

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

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

REFNO: 1965-1-06 (ACCNO 1640)
Name: GIROUX, PETER J

Status: (T) RELEASED
Date Status assigned: 12 Feb 1973-

13(2)(1)

National: UNITED STATES Race: CAUCASIAN Blood Chit: ██████████
Service: AIR FORCE Sex: MALE Survive:
Grade: O3 Hair: BROWN Grave corr:
SSAN: ██████████ Eyes: BLUE Weapon: .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No: Height: 72 Inches 1.83 mtrs Weapon Ser.: K502578
Birth date: 8 Aug 1944 Weight: 180 lbs. 81.5 kilos Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: PILOT Complexion:
PW CAMP: HANOI PW DETE Blood Type: A +
Religion: Home State: NEW YORK

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

CASE: 1965

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 INFLIGHT 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)

(U) SOURCE OBSERVED PARTIAL AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE VICINITY OF WJ 867 252.

CASE: 1965

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)

Subsequent Information - 7 August 1990

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT AND THE DEATH OF THE PILOT. THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CORRELATE WELL WITH LIEUTENANT CLARK'S INCIDENT. (REF 7)

(U) REFERENCE 7 ON THE FORM 55 IN REFNO-FILE 1965 MAKES A POSSIBLE CORRELATION WITH A LIEUTENANT CLARK'S INCIDENT. THIS IS A REFERENCE TO REFNO 1969. THIS ENTRY SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE REFNO 1965 FORM 55. (REF 8)

References - 5 November 1984

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT (FOUO), 307TH SW/DP, AF FORM 484, W/STATEMENTS, 11 JAN 73. <2> INFO SHEET (U) SUMMARY OF FACTS & CIRCUMSTANCES UNDATED. 1.3(a)(4) <3> ~~FOUO~~ 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> 89-167, JCRC LIAISON BKK, 130714Z NOV 89. <8> 89-167, JCRC LIAISON BKK, 130714Z NOV 89.

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.

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

1.3(a)(4) (U) INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM WJ 623 257 AND WJ 883 203 TC WJ 866 264 BASED ON REPORT, SPECIAL REPORTING FACILITY, VIETNAM, [REDACTED] 19 MAY 73, SUBJ: SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN HANOI, NVN.

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

CASE: 1965

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)

REMAINS IN BOX #21 AS CAPT RANDALL J. CRADDOCK. (REF 4)



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



14 FEB 1992

U-0137/POW-MIA

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
DPMCB, ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

Subject: Identification of Photograph

1. This is in response to your letter of 6 January 1992 which forwarded correspondence from Mrs. A. Bowen Johnson, sister of missing Air Force Major Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr., who has been missing in Vietnam since December 1972. Mrs. Johnson also furnished a copy of a photograph depicting several American prisoners of war, one of whom she believes resembles her brother.

2. The photograph in question was taken from film footage of a Vietnamese staged Christmas service in 1969. All of the photos and individuals who were at this Christmas service have been positively identified. In this instance the individual Mrs. Johnson believes resembles her brother is in fact William A. Robinson, a member of the U.S. Air Force who was captured on September 20, 1965, and repatriated on February 12, 1973.

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

Born 1924 Thomas W

Bennett file copy



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TX 78150-6001

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DPMCB (DSN 487-3752)

SUBJECT: Identification of Photograph

6 JAN 1992

DIA/PW-MIA
TO: 3100 Clarendon Blvd
Arlington VA 22201

1. The attached letter from Mrs A. Bowen Johnson, sister of Major Thomas W. Bennett, Jr., is forwarded for your assistance in providing a name association with the individual identified with an asterisk in the xerox copy of the photograph furnished by Mrs Johnson.
2. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

George E. Atkinson
GEORGE E. ATKINSON
Chief, Missing Persons &
Inquiries Division

1 Atch
Ltr, Mrs Johnson,
29 Dec 91 w/Atch


29 Dec. '91

Dear Mr. Atkinson,

The enclosed photocopy is of a picture taken from a slide from a Vietnamese POW propaganda film. I've been told it was taken during the Christmas season. The man on the far right resembles my brother Maj. Thomas Waring Bennett, Jr. Would you please investigate it for me, or send it to the appropriate agency to have it identified. Once again thank you for all your help. I have heard from two of the three returnees of my brother's crew. I also received some new information from JCRC. Perhaps I can call you in the future and you could help me better understand this new material or direct me to someone who can help me.

I hope you and your family had a joyous holiday season. Unfortunately every Christmas season is tinged with sadness for my family as 22 December marks the anniversary of my brother's shootdown and MIA status. It has been 19 years now. It is also my brother's birthday, he is now 49. May he spend his 50th birthday in his homeland.

Sincerely,

 A. Bowen Johnson



DN#28



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



08 JAN 1992

U-1229/POW-MIA

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
DPMCB, ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

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

Reference: DPMCB ltr, dtd 30 Sep 91.

1. Reference requested that DIA conduct a classification review of all documents added after 1 January 1987 and maintained in the file of Colonel Thomas W. Bennett, USAF, for release to his sister, Mrs. Allan B. Johnson.
2. Documents resulting from that review are provided as enclosures 1 and 2. DIA has prepared these enclosures for direct release to Mrs. Johnson. There has been no additional information received on Major Bennett's case.

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

2 Enclosures

1. DIA ltr, dtd
09 Sep 87 (U)
2. DIA File Extract,
21 Nov 91 (U)

Bennett Thomas (e)



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
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Chief, Special Office for Prisoners
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5. DIA ltr, (U-47, 789/DB-4H), 3 May 78 (U)
6. Information Report 231228Z Dec 72, "Pilots at... Pilots" (U)
7. PACAF Intelligence Index, p. 8-194 ~~(S)~~
8. USAF Homecoming Debrief Extract, 2 Sept 77 ~~(S/NE)~~
9. ARRS/DDO Memo, 21 Apr 75 (U)
10. OASD/PA ltr, 25 Oct 78 (U)
11. JCRC Report 83-030, 29 Apr 83 ~~(C)~~
12. JCRC Evaluation of Report 83-030 ~~(C)~~
13. JCRC Report 84-095, 24 Sep 84 ~~(C)~~
14. JCRC Evaluation of Report 84-095 ~~(C)~~

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EZ2:

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2. REQUEST YOUR OFFICE PROVIDE US A COPY OF ALL RELEASABLE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO MAJOR BENNETT FOR FORWARDING TO MRS JOHNSON.

3. POC IS SSGT DAQUILANTE, AV487-3752.

BT

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Bennett, Cis

| FIELD NAMES | DATA CONTENTS | EXPLANATION |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| DATE OF CHANGE.... | = 881221 | . (YYMMDD) |
| RECORD ID..... | = B195 | . |
| NAME..... | = BENNETT, THOMAS WARING JR | . |
| SERNO..... | = ██████████ | . |
| LOSS RANK..... | = 03 | . |
| CURRENT RANK..... | = 04 | . |
| SERVICE..... | = US AIR FORCE | . |
| INCIDENT DATE..... | = 72/12/22 | . (YYMMDD) |
| TIME..... | = 2045Z 0345L | . |
| COUNTRY..... | = NORTH VIETNAM | . |
| LATITUDE..... | = 210125N | . LOSS LOCATION |
| LONGITUDE..... | = 1055100E | . IN GEOGRAPHIC |
| | | . COORDINATES |
| STATUS..... | = KILLED IN ACTION (PFOD) | . |
| DATE OF BIRTH..... | = 42/12/22 | . (YYMMDD) |
| PLACE OF BIRTH.... | = MACON | . GA |
| STORAGE..... | = | . |
| CATEGORY..... | = 2-SUSPECT KNOWLEDGE | . |
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| HEIGHT..... | = 75 | . |
| WEIGHT..... | = 200 | . |
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| EYES..... | = BLUE | . |
| RACE..... | = CAUCASIAN | . |
| NATIONALITY..... | = US | . |
| UNIT ASSIGNED..... | = 22 BOMB HV WG/TDY 307 STRAT WG | . |
| OFFICIAL CONFIRM.. | = | . INFO FROM OTHER |
| | | . SIDE RE SUBJECT |
| TYPE OF VEHICLE... | = B52D | . |
| CREWS..... | = ALLEY GW CAMEROTA PP COPACK JB GIROUX PJ LEBLANC LE | . |
| MARKS / SCARS..... | = SC/TO | . |
| PHOTOS..... | = NONE | . FOREIGN MEDIA |
| TAPES..... | = NONE | . SUBJ VOICE BCST |
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| | LEBLANC LE | . |
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| TAPES..... | = NONE | . SUBJ VOICE ECST |
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Bennett Cy

1.3(a)(9)

SOURCE DATA: ██████████
 REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: 84-095, 24 September 1984
 ANALYST: SFC R. R. HILL
 CROSS REFERENCE (S): 83-030, 83-049.

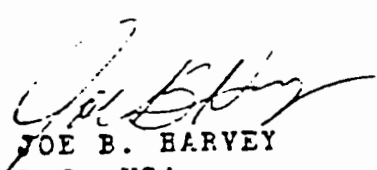
CATEGORY DATA: Crash site/first hand account.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a possible correlation to REFNO 19 and a potential correlation to REFNO 1965.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 1905 concerns the loss on 30 Jul 72 of LTCOL William J. Breckner, and 1LT Larry D. Price. They were flying an F4D on a combat mission over North Vietnam when their A/C was shot down in the vicinity of WJ870275. Both crewmembers ejected successfully, were captured and later returned to U.S. control.

REFNO 1965 concerns the loss on 22 Dec 72 of 1LT Joseph B. Copack, Jr., CAPT Thomas W. Bennet Jr., MAJ Gerald W. Alley, MSGT Louis E. LeBlanc, Jr., CAPT Peter P. Camerota, and CAPT Peter J. Giroux. They comprised the crew of a B52D that was shot down over Hanoi in the vicinity of WJ866264. In 1973, CAPT Camerota, MSGT LeBlanc and CAPT Giroux were returned to U.S. control. 1LT Copack, CAPT Bennett and MAJ Alley are carried in the status of Dead-Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Partial wreckage from either one of these two aircraft could have landed at the locations indicated by source. Both aircraft were shot down by a surface-to-missile (SAM). Only a potential correlation is given to REFNO 1965 since that incident occurred at night. A possible correlation is given to REFNO 1905, based on the alleged partial wreckage which is in the same vicinity of the F-4 crash site.


 JOE B. HARVEY
 LTC, USA
 Commander

DISPOSITION: JCRC LIAISON OFFICE, BANGKOK
 JCRC A&S FILES
 OSD/ISA, PW-MIA AFFAIRS
 DIA, DC-2
 JCRC REFNO FILE: 1905 1965
 AFMPC/MPCC

FOLLOW-UP:

1.3(a)(9) REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA:

REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR- & DATE: 83-030, 29 Apr 83

ANALYST: SFC W. A. BLACK

CROSS REFERENCE(S): None


CATEGORY DATA: Death of U.S. Pilot/first hand account.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by source reveals a possible correlation to REFNO 1965.

CORRELATE DATA: At 0345 hours on 22 Dec 72, 1Lt Joseph B. Copack, Jr., CAPT Thomas W. Bennett, Jr., MAJ Gerald W. Alley, MSGT Louis E. LeBlanc, Jr., CAPT Peter P. Camerota, and CAPT Peter J. Giroux comprised the crew of a B52D that was shot down over Hanoi in the vicinity of WJ866264. In 1973, CAPT Camerota, MSGT LeBlanc and CAPT Giroux were returned to U.S. control. 1Lt Copack, CAPT Bennett and MAJ Alley are carried in the status of Dead-Body Not Recovered.

BENNETT, THOMAS W. (XX)

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The date and location reported by source match well with known information of REFNO 1965. The body observed by source could possibly be any of the three men unaccounted for.



JOE B. HARVEY
LTC, USA
Commander

DISPOSITION: JCRC LIAISON OFFICE, BANGKOK
JCRC A&S FILES
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JCRC REFNO FILE: 1965

FOLLOW-UP:

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BENNETT, THOMAS W. J

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MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA/J222//

SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1965//

REF/A/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/221143ZNOV94//

AMPN/DETAILED SEARCH AND RECOVERY OF CASE 1965//

RMKS/1. FROM 16 OCT THROUGH 12 NOV 94, A JOINT US/SRV TEAM

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EXCAVATED A SUSPECTED B-52D CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATE
48Q WH 66619752 IN HOA BINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM. JTF-FA ANALYSIS
INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE SUFFICIENT TO CORRELATE THE
CRASH SITE TO CASE 1965.

2. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AT THE CRASH SITE:

A. AIR CREW EQUIPMENT:

- (1) PORTIONS OF CLOTH MATERIAL AND FIBERGLASS POSSIBLY FROM
AN AIR CREW MEMBERS PERSONAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

B. AIR CREW RELATED ITEMS:

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

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

C. AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS:

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

3. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES: THE COMPONENT WITH PART NUMBER 551253-99 (PARA 2.C(1)) IS A B-52 INBOARD WING BACKING BOARD SUPPORT ASSEMBLY. THE DATA PLATE WITH PART NUMBER 316985 (PARA 2.C (3)) IS FROM A PRATT-WHITNEY J-57-P-29WA ENGINE. THE PIECE OF LIFE RAFT SPRAY SHIELD (PARA 2.B(1)) IS FROM A ONE MAN LIFE RAFT. THE ONE MAN RAFTS ARE INSTALLED IN AIR CREW SURVIVAL KITS. THE RIP STOP NYLON AND 550 CORD (PARA 2.B(5,6)) ARE FROM A PERSONAL PARACHUTE CANOPY

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AND SUSPENSION LINE ASSEMBLIES. THE PIECE OF PARACHUTE HARNESS MATERIAL (PARA 2.B(7)) IS EITHER FROM THE PERSONAL PARACHUTE ASSEMBLY OR A SURVIVAL KIT ATTACHMENT STRAP. THE STROBE LIGHT AND LENS (PARA 2.B(8)) COULD HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN THE PARACHUTE, SURVIVAL KIT, OR SURVIVAL VEST. THE EMERGENCY LOCATOR BEACON (PARA 2.B(9)) IS INSTALLED IN THE PERSONAL PARACHUTE. THE REMAINING ITEMS COULD NOT

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BE ASSOCIATED TO ANY CASE OR AIRCRAFT TYPE.

4. JTF-FA COMMENTS: THE PRATT-WHITNEY P-29WA ENGINES WERE USED ONLY IN THE D-MODEL OF THE B-52 AIRCRAFT. THE FRAGMENTED PIECES OF PERSONAL PARACHUTE AND SURVIVAL KIT WERE RECOVERED ALONG WITH PIECES OF THE PILOT/COPILOT INSTRUMENT PANEL INDICATING AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT.

JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE ARE NO OTHER B-52D CRASH SITES, INVOLVING UNACCOUNTED-FOR PERSONNEL, LOCATED WITHIN 25 KILOMETERS OF GRID COORDINATES 48Q WH 66619752. THE ITEMS RECOVERED ARE SUFFICIENT TO CORRELATE THE CRASH SITE TO CASE 1965. *out since case number*

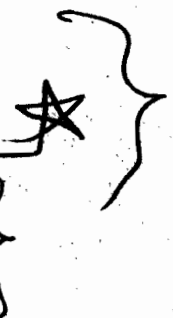
5. FOR HQ AFMPC/DPWCM: THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A COPY OF REF A WAS PROVIDED ON 5 DEC 94.

6. EVAL/JDM/GJM//

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Nov 17 1985

Pat Steed
2841 Ermine Way
Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Dear Pat,

Today, the Department of Defense (DOD) contacted me regarding my inquiry on your behalf.

As you may know, Major Bennett's files have been declassified and are open to the public. According to DOD, Major Bennett's case is complicated by the fact that two B-52s were lost the same night and in approximately the same area. Further confusion arises due to conflicting statements made by the surviving crew members of both B-52s, the Government of Vietnam and those Vietnamese that witnessed the accidents.

Major Bennett's case has been presented to the Vietnamese seven times and the Defense POW/MIA Office (POW/MIA) and Joint Task Force Full Accounting (JTF-FA) are hopeful the area where the planes were lost can be searched at the next joint field activity in the spring of 1986.

Hopefully, you can take comfort in knowing that the POW/MIA and JTF-FA remain committed to investigate fully and completely all cases of unaccounted for Americans in Southeast Asia. Further, I want to assure you of my personal sense of loss for our people who have yet to be accounted for and will continue to press for their return.

It is by understanding you have been in contact with Barney Frampton, Air Force Casualty Officer. Should you have any additional concerns, or wish an update on Major Bennett's case, you should again contact Mr. Frampton at 1-800/531-5501. Also, as I mentioned to you in my previous letter, you can also contact the Department of Defense, POW/MIA Office, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-2499 with your request for additional information.

If you have any questions about this response, or if I can ever be of assistance to you with any other matter involving a federal agency, please do not hesitate to call me.

Pat. Steed
May 26, 1994
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I have appreciated this opportunity to be of service to you
and to represent you in the 93rd Congress.

Sincerely,

BUCK RYAN
Member of Congress

DA/mf

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21 March 95

Hon. Bob Smith
United States Senator
Dirksen Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator,

Thank you so much for your letter dated 16Mar, 95.

You asked if the three returned POWs from Maj. Bennett's aircraft believed he may have ejected safely - if you would care to contact Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bennett, Sr. @ Maj. Bennett's parents, they would be happy to confirm to you that in conversations they have had with the returned POWs and in statements made by these surviving crew members, there was definite belief that Maj. Bennett did exit the aircraft!

Thank you for your continued interest in a situation that unfortunately brings a lot of "fire" from cowardly politicians who rather let "sleeping dogs lie!"

Sincerely,


Shane Jackson

cc: Bill Bell
Shelly Kofler WFAA TV Dallas

BOB SMITH

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Mr. Shane Jackson
2834 Ermine Way
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter dated January 25, 1995 concerning Major Thomas Bennett who is missing in action from the Vietnam Conflict. I noted with interest the apparent reference to this case in the new book, Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives.

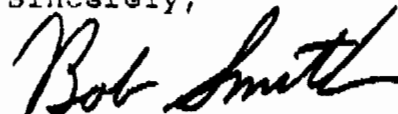
I have also noted that you have asked Bill Bell to review the information gathered to date pertaining to this case. I have tremendous respect for Mr. Bell, and I hope you will forward to me his evaluation of this case once it is completed.

Based on the information you have forwarded to me pertaining to this incident, it seems obvious that Vietnamese officials would have known at the time of the incident the fate of each of the crewmembers -- those who were captured, those who died, as well as what happened to Major Bennett. I would also be interested in knowing whether the three returned POWs from this incident believed Major Bennett may have ejected safely from the aircraft before impact.

For your perusal, I have enclosed a copy of a letter I recently sent to Secretary of Defense William Perry concerning the investigation of POW/MIA cases. My letter clearly outlines my disappointment with efforts to account for POW/MIAs.

Again, thank you for keeping me up to date on your investigative efforts on behalf of Major Bennett's family.

Sincerely,



BOB SMITH
United States Senator

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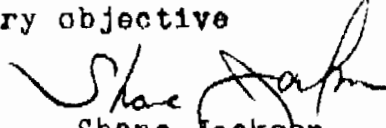
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Bill,

I have notified Sen. Bob Smith's office (specifically Dino Carlucio) of the pending request being made in regard to Maj. Bennet's confidential file being made available to you for review.

I can tell you that in what I have seen of the file, there are obvious discrepancies - the most glaring being that a "report" referring to the repatriated remains of 1stLt. Copack and Major Alley states that there was evidence of injury from burns in a crash; yet another report of interview with witness says they parachuted with one shot coming down and the other had a chute failure!

I read your letter to McConnell and commend you on a very objective presentation!



Shane Jackson
MKT

25 January 95

Hon. Bob Smith
United States Senator
Dirksen Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510-2903

Dear Senator,

In July of '94 I received a letter from you concerning MIA Major Thomas Bennet who is missing from the Viet Nam conflict; you stated that if I believed classified information in Major Bennet's file was not being shared with the primary next of kin, to let you know.

In a book released last week, Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives by Malcolm McConnell on page 38, a tragic incident about the bombing of Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi's outskirts on the night of 22Dec72 is detailed - several people were killed. On page 107, "a massive green slab of a B-52 bomber's tail" with a placard reading "being downed by a SAM and F-111, on December 22, 1972, by 14.5mm machine guns firing from the river embankment in central Hanoi."

22Dec72 is the date that Major Bennet's B-52 was downed by a SAM near central Hanoi. In talking with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bennet, Sr. today, I learned this information has never been made available to them!

The inadvertent bombing of a hospital has a direct bearing on what fate Maj. Bennet might have encountered if he came in contact with civilians that night; the correlation of the B-52 tail located in a museum in Hanoi, speaks for itself!

Major Bennet; a member of SAC, has had his case presented to the Vietnamese 7 different times; his crash site has been searched twice(that we know of)- what else does the U.S. government know about Major Bennet?

Please help us!

Sincerely,



Shane Jackson

cc: Hon. Dick Armev
WFAA TV

27 January 95

Hon. Dick Arney
Member of Congress
301 Cannon House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515-4326

Dear Congressman Arney,

In the past I have asked for your assistance relative to the MIA Major Thomas Bennett, who is listed as a discrepancy case still being investigated by JTF/FA. Your past inquires have generated information for which we are most grateful.

Last week a new book released more evidence that the U.S. government knows more about Maj. Bennett's case than it is sharing with the next of kin. In my recent conversation with Maj. Bennett's parents, it was confirmed that information detailed in Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives by Malcolm McConnell relative to Major Bennett's case had never been shared with them.

The former head of the MIA/POW office in Hanoi, Bill Bell, has agreed to give an independent review of Maj. Bennett's case. Yesterday, permission was granted by Mr. & Mrs. Bennett for Maj. Bennett's file to be viewed by Mr. Bell. The release of all the information to Mr. Bell could obviously be expedited if the House Majority Leader expressed interest in Maj. Bennett's case file being made available to Mr. Bell.

Please help us to resolve the case of Maj. Bennett- If Maj. Bennett paid the ultimate sacrifice, let the U.S. government tell all it knows, and help afford a full accounting to Maj. Bennett's next of kin - that is the very least they deserve!

Sincerely,


Shane Jackson
2834 Ermine Way

cc: Hon. Bob Smith
Bill Bell
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bennett, Sr.
Pat(Bennett) Steed
WFAA TV

CASE: 1965

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS, 18 November 1975:

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 INFLIGHT 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)

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)

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: 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)

5 November 1984: 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)

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7 August 1990: SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT AND THE DEATH OF THE PILOT. THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CORRELATE WELL WITH LIEUTENANT CLARK'S INCIDENT. (REF 7)

REFERENCES, 5 November 1984:

<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, FVS-32, 521, 19 MAY 73. <4> REFCON (U), HK83-030, 29 APR 83. <5> REFCON (U), HK84-095, 24 SEP 84. <6> (U) MSG, CDRPERSCOM/ALEX VA/TAPC-PED-ASGRO// 201900Z JUN 89. <7> HK89-167, JCRC LIAISON BKK, 130714Z NOV 89. <8> HK89-167, JCRC LIAISON BKK, 130714Z NOV 89.

NEGOTIATION ACTIONS, 28 September 1985:

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.

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 5 AUGUST 1993:

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:

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Remains Repatriated: | YES |
| Folders Passed: | 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

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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.

MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE, 24 November 1975:

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM WJ 623 257 AND WJ 883 203 TO WJ 866 264 BASED ON REPORT, SPECIAL REPORTING FACILITY, VIETNAM, FVS-32,521, 19 MAY 73, SUBJ: SIGHTING OF DEAD U.S. PILOT IN HANOI, NVN.

REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES, 10 July 1989:

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)

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS, 18 November 1975:

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.

REFNO: 1965-0-01 (ACCNO 1668), Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: COPACK, JOSEPH BERNARD JR, Date Status assigned: 20 Jun 1989
Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit 16038
Service AIR FORCE | Sex MALE | Blood type B + Grade O2
| Hair BROWN | Complexion FAIR SSAN | Eyes BROWN
| Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL Serial No \$ | Height 72 in / 1.83 mtrs | Weapon
No # Birth date 4 Jun 1947 | Weight 200 lb / 90.6 kg | Duty pos
NAVIGATOR Home State ILLINOIS | Religion CATHOLIC | PW Camp \$

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 72900 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 \$

REFNO: 1965-0-03 (ACCNO 1662) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: ALLEY, GERALD WILLIAM Date Status assigned: 20 Jun 1989
Nationality AMERICAN, Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit 02336 Service
AIR FORCE | Sex MALE | Blood type O + Grade O4 | Hair BROWN
| Complexion FAIR SSAN | Eyes BLUE | Weapon .38 CAL
PISTOL Serial No \$ | Height 71 in / 1.80 mtrs | Weapon No # Birth date
28 Jul 1934 | Weight 175 lb / 79.3 kg | Duty pos RADAR NAV
Home State IDAHO | Religion CATHOLIC | PW Camp \$

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REFNO: 1965-1-04 (ACCNO 1687) Status: (T) RELEASED Name: LEBLANC,
LOUIS EDWARD JR, Date Status assigned: 29 Mar 1973 Nationality
AMERICAN |Race CAUCASIAN |Blood Chit 32391 Service AIR FORCE
|Sex MALE |Blood type B + Grade E7 |Hair BLACK |Complexion SSAN

in /1.75 mtrs |Weapon No K646989 Birth date 15 Oct 1935 |Weight
160 lb / 72.5 kg |Duty pos GUNNER Home State RHODE ISLAND
|Religion CATHOLIC |PW Camp HANOI PW DETENTION

REFNO: 1965-1-05 (ACCNO 1683) Status: (T) RELEASED Name:
CAMEROTA, PETER PAUL Date Status assigned: 29 Mar 1973 Nationality
AMERICAN |Race CAUCASIAN |Blood Chit 72949 Service AIR FORCE
|Sex MALE |Blood type B + Grade O3 |Hair BROWN |Complexion SSAN
|Eyes BROWN |Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL Serial No
|Height 66 in /1.68 mtrs |Weapon No K502523 Birth date 21 Jun 1944
|Weight 150 lb / 68.0 kg |Duty pos EWO Home State PENNSYLVANIA
|Religion |PW Camp HANOI PW DETENTION

REFNO: 1965-1-06 (ACCNO 1640) Status: (T) RELEASED Name: GIROUX,
PETER J Date Status assigned: 12 Feb 1973 Nationality AMERICAN
|Race CAUCASIAN |Blood Chit 02343 Service AIR FORCE |Sex MALE
|Blood type A + Grade O3 |Hair BROWN |Complexion SSAN
|Eyes BLUE |Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL Serial No |Height 72 in /1.83
mtrs |Weapon No K502578 Birth date 8 Aug 1944 |Weight 180 lb /
81.5 kg |Duty pos PILOT Home State NEW YORK |Religion |PW Camp
HANOI PW DETENTION.



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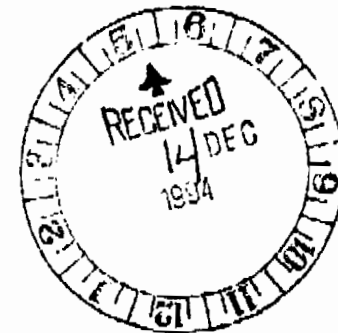
Encl: (1) CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//221143Z NOV 94

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

2. The JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed report by deleting U.S.
personnel names per Executive Order 12812, 22 Jul 92, and Title
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*Pat. share w/h
Shane - this LATEST
from USAF (tho'
there's only a little new
in all this S.A.T.
Love you
Mavis*

Pg 5 - B52D crashed at Ton Hung (U) Thanh Dai (D) Ha Tay, 4:39 AM
night of 18, morning of 19 DEC 72. A/C from UTTAPAO, Thailand.
Person who fired SAM was Nguyễn Văn Đức. 77th Bn, Red Flag Group.
77 Bn Chu Đình Thế Văn

B52G 4/5 NW of Hanoi 18 DEC 72. 59th Bn fired from Cũ Loa.
A/C down at Đông Xuân (U) Đa Phúc (D) Vinh Phuc (P) at 2013 hours.
Bn Chu Nguyễn Thế Văn. ~~Đông Xuân~~

^{804 NVN}
summary of page 5 article says 5 A/C shot down (3 B52) and
7 pilots captured. 2 of the B52's were shot down in Hanoi and the 3^d
somewhere else.

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Article by
Sĩ Tâm

night of 21, morning of 22 DEC 72. In two minute pass of 24 A/C they
shot down 3 B52's from 0340-0342 hours. 1 at Thanh Miên
(poss Hiền, poss Kiên) Hai Hung; 1 at Chợ Bến in Hà Sơn Bình
and 1 at Quỳnh Côi, Thái Bình. 77th Bn

Muong Liet

VH 1163

Muong Soi VH 5241

Lia Iia

Trung Son (V) Luong Son (D) RP 80-34
WH 6661 9752

Ngoc Ha BS2

1994

HK 83-030 - Pilot body found on

top of stunt car sleep

Bennie Fryer - Refs 1976

HK 83-049 Ngoc Ha BS2

No remains

Wreckage exclusive to BS2

Bennett - Co-pilot unaccounted

U.

Bach Mai Hoop (white A/C dropped load, 1 young)

Map 6150 IV

Site 110 miles NW of small cemetery, 175 m W of Hwy 21

#1 Mr Dick heard 2 pilots parachuted into village at night & 1 died. Heard 2^d pilot turned over to local authorities. Mr Dick said there were (not that he personally observed) bits of flesh, etc large about size of 2 fingers, spread over whole area.

#2 Nguyen Van Meo saw "Province Team" at site several days after crash. What about records from this province team.

Meo said large pieces of wreckage taken by villagers. Did CILHI/STPFA recover, attempt to find, search etc?

Meo heard "some pilots" were captured, doesn't know about remains

#3 Bui Thi Hong

In 1990 found watch near crater which was frozen on date 22 DEC

All crew
casualties

0345 hrs F14 3 B52 A/C 22 DEC 72, hit by SAM - burning
crashed at WJ 866 264 - No beeper radio etc.

3 crew Cpt Cameron, MS67 Leblanc + Cpt Giroux captured & held

Otto Prager
Ref 10.
A/C in BT
Garden is
Apr 1976
28 DEC 72

1973 rullin said to saw body of 1 crew being removed from QS in Botanical
Gardens WJ 866 264. Info correlated to 1LT Copack Ref 3 SGN FVS

Some saw body of US pilot Dec 72 WJ 862 264 - Ref 4 HK 83-030

Some saw partial A/C wreckage WJ 867 252 - Heard chatter part of plane
QS at WJ 885 265, Pos 1965 Ref 5 HK 84-095

Some provided info on crash of A/C + death of pilot - correlated to 1LT Clark
Ref 7 HK 89-167

Eng J57 #1 Sn 605403 # 2-604365

15 Dec 88 box # 19 I.D. as Cpt Copack
" box # 20 1LT alley

Bennett, Thomas Waring Jr

Caucasian

Wpn-38 # 3228554

Blood chit # 72900

Blood type O+

75" 220 lbs

Hair - Blk Eyes - Blue