUCASIAN, APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 20 TO 30 YEARS OLD AND ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 95 KILOS, AND HAD A NORMAL BUILD AND DARK BLOND HAIR. HE WORE A LONG-SLEEVED ORANGE FIELD JACKET WITH THE WORD "AMERICAN" PRINTED ON IT IN BLACK LETTERS, AN ORANGE FLIGHT SUIT, AND A CALF-HIGH BLACK LEATHER BOOTS.

2. NORTH VIETNAMESE SECURITY POLICE REMOVED THE BODY FROM THE WRECKAGE AND TOOK IT AWAY BY JEEP.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: CORRELATION

OF THIS REPORT RESULTED IN THE POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF
LIEUTENANT JOSEPH B. COPACK JR., U.S. AIR FORCE, AS
THE SUBJECT SEEN BY THE SOURCE. LIEUTENANT COPACK WAS A
CREWMEMBER OF A B-52 ON A MISSION OVER HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM,
WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE. SEVERAL
CREWMEMBERS EJECTED SUCCESSFULLY BUT COPACK AND TWO OTHERS DID NOT
SHOW UP AS PRISONERS OF WAR. THE PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION GIVEN
BY THE SOURCE RESEMBLES LIEUTENANT COPACK WHO IS 26 YEARS OLD,
WEIGHS ABOUT 95 KILOGRAMS, HAS LIGHT BROWN HAIR, AND IS
SIX-FOOT TALL. HIS PARENT SERVICE PRESENTLY CARRIES LIEUTENANT
COPACK AS MISSING-IN-ACTION.)

4. (FIELD COMMENT: FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC

(S)(7) DATA ON [REDACTED]: HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] 1946 IN
HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM (NVN). UPON COMPLETING HIS THIRD YEAR
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HANOI IN THE [REDACTED] HE
RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP TO [REDACTED] WHERE HE STUDIED
[REDACTED] IN JANUARY 1970, HE WAS ASSIGNED
TO THE [REDACTED], WHERE
HE REMAINED UNTIL HE WAS DRAFTED [REDACTED] 1972. HE
WAS ASSIGNED TO THE [REDACTED]

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			YEAR	MONTH	DAY
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			YEAR	MONTH	DAY
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2. <input type="checkbox"/> COLLECTOR'S REQUEST		5. <input type="checkbox"/> ANALYST INITIATIVE			

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2. <input type="checkbox"/> CIR		2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially true		2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate (Contributory and Useful)	
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ICR - If checked, ICR was satisfied		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be judged		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Low (Marginal)	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Completely		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Doubtful		4. <input type="checkbox"/> None (Of no use)	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partially (If b or c checked, include Guidance in Remarks Section)		5. <input type="checkbox"/> False		5. <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot be judged (Analyst has no basis for value judgement)	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all					
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Other					

D. USABILITY OF INFORMATION					
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b. <input type="checkbox"/> Current Intelligence		b. <input type="checkbox"/> Background, Confirmatory		b. <input type="checkbox"/> Too Fragmentary	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Estimative Intelligence		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Stimulus for Intelligence Guidance or Requirement		c. <input type="checkbox"/> Duplication	
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Other				d. <input type="checkbox"/> Not Pertinent to Needs	
NAME OF PRODUCT:					

REMARKS (Number and Classify each Paragraph)

1. () There is no reason to doubt that source actually observed the body of a B52 crewmember in Hanoi in December 1972. However, the information is difficult to correlate with a specific individual for the following reasons:

a) One must assume that the body observed by source and the shootdown he witnessed the preceding night are related. This may not be true since many B52's were downed within a short period of time and most of them were downed in or near the city of Hanoi.

b) If one accepts this first assumption, the date provided by source is inaccurate. Two B52s were downed in Hanoi on 21 December; however, contrary to source's account, the shootdowns occurred at 0510L and 0520L.

c) The description provided by source is of little value. The source stated that the body was burned about the head and chest, and an oxygen mask was in place on the dead man's face. The body build as described is typical and average. Under these conditions, even if source were shown a photograph, he would be unable to provide any meaningful, or positive, identification.

2. () Due to the above factors, any judgment as to the identity of the individual would be highly subjective. One might select certain individuals for various reasons. Even using the assumptions in paragraph 1, no positive identification can be made. For example, one B52 was downed on

EVALUATOR'S RELEASE and DISCLOSURE GUIDANCE		
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2. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation is Not Releasable	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Releasable Evaluation Not Requested	

EVALUATOR'S ORGANIZATION DI-6A4	NAME OF EVALUATOR Margaret R. Van Beck	DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS
DATE EVALUATED	SIGNATURE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY	
YEAR 75	MONTH 04	DAY 18
JOHN T. BERBRICH		

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26 December 72 at 2240L in downtown Hanoi while on a raid with other B52s. All this fits the source's general information about the incident. Four of the crewmembers from this one B52 were captured and returned, but two (N. J. Winbrow and R. J. Morris, Jr) are listed as KIA (BNR). Even if this is the actual aircraft associated with the dead Serviceman seen by the source, it is not possible to state which of the two unaccounted-for men he actually saw because of (1) the restricted circumstances (e.g. oxygen mask, burns) under which the source saw the dead Serviceman and (2) the very basic and general descriptive data provided by the source:

SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION	WIMBROW	MORRIS
Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian
28 - 30 years	33 yrs	27 yrs
70 inches	73 ins	75 ins
209 lbs	207 lbs	175 lbs
dark blond hair	brown hair	brown hair

3. (U) In summary, the information provided cannot be equated with certainty to any specific USAF B52 crewmember.

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*** HOMECOMING (EGRESS RECAP) ***

02 SEP 1977

CASUALTY RESOLUTION REPORT
NAME KNOWN

NON-RETURNEE	DIA ID	LOSS RNK	SVC	SERIAL NUMBER	CNTRY OF LOSS	LOSS DATE	STATUS
BENNETT THOMAS W JR	B195	03	AF	322R554FV	NORTH VIETNAM	72-12-22	MISSING

NAME AS REPORTED BENNETT THOMAS W JR
NICKNAMES
RANK/SERVICE 03 US AIR FORCE
CREW/DUTY POS CO-PILOT
ACFT/VEH B-52
UNIT/ORG 307 SW
LST DUTY STN U TAPAO
LST INFO DATE 72-12-22 A
SOURCE OF INFO EHC-CREWMEMBERS C164,G104
LST KN STATUS UNKNOWN

CAMP NAME
CAMP NICKNAMES
LOC WITHIN CAMP
PLACE NAME
DIST/DIR FM PLACE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTO VERIFICATION
VOL I/VOL II PG NO
OLD IDENTIFIER

*** DETAILS OF LAST CONTACT ***
BENNETT CO-PILOT ON SATURATION BOMBING CF HANOI DEC 72.
PILOT GIRONX G104 GAVE ORDER TO ABANDON ACFT THEN RE-
CAME UNCONSCIOUS WITH SUDDEN DEPRESSURIZATION. DID
EJECT BUT DID NOT SEE IF BENNETT MADE IT OUT SAFELY.

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1965-1-02

REFNO

NAME: BENNETT Thomas W JR [REDACTED] USAF
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CLASS	ITEM	DATE OR DTG	SERV R	
			AV	N
(U)	Photographs (3) (1)Facial (1)Full (1)Aircraft	N/A		
(U)	Map Number L701461512ATC01	N/A		
(S)	Biographic/Site Report 55	Current		

RIGHT FLAP

CLASS	ITEM	DATE OR DTG	SERV R	
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(U)	RPT: Status of Documents	27 JUN 74		
(U)	Casualty Data Cross Ref Sheet	18 Nov 75		
(C)	Personal Authenticator Card	12 Aug 72		
(C)	RPT: Intel Case File	Undated		
(C)	MSG: 13 AF	131833ZFeb73		
(C)	MSG: 13 AF	300200ZMar73		
(C)	MSG: 13 AF	300520ZMar73		
(U)	DD Form 1300	7 Jan 74		
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CASUALTY DATA
CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

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FILE IN DOSSIER 1965-1-02 Bennett
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REFERENCE (MSG DTG/LTR SUBJ/RPT SUBJ/MEMO SUBJ) No entries holder contains related data on ACP Loss

DATED _____ LOCATED IN DOSSIER 1965-1-01 Copack
JCRC Office Form 54 OCT 74 (REFERENCE NUMBER AND NAME)

(DATE)

REFERENCE (MSG DTG/LTR SUBJ/RPT SUBJ/MEMO SUBJ) _____

DATED _____ LOCATED IN DOSSIER _____
JCRC Office Form 54 OCT 74 (REFERENCE NUMBER AND NAME)

(DATE)

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JCRC Office Form 54 OCT 74

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DATED _____ LOCATED IN DOSSIER _____

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Rank: Major, US Air Force

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Hair: Brown

Eyes: Blue

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DESCRIPTION

'CILHI ID BASED ON DIA INPUT

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI

NAME	Tom	Thomas C. Daffron	Daniel W. Thomas	Thomas A. Duckett	David M. Thompson	Thomas W. Bennett, Jr.	Thomas T. Hart	John T. West
<u>RANK</u>	Captain	Captain	1st Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain	Captain	Captain
<u>HEIGHT</u>	5'11"	5'11"	5'10"	6'4"	5'9"	6'3"	5'11"	6'
<u>HAIR</u>	Blonde	Brown	Brown	Blonde	Brown	Black	Brown	Brown
<u>EYES</u>	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Brown	Blue	Brown	Blue
<u>AGE/1977</u>	32	34	33	33	31	35	37	35
<u>SCARS/ MARKS</u>	N/A- Freckles	UNK- No Freckles	UNK- Freckles	UNK- Freckles	UNK	UNK- No Freckles	UNK- Freckles	UNK- No Freckles
<u>HOMESTATE</u>	UNK/cold	Illinois	Nebraska	Tennessee	Pennsylvania	Georgia	Florida	Michigan
<u>DATE OF LOSS</u>	1972	1970	1971	1970	1972	1972	1972	1970
<u>ACFT TYPE</u>	F-4	F-4	OV10A	O2A	F8J	B-52D	C130A	F-4
<u>MISSION ORIGIN</u>	Thailand	South Vietnam	Thailand	Thailand	USS Hancock	Thailand	Thailand	Thailand
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>	Single	Married	Single	Single	Married	Single	Married	Married
<u>REMARKS</u>	██████████ was only 70% certain of this description when he provided it to the Natl League of Families in Nov 78.	Night bomb mission over Laos. Large fireball seen in target area and no radio signals or visual contact established with Daffron or crewmember.	Visual recon mission over Laos. Completely disappeared. No contact ever established with either crewmember.	Night recon mission over Laos. Acft wreckage and parachute sighted. Beeper signals heard in area two days later. No voice or visual contact established with either crewmember.	Disappeared over water while on approach to the carrier.	B-52 hit by SAM and exploded. Several crewmembers captured. Bennett and other crewmembers unaccounted-for.	Armed recon mission over Laos. Acft caught fire & exploded. Two crewmembers rescued. Other crewmembers buried by Pathet Lao forces. Remote possibility of survival for missing crewmembers.	On Loran valid mission over Laos. Acft wreckage located. No further contact with crew established.

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DESCRIPTION

CILHI ID BASED ON DIA & JCRC INPUT

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CILHI ID BASED ON DIA & JCRC INPUT</u>	<u>CILHI ID BASED ON DIA & JCRC INPUT</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY DIA INPUT TO CILHI</u>
<u>NAME</u>	Max, Mark, Mac or Matt	George C. McDonald	Peter Richard Matthes	Alan P. Mateja	(b)(3)	John T. McDonnell	(b)(3)
<u>RANK</u>	Major	2nd Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	Captain	Captain	Captain
<u>HEIGHT</u>	Slightly taller than 5'11"	5'10"	5'11"	5'11"	6'2"	5'10"	6'2"
<u>HAIR</u>	Brown	Blonde	Blonde	Brown	Brown	Brown	Brown
<u>EYES</u>	Hazel	Hazel	Blue	Blue	Blue	Hazel	Hazel
<u>AGE/1977</u>	32	29	34	32	34	37	34
<u>SCARS</u>	Calf of left leg from football.	UNK, although he sustained a broken left tibia.	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
<u>HOMESTATE</u>	Near Great Lakes	Illinois	Washington, D.C.	Kentucky	California	Missouri	New Jersey
<u>DATE OF LOSS</u>	1971/1972	1972	1969	1972	1969	1969	1969
<u>ACFT TYPE</u>	UNK	C130	C130	F-105G	O1G	AH1G	O1G
<u>MISSION ORIGIN</u>	UNK	Thailand	Thailand	Thailand	South Vietnam	South Vietnam	South Vietnam
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>	UNK	Single	Single	Married	Married	Married	Married
<u>REMARKS</u>	1.3(a)(9) was only 70% certain of this description when he provided it to the Natl League of Families in Nov 78.	Armed recon mission over Laos. Acft caught fire and exploded. Two crewmembers rescued. Possibility of survival for missing crewmembers.	FAC mission over Laos. Acft caught fire and exploded. No signs of life, parachutes or radio signals monitored.	On SAM suppression mission over NVN. Possibly hit by SAM and downed. Electronic search was unsuccessful.	On visual recon mission over SVN. Weather became bad and acft was lost. No trace of acft or crewmembers found.	On combat mission over SVN when the helicopter crashed into a mountain. One crewmember rescued, McDonnell was never found. McDonnell may have been captured.	On search mission when acft hit cliff and crashed into river. Acft wreckage searched but no remains were recovered.

ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS BY DIA IN INPUT TO CILHI

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<u>NAME</u>	Michael W. Marker	[REDACTED]	Joseph W. McDonald	Mark G. Danielson	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<u>RANK</u>	Captain	1st Lieutenant	1st Lieutenant	Captain	1st Lieutenant	Major
<u>HEIGHT</u>	6'2"	6'4"	5'9"	6'	5'10"	6'
<u>HAIR</u>	Black	Brown	Brown	Blonde	Brown	Brown
<u>EYES</u>	Green	UNK	Blue	Green	Blue	Hazel
<u>AGE/1977</u>	33	29	31	34	31	38
<u>SCARS</u>	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
<u>HOMESTATE</u>	Texas	Alabama	New York	Nevada	Texas	Wyoming
<u>DATE OF LOSS</u>	1971	1972	1972	1972	1972	1972
<u>ACFT TYPE</u>	JU21A	UH1H	A6A	C130	F-4	F-111
<u>MISSION ORIGIN</u>	South Vietnam	South Vietnam	USS Coral Sea	Thailand	Thailand	Thailand
<u>MARITAL STATUS</u>	UNK	Single	Married	Married	Married	Married
<u>REMARKS</u>	On combat support mission when contact with acft lost. SAR unsuccessful in locating acft or crewmembers.	Helicopter crashed, US survivors stated [REDACTED] had died but was not buried. (b)(3)	Returning from strike mission over NVN. Acft believed lost over water but SAR efforts unsuccessful in locating acft or crewmembers.	On armed recon mission over SVN. Acft hit by SAM and exploded. Three crewmembers blown free of acft and rescued. No trace of other crewmembers.	On armed tactical mission over NVN when acft hit by air to air missile. Radio contact established with both crewmembers. The other crewmember was captured and released but [REDACTED] was never heard from again. (b)(3) (5)	On combat mission over NVN. Acft was egressing toward the coast at last radio contact. SAR efforts were unsuccessful in locating acft or crewmembers.

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NAME: MAJ GERALD W. ALLEY, [REDACTED], CAP THOMAS W. BENNETT, JR.,

(b)(6)

1LT JOSEPH B. COPACK, JR., [REDACTED]

MIA 22 DEC 72

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40ARRS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAI

MISSION # 40-135-26 DEC 72

261307Z DEC 72

021142Z JAN 73

270231Z DEC 72

031101Z JAN 73

291201Z DEC 72

041115Z JAN 73

301004Z DEC 72--Declassified 18 Jun 75

051156Z JAN 73

311002Z DEC 72

061102Z JAN 73

011003Z JAN 73

070901Z JAN 73

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ARRS/DOO/M. DAVIS

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STATUS MISSING	FILE/PAGE No. 8-194
NAME (Last, first, middle) BENNETT, Thomas W. Jr.	

PERSONAL DATA				
ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED /307SW (TDY)	CREW POSITION Co Pilot	GRADE 03	SERVICE No. See SSAN	
DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH 22 Dec 42/Macon, Ga	HEIGHT 75"	WEIGHT 220	EYES Blue	HAIR Black
IDENTIFYING MARKS/FEATURES				



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AUTHENTICATOR No	BLOOD CHIT No	ESCAPE AIDS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

OTHER AUTHENTICATOR INFORMATION	SSAN: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	(b)(6)

*Loss Location (cont'd)

2021N/10617E, approx 45 miles after target



MISSION DATA

DATE/TIME/PLACE OF DEPARTURE 22 Dec 72/0132 local/U-Tapao RTAFB		DATE/TIME MISSING 22 Dec 72/0345local
TYPE AIRCRAFT B-52D	AIRCRAFT CALL SIGN Scarlet 03	AIRCRAFT TAIL No./OTHER MARKINGS 55-061
No AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT Three	MISSION IDENTIFICATION	TYPE MISSION Strike
INTENDED TARGET	TARGET LOCATION HANOI NORTH VIETNAM	LOSS LOCATION NORTH VIETNAM on a line 2037N/10603E to *(See other auth info)

OTHER CREW MEMBERS (See File/Page No. 8-193)	WITNESSES (See File/Page No. 8-193)
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SUMMARY

(See File/Page No. 8-193)

EVIDENCE OF SURVIVAL	EVIDENCE OF CAPTURE	REFERENCES AF Form 484, 11 Jan 73 Intelligence Case File Report 40ARRS Msg, 261307Z Dec 72
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PERSONAL DATA

STATUS BMC	FILE/PAGE No. 8-193
NAME (last, first, middle) GIROUX, Peter J.	

ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED 7307SW (TDY)	CREW POSITION Acft Cmdr	GRADE 03	SERVICE No See SSAN
DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH 8 Aug 44/Ithaca, N.Y.	HEIGHT 72"	WEIGHT 180	EYES Blue
IDENTIFYING MARKS/FEATURES Mole on right side of back of neck		HAIR Brown	

AUTHENTICATOR No	BLOOD CHIT No	ESCAPE AIDS
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OTHER AUTHENTICATOR INFORMATION

SSAN: [REDACTED]

*Loss Location (cont'd)

2021N/10617E, approx
45 miles after target

**Crew Members (cont'd)

1/Lt Joseph B. Copack Jr.
Nav
(See File/Page No. 8-196)
Capt Peter P. Camerota
EWO
(See File/Page No. 8-197)
MSgt Louis E. LeBlanc Jr,
Gunner
(See File/Page No. 8-198)

***Witnesses (cont'd)

Capt Robert McCraw
Capt Stanley R. Marks II



MISSION DATA

DATE/TIME/PLACE OF DEPARTURE 22 Dec 72/0132 local/U-Tapao RTAFB		DATE/TIME MISSING 22 Dec 72/0345local
TYPE AIRCRAFT B-52D	AIRCRAFT CALL SIGN Scarlet 03	AIRCRAFT TAIL No / OTHER MARKINGS 55-061
No AIRCRAFT IN FLIGHT Three	MISSION IDENTIFICATION	TYPE MISSION Strike
INTENDED TARGET	TARGET LOCATION HANOI NORTH VIETNAM	LOSS LOCATION NORTH VIETNAM on a line 2037N/10630E to *(See other auth info)

OTHER CREW MEMBERS

Capt Thomas W. Bennett Jr
CP
(See File/Page No. 8-194)
Maj Gerald W. Alley
Nav
(See File/Page No. 8-195)
**(See other auth info)

WITNESSES

LtCol Charles D. Parker
Capt Richard H. Goebel
Capt Howard L. Leroy
*** (See other auth info)



SUMMARY

Capt Giroux and his crew departed U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand, at 0132 local 22 December 1972, on a strike mission over North Vietnam. Two minutes prior to the target area, Scarlet 03 was hit by a surface-to-air missile. Capt Giroux reported that his aircraft had been hit, and that there were numerous firelights. Shortly thereafter, numerous beeper signals were heard, but no parachutes were sighted. A rescue effort was not made due to heavy enemy fire and the location of the downed aircraft. However, on 26 December 1972, two U.S. flights overflying the area heard calls on guard frequency using the callsign Scarlet 305. No SAR forces were available at this time to divert to this area, and no further contact was made. The following three crew members were subsequently captured and returned to U.S. military control: Capt Giroux (returning on 12 February 1973) and Capt Camerota and MSgt LeBlanc (returning on 29 March 1973). The other three crew members are still missing in action.

EVIDENCE OF SURVIVAL	EVIDENCE OF CAPTURE	REFERENCES AF Form 484, 11 Jan 73 Intelligence Case File Report 40ARRS Msg, 261307Z Dec 72
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THERE ARE 40
NDIT PILOTS ((AT)) HAI PHONG ((5)), HANOI, AND NINH BINH ((6)):

IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, THROUGHOUT THE NORTH, SHOT DOWN
9 B52'S DURING THE NIGHT AND CAPTURED ALIVE 12 PILOTS.

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9 B52 returns from 22 Dec 2A

Bennett, T.W.
Alley, GW } MIA
Copack, JB }

003 Name
BENNETT THOMAS W JR

004 Service Number
[REDACTED]

005 Rank at Incident
O3

006 Current Rank
[REDACTED]

007 Service
AF

008 Incident Date
22/222

009 Time
Z L

010 Country
VN

011 Latitude
N

012 Longitude
E

013 Status
MM

014 Date of Birth
[REDACTED]

015 Place of Birth
[REDACTED]

016 Height
[REDACTED]

017 Weight
[REDACTED]

018 Hair
[REDACTED]

019 Eye
[REDACTED]

020 Race-Eth
[REDACTED]

021 Aircraft
B52

022 Survival Evidence
[REDACTED]

023 NATIONALITY
US

023 Crew
GIRoux P J
ALLEY E W
COPACK J B
CAMEROTA P P
LEBLANC L E

[REDACTED]



FILE RECORD SUMMARY

1. NAME BENNETT, Thomas W. Jr.

SERVICE/RANK 03/AF

DATE OF INCIDENT 22 Dec 72

COUNTRY North Vietnam

2. DIA STATUS Missing in Action

SERVICE STATUS Missing in Action

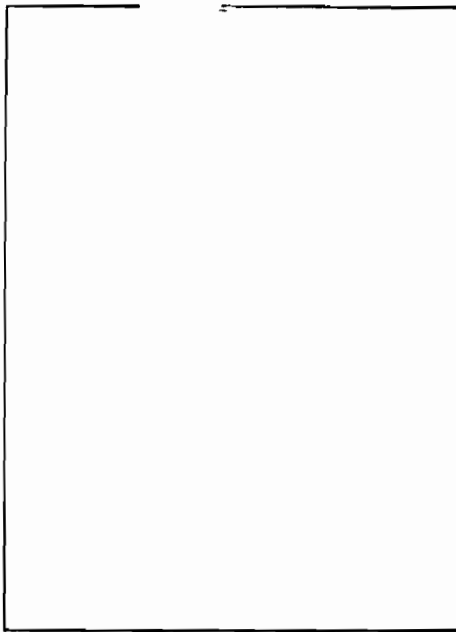
ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE OTHER SIDE No

3. INCIDENT REMARKS: _____

4. HOMETOWN DATA
PLACE OF BIRTH _____
NOK ADDRESS _____

5. LATEST INFORMATION

6. REMARKS



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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

123194/Z DEC

FM [REDACTED]
TO [REDACTED]

SECRET [REDACTED]

AMERICAN FLYERS I. [REDACTED] NAMES OF DOWNED
BUREAU IN HANOI [REDACTED] THE TASS
A STORY [REDACTED] ALLEGING THAT US BOMBERS HAD
DROPPED BOMBS ON AN AREA OF HANOI LOCATED ONLY A FEW DOZEN METERS FROM A CAMP
WHERE AMERICAN PDM FLYERS ARE INCARCERATED. THE CAMP CHIEF TOLD JOURNALISTS
THAT THE WOUNDED HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY WERE GETTING
MEDICAL ATTENTION. THE CAMP IS LOCATED IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA AND CONSISTS OF
SEVERAL BUILDINGS DIVIDED INTO COM- PARTMENTS WHERE THE PRISONERS LIVE THREE TO
A ROOM. THE TASS CORRES- PONDENT SAW SEVERAL BEDROOMS WHERE HE SAW THAT THE
CEILING HAD BEEN PUNCTURED BY BOMB FRAGMENTS AND TALKED WITH SEVERAL FLYERS WHO
AT THAT MOMENT WERE PREPARING SHELTERS. CARROLL ROBERT BYLER (PHONETIC) AND
JAMES PHILLIP PAGGET BOTH SHOT DOWN IN MAY 1972, SAID THAT SEVERAL BOMBS HAD
DETONATED NEARBY, OF WHICH ONE WAS ONLY 30 METERS FROM THEIR LIVING QUARTERS.
THEY WERE ABLE TO GET A SHELTER IN TIME AND WERE UNHURT. THOMAS HENTON,
CAPTURED IN JUNE 1972, SAID HE FEELS COMPARATIVELY SAFE HERE... (FIELD COMMENT,
PAGGET NOTED IN [REDACTED] 2. [REDACTED]
PRAYDA CORRESPONDENT A. N. SERBIN [REDACTED] A STORY [REDACTED] ABOUT A PRESS
CONFERENCE FEATURING A THIRD GROUP OF US PRISONERS, AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING
NAMES, (FIELD COMMENT, PHONETIC FROM CYRILLIC) A. LT. COL JOHN HARRY EWELL B.
LT. COL. LUIS HENRY BERNASKONI C. LT. WILLIAM THOMAS MEYOLL D. CAPT. DAVID
JAN [REDACTED] E. SGT. EDWARD LEBLANC. SERBIN ADDED THAT ALL WERE FROM UTAPAO, A
US BASE IN THAILAND [REDACTED]

SECRET [REDACTED]

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BENNETT
BENNETT, Thomas W. Jr. Capt.
25 Sept. 72

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7 Enclosures

1. DoD FOIA Request 78-1100, 26 Aug 78, 1 Cy
2. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 221522Z Dec 72, 1 Cy
3. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 221626Z Dec 72, 1 Cy
4. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 281413Z Dec 72, 1 Cy
5. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 291507Z Dec 72, 1 Cy
6. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 301824Z Dec 72, 1 Cy
7. FBIS [REDACTED] message DTG 020715Z Jan 73, 1 Cy

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3 OCT 1978

~~C-70,308/DB-4~~/Mr. Valentine/25220/vcl/28 Sep 78

TO: Central Intelligence Agency
Information and Privacy Coordinator
ATTN: Gene F. Wilson
Washington, D.C. 20505

SUBJECT: Request for Classification Review for FOIA Purposes

Reference: DoD FOIA Request, Control Number 78-872, 5 September 1978,
pertinent to the loss of Captain Thomas W. Bennett Jr.,
USAF (enclosure 1).

1. In providing a response to reference, it was determined that one CIA originated document, with DIA evaluation, possibly pertained to the loss of Captain Joseph B. Copack Jr., USAF. The documents, enclosures two and three, are provided for your classification review and direct response to:

(6) Mr. T. Waring Bennett
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2. The aforementioned DIA evaluation has not been provided to the requester because of its application to a CIA originated document. It is requested that this evaluation be forwarded to the next of kin with your response.

3. Request copies of the sanitized document be provided to:

Defense Intelligence Agency
ATTN: DB-4H (COR B.L. Heller)
Washington, D.C. 20301

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

29 SEP 1978
Signed

3 Enclosures
(See page 2)

J. V. CRICCHI
Captain, USN
Chief, Resources and
Installations Division
Directorate for
Intelligence Research

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

25 OCT 1978

Ref: 78 DFOI-169

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mr. Thomas W. Bennett, Sr.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In our letter of February 28, 1978, we acknowledged your request for Department of Defense records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Reference is also made to your May 22, 1978, letter addressed to Headquarters, Air Force Military Personnel Center. This constitutes a substantive response to your request.

In addressing your request, we have also considered your right of access as primary next of kin under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) to information in any system of records maintained by DoD concerning your son. In no circumstances have you been denied any records to which you are entitled under either the FOIA or the Privacy Act. The second set of statutory citations refers to exemptions from the right of access under the Privacy Act.

Enclosed are copies of the Department of the Air Force casualty file, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) file, and the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) file pertaining to your son, Captain Thomas W. Bennett, Jr. The records are complete with the following exceptions:

a. A copy of Information Report 1 is being provided to you with information deleted. The information is deleted because it is classified for reasons of national security and, therefore, exempt from access or release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) and 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1). The release of this material would cause an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods which are protected under Section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947, (50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3)) and, therefore, exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3) and 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1). The record has been reviewed, and the deleted information is judged to be currently and properly classified under criteria set forth in paragraph 2-303, DoD Regulation 5200.1-R, which implements Executive Order 11652.

b. One record containing information originated by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has been forwarded to that agency for a direct response to your Freedom of Information Act request.



c. Copies of Operational Messages 1 and 2 and Linebacker Loss/Damage Report are being provided to you with information deleted. The information is deleted because it is classified for reasons of national security and, therefore, exempted from access or release by 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1) and 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(1).

d. A copy of the Biographic/Site Report, a document originated by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, is being provided to you with certain deletions. The deleted information originated with the Central Intelligence Agency. That Agency will review the information, then respond directly to your Freedom of Information Act request.

The Initial Denial Authority is Captain Raymond A. Vohden, USN, Principal Military Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) for POW/MIA matters. You are advised of your right to appeal administratively the decision that has denied you a portion of the records you seek. Such an appeal should be addressed to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" on the front of the envelope. Your appeal should include justification for the reversal of the initial denial and be received by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs) no later than 45 working days after the receipt of this letter. A copy of this letter should be included (copy provided).

Certain administrative markings have been deleted from the enclosures. These include former security classification markings and internal routing indicators. In addition, portions of documents not within the scope of your request may have been deleted from the reproduced records when they contain information about individuals other than the subject of your interest or pertain to other irrelevant matters. These deletions, therefore, do not constitute denials of any portions of the records you requested.

We are processing your request for copies of all files, documents, photographs, and materials which concern or pertain to Americans who were or may have been captured and/or missing during the Vietnam conflict, but which have not been correlated and identified with Americans other than Captain Bennett. It is anticipated that the review of this material will be completed in the near future, and you will be advised of the records that can be made available to you at that time.


I am advised by legal counsel, that you have been provided reasonable access to all information to be considered by the Status Review Board, as required by McDonald v. McLucas, 371 F. Supp. 831, (D.C. N.Y. 1974), aff'd, 419 U.S. 987 (1974). The casualty file provided to you by the Air Force contains copies of statements made by witnesses to the incident. The Air Force will not call witnesses to testify; there will be no requirement for direct or cross examination. I am further advised that you may rebut any evidence presented to the Status Review Board, and you may present to the Board any evidence in your possession.

This office will provide any further assistance you may request pertaining to Freedom of Information/Privacy Act matters.

Sincerely,

Signed

Charles W. Hinkle
Director, Freedom of Information and
Security Review

Enclosures 

cc:
DIA
OASD(ISA)
OGC
AIR FORCE

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26 SEP 1978

~~S-70,309/DB-4~~ H/Mr. Valentine/25928/bp/25 Sep 78

TO: CAPT Raymond A. Vohden, USM
Principal Advisor Office of
PW/MIA Affairs
OASD(ISA)
Washington, D.C. 20301

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request: Captain Thomas W.
Bennett, Jr., USAF

Reference: DoD FOIA Request, Control Number 78-872, 5 September 1978,
with enclosure dated 14 August 1978.

1. The reference requires that DIA conduct a thorough search of its files for information pertaining to Captain Joseph B. Copack, Jr., USAF. Documents resulting from that search are provided as enclosures 1 through 7. Certain administrative markings may have been deleted from the enclosures. These include such things as former classification markings and internal routing indicators. In addition, portions of documents not within the scope of the request have also been deleted from the reproduced record because they discuss information about individuals other than the subject or pertain to other irrelevant matters. These deletions therefore, do not constitute denials of any portions of the records requested.

2. Enclosure 1 has been excised for providing to Mr. Thomas W. Bennett, Sr. The information denied in these documents is withheld because it is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1), and because this release would cause an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods which are protected under Section 102(d) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended by 50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3), and therefore, exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3). The records have been reviewed and the information deleted is judged to be currently and properly classified under criteria set forth in paragraph 2-303 DoD Regulation 5200.1-R, which implements Executive Order 11652. The information is currently and properly classified within the categories provided in Chapter 1, Section 5 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 1 of Executive Order 11652. Further, it is properly excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification according to the exemption categories provided in Chapter 3, Section 3, of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and Section 5(B) of Executive Order 11652.

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DOCUMENT SHOULD BE DECLASSIFIED

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3. DIA does not have the authority to declassify or sanitize/excise enclosures 4 through 6, originated by the United States Air Force; and enclosure 7, originated by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center. They are forwarded for your information and comparison with their input.

4. A document originated by the Central Intelligence Agency was maintained in Captain Copack's dossier. The following documents, with DIA evaluations as applicable, have been forwarded to the Central Intelligence Agency Freedom of Information Act coordinator for classification review and direct response to the requester:

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5. Reference also requested that all uncorrelated information held by DIA concerning Americans held as prisoner or detained in Southeast Asia (1961-1977) be provided. Contingent upon final DoD policy determinations, the foregoing documents are currently being processed for transmittal.

6. The requester should be advised of his right to appeal the decision to withhold portions of the enclosed documents.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

7 Enclosures
(See Page 3)

Signed



for

J. V. CRICCHI
Captain, USN
Chief, Resources and
Installations Division
Directorate for
Intelligence Research

cc:
RDS-3A w/o Encls
(ATTR: L. Foster)

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7. Enclosures

1. DoD Intelligence Document as of 23 Dec 72, (U) 1 Cy
2. PW/MIA Automated File Extract, 8 Sep 78, (U) 1 Cy
3. DIA ltr (U-47,799/DB-4), 3 May 78, subj: Status Review
Captain J. B. Copack, USAF, (U) 1 Cy
4. PACAF Intelligence Index, p. 8-196, ~~(S)~~ 1 Cy
5. ARRS/DOO msg 21 Apr 75, (U) 1 Cy
6. "Homecoming" Debrief Extract, 2 Sep 77, (S/NKOL) 1 Cy
7. Negotiation Folder Narrative, (U) 1 Cy

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INFO RHEHNSC/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASH DC
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USDP:RSA/POW-MIA//
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SECTION 01 OF 04

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

BODY

MSGID/SYS.RRM/CDR JTF-FA//
AMPN/SUBJ: ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION
PROVIDED ON 17 NOV 92//
RMKS/1. ON 17 NOVEMBER 1992, THE SRV PROVIDED SEVERAL
DOCUMENTS RELATED TO U.S. LOSSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ONE DOCUMENT
WAS TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN PILOTS TAKEN BY THE PEOPLE AND ARMY OF
HOA BINH PROVINCE DURING THE EIGHT YEAR WAR (3 MAY 1965 TO 30 DEC
1972)." THE DOCUMENT CONTAINS 54 LINE ITEMS IN TABULAR FORM. ALL
BUT NINE LINE ENTRIES CONTAIN THE NAME (OR PHONETIC EQUIVALENT) OF
THE AVIATOR(S) INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.
2. THIS DOCUMENT PROVIDES LIMITED CASUALTY RELATED INFORMATION.
JTF-FA ANALYSTS IDENTIFIED POSSIBLE CORRELATIONS OF LINE ENTRIES TO
THE FOLLOWING UNRESOLVED CASES: 0407, 0692, 0853 AND 1965; AND THE
FOLLOWING RESOLVED CASES: 0186, 0206, 0316, 0320, 0398, 0490, 0547,
0632, 0645, 0662, 0680, 0691, 0837, 0876, 0882, 0918, 0922, 1059,
1784, 1851, 1930, 1966 AND 1972. MOST CORRELATIONS ARE BASED ON THE
CREWMAN'S NAME AND/OR PERSONAL DATA SUCH AS SERVICE NUMBER OR DATE
OF BIRTH. IN SOME CASES, WHERE NO PILOT IS NAMED, TENTATIVE
CORRELATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, INCIDENT
LOCATION AND/OR TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.
3. THE TRANSLATION BELOW LISTS EACH ENTRY OF THE DOCUMENT, WITH

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DATE RCD:	27 Sep 93
ACTION OFFICER:	R
DISTR	ACT/INFO
DIRECTOR	
DEPUTY DIR.	
(SUPT)	
(POL/PLN)	
(RES/ANL)	
(EXT REL)	
(REF/DOC)	✓
RA-IN	

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Chiarillo, V.A.
Conklin, B.
Di Tommaso, R.J.
Hall, J.S.
Mamiya, J.M.
Smith, H.E.
Roch, R.
Stark, W.R.
Appleby, I.D.
Austin, W.R.
Alley, G.W.
Bennett, T.U.
Copack, J.B.

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THE AIRCRAFT TYPE, STAGING AREA AND INCIDENT LOCATIONS LISTED IN THIS LINE ENTRY ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH JTF-FA FILE DATA ON THIS INCIDENT. REFNO 0315 WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN ON 24 APRIL 1966, BUT NONE OF THE OTHER DATA IN LINE ENTRY 07 CORRELATE WITH THIS INCIDENT.))

08; RUNYAM-ABBERT-EDWARD;-; MAJOR; 49475A; RF101; UDORN; 29-04-66; 29-04-66; DOAN KET VILLAGE, DA BAC;-; ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0320-1-01, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER RF-101 OR F-101 LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

09; NESON-WULIAM-HUMPHREY; 1917; COLONEL; 33458A; F105D; UDORN; 20-07-66;-; CUN PEAK THU PHONG KY SON; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0398-1-01, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE, INCIDENT LOCATION AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

10; HOSKINSON-ROBERTE; 1929; CAPTAIN; 57617A; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0407-1-03, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

11; CONLIN-BERANRD; 1932; CAPTAIN; 3038329; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0407-1-04, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

12; MAMIY-TOHUN;-; MAJOR;-; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN

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RMKS/

VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0407-1-07, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

13; DETONMATO-ROBERD; 1941; 1ST LT; 3155485; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0407-1-05, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

14; BSSLO-GAUBERT; 1920; CAPTAIN; 825096; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0407-1-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

15; CHIARBLO-VINCENT; 1939; 1ST LT; 3136103; C47; DA NANG; 29/07/66;-; PHUC SAN VILLAGE, MAI CHAU; DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES

INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

25; STERLING-THOMASS;-; MAJOR; 45475; F4C; 7TH FLEET; 19/04/67; 19/04/67; NAT SON VILLAGE, KIM BOI;-; ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0645-1-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER AND DATE AND PLACE OF LOSS. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

26; ABBOTT-JOSEPH-SJR; 1934; CAPTAIN; 03057093; F105; UDORN; 31/04/67; 01/05/67; DONG NGHE, DA BAC;-; ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0662-1-01, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

27; NO-MANEGATDISO; 1923; COLONEL; 26772; F105; UDORN; 12/05/67; 12/05/67; YEN BINH VILLAGE, LUONG SON;-; ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0680-1-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON YEAR OF BIRTH, SERIAL NUMBER AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

28;-;-;-;-; F4C; 7TH FLEET; 19/05/67; 19/05/67; HONG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON; TAKEN TO MILITARY REGION. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0692, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, CRASH LOCATION (DISTRICT), AIRCRAFT TYPE AND STAGING AREA.))

29;-;-;-;-; F4C; 7TH FLEET; 19/05/67; 19/05/67; HONG SON VILLAGE, LUONG SON; TAKEN TO MILITARY REGION. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0692, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, CRASH LOCATION (DISTRICT), AIRCRAFT TYPE AND STAGING AREA.))

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RMKS/

30; MADANIED-EUGENE; 1926; COLONEL; 602066; F4B; 7TH FLEET; 19/05/67; 21/05/67; THUONG TIEN VILLAGE, KIM BOI; SHOT DEAD. ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0691-2-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME ASSOCIATION, SERIAL NUMBER, MAJOR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT, INCIDENT DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. THE DATE OF BIRTH, AIRCRAFT TYPE, RANK AND FATE OF PILOT DO NOT CORRELATE WITH INFORMATION IN JTF-FA FILES. A SEARCH OF JTF-FA FILES INDICATES AN INCIDENT INVOLVING AN F-4B AIRCRAFT LOSS OCCURRED ON 19 MAY 1967 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE. ENTRY NUMBERS 30 AND 31 MAY HAVE CONFUSED THE TWO INCIDENTS.))

31; CROWTREIEU;-; MAJOR;-; F4B; 7TH FLEET; 19/05/67;-; THUONG TIEN VILLAGE, KIM BOI; ALIVE. ((THIS LINE ENTRY PROBABLY RELATES TO LINE 30 ABOVE, AND PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0691-2-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE, RANK, LOCATION OF LOSS, MAJOR UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT AND FATE OF THE PILOT. THE ENTRY FOR THE PILOT'S NAME CANNOT BE CORRELATED WITH ANY UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL. A SEARCH OF JTF-FA FILES INDICATES A

ACTUAL INCIDENT DATE FOR REFNO 0918 WAS 19 NOV 1967.))

39; FORIESE;-; CAPTAIN;-; A6A; 7TH FLEET; 24/02/68; 28/02/68;
DONG XUAN VILLAGE, LUONG SON;- . ((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO
1059-1-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK,
AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER
AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

40;-;-;-;-; A6A; 7TH FLEET; 24/02/68;-; DONG XUAN VILLAGE
LUONG SON; ALIVE. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1059-1-01, A
RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT
DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON
THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

41; JONSONKENNET-SRECBAT;-; MAJOR;-; F4H; 7TH FLEET; 18/12/71;
18/12/71; HA HAMLET NAM SON VILLAGE TAN LAC;- . ((PROBABLY
CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1784-1-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS
BASED ON NAME, RANK, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES
INDICATE MAJOR KENNETH R. JOHNSON'S ACTUAL CRASH LOCATION WAS IN
LAOS.))

42; JUNBHSN-SAMUELRECHINT; 1945; 1ST LT;-; F4H; 7TH FLEET;
18/12/71; 19/12/71; HOP HAMLET LONG VAN VILLAGE TAN LAC;- .
((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1784-1-01, A RESOLVED CASE.
CORRELATION IS BASED ON PARTIAL NAME, YEAR OF BIRTH, AIRCRAFT TYPE
AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE CAPTAIN SAMUAL R. VAUGHN'S
ACTUAL CRASH LOCATION WAS IN LAOS.))

43; BATZETZAM (GIEM PAT YET);-; MAJOR;-; F4H; 7TH FLEET;
12/05/72; 12/05/72; HO HAMLET BAC SON VILLAGE TAN LAC;- . ((PROBABLY
CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1851-1-01, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS
BASED ON NAME, RANK, AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO
OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

44; TOLELYEM-UYS (UY-LIM-TO-LY);-; MAJOR;-; F4H; 7TH FLEET;
12/05/72; 13/05/72; HA HAMLET NAM SON VILLAGE TAN LAC;- . ((PROBABLY
CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1851-1-02, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS
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RMKS/

BASED ON NAME, RANK AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO
OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

45; ONIL-JAMESWILLIAM-JRLTCOLONEL; 1930; LT COL; 566321515;
F4H; 7TH FLEET; 29/09/72; 29/09/72; PHUC TIEN VILLAGE KY SON;- .
((PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1930-0-02, A RESOLVED CASE.
CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, YEAR OF BIRTH, SSN AND INCIDENT
DATE. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED ON
THIS DATE IN THIS AREA.))

46; BASILYEVAUMEHELJ; 1948; CAPTAIN; 505560057; F4H; 7TH
FLEET; 29/09/72;-; PHUC TIEN VILLAGE KY SON; DEAD, "CAPTURED ALIVE
AND DIED WHEN HE WAS BEING RETURNED TO CAMP". ((PROBABLY CORRELATES
WITH REFNO 1930-0-01, A RESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON
NAME, RANK, SSN AND INCIDENT DATE. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE NO OTHER
AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED IN THIS AREA ON THIS DATE.))

47;-;-; MAJOR;-; B52; UTAPHA9; 22/12/72; 22/12/72; TANG SON
VILLAGE LUONG SON;- . ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1965, AN

July 12, 1993

Dear Mr. Howbridge,

I am writing you to inquire why my brother Major Thomas Waring Bennett Jr. REFNO 1965 is not a discrepancy case? I would also like to know what exactly is the criteria that must be met to be a discrepancy case and who makes the decision which cases are deserving of being made a discrepancy case. Also who has the authority to re-categorize a non-discrepancy case into a discrepancy case. Please include each person and departments address where they may be reached.

I look forward to receiving your answers to the questions

Sincerely,
Mrs. Allan Bowen Johnson

MRS. BOWEN BENNETT JOHNSON

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22201



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301-2400

22 SEP 1993

In reply refer to:
I-93/54610

Mrs. Allan Bowen Johnson
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Dear Mrs. Johnson:

This responds to your July 12, 1993, letter inquiring why the case of your brother, Major Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., United States Air Force, is not a discrepancy case.

According to Department of Defense-established criteria, a discrepancy case is one about which the U.S. Government has convincing evidence that the Governments of Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia should have specific knowledge. This list comprises three subcategories: Listed POW at Homecoming, Last Known Alive, and Knowledge of the Incident.

Those listed as POW at Homecoming were classified by their commanding officers and Service Secretaries as POWs but did not return during Operation Homecoming (February-April 1973).

Individuals listed as Last Known Alive are those who survived the loss incident and fell into enemy hands. In the case of air incidents, such as your brother's, this includes cases in which the crew members are believed to have successfully exited their aircraft and to have been alive on the ground when they fell into enemy hands. In the case of ground incidents, this includes cases in which the individuals were last known alive, were not gravely wounded, and were in proximity of enemy forces.

Knowledge of the Incident cases are those where the circumstances of loss or subsequent information concerning the loss should be known by Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodian government officials. In some of these cases, there is convincing evidence that the individual did not survive the incident of loss. In yet other cases, there is convincing evidence that Vietnam also has remains.

In the case of your brother, Major Bennett, although it is possible that he successfully exited the aircraft, we have no evidence to suggest that he was alive on the ground or that he was taken prisoner. Although Major Bennett's loss incident is not designated a discrepancy case earmarked for priority investigation, please be assured that his case, as all cases of unaccounted for Americans, is being investigated to the maximum extent possible.

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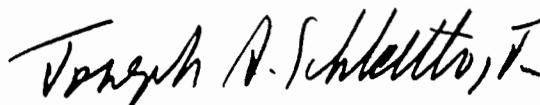
With respect to your question about re-categorizing a non-discrepancy case, the authority to make such a change rests with the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA) and the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO). The latter is a newly created organization comprising the office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (POW/MIA Affairs), the Central Documentation Office, the Defense Intelligence Agency's Special Office for POW/MIA, and the U.S. Army's Task Force Russia. You may contact the JTF-FA and DPMO at the following addresses:

Commander
JTF-FA
Box 64044
Camp H. M. Smith, HI 96861-5025.

Defense POW/MIA Office
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/
Regional Security Affairs
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2400

Hopefully, this information is responsive to your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Schlatter, Jr.
Colonel, USA
Acting Deputy Director
(POW/MIA Affairs)



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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340



S/NF-0751/PW

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
550 C Street West, Room A315
ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Documents

References: a. Phonecon btwn Mr. John Horn (DIA/PW) and Mr. William Frampton (AFMPC/DPMCB), 25 Jun 92.

b. DIA ltr (~~S/NF~~-1137), 9 Sep 87 (enclosure 1).

1. During reference a., Mr. William Frampton requested copies of enclosures 7 and 8 and 10 through 14 to reference b.

2. Copies of these documents are provided as enclosures 2 through 8.

8 Enclosures:

- 1. DIA ltr (~~S/NF~~-1137),
9 Sep 87 (U)
- 2. PACAF Sheet, p. 8-193
~~(S)~~ 1 Cy
- 3. Egress Recap Report Extract,
2 Sep 77-~~(S/NF)~~ 1 Cy
- 4. OASD ltr (78 DFOI-169),
25 Oct 78 (U)
- 5. JCRC Rpt 83-030,
29 Apr 83 (U)
- 6. Eval of JCRC 83-030,
undtd (U)
- 7. JCRC Rpt 84-095,
24 Sep 84 (U)
- 8. Eval of JCRC 84-095,
undtd (U)

Charles F. Trowbridge, Jr.
CHARLES F. TROWBRIDGE, JR.
Deputy Chief
Special Office for Prisoners
of War and Missing in Action

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340

09 SEP 1987

S/NF-1137/VO-PW


TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
DPMC, ATTN: SSGT Daquilante
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

SUBJECT: Release of Information in the Case of Captain Thomas W.
Bennett, Jr.

REFERENCE: AFMPC Msg DTG 141410Z Aug 87.

1. Reference requested that DIA/VO-PW conduct a classification review of all documents maintained in the file of Captain Bennett, USAF, for release to his sister, Mrs. Allen Bowen Johnson.
2. Documents resulting from that review are provided as enclosures 1 through 14. DIA has prepared enclosures 1 through 6 for direct release to Mrs. Johnson.
3. Enclosure 6 has been excised in order to provide the material to Mrs. Johnson. The information denied in this document is withheld because it is classified and therefore exempt from access or release pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(1), and because the release would cause an unauthorized disclosure of intelligence sources and methods which are protected under Section 102 (d) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended by 50 U.S.C. 403 (d)(3), and therefore, exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(3). The record has been reviewed and the information deleted is judged to be currently and properly classified under criteria set forth in paragraph 2-202, DoD Regulation 5200.1-R, which implements Executive Order 12356. The information is currently and properly classified within the categories provided in Chapter 1 Section 5 of DoD Regulation 5200.1-R and of Executive Order 12356.
4. DIA does not have the authority to release or declassify enclosures 7 through 9, originated by the U.S. Air Force; enclosure 10, originated by OASD/PA; and enclosures 11 through 14, originated by JCRC. Coordination must be effected with the originating agencies before enclosures 7 through 14 can be released to Mrs. Johnson.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:


FRANK J. CAPILLUPO
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Special Office for Prisoners
of War and Missing in Action

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UPON REMOVAL OF ENCLOSURES

Bennett Thomas W. 1137/VO-PW

ENVELOPE

CDSN = LGX144 MCN = 92204/28897 TOR = 922041842
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ZNR UUUUU

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DIA PASS TO DOD POW-MIA CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION OFFICE//
AMPN/SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MAJOR ~~PHILIP W~~
~~BENNETT~~ REFNO 1965-02//

REF/A/RMG/HQ AFMPC DPMCB/301915Z/JUN92/NOTAL//
RMKS/1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR
RELEASE TO MRS. ~~ALLAN B~~ JOHNSON

2. ON 15 DECEMBER 1988, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT REPATRIATED TWO
SETS OF UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS. ON 20 JUN 89, THE ARMED FORCES
IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE
REMAINS AS TWO OF YOUR BROTHER'S CREW MEMBERS.

3. UNDER CURRENT POLICY GUIDELINES, JTF-FA'S INITIAL EFFORTS ARE
FOCUSED ON INVESTIGATING DISCREPANCY CASES WHICH WERE MUTUALLY AGREED
UPON BY THE PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY, GENERAL VESSEY, AND THE
VIETNAMESE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE TEAMS ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN
VIETNAM TO INVESTIGATE CASES FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. WHEN
THEIR SCHEDULED WORK ON DISCREPANCY CASES IN A DESIGNATED AREA IS
COMPLETED, THEY ATTEMPT TO INVESTIGATE ALL OTHER CASES WHICH
OCCURRED IN THAT SAME AREA. REFNO 1965 IS NOT LISTED AS A
DISCREPANCY CASE.

4. JTF-FA HAS NOT OBTAINED FURTHER INFORMATION ON REFNO 1965. THE
SUSPECTED LOSS LOCATION OF THE REFNO 1965 INCIDENT IS WJ866264 IN HA
SON BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. REFNO 1965 IS NOT SCHEDULED FOR
INVESTIGATION DURING FISCAL YEAR 1992. AT THIS TIME WE CAN NOT
FORECAST WHEN JTF-FA FIELD TEAMS WILL NEXT CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN HA
SON BINH PROVINCE.

5. POC: LCDR HAYS, DSN // 6012

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DATE RCD: 23 Jul 92	
ACTION OFFICER: LJR	
DISTR	ACT/INFO
MR. SHEETZ	
MR. TROWBRIDGE	
MR DESTATTE	
PW-1	✓
PW-2	
PW-3	✓
PW-4	
OTHER	✓

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 6 July 1992

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 1965-0-01 (ACCNO 1668)
Name: COPACK, JOSEPH BERNARD JR

Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 20 Jun 1989

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE
Grade: O2 Hair: BROWN
SSAN: [REDACTED] Eyes: BROWN
Serial No: S Height: 72 Inches 1.83 mtrs
Birth date: 4 Jun 1947 Weight: 200 lbs. 90.6 kilos

1.3(2X) Blood Chit: [REDACTED]
Survive: 3
Grave corr:
Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Weapon Ser.: #
Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: NAVIGATOR Complexion: FAIR
PW CAMP: S Blood Type: B +
Religion: CATHOLIC Home State: ILLINOIS

Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWJ866264
Lat/Long: 210217N1055001E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HA NOI
(formerly): HA TAY
Mission District: BA DINH
Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Populated area.

***** J.C.R.C. ACTIVITY SUMMARY *****

Negotiation Folders Passed: Sep 85

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: B52
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: SCARLET 03
Year: 55
Serial: 0061
Engine Type: J57
1 Serial: 605403
2 Serial: 604365

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 6 July 1992

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 1965-0-02 (ACCNO 1660)
Name: BENNETT, THOMAS WARING JR

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 9 Oct 1980-

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE
Grade: O3 Hair: BLACK
(b)(6) SSAN: ██████████ Eyes: BLUE
Serial No: 3228554 Height: 75 Inches 1.91 mtrs
Birth date: 22 Dec 1942 Weight: 220 lbs. 99.7 kilos

Duty pos: CO-PILOT Complexion: FAIR
PW CAMP: \$ Blood Type: O +
Religion: OTHER Home State: MISSISSIPPI

1-3(a)(1)
Blood Chit: ██████████
Survive: 3
Grave corr:
Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Weapon Ser.: #
Partial Rsvld:

Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWJ866264
Lat/Long: 210217N1055001E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HA NOI
(formerly): HA TAY
Mission District: BA DINH
Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Populated area.

***** J.C.R.C. ACTIVITY SUMMARY *****

Negotiation Folders Passed: Sep 85

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: B52
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: SCARLET 03
Year: 55
Serial: 0061
Engine Type: J57
1 Serial: 605403
2 Serial: 604365

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 6 July 1992

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 1965-0-03 (ACCNO 1662)
Name: ALLEY, GERALD WILLIAM

Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 20 Jun 1989

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN Blood Chit: 1.3(a)(1)
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE Survive: 3
Grade: O4 Hair: BROWN Grave corr:
(b)(6) SSAN: Eyes: BLUE Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No: \$ Height: 71 Inches 1.80 mtrs Weapon Ser.: #
Birth date: 28 Jul 1934 Weight: 175 lbs. 79.3 kilos Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: RADAR NAV Complexion: FAIR
PW CAMP: \$ Blood Type: O +
Religion: CATHOLIC Home State: IDAHO

Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWJ866264
Lat/Long: 210217N1055001E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HA NOI
(formerly): HA TAY
Mission District: BA DINH
Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Populated area.

***** J.C.R.C. ACTIVITY SUMMARY *****

Negotiation Folders Passed: Sep 85

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: B52
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: SCARLET 03
Year: 55
Serial: 0061
Engine Type: J57
1 Serial: 605403
2 Serial: 604365

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 6 July 1992

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 1965-1-04 (ACCNO 1687)
Name: LEBLANC, LOUIS EDWARD JR

Status: (T) RELEASED
Date Status assigned: 29 Mar 1973

1.3(a)(1)

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN Blood Chit: ██████████
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE Survive:
Grade: E7 Hair: BLACK Grave corr:
SSAN: ██████████ Eyes: BLUE Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No: Height: 69 Inches 1.75 mtrs Weapon Ser.: K646989
Birth date: 15 Oct 1935 Weight: 160 lbs. 72.5 kilos Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: GUNNER Complexion:
PW CAMP: HANOI PW DETE Blood Type: B +
Religion: CATHOLIC Home State: RHODE ISLAND

Case type:

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWJ866264
Lat/Long: 210217N1055001E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HA NOI
(formerly): HA TAY
Mission District: BA DINH
Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Populated area.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

UTM: 48QWJ883248
Lat/Long: 210125N1055059E
(formerly): HANOI

Unknown location.

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: B52
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: SCARLET 03
Year: 55
Serial: 0061
Engine Type: J57
1 Serial: 605403
2 Serial: 604365

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 6 July 1992

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 1965-1-05 (ACCNO 1683)
Name: CAMEROTA, PETER PAUL

Status: (T) RELEASED
Date Status assigned: 29 Mar 1973

1.3(2)(1)

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN Blood Chit: [REDACTED]
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE Survive:
Grade: O3 Hair: BROWN Grave corr:
SSAN: [REDACTED] Eyes: BROWN Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No: Height: 66 Inches 1.68 mtrs Weapon Ser.: K502523
Birth date: 21 Jun 1944 Weight: 150 lbs. 68.0 kilos Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: EWO Complexion:
PW CAMP: HANOI PW DETE Blood Type: B +
Religion: Home State: PENNSYLVANIA

Case type:

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QWJ866264
Lat/Long: 210217N1055001E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: HA NOI
(formerly): HA TAY
Mission District: BA DINH
Mission Date: 22 Dec 1972 0345L
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Populated area.

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

UTM: 48QWJ883248
Lat/Long: 210125N1055059E

(formerly): HANOI

Unknown location.

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: B52
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: SCARLET 03
Year: 55
Serial: 0061
Engine Type: J57
1 Serial: 605403
2 Serial: 604365