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Wed., Oct. 6, 1965 **Q**

3 Yank Jets, 4 Fliers Lost In N. Viet Nam

SAIGON (UPI) — An American military spokesman announced today that three U.S. Air Force jet planes were shot down in raids over North Viet Nam yesterday and that the four fliers aboard were missing.

There was no confirmation of a report yesterday by Communist China that its air force had shot down a U.S. plane over Kwangsi Province on the border of North Viet Nam. China said one plane was shot down and three others were chased away.

The spokesman said the three planes shot down — one F4C Phantom and two F105 Thunderchiefs — all went down in the same general area about 40 to 45 miles northeast of Hanoi. Two parachutes were observed from the Phantom but the spokesman said an extensive search mission failed to find the fliers.

A Navy jet was hit and crashed on one raid but the pilot was rescued.

There was no indication whether the missing airmen were killed or captured and Peking gave no indication of the fate of the pilot it said was downed over China. North Viet Nam has threatened to try captured pilots as war criminals.

Sept 14, 1965

Dear Barbara, Andy & boys,

Sorry I haven't answered your letter sooner Barbara but you know what a poor letter writer I have always been. I still think about you every day although my letters don't show it I guess. We very seldom get any time off here. We usually fly seven days a week and average two flights a day. I have already flown 30 strike sorties in F-4's and have been doing pretty good with my bombs & rockets & guns. So far the boys have stayed clear of us but maybe I'll see some this afternoon when I fly a May Contol Air patrol up over 100-65 miles from the Chinese border. We already flown enough sorties to receive my first Air Medal. Our squadron hasn't lost too many airplanes since we've been over here compared to some of the F-105 squadrons. The plane I fly is the Phantom F-4H so when you read anything in the paper about it that's my squadron. Anyway when I come home & the boys get old enough to understand I can tell them some pretty good war stories.

It looks like I'll be home about the 1st of Nov. Barbara I'll wish you a happy birthday now 11 days early. I probably won't see you I think you will like to see

it will be there on time but may be a few
 days later as I have to wrap mail etc etc.
 There's not much to do here its kind
 of just a remote air strip in sorta a jungle.
 I sent a few snapshots to Mother that you
 will see.

I will make Major next year. In the Ar-
 my I have 12 years service but will only
 be a Major for 4-5 years then Lt. Colonel. So
 I will be only 37 or 38 when I'm a Lt. Colonel.
 He doesn't seem like I've been in for 12 years
 already does it?

Tell Mother hello for me & that I'm O.K.
 & will be out to return which isn't too
 far off now.

See you in Nov.

Love always

Chuck

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STATEMENT

4 October 1965

I was following the lead aircraft north on an armed reconnaissance of a road on 1 Oct 65. I was about 1 - 2 miles in tail. We came to a valley, lead turned right at the north edge of the valley. I observed what I thought to be his afterburners in a right climbing turn. I then realized he was on fire. My aircraft commander informed him he was on fire and to bail out. The aircraft commander of the hit airplane transmitted Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. He jettisoned all external stores in a level climb. At first I thought the aircraft was coming apart. As the stores started tumbling I took my attention off of the aircraft which was still in a level climb. There was a fully deployed parachute in the midst of the falling stores. I pointed this out to my aircraft commander and we attempted to keep sight of the parachute. Our vision was blocked when the chute went behind a hill. We circled and saw the presumed impact area of the aircraft on the side of a mountain about three miles from where we had seen the chute. There was smoke rising from the area but no fire and no recognizable aircraft wreckage. After I saw the parachute I did not observe the stricken aircraft's flight and impact. I circled around the area for about ten minutes attempting radio and visual contact with the pilots. No contact was made. I was forced to leave because of low fuel.

s/t/ Philip M. Ordway
PHILIP M. ORDWAY
1st Lt, ~~REDACTED~~
47th Tac Ftr Sq

A TRUE COPY:

[Signature]
WALTER B. BUTLER, JR., Captain, USAF
Dir of Personnel

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DATE OF REPORT
4 Oct 65

FROM: 6233 Cmbt Spt Gp
APO U. S. Forces 96304

3.	DEPARTURE
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B. PLACE

Ubon, Thailand

5. INTENDED ROUTE

Direct over and back

7. LAST KNOWN LOCATION (Exact coordinates and name of place)

Approximately 3 miles south of Ban Puoi
Airfield, North Vietnam

21 degrees 10 minutes North
104 degrees 39 minutes East

AIRCRAFT (Check applicable box)

1	0. INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE
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DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT (If missing in aircraft)

ITEMS A	TYPE B	MODEL C	MAKE D	SERIAL NUMBERS E	WEAPONS OR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT		
					MAKE F	TYPE G	SERIAL NUMBER H
ADPT ENGINES	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						
PROPELLERS	1						
	2						
	3						
	4						
	5						
	6						

1. NICKNAME OF AIRCRAFT OR OTHER IDENTIFYING MARKINGS

F-4C Phantom

PERSONNEL AND/OR CREW (If missing in aircraft)

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STATEMENT

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Gator 2-3-4 were performing armed reconnaissance of route 155 on 1 Oct 65. Gator 4 was cleared to make a dive bomb pass at a choke point on the route. Gator 4 initiated pull up for pass and Gator 3 and 2 proceeded north along the route in the valley. As Gator 4 rolled in on dive bomb pass, Gator 2 was heard to transmit "Gator 3, you're Hit". Then at approximately 5 second intervals - "Gator 3, you're on fire, you'd better get out". "Bail out, Gator 3".

Gator 2 then informed Gator 4, that 3 was down and that he would orbit low, for Gator 4 to climb and contact SAR (Search and Rescue). Both aircraft remained in area for approximately 10 minutes till minimum fuel. SAR was contacted and coordinates and call sign were passed to them. Returning home Gators 2 and 4 used the emergency tanker. Gator 2 was directed into Udorn and Gator 4 to Ubon.

Ralph D. Steele
RALPH D. STEELE
Capt, [REDACTED]
47th Tac Ftr Sq

acc # 4

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On 1 Oct 65, I, Capt Marvin C. Quist, [REDACTED], saw Capt Scharf's and Lt Massucci's aircraft start to burn. The flame was small at first and gradually increased for about 15-20 seconds until it trailed the aircraft approximately one plane length. I heard Capt Scharf call "Mayday" three times followed by some undistinguishable comment. I told him his aircraft was on fire and to bail out. I observed the external stores leave the aircraft and shortly after, a chute in the same approximate position. The aircraft was in a very steady course toward mountainous terrain. The engines and afterburners appeared to be functioning properly. I lost sight of the aircraft as I turned to watch the one parachute, and observed the chute almost until ground impact. The chute impact point was approximately one quarter mile from heavy mountainous cover. It impacted on level, open terrain about 1 mile from the nearest settlement. I then turned hard to relocate the aircraft and saw what appeared to be the aircraft impact point in mountainous terrain about 3-5 miles southeast of where it caught fire. The time period from when we lost sight of the aircraft until we saw the impact area was 45-60 seconds. No other fire or smoke was observed. This led me to believe the aircraft remained intact until impact and did not suffer a severe explosion in the air. In my opinion there is a strong possibility that the other occupant bailed out prior to aircraft impact. He had sufficient altitude and it is felt he had sufficient time for a successful ejection.

Marvin C. Quist

MARVIN C. QUIST
Capt, [REDACTED]
47th Tac Ftr Sq

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НИКАКОЙ УВЕРЕННОСТИ, ЧТО ЭТИ СВЕ-
ДЕНИЯ СООТВЕТСТВУЮТ, ДЕЙСТВИТЕЛЬ-
НОСТИ, СКОРЕЕ ВСЕГО ЭТО ПОПЫТКА
ВЫУДИТЬ ДЕНЕГ, ПРИЧЕМ ВЕСЬМА
НЕУКЛЮЖАЯ.

ПРИШЕЛ К ВЫВОДУ, ЧТО ИМЕТЬ С
НИМИ ДЕЛО БЕСПОЛЕЗНО.

8. ИТАК ЧТО МОЖНО ПРЕДПРИНЯТЬ?
ПОЖАЛУЙ ТОЛЬКО ОДНО. ПЕРЕДАТЬ
СВЕДЕНИЯ КАКОЙ-ЛИБО ГАЗЕТЕ,
ПОЛЬЗУЮЩЕЙСЯ ОПРЕДЕЛЕННЫМ АВТО-
РИТЕТОМ С ТЕМ, ЧТОБЫ ПРИВЛЕЧЬ
ВНИМАНИЕ К ЭТОЙ ПРОБЛЕМЕ ОБЩЕСТВА
И ДОБИТЬСЯ, ЧТОБЫ ЭТОТ МАТЕ-
РИАЛ БЫЛ НАПЕЧАТАН. УЖЕ ОЧЕ-
ВИДНО, ЧТО ЭТО БУДЕТ СДЕЛАТЬ
СЛОЖНО, ПОТРЕБУЕТ НЕМАЛО
ВРЕМЕНИ, ДА ПОЖАЛУЙ И ДЕНЕГ.
ВЕДЬ НЕ МОГУ ЖЕ Я И МОЙ ДРУГ
ОТПРАВИТЬ ДОКУМЕНТЫ НЕ ИМЕЯ
ГАРАНТИИ, ЧТО ОНИ НЕ БУДУТ ВЫ-
БРОШЕНЫ В КОРЗИНУ.

9. КАК ОФИЦЕРЫ ФЛОТА, МЫ НЕ
ИМЕЕМ НИКАКИХ ИНТЕРЕСОВ, КРОМЕ
КАК ПОМОЧЬ ВАМ И ДАИ БОГ
ИЗ ЭТОГО ЧТО-ТО ПОЛУЧИТСЯ.

НАДЕЕМСЯ, ЧТО УВИДИМСЯ В
БУДУЩЕМ (НАВРЯТ-ЛИ УДАСТСЯ
ПОПАСТЬ В АМЕРИКУ), ПРИЕЗЖАЙ-
ТЕ ВО ВЛАДИВОСТОК. В ГОСТИ-
НИЦЕ ЖИТЬ НЕ ПРИДЕТСЯ, А
ПОСМОТРЕТЬ ЗДЕСЬ ЕСТЬ НА ЧТО.

ПОСЫЛАЮ СВОЕ ФОТО, * СТРАШ-
НОВАТОЕ, НО ЭТО Я, АНАТОЛИЙ
ТОЖЕ ПОШЛЕТ, ПОЗДНЕЕ.

ВАШИ ДРУЗЬЯ.

8 АРГІІ 1901 г.

ДОРОГАЯ БАРБАРА!

СООБЩАЮ ОБ УСИЛИЯХ, КОТОРЫЕ
БЫЛИ ПРЕДПРИНЯТЫ, ЧТОБЫ ПОМОЧЬ ВАМ:

1. УСТАНОВИЛ, ЧТО БОЕВОЙ САМОЛЕТ
ВАШГО БРАТА НЕ БЫЛ СБИТ
ВОЙСКАМИ ПРОТИВОВОЗДУШНОЙ ОБОРОНЫ
СССР. ПРЕДПОЛОЖИТЕЛЬНО — ЗЕНИТ-
НОЙ АРТИЛЛЕРИЕЙ ВЬЕТНАМА.
2. ВОЕННЫЕ СПЕЦИАЛИСТЫ СССР НЕ
ПРИНИМАЛИ УЧАСТИЯ В ДОПРОСАХ
ВАШГО БРАТА, КАК ВПРОЧЕМ
И В ДОПРОСАХ ДРУГИХ АМЕРИ-
КАНСКИХ ЛЕТЧИКОВ.
3. ДЛЯ МЕНЯ НЕТ СОМНЕНИЙ, ЧТО
ВАШ БРАТ НАХОДИЛСЯ (НАХОДИТСЯ?)
В ПЛЕНУ.
4. Я ИСКЛЮЧАЮ ВОЗМОЖНОСТЬ, ЧТО
ОН МОГ ЗВОНИТЬ ВАМ ИЗ ВЬЕТ-
НАМА.
5. Я ИСКЛЮЧАЮ, ЧТО ОН МОЖЕТ
НАХОДИТЬСЯ НА ТЕРРИТОРИИ КИТАЯ
НЕДОБРОВОЛЬНО И В УСЛОВИЯХ ОГРА-
НИЧЕННОЙ СВОБОДЫ.
6. НИКТО ИЗ МОИХ ЗНАКОМЫХ, БЫВШИХ
ВО ВЬЕТНАМЕ НИЧЕГО НЕ ЗНАЕТ
О ЛАГЕРЯХ ДЛЯ ПЛЕННЫХ АМЕРИКАН-
СКИХ ЛЕТЧИКАХ, В ТОМ ЧИСЛЕ
И ТЕ, КТО ИНТЕРЕСОВАЛСЯ ЭТИМ
СПЕЦИАЛЬНО. ЭТО ОБЪЯСНЯЕТСЯ
ОТСУТСТВИЕМ ВОЗМОЖНОСТЕЙ ДЛЯ СВО-
БОДНОГО ПЕРЕДВИЖЕНИЯ И ОГРАНИ-
ЧЕНИЕМ КОНТАКТОВ С ВЬЕТНАМЦАМИ
И, ВОЗМОЖНО, РАБОТОЙ ОРГАНОВ БЕЗО

[translation of Russian language letter]

Dear Barbara!

I am reporting about the efforts that were taken to assist you:

1. I established that your brother's combat aircraft was not knocked down by USSR air defense troops. Presumably it was by Vietnamese antiaircraft artillery.

2. USSR military specialists did not take part in the interrogations of your brother, or, by the way, in interrogations of other American pilots.

3. For me there is no doubt that your brother was (is?) in captivity.

4. I exclude the possibility that he could phone you from Viet Nam.

5. I exclude that he can be on Chinese territory involuntarily and under conditions of limited freedom.

6. None of my acquaintances who were formerly in Viet Nam know anything about camps for captured American pilots, including those [acquaintances] who have a special interest in this. This is due to the lack of opportunities for free movement and to limited contacts with the Vietnamese, and possibly to the work of the Vietnamese security organs.

7. The citizens of Viet Nam to whom I spoke demand money for information. However, there is no assurance that this information is real. Most likely it is an attempt to swindle money, and a very clumsy one.

I came to the conclusion that it is useless to have anything to do with them.

8. So, what can one do? I think there is only one thing. Send the information to some newspaper that enjoys a certain authority, in order to attract society's attention to this problem, and succeed in getting this material published. It is already obvious that this will be difficult to do, and will require considerable time, and probably money as well. My friend and I cannot send the documents with any guarantee that they will not be thrown into the waste-basket.

9. As Naval officers, we have no interests other than to assist you, and, God willing, something will come of this.

We hope that we will see you in the future (it is not likely that we will succeed in getting to America). Come to Vladivostok. You will not have to live in a hotel, and there are things to see here.

I am sending my photo. It is dreadful, but it is I. Anatoliy will also send his later.

Your friends,
[signatures obscured]

DIA - Evaluation

• Dear Barbara,

• I report on the efforts undertaken to help you:

1) I have established that your brother's warplane was not brought down by Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) of the Soviet Union. It is thus assumed to be the AAA of Vietnam.

2) The USSR's military specialists did not take part in your brother's interrogations (however they did in the interrogations of other American pilots).

3) I do not doubt that your brother was to be found (or still is to be found) in captivity.

4) I exclude the possibility that he could have phoned you from Vietnam.

5) I exclude the possibility that he could be found in the territory of China against his will or in conditions of limited freedom.

6) None of my acquaintances who have been to Vietnam know of the camps of captured Americans at this time. This could be explained by the absence of free movement and limited contact with the Vietnamese and, possibly, the work of the Vietnamese security organs.

7) The citizens of Vietnam to whom I turned demanded money for information. However, there is no confidence that the information bears any resemblance to reality, most likely it is a highly clumsy attempt to part with your money. In conclusion, this is a useless way of business.

8) Is it possible to conduct such business? Perhaps only one way. Give the information to some newspaper making use of its authority in order to draw attention to this problem in society and get the material published. Already, it is obvious that this will be complicated, it will demand a lot of time and perhaps money as well. Neither I nor my friends cannot send documents not having a guarantee that they will not be thrown in the bin.

9) As naval officers we have no interests apart from helping you, and that, God willing, you get something from this.

We hope that we will see you in the future, (we will hardly ~~get~~ end up in America) so travel to Vladivostok. Staying in a hotel is not suitable and we will look for something here.

I send your photo, badly packed, and Anatoliy will also send his later.

Your friends.

Interpretation - report on England

Col. Charles Joseph Scharf, was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 20, 1933. He graduated from Herbert Hoover High School, San Diego, California in 1950. He entered San Diego State College and was graduated with an AB degree in 1954.

Col. Scharf's last base was with the 47th Tac. Ftr. Sq., MacDill A.F.B., Tampa, Florida. Then to Ubon, Thailand, July of 1965, as Aircraft Commander F-4C. Col. Scharf was shot down over North Vietnam, October 1, 1965 and has been carried in a missing in action status until January 9, 1978, when he was presumed dead.

Col. Scharf was a R.O.T.C. graduate of San Diego State College. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. Col. Scharf started pilot training as a Second Lieutenant at Spence Air Base, Moultrie, Georgia. First assigned base was with the 3505th. Pilot Training Wing Headquarters, Greenville, Mississippi, class of 56A. Trained in T-28, T-6, T-34, T-33. Perrior A.F.B., Texas for F-86D training and then on to McChord A.F.B., Tacoma, Washington where he was assigned to 4th, F.I.S with the 318th Sq. From F-86D to F-102, "Deuce". Col. Scharf was on the 1958 World Wide Weapons meet at Tindell A.F.B., Florida, scoring the highest number of assessed radar hits, 100% of 12 runs judged by Hughes Tech. Rep. debriefing team of 1958. As First Lt. held position as flight Commander at McCord.

Col. Scharf scored over 1,800 hours in the F-102 as leading pilot of hours in the United States Air Force in the year 1958. From 1958 to Misawa, Japan where F-86's were converted to F-102's. Col. Scharf flew the first F-102 into Misawa, A.F.B. Shortly thereafter, was assigned duties of up-grading Japanese Air Force, J.A.S.D.F. developing cross training programs on F-102's. Six months later from Japan was sent back to Hawaii to Hickam A.F.B. on the P.A.C.A.F. "Bear Cat Team". Col Scharf's area was Inspector General, operation readiness of aircraft weapons and fighters. Position was Defensive Operation Inspector on the P.A.C.A.F., DRI team.

Col. Scharf held many awards including advanced aeronautical rating command pilot shortly after making Major.

Decorations and Service Awards

Distinguished Flying Cross
Air Medal, with one Oak Leaf Cluster
Air Force Commendation Medal
Purple Heart
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award
with 4 bronze Leaf Cluster
Vietnam Service Medal
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Korea Medal

Combat missions, consumed 160.3 combat hours from August 25, 1965, September 1965 to October 1, 1965 missing in action date.

Barbara Scharf Lowerison

May 25, 1988

General John Vessey, Jr.
United States Army, Retired
C/O Joint Chief of Staff
Washington, D.C. 20301-5000

RE: COL. CHARLES J. SCHARF

Dear General Vessey:

I would like to provide the following information on my brother, Col. Charles Scharf, U.S.A.F., POW, North Vietnam, October 1, 1965.

FACT:

Chuck was on a road recon mission over North Vietnam, when his F4 was hit by anti-aircraft fire. One good chute seen. Time and altitude was such that both men ejected safely and the possibility existed, both men were captured.

FACT:

The East Germans made a movie film, the title of the film is "Pilots in Pajamas". This was made at the Hin Ton Prison Camp near Hanoi, in the year 1967. It is reported that there were 150 men in this camp. The film is 8 hours in length or 24 reels. The CIA reported Chuck Scharf in this film. The DIA, stated that they could not correlate the photo with name, that the quality of film was poor. I was shown 6 hours of this film. It is my understanding England has the 8 hour version.

QUESTION:

Why was Chuck Scharf not reclassified as a POW since the CIA stated he was in this film, two years after he was shot down? Where is the other two hours of film? Is it possible that the 2 hours of film is missing in action also?

FACT:

1969 there were Christmas photos from Hanoi. My mother identified one man as Chuck Scharf. The Navy tentatively also identified this man as one of theirs. We requested

John Vessey, Jr.
May 25, 1988
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RE: SCHARF, CHARLES J.

FACT:

In 1978 a Vietnamese refugee reported that he knew Chuck Scharf in a reeducation camp.

QUESTION:

Why was Chuck Scharf not placed in a POW status?

Why was he declared dead in 1978 instead of POW status?

FACT:

A report was provided to me that upon interrogation ~~when~~ Chuck was first shot down, when he did not respond to the enemies questions, he was severely beaten, he was hospitalized; he recovered from his wounds. In 1976 he tried to escape. He was recaptured at Haiphong Port, again he is interrogated by one Col. Phan Van Thai, at the Military Complex at Ly Nam De Street. He is also used as a subject matter by the PLO in certain techniques by one Col. Le Thanh. Subsequently, he becomes a model prisoner and is sent to the warehouse in the Gia Lam suburb where he is put in charge of distributing food and medicine throughout the prison system. He is also sent to other places like Bat Bat, Yen Bay, Cao Bang. He was seen by an American Airman at Van Yen. He is still rebellious. He was sent near the North Vietnam-China Border and put under the charge of a special unit. It is reported that there are 15 other American POWS with him. In 1986, more prisoners arrive. There is an escalation of the war on the border. One side pro China; the other side pro Russia. Chuck and the other prisoners are caught in the middle.

QUESTION:

Where is Chuck Scharf and the other prisoners, did they stay near the border? Were they taken to China? Were they taken to Russia? Why has Chuck Scharf never been placed in a POW status?

FACT:

Stating all the above facts, you can see Chuck was tracked down from 1965 up to 1986. Now since I have this information on Chuck, as well as other sources the following needs to be investigated further.

John Vessey, Jr.
May 25, 1988
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RE: SCHARF, CHARLES J.

FACT:

The Air Force states that they have no information on my brother since his shoot down date of 10/1/65; therefore, he was declared dead in 1978.

QUESTION:

Why does the Air Force not know about my brother and his whereabouts between October 1965 and 1978? Why do other people have information on him?

FACT:

CDR. Bruce Heller, USN, PM/MIA Division, issued an order to the Director to destroy certain information on Chuck in the year 1977, just one year before he was declared dead. The information ordered to be destroyed is file 61-72. File 61-72 is "Pilots in Pajamas". The order was signed by Sal Ferrero, for CDR. Heller.

QUESTION:

Why did CDR. Heller want this information destroyed on Chuck? What was his reason?

FACT:

Sal Ferrero, Edward Valentine and Jeannie Fontaine have been involved in Chucks' case from what I can determine, to be almost 23 years.

QUESTION:

Is there any reason to have the same people involved in Chuck's case for almost 23 years?

FACT:

The Air Force has misplaced some of Chuck's file during a transition of Microfish.

QUESTION:

How much information on Chuck is lost, misplaced, or destroyed?

Now since I have provided information on Chuck between the years 1965 and 1986, and the Air Force states that they do not have information on him since his shoot down date of October 1, 1965; perhaps you might like to look at his classified file and see what information is there or what has been lost or destroyed.

John Vessey, Jr.

May 25, 1988

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RE: SCHARF, CHARLES J.

Now if Chuck Scharf is dead, like the Air Force states, then the questions I want answered are the following:

When did he die? Where did he die? What month did he die? What year did he die? What did he die of?

From what I have been told by someone in a Vietnamese Embassy, I have very serious doubts that Chuck Scharf is dead. If fact, I am more convinced he is alive.

FACT:

The new handbook put out by DOD, as of July 1987, shows pictures of known prisoners of war, as well as their stories.

QUESTION:

Why was Chuck Scharf never put in a POW status? Why isn't his picture and story in the DOD Fact Book?

FACT:

I request that Charles Scharf be placed in a POW status and his picture and story be placed in the DOD Fact Book. After all, he is still serving his country today, and he deserves recognition for his gallantry .

FACT:

Time and time again, I have heard the United States position, " THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE DECISIVE ACTION ON OUR PRISONERS OF WAR, IF ANY REPORT PROVE TRUE",

QUESTION:

WHY HASN'T DECISIVE ACTION BEEN TAKEN TO BRING CHUCK SCHARF HOME?

Is it because the United States Government would be embarrassed to bring our prisoners of war home?

FACT:

I personally met President Reagan, when he was campaigning for the Presidency, and presented him with 2 of Chucks' POW bracelets. I believed him when he said, if elected President he will do what ever necessary to bring home our prisoners of war.

QUESTION:

Will you please see that President Reagan sees this letter and knows about Chuck Scharf?

FACT:

In 1986, I was in contact with the Peoples' Republic of China. They in turn told me that no one from my government has ever asked about our prisoners of war or missing in action. Subsequently, I provided them information on Chuck. After a decent interval, I recontacted the Peoples Republic. I was informed that they in turn gave the information on my brother to the China Desk at the State Department. I immediately contacted the China Desk at the State Department and was informed that they had no knowledge of this. That they would check into it and get back to me. Well now it is 2 years later and I am still waiting.

FACT:

Less than one week ago, I spoke with one of the Vietnamese Embassies, and from the conversation we had, I am more certain that Chuck Scharf is alive.

General Vessey, if you would like more information on my brother, I will be happy to provide whatever information I can.

In the meantime sir, I thank you for your concern and your help in bringing our live prisoners of war home. THIS INCLUDES CHUCK SCHARF, WHO IS STILL SERVING HIS COUNTRY AND GALLANTRY, I might add.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Barbara Scharf Lowerison
Barbara Scharf Lowerison

ccs: Edward C. Aldridge, Secretary of the Air Force
The Joint Chiefs of Staff
General Leonard Perrotts, Director DIA
Cong. Duncan Hunter
Cong. Bob Smith
Cong. Bob Dornan
Cong. John Rowland

GOLDEN FAX

FROM: Nhóm Công Tác Tìm Quyên
Vì Nhân Đạo tại Việt Nam

This is a list of
U.S. Servicemen reported
as MISSING IN ACTION,
but they are now
living somewhere
with the public
or just escaped
from the POW camps?

From different sources:
Communist cadres
(officials), People,
Highlanders (Fulro
origin) provided
to the Voluntary
Group that has info
on these prisoners.

Dưới đây là Danh S. Một số Quân-Nhân HOA-KY được ghi nhận
là MẤT-TÍCH ở VIỆT-NAM, nhưng nay vẫn còn sống lưu lạc, Ngoài Dân chúng
hoặc vừa được THOÁT KHỎI TRẠI GIAM ?!..

Do nhiều thành phần : Cán bộ CS - Nhân Dân - Và Người Thượng
(gốc Fulro) cung cấp nguồn tin về cho NHÓM TỰ-NGUYỄN có sở THÔNG-BÁO
đến THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW/MIA FAMILIES kiểm chứng lại từng sự việc
đúng hoặc SAI của các Trường hợp đã sưu tầm được sau đây :

- .. ANDERSON. TONY. L. RA 5809.1896 -
- ABRAMS LEWIS. HERBERT. R#05. Serv USMC - 671125. AGA.
- ASRANGLE. WITHERET (Major) USMC Pontclair (Michigan)
- BUNKER. QUEER (Major) SN. USMC
- BALL. M. DEWEY (SP/5) SN. APO. 96.318.
- BROOK. RICHARD. O (Pilot/F5) S..
- BEER. CTERALD. MAAR. R. B5 Serv. USMC
- BEENE. LEONARD. SN. (Baptist)
- BOWONAY (Ranger) Post Administration. 3513
- BROWN. L. THOMAS (Capt) F/15 (Catholic) US. 4P00012 (Michigan)
- CARL. J. CRISPIN (SGT) AF. 1961. 6589.
- CHARLES. SCHARF (Major Colonel) AF/To7 SN.
- DARLING-BELL SN. at Chupao. B15
- DEBERY. RALPH SN. P.O. Box 24222 San Diego CA. 92.124.
- DEANGEGBEA. AF. A. POS. EPICCOFALIAN.
- EARL. H. SMITH. (Major) AF/B52
- BARRY JAMES STEVENS (không số quân)
- HOLSTEN. JACK. W. (1st Lt) RA. 650.6403.
- HERTZ. (Agriculture Engineer) He was caught by VC on the road
from SGN to Binh Duong Province.
- HARLEY H. HALL (không số quân)
- JOSEPH. E. BORS (không số quân)
- JOHN. EVAN. CALCAR. (CFG/E7) SN. 5640.0730 2nd Batt 4th INF/DIV.
- JONES. ROBERT. US. 5334.4009-5359.4009.
- JOHN. LISMAN (Engineer) at USAD Long Binh
- KINTONSSAM. W. (2nd Lt) RA. 053.4234. A. 4th DIV.
- KNOWTON. DON. G. SN. 525.04.079. B.
- LIJOSE. HOCSAVI - SN. US. BERALAKRICK.
- MICHAEL. JOHN. MASTERSON (không số quân)
- MARSH. QUETATIVE (LCPL) RA. 1180.1189
- MARTIN. WILLIAM. P. (SP/5) SN. 1860.0058.
- ROCKWELL. SCOTTE (Capt) SN. O.
- RONALD. L. BOND. (không số quân)
- RAYMOND. ORTIZ (SGI) SN. HUIC. 578
- RALPH. F. DEBERY (1st) SER/ SN. APO. 1237
- SCOTTE. BILL (SP/5) at USAD Long Binh Base.
- SMITH. SAMUEL Born : 1936 Costa Rica. CA.
- TURNER. JAMES. HENRY. R. B3. USMC SN. 691.009.13B.
- VIC. POKS. KART. A. SN. B.
- WORSHAM. STEVEN SN.
- WALTER. T. ROBINSON (1st Lt) 1st He Troop SN. 400.68.1595.



TM. NHÓM CÔNG TÁC TÌM QUYÊN
VÌ NHÂN ĐẠO TẠI VIỆT NAM



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

8 MAR 1993

HQ AFMPC/DPMCB
550 C Street West Suite 15
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4717

Mrs. Barbara Lowerison
4767 Valdina Way
San Diego CA 92124

Dear Mrs. Lowerison

The attached message and analysis, which we received from the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA), is forwarded for your information. The context of the message gives an itinerary for repatriation, in 1992, of metal items believed to be associated to the crash site of your brother, Colonel Charles J. Scharf. The analysis of the items is also attached for your review.

We are furnishing this information in keeping with our policy of providing everything we receive which may relate to your brother. We have attached an extra copy of the information for distribution to your brother at your discretion.

If you have any questions concerning this report, or if we can be of further assistance in this regard, please call us on our toll free telephone line (800-531-5501).

Sincerely

LYNN I. MALTBIE, 2d Lt, USAF
Assistant Liaison Officer
Missing Persons & Inquiries
Division

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1. JTF-FA/J24 Ltr, Ser: 216,
23 Feb 93 w/Enclosure (2)
2. CDR JTF-FA/J2, 231402Z
Feb 93 Message (2)



JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

J24
1771
Ser: 216
23 Feb 93

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

Subj: TRANSMITTAL OF REPATRIATION CEREMONY MESSAGE ASSOCIATED
WITH REFNO 0158

Encl: (1) CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH//280527Z MAR 92 (2 Copies)

1. Enclosure (1) is the Repatriation Ceremony message associated with Case 0158 and is provided for release to the next of kin of Martin J. Massucci (REFNO 0158-0-01) and Charles J. Scharf (REFNO 0158-1-02).

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


DALE E. HAYS
By direction

Copy to:
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USCINCPAC/J30M (w/o encl)



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Schraif

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R 280527Z MAR 92 PSN 703288P28

FM CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH

TO CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI

INFO JCS WASHDC//OCJCS-PW-MIA//J5
USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J3//
DIA WASHDC//POW-MIA//
NSC WASHDCSECDEF WASHDC//OASD-ISA/PW-MIA//
USCINCPAC LO WASHDC//
CDRUSACILHI HICKAM AFB HI//
SECSTATE WASHDC//EAP-VLC//

UNCLAS BANGKOK TH 15273

UNCLASSIFIED 0097 28 MAR 92

SUBJECT: VIETNAM REPATRIATION CEREMONY

1. SUMMARY: AT 1330 HOURS 27 MAR 92, REPATRIATION CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED AT NOI BAI AIRPORT, HANOI, VIETNAM WHERE THREE WOODEN BOXES CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE U. S. GOVERNMENT:

- BOX 1: PARTIAL REMAINS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO: [REDACTED]
- BOX 2: PARTIAL REMAINS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO: [REDACTED]
- BOX 3: BONE FRAGMENTS ALLEGEDLY FROM [REDACTED] AND METAL ITEMS AND VARIOUS PERSONAL EFFECTS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO: 0158 AND [REDACTED]

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- DEPARTED UTAPHAO, THAILAND: 271120 MAR 92
- ARRIVED HANOI, VN: 271330 MAR 92
- REPAT CEREMONY: 271340-1630 MAR 92
- DEPARTED HANOI, VN: 271645 MAR 92
- ARRIVED UTAPHAO, THAILAND: 271810 MAR 92
- SCHEDULED TO DEPART UTAPHAO: 300630 MAR 92

3. DETAILS OF THE REPAT CEREMONY: THE REPAT CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED IN A PROFESSIONAL, SOLEMN AND DIGNIFIED MANNER. THE U. S. REPATRIATION DETAIL CONSISTED OF SIXTEEN PERSONNEL. THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. NGUYEN XUAN PHONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AMERICAS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE U. S. WAS REPRESENTED BY CW3 [REDACTED] JTFFA DET ONE. DOCTOR [REDACTED] CILHI, VIEWED THE REMAINS AND VERIFIED THEY WERE THE REMAINS HE EXAMINED PREVIOUSLY. MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE PRESS CORPS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE THREE WOODEN BOXES CONTAINING THE ALLEGED U. S. REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE WERE INSERTED INTO THREE TRANSFER CASES.

4. REMARKS: THE TRANSFER CASES AND ALLEGED U. S. REMAINS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER U. S. CONTROL AND GUARD AT THE UTAPHAO AIR BASE UNTIL DEPARTURE AT 0630 HOURS ON 30 MAR 92. THE VIETNAMESE ADDED THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM REFNO'S 0158 AND [REDACTED] WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION. MR. PHONG STATED THESE ITEMS WERE UNILATERALLY RECOVERED ON 11 JUNE 1991.

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AMPN/SUBJ: MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO'S 0158 AND

0629//*ATAP*

REF/A/RMG/CJTFFA DET ONE/280527ZMAR92//

RMKS/1. DURING THE 27 MARCH 1992 REPATRIATION CEREMONY, VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS PASSED TO THE US TEAM "AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS" WHICH THEY ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO'S 0158 AND 0629. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AMERICA'S DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAID THEY HAD UNILATERALLY RECOVERED THE ITEMS ON 11 JUNE 1991 (REF A GERMANE). THE ITEMS WERE CONTAINED IN BOX NUMBER THREE ALONG WITH BONE FRAGMENTS THE VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATED WITH ANOTHER REFNO INCIDENT.

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2. ON 3 SEP 1992, JTF-FA REQUESTED THE "AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS" FROM THE CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY - HAWAII FOR ANALYSIS.

3. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TURNED OVER TO JTF-FA AND ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0158:

- ONE PIECE OF GREEN MATERIAL EMBEDDED IN A PIECE OF CHARRED PLASTIC
- ONE SMALL PIECE OF GREEN MATERIAL (SIMILAR TO MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE)
- ONE PIECE OF CIRCUIT BOARD CONTAINED IN A CHARRED PLASTIC HOUSING
- ONE SMALL SOLID METAL OBJECT, CYLINDRICAL IN SHAPE
- ONE SMALL PIECE OF CLEAR HARD PLASTIC

A. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE PIECE OF CLEAR HARD PLASTIC MAY BE PART OF AN AIRCRAFT CANOPY. THE REMAINING ITEMS CANNOT BE

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IDENTIFIED.

B. JTF-FA COMMENTS: ANALYSIS INDICATES THE EVIDENCE IS INSUFFICIENT TO ASSOCIATE THE ITEMS WITH ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE. NO PERSONAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT WAS AMONG ITEMS PROVIDED. THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ITEMS WITH REFNO 0158 IS BASED SOLELY ON THE VIETNAMESE ALLEGATIONS. NONE OF THE ITEMS PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO

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ESTABLISH A CORRELATION WITH AN AIRCRAFT, INCIDENT OR INDIVIDUAL.

4. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TURNED OVER TO JTF-FA AND ALLEGED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO CASE 0629:

- MATERIAL, RED AND BLUE MELTED RUBBER
- FIBERBOARD MATERIAL WITH WHITE PAINT
- TIRE PIECE, MELTED, WITH THE LETTERS PE
- WEBBING AND SNAP
- PIECE OF LEAD
- THIN ALUMINUM AIRCRAFT INSULATION, BURNED
- PIECE OF COMPRESSOR VAIN
- SEVERAL PIECES OF FIBERBOARD
- PIECE OF METAL TUBING, POSSIBLY HYDRAULIC LINE
- SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIABLE PIECES OF PLASTIC
- SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIABLE PIECES OF METAL

A. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE RED AND BLUE MATERIAL IS POSSIBLY FROM A ONE MAN LIFE RAFT. THE TIRE PIECE RESEMBLES AN AIRCRAFT STYLE TIRE. THE THIN ALUMINUM IS FROM THE AFTERBURNER SECTION OF AN AIRCRAFT. THE COMPRESSOR VAIN IS FROM AN AIRCRAFT ENGINE. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE AIRCRAFT PARTS THAT COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

B. JTF-FA COMMENTS: ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS ARE FROM A

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JET AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN A HIGH SPEED CRASH WITH INTENSE HEAT. A SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION CANNOT BE DETERMINED. NO PERSONAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT WAS AMONG ITEMS RETURNED. THE ASSOCIATION OF THE ITEMS WITH REFNO 0629 IS BASED SOLELY ON THE VIETNAMESE ALLEGATIONS. NONE OF THE ITEMS PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH A CORRELATION WITH ANY AIRCRAFT TYPE, INCIDENT OR INDIVIDUAL.

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5. FOR CASUALTY OFFICES: THIS INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE
NEXT OF KIN OF REFNO'S 0158 AND 0629. A COPY OF REF A WAS
FORWARDED FOR RELEASE TO NOK ON 23 FEB 93.//

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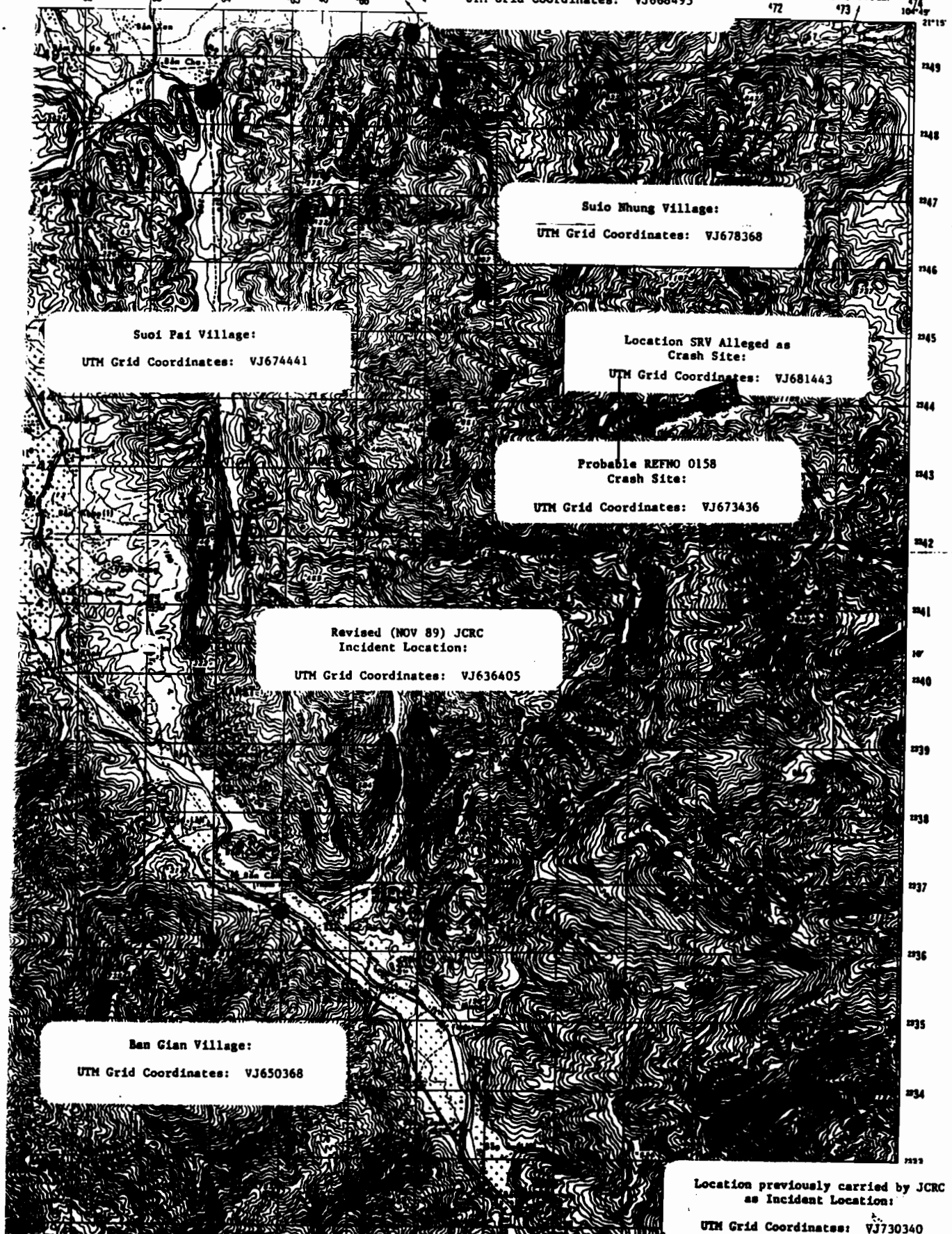
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 GREEN DOTT POW CAMP SITE
 RED DOTT CRASH SITE 1990
 RED ARROW FAX 011 9376108
 YELLOW LINE + DIRECTION TARGET AREA 1965

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 835TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (TAC)
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 33608

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REF: DPP

1 December 1967

SUBJECT: Major Charles Scharf, FR47305 (Missing in Action)

TO: U S Air Force Casualty Division (AFPMSCB)
Randolph AFB, Texas 78148

1. Mrs Patricia Scharf, wife of Major Charles Scharf who is MIA, believes that the pilot in the photograph on page 6 of the attached State Department Publication 8275 is her husband. She has requested that an effort be made to determine whether this man is indeed Major Scharf.
2. Please note the unusually large thumbs of the man in the picture and compare them with Major Scharf's thumbs in the enclosed photographs. I am certain you will agree that the resemblance is striking.
3. Mrs Scharf also states that her husband "toes out" when walking. The man in the picture also toes out, although not so noticeably as Major Scharf does in the pictures. Major Scharf is about 5'9" tall according to his wife. This would correspond fairly well to the height of the man in the picture, stooped over as he is.
4. Mrs Scharf mentions a tendency to bowleggedness in her husband. I cannot honestly say that the man in the picture looks bowlegged. Also, the man in the picture has a narrower waist than Major Scharf does in his pictures, although at the time he became missing he had been in SEA long enough to experience the weight loss common to most of our personnel there. One final point is that the man in the picture has decidedly long thighs, while Mrs Scharf's photographs show the Major as having rather short thighs.
5. Other points which might be checked are the dates of the published photo and the date Major Scharf became missing and whether or not the man in the photo has been identified as someone else.
6. Mrs Scharf is most anxious to have a check made to determine whether the man in the photo might possibly be her husband. Request your office take all possible steps to make this determination.

Richard M. Williams
RICHARD M WILLIAMS, 1st Lt, USAF
Personal Affairs Officer

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1. State Dept Pub 8275
2. Photos of Major Scharf



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Mrs. Barbara Lowerison
4767 Valdina Way
San Diego CA 92124

Dear Mrs. Lowerison

The attached message, which we received from the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA), is forwarded for your information. The context of this message gives an Analysis of Material Evidence of the items recovered during the investigation and are believed to be associated to the case of your brother, Colonel Charles J. Scharf. The Detailed Search and Recovery Report was forwarded to you on 11 March 1993.

We are furnishing this information in keeping with our policy of providing everything we receive which may relate to your brother's case.

If you have any questions concerning this report or if we can be of further assistance in this regard, please call us on our toll free telephone line (800-531-5501).

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn I. Maltbie", is written over the typed name.

LYNN I. MALTBIE, 2d Lt, USAF
Assistant Liaison Officer
Missing Persons & Inquiries
Division

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RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//CA/OCs/CCS/EAP/VLC//
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NARR/REF MSGS A AND C ARE DETAILED REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION,
REF B IS WRECKAGE ANALYSIS, REF D AND E ARE DETAILED RECOVERY
REPORTS OF CASE 0158//
RMKS/1. ON 6 MAR 90 AND 1 DEC 91, JOINT US/SRV TEAMS CONDUCTED
SURVEYS OF AN F-4 CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES
VJ6987443510 IN THE VICINITY OF SOI PAI VILLAGE, PHU YEN
DISTRICT, LA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. DURING THE PERIODS 17 OCT THRU 9
NOV 92 AND 3 JAN THRU 11 JAN 93, JOINT US/SRV TEAMS CONDUCTED
RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT THE CRASH SITE (REF D AND E GERMANE).

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2. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ITEMS RECOVERED, PRESENTED BY WITNESSES, OR PHOTOGRAPHED FOR ANALYSIS AT THE CRASH SITE:

A. FINDINGS FROM THE 6 MARCH SURVEY:

(1) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOVERED AT THE CRASH SITE (REF A):

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(A) DATA PLATE FROM AN ENGINE COVER WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA:
MOD F-4
P/N 32-32067-825
CONT-----
SER NO MM18-230

(B) A PIECE OF INSULATION IMPRINTED: JOHNS MANSVILLE AEROSPACE INSULATION.

(C) VALVE FROM AN OXYGEN TANK WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA:
AEROARINE MFG CO
DELRAY BEACH FLA U.S. 3177 A
MIL-V-25492

(D) A HARD PIECE OF BLACK PLASTIC WITH THE PHRASE "NON CLEAR" IMPRINTED IN WHITE LETTERS.

(2) THE FOLLOWING DATA WERE RECORDED FROM ITEMS LEFT AT THE CRASH SITE:

(A) FIRST ENGINE EXAMINED:
GE 516D59506
07482
SER NO 1173

(B) FIRST ENGINE EXAMINED:

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32-51073-5
(C) SECOND ENGINE EXAMINED:
Q GE334C83403
UC 37A
75440
(D) LANDING GEAR STRUT:

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732-71021-8 = L (L IS CONTAINED INSIDE A CIRCLE)
(E) SECOND LANDING GEAR STRUT :
55-41421-2
LU
52752
P1979SP
53-41400-3
SERE 38-440G
BOA47

(3) A WITNESS PRESENTED THE TEAM A HEAVY, SHORT-BLADED, AND VERY DULL KNIFE. ON THE BASE OF THE POMMEL IS STAMPED THE CODE U.S. 61D4383. THE WITNESS CLAIMED TO HAVE RECOVERED THE KNIFE FROM THE CRASH SITE.

B. FINDINGS FROM THE 1 DEC SURVEY:

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(1) THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE (REF C):

(A) A HEAVY GREEN COLORED CLOTH WITH REMNANT OF A ZIPPER ATTACHED.

(B) A SMALL PIECE OF BLACK RUBBER (POSSIBLY RELATED TO THE PILOTS SURVIVAL GEAR).

(C) A PIECE OF PLEXIGLASS (POSSIBLY CANOPY).

(2) THE FOLLOWING DATA WERE RECORDED FROM ITEMS LEFT AT THE CRASH SITE:

(A) GE 105B2638P
10229
AMW 8 (INSIDE A CIRCLE)
(B) GE 108R621-P2
07432
S/N 2-866
(C) GE 332683403
75440
US 3-7

C. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE DURING THE FIRST RECOVERY OPERATION:

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(1) DATA PLATE
AIRCRAFT MODEL F-4C
P/N 32-82022-337
CONTRACT NO. NOW A64-000LF
S/N MM 25-502

(2) DATA PLATE
AIRCRAFT MODEL F-4
P/N 32-33251-301
S/N 25-502

(3) PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING AIRCREW PERSONNEL FLYING
EQUIPMENT AND ESCAPE AND SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT ITEMS:

- (A) PROTECTIVE HELMET SHELL
- (B) OXYGEN MASK
- (C) ANTI-G-GARMENT
- (D) SURVIVAL KIT AND SURVIVAL ITEMS
- (E) PERSONNEL FLOTATION DEVICE (LIFE PRESERVER UNIT)
- (F) PARACHUTE TORSO HARNESS AND HARDWARE
- (G) PERSONNEL PARACHUTE
- (H) .38 CALIBER ROUNDS

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MSG 014

ROUTINE

DATE: 085

TIME: 2300

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ZNR UUUUU
R 241302Z MAR 93 ZYB
FM CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//J2//
TO RHWRMPC/HQ AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//DPMCB//
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RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//OCJCS/J5/PW-MIA/J3-JOD//
RUHQHQB/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J3/J30-M//
RUEKJCS/USCINCPAC LO WASHINGTON DC
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA//
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC//DEA/SEA/IB/DDO/EA/ICOG//
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RUHVAAA/CDRUSACILHI HICKAM AFB HI//TAPC-PED-H//
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(I) EJECTION SEAT LAP BELT BUCKLES

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- (J) ASSORTED ZIPPERS AND EYELETS
- (K) 2 MICROPHONE BRACKET ASSEMBLIES
- (L) 2 SLIDE FASTENERS FOR THE INNER CONTAINER OF THE SURVIVAL KITS.
- (M) 1 BAYONET RECEIVER BACK-PLATE.
- (5) THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE AND RETAINED BY CILHI.
 - (A) RELIGIOUS ICON/AMULET (PROBABLY CATHOLIC)
 - (B) LEATHER WALLET
 - (C) WATCH BAND
 - (D) 1LT INSIGNIA
 - (E) U.S. AIR FORCE IDENTIFICATION CARD (SCHARF)
 - (F) METAL IDENTIFICATION TAG (SCHARF)
- D. THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL EVIDENCE WAS RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH

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SITE DURING THE SECOND RECOVERY OPERATION.

- (1) DATA PLATE
ACTUATOR ELECTRO MECHANICAL
P/N NYLC 9116, S/N 404163,
BARBER COLEMAN COMPANY
- (2) SIR-1 GYRO, P/N 702R230COL

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(3) PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING AIRCREW FLYING EQUIPMENT AND
ESCAPE AND SURVIVAL ITEMS:

- (A) OXYGEN MASK
- (B) SURVIVAL KIT AND SURVIVAL ITEMS.
- (C) PERSONNEL FLOTATION DEVICE (LIFE PRESERVER UNIT)
- (D) PARACHUTE TORSO HARNESS
- (E) PERSONNEL PARACHUTE
- (F) ASSORTED ZIPPERS
- (G) EAR CUP CUSHION
- (H) EAR PHONE ASSEMBLY
- (I) MICROPHONE COVER

(5) THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL EFFECT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE
CRASH SITE AND RETURNED BY CILHI; ONE METAL IDENTIFICATION TAG

3. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES:

A. ANALYSIS OF THE ITEMS RECOVERED OR EXAMINED DURING THE FIRST
SURVEY (REF B) INDICATES:

(1) THE DATA PLATE RECOVERED FROM THE ENGINE COVER IS FROM
THE ENGINE ACCESS DOOR OF EITHER AN F-4C AIRCRAFT WITH A SERIAL
NUMBER IN THE RANGE OF 63-7527 THROUGH 64-881 OR AN F-4D AIRCRAFT
WITH A SERIAL NUMBER RANGE OF 64-929 THROUGH 64-937. THE SERIAL

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NUMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THE REFNO 0158 INCIDENT IS
63-7712.

(2) THE VALVE FROM THE OXYGEN TANK IS ACTUALLY PART OF THE
CO2 INFLATION SYSTEM FOR THE ONE MAN LIFE RAFT ASSEMBLY. THE ONE
MAN LIFE RAFT IS PART OF THE CREWMEMBERS SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT AND
IS LOCATED IN THE EJECTION SEAT PAN.

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(3) THE ANALYSIS OF THE RECORDED SERIALIZATION INDICATE THE PART NUMBER FROM THE FIRST ENGINE EXAMINED (GE 516D595G6, 07482; SER 1173) IS FROM AN EXHAUST DUCT OF THE J-79 ENGINE ALL MODELS.

(4) THE P/N 32-32067-825 IS A SUB-COMPONENT FOR A LARGER UNIDENTIFIABLE ASSEMBLY FOR AN F-4 AIRCRAFT.

(5) THE SECOND LANDING GEAR ASSEMBLY BORE THE NUMBERS 55-41421-2. THIS PART CORRELATES TO A COMPONENT OF THE MAIN LANDING GEAR SHOCK STRUT USED ON THE F-4.

B. ANALYSIS OF ITEMS RECOVERED OR EXAMINED DURING THE SECOND SURVEY (REF C) INDICATES:

(1) THE HEAVY GREEN CLOTH WITH THE ATTACHED REMNANTS OF A ZIPPER IS A PORTION OF THE AN ANTI-G GARMENT WORN BY AIRCREW MEMBERS AROUND THE WAIST, THIGHS, AND CALF'S AT ALL TIMES DURING FLIGHT.

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(2) THE ITEM WITH THE RECORDED SERIALIZATION GE105B2638P IS FROM A BRACKET CLAMP ASSEMBLY FOR THE J-79GE-15 AND 17 SERIES ENGINES.

(3) THE ITEM WITH RECORDED SERIALIZATION GE 108R621-P2 IS FROM A ROTOR COMPRESSOR DISC USED ON J-79 SERIES ENGINES

(4) THE ITEM WITH THE RECORDED SERIALIZATION GE 332683403 IS FROM A COMPRESSOR FRONT STATOR, USED ON THE J-79 ENGINE.

C. ANALYSIS OF THE WRECKAGE RECOVERED DURING THE FIRST RECOVERY OPERATION (REF D) INDICATES:

(1) THE DATA PLATE WITH AIRCRAFT MODEL F-4C P/N 32-82022-337, IS THE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE FORWARD COCKPIT EJECTION SEAT ASSEMBLY USED ON THE F-4C AIRCRAFT.

(2) THE DATA PLATE WITH AIRCRAFT MODEL F-4, P/N 32-33251-301 IS RELATED TO A TAIL CONE ASSEMBLY. THIS PART WAS USED ON THE AIR FORCE F4 C/D/E/R/F MODEL AIRCRAFT AND THE NAVY B/K AIRCRAFT.

(3) THE PROTECTIVE HELMET SHELL PIECES APPEAR TO BE OF THE TYPE AND COLOR USED BY AIR FORCE AVIATORS DURING THAT ERA.

(4) THE OXYGEN MASK PIECE IS ACTUALLY A PORTION OF THE OXYGEN MASK DELIVERY TUBE, USED ON MOST AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH OXYGEN BREATHING SYSTEMS.

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(5) THE ANTI-G GARMENT MATERIAL IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TYPE USED ON FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT IN BOTH THE AIR FORCE AND NAVY. THE ZIPPER PORTION ATTACHED TO THE MATERIAL WAS IN THE CLOSED (ZIPPED) POSITION INDICATING THAT THE GARMENT WAS EITHER TORN AWAY OR CUT AWAY FROM THE CREWMEMBER.

(6) THE SURVIVAL ITEMS CONSIST OF TWO ENDS OF THE MK-13 DAY/NIGHT SIGNAL FLARE, AN EXPIRED CARTRIDGE FROM THE GYRO-JET SIGNAL FLARE, A SWIVEL LEADER FROM THE SURVIVAL FISHING KIT, AND A P-38 CAN OPENER. THESE ITEMS WERE PACKED IN SURVIVAL KIT INNER CONTAINERS, INSTALLED IN EJECTION SEATS, OR WERE CARRIED ON THE PERSON IN SURVIVAL VEST, WORN BY AIRCREWS.

(7) THE LIFE PRESERVER MATERIAL RECOVERED IS FROM THE LPU-2/P SERIES LIFE PRESERVER ASSEMBLY. THE 2/P LIFE PRESERVER ASSEMBLY IS ATTACHED TO A CREWMEMBER AROUND THE CHEST AREA AND IS WORN UNDER THE PARACHUTE TORSO HARNESS.

(8) THE SURVIVAL KIT CONTAINER PIECES ARE FROM A FIBERGLASS SEAT STYLE KIT SIMILAR TO THE TYPE USED IN F-4 AIRCRAFT.

(9) THE PARACHUTE TORSO HARNESS AND ATTACHED HARDWARE ARE FROM A PCU-3/P HARNESS INCORPORATING KOCH CANOPY RELEASES. THE

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ROUTINE

DATE: 085

TIME: 2301

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TO RHWRMPC/HQ AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//DPMCB//
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RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//CA/DCS/CCS/EAP/VLC//
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//OCJCS/J5/PW-MIA/J3-JOD//
RUHQHQB/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J3/J30-M//
RUEKJCS/USCINCPAC LO WASHINGTON DC
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA//
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC//DEA/SEA/IB/DDO/EA/ICOG//
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HARNESS PIECES SHOW EVIDENCE OF EXPOSURE TO EXTREME THERMAL HEAT.

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(10) THE .38 CALIBER ROUNDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE
STANDARD ISSUE WEAPON FOR AIR FORCE AVIATORS (THE SMITH AND
WESSON .38 CALIBER REVOLVER).

(11) THE LAP BELT BUCKLES LISTED IN REF D ARE ACTUALLY CHEST
AND LEG RESTRAINT BUCKLES INCORPORATED ON THE TORSO HARNESES.

(12) THE TWO MICROPHONE BRACKET ASSEMBLIES ARE THE TYPE USED
IN MBU-5/P AVIATORS OXYGEN MASKS. EACH MASK HAS ONE MICROPHONE
BRACKET INSTALLED IN THE RUBBER FACE FORM OF THE MASK.

(13) THE INNER CONTAINER SLIDE FASTENER ASSEMBLIES ARE
ATTACHED TO THE CONTAINER INSTALLED INSIDE THE SURVIVAL KIT
ASSEMBLY. THERE IS ONE INNER CONTAINER PER KIT ASSEMBLY,
INSTALLED IN THE EJECTION SEATS.

D. ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE FOUND DURING THE SECOND
RECOVERY (REF E) INDICATES:

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(1) THE EAR PHONE ASSEMBLY IS THE STANDARD UNIT USED IN FLYERS HELMETS FOR BOTH AIR FORCE AND NAVY AVIATORS.

(2) THE EARCUP CUSHION WAS USED EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA.

(3) THE HELMET PORTIONS COLLECTED ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE TYPE HELMET USED BY AIR FORCE AVIATORS.

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(4) THE REMAINING ARTIFACTS CANNOT BE CORRELATED.

4. JTF-FA COMMENTS: THE RECOVERED DATA PLATES CONFIRM THE AIRCRAFT WAS AN F-4C SERIES AIRCRAFT WITH A SERIAL NUMBER IN THE RANGE OF 63-7527 THROUGH 64-881. THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT (63-7712) IS THE ONLY AIRCRAFT WITHIN THESE PARAMETERS WHICH WAS LOST WITHIN 25 KILOMETERS OF THE CRASH SITE LOCATION. THE PRESENCE OF THE TWO OXYGEN MASK MICROPHONE BRACKET ASSEMBLIES (MT 2189/AIC), AND THE TWO SLIDE FASTENER ASSEMBLIES BELONGING TO SURVIVAL KIT INNER CONTAINERS INDICATE THAT BOTH CREWMEMBERS WERE IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE ARTIFACTS ARE SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH AN EXCLUSIVE CORRELATION TO REFNO 0158.

5. FOR HQ AFMPC/DPMCB: THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. COPIES OF ALL REFERENCES WERE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED.

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Tenth in a Series

Elements of military intelligence arrived in Auburn, California Saturday in efforts to prevent a privately financed mission to Southeast Asia designed to free three American POWs. The leader of the mission was tipped off in advance of the military intelligence unit's arrival in Auburn and fled with all the documentation on the planned mission.

Top Secret cables from intelligence units within U.S. embassies in both Bangkok and Guatemala have targeted the Auburn man for some time -- providing instructions to interdict any mission to Southeast Asia that might result in the freedom of POWs.

On March 27, a letter from G.H. Fehlandt to Carl West addressed the issue of "Neutralization of Private Sector Recovery Efforts". Fehlandt wrote, "A serious dilemma may be inflicting its unwanted repercussions upon the party. Therefore, I can only conclude that your services may be most appropriate for the problem." He asked West to investigate the matter with "particular attention to anticipated threat of private sector domestic recovery program. The alleged leader for the operation may be former United States Army Captain Allen Goetsch." He further indicates that the network in Southeast Asia being used by Goetsch is "impenetrable".

This letter was followed 14 days later by a Top Secret dispatch from the intelligence community working inside the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala. The subject of the dispatch was "Review of Elint (Electronic Intelligence)/DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency), indig assets (Southeast Asian residents), MIA/POW sighting, private sector intervention".

The dispatch reads:

1. Amembassy (American Embassy) officials and COMUSMILGRP (Communication U.S. Military Group) reviewed intel (intelligence), and direct intel from indig assets Laos and Nakhon Ratchasima. Confirm private sector receiving intel via indig network operational independent of government.
2. Amembassy unable to penetrate operation net suspected to be operating in Northern California. CIA CONTUS (Continental U.S.) field ops confirms oper may be directed by Former SE (Special Forces) Goetsch. Former TL (Team Leader) Elephant Project. Individ (Individual) presently under surveil/Agency discretion.
2. Amembassy received validation of visual ID-USN Lt. Larry James Stevens MIA 2/14/69.
3. Amembassy received confirm sitrep (situation report) CONSU private sector project may have est direct indig contact with USAF Lt. Col. Charles Stoddard Rowley. Other contacts not named.
4. To preclude anticipated mission, recommend interdiction of Goetsch. Operational window concludes 4/25/92. Confirm bank assets frozen Banco De Guatemala De Nationale.

On April 10 a document was sent from Ft. Rucker, Alabama. "I have personally confirmed Nazarene Carpenter (Goetsch) report. Agency personnel validate location of indig asset control Larry Stevens. Recommend relocation of same. Should advise Nazarene Carp regard security precaution.

More communication traffic occurred from the intelligence agency in Washington states, "Re: Private sector efforts aka Goetsch/Keplinger." Keplinger is the leader of the other group attempting to rescue 10 POWs in Southeast Asia. Goetsch group is after 3 POWs.

"I'm distressed at the progress related in your most recent conversation. It would seem that Goetsch is far from being neutralized. I should think a call to the prosecutor (District Attorney of Marysville, California) handling this matter would be appropriate.

"Since Max's review, there has been an increased resolve to strengthen the internal network and as there are just too many potential targets to aim at; I can see no alternative but to strike at those which would carry the greatest psychological impact." The retired general who wrote the letter is referring to the fact that there are too many POWs that might be targeted for rescue and that high profile POWs should be moved. This brings up the critical question of how does the U.S. intelligence agency have the power to move POWs -- who's control are they under, the enemy's or the American's. "Stevens, Scharf and Robertson would be my first suggestion, and as Lind appears to be well controlled; we might consider using him should we be forced to negotiate this matter after the 27th." All those named are POWs. Yet the official U.S. policy is that all POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia are dead. The reference to the 27th is the fact that the U.S. Senate Select Committee on POWs/MIAs will be departing Southeast Asia on the 27th and returning to Washington.

The government document concludes, "Confirm the afore noted thoughts and I will look forward to seeing you on the 15th. Again thanks for talking with Jim Gritz (Col. Jim "Bo" Gritz whose team was

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involved in the mission to rescue 10 POWs), he will be an excellent conduit as this matter is terminated once-(and)-for-all."

Another Top Secret communication was sent from Bangkok to Guatemala on April 15, 1992. Its subject was "indig asset sitrep MIA/POW sighting. Private sector ops."

The communication states:

1. Amembassy Bangkok confirms LULF contact initiated via Goetsch. Unable to verify contact 4/10/92.
2. Amembassy Bangkok confirms former Raven Papa Fox (code name for an electronics warfare pilot shot down in Southeast Asia during the war) contact with Goetsch. Have concerns re possible use of Thai indie resources Chiang Mai. Unable to impede, suspect close link to Khun Sa elements. (Khun Sa is a drug lord in Burma.)
3. Amembassy confirm sitrep control USN Lt. Larry James Stevens. Anticipate elimination at site. Ultimatum given NL T 4/23/92. Essential Goetsch unable to effect extract. (American intelligence has given an ultimatum to Laos units not to allow Stevens to be extracted and that they should eliminate him if extraction is imminent. Stevens was the subject of a photograph recently. Even though forensic scientists and his family identified him, the U.S. government ruled the photograph to be a fake.)
4. Amembassy Bangkok recommend COINUS interdiction efforts increase with specific direction applied to Goetsch group. Keplinger group neutralized and penetrated. Reliable ELINT/Intel continues via (Jim "Bo") Gritz. TM considered low risk and ineffectual for extraction. Hatcher remains in place will continue to provide ELINT. (The government memo indicates that the leader of the original team to extract 10 POWs is supplying the government with information. Gritz was recently interviewed by ABC Television.)
5. Amembassy Bangkok confirm inquiry re Charles Scharff. Request status reply. (The government names another POW and wants to know his status.)
6. Amembassy Bangkok request validation of former station analyst Pat Johnson (Saigon 73 - 75) inquire nature of security following retirement. Contact resource with Goetsch group.

The U.S. Intelligence community has targeted both Keplinger's group operating out of Nevada (formerly headed by Jim "Bo" Gritz, and the Goetsch group operating out of Northern California. Both groups are privately financed and are seeking to rescue POWs. Keplinger has already testified to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on POW/MIAs. A part of his team is in Southeast Asia at the moment - as is the Select Committee. The team was in Vietnam in February, having been supplied 10 names by the Vietnamese government of American POWs whose freedom could be purchased for \$200,000 a piece. There has been speculation that H. Ross Perot might be financing the "hostage money" if the mission is successful. The group reports it made contact with two former A6 pilots held as POWs for over two decades. The pilots were photographed and fingerprinted and the mission has returned to the area.

Goetsch's group was a much lower profile operation which does not need the high level financing the Keplinger group requires. the Goetsch group is a smaller operation not dealing directly with government sources, and thus less expensive.

The Top Secret cables from the intelligence community through the Bangkok and Guatemala embassies indicate that Keplinger's group has been compromised, penetrated and neutralized. Keplinger does not believe his team's mission has been thwarted. Goetsch, however, has been subject to various attempts at arrest and prosecution. The District Attorney of Marysville, according to confidential Washington, D.C. documents, is being pushed to prosecute or otherwise delay Goetsch to prevent him from going to Southeast Asia to extract three POWs.

(To be continued.)

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COMUSMILGP GUATEMALA

TO [REDACTED] / USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PN//SCCC SCDC,

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CLEAR: 1. AMB

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DISTR: MILG-3

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF ELINT/DIA INTEL, INDIG ASSET SITREP/DIRECTIVE
MIA/POW SIGTING, PRIVATE SECTOR INTERVENTION.

1. AMEMBASSY OFFICIALS AND COMUSMILGP REVIEWED INTEL, AND DIRECT
INTEL FROM INDIG ASSETS AO LAOS AND NAKHON RATCHASIMA. CONFIRM PRIVATE
SECTOR RECEIVING INTEL VIA INDIG NETWORK OPERATIONAL INDEPEND AOS

2. AMEMBASSY UNABLE TO PENETRATE OPERATIONAL NET SUSPECTED TO BE OPER-
ATIONAL IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. CIA CONUS FIELD OPS PSF CONFIRMS OPER-
MAY BE DIRECTED BY FORMER SF 0-3 GOETCSH. FORMER TL ELEPHANT PROJ.
INDIVID PRESENTLY UNDER SURVEIL/AGENCY DISCRETION. GOETCSH LINKED WITH
FANK

3. AMEMBASSY RECEIVED VALIDATION OF VISUAL ID USN LT LARRY JAMES STEVENS
MIA 02/14/69. [REDACTED]

4. AMEMBASSY RECEIVED CONFIRM SITREP CONUS PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT MAY
HAVE EST DIRECT INDIG CONTACT W/USAF LTCOL CHARLES STODDARD ROWLEY.
OTHER CONTACTS NOT NAMED, INDIG ASSET WILL DETERMINE.

5. TO PRECLUDE ANTICIPATED MISSION, RECOMMEND INTERDICTION OF GOETCSH.
OPERATIONAL WINDOW IN [REDACTED] AO CONCLUDES O/A 04/25/92. CONFIRMED BANK ASSETS
FROZEN BANCO DE GUATEMALA DE NATIONALE.

6. REGARDS

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*Maibod could be trouble for
NAZ com w/ conus - don't want
him become another Fowler.
What do you think we can do?*

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10 April 1992

TO: [REDACTED]

Re: Private sector efforts aka Goetsch/Keplinger

[REDACTED]

I'm distressed at the progress related in your most recent conversation. It would seem that Goetsch is far from being neutralized. I should think a call to the prosecutor handling this matter would be appropriate.

Since Max's review, there has been an increased resolve to strengthen the internal network and as there are just too many potential targets to aim at; I can see no alternative but to strike at those which would carry the greatest psychological impact.

Stevens, Scharf and Robertson would be my first suggestion, and as Lund appears to be well controlled; we might consider using him should we be forced to negotiate this matter after the 27th.

Confirm at your [REDACTED] the afore noted thoughts and I will look forward to seeing you on the 15th. Again thanks for talking with Jim Gritz, he will be an excellent conduit as this matter is terminated once-for-all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Brig General, USAF Ret
Chief of Staff

COMUSMILGP GUATEMALA

APPRV: CRD:

TO / USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PN//SCCC SCDC, SCSJA, SCJ3 STA

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DISTR: MILG-3

SUBJECT: INDIG ASSET SITREP MIA/POW SIGHTING, PRIVATE SECTOR OPS.

1. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK CONFIRMS LULF CONTACT INITIATED VIA USCIT GOETSH. UNABLE TO VERIFY CONTACT/CONVER 04/10/92. WILL ADVISE AS PERTINENT.

2. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK CONFIRMS FORMER RAVEN PAPA FOX INDIG CONTACT CONTACT WITH USCIT GOETSH. HAVE CONCERNS RE POSSIBLE USE OF THAI INDIG RESOURCES CHIANG MAI. UNABLE TO IMPEDE, SUSPECT CLOSE LINK TO KHUN SA ELEMENTS.

3. AMEMBASSY CONFIRM SITREP INDIG LPFI PAX CONTROL USN LT LARRY JAMES STEVENS ANTICIPATE ELIMINATION OF PAX AT SITE. ULTIMATUM GIVEN NLT 04/23/92. BANGKOK CONFIRMS, ESSENTIAL GOETSH GRP UNABLE TO EFFECT EXTRACT.

4. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK RECOMMEND CONUS INTERDICTION EFFORTS INCREASED WITH SPECIFIC DIRECTION APPLIED TO GOETSH GRP. KEPLINGER GRP NEUTRALIZED AND PENETRATED. RELIABLE ELINT/INTEL CONTINUES VIA GRITZ. TM CONSIDERED LOW RISK AND INEFFECTUAL FOR EXTRICATION OF HANOI PAX. HATCHET REMAINS IN PLACE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ELINT PR.

5. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK CONFIRM INQUIRY RE CHARLES SCHAREF. REQUEST STAFF REPLY.

6. AMEMBASSY BANGKOK REQUEST VALIDATION OF FORMER STATION ANALYST PAT JOHNSON (SAIGON 73 - 75) INQUIRE NATURE OF SECURITY FOLLOWING RETIREMENT. R/O CONTACT RESOURCE WITH GOETSH GRP.

7. REQUIRE INSTRUCTION PERTINENT TO FURTHER INQUIRY AS REQUIRED

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ODYMERCESA
ORGANIZACION PARA EL DESARROLLO Y EL MERCADO S. A.

Guatemala, 27 March 1992

Mr. Carl West
c/o CARBEN, Inc.
2521 NW 74 Ave.
Miami, FL 33122

Ref: NEUTRALIZATION OF PRIVATE
SECTOR RECOVERY EFFORTS

Dear Mr. West:

It was indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet with you on Wednesday 25 MARCH. Most of all I appreciate the candor and frankness that prevailed during our conversation.

As you may conclude following our meeting with embassy MILGRP representatives; a serious dilemma may be inflicting its unwanted repercussions upon the party. Therefore I can only conclude that your services may be most appropriate for the problem.

ODYMERCESA has proven itself to be a successful bridge-builder and financial resource for matters not suitably handled by domestic/embassy resources. Therefore our continued success becomes incumbent upon a forthright and definitive terminus to the afore noted problem.

Please investigate the matter discussed during our meeting, with particular attention to the anticipated threat of a private sector domestic recovery program. The alleged leader for this operation may be former United States Army Captain ALLEN GOETCH. (cf Operation MAYA OPMAN) Senor Alvaro Muniz Betancourth is prepared to act as our liaison, and solicitor.

As of this date, the indigenous network being utilized by this private effort has been impenetrable. There are indications contacts within FANK have been established. If leadership is being provided by GOETCH, be aware that he enjoys a long-time relationship with a number of indigenous groups, including elements of the LULF forces and Hue Sam Pam.

I am looking forward to your next trip to Guatemala. In the meantime, I will be in contact with MILGRP. I will anxiously await your communique and solution to this problem. Please let me know what your travel plans are.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Carl Fehlandt
C. H. Fehlandt F.



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January 7, 1984

Dear Mrs. Barbara Lowerison

Please find hereunder the message addressed to you by the Vietnamese office for seeking missing personnel which I received yesterday from Hanoi :

Hanoi, December 29, 1983

Dear Mrs. Barbara Lowerison

Your telegramme of December 22, 1983 addressed to Col. Charles Scharf has recently reached the Vietnamese office for seeking missing personnel.

We regret to inform you that we have no information about colonel Charles Scharf.

We would like to assure you that there are no American servicemen still kept alive in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Sincerely,

The Vietnamese Office for seeking
missing personnel

I wish to take this opportunity to reiterate that our Government and people always consider the MIA question a humanitarian one. Only the uncooperative attitude of the U.S. government that hampers the resolution of the matter.

Sincerely

Mrs. Barbara Lowerison
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NGUYEN CAN
Counsellor

VNOSMP

Hanoi, Feb 26, 1994

Ms Barbara Lowerison
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USA.

Dear Ms Lowerison :

Upon receipt of your recent telex, Deputy Foreign Minister Tran Quang Co has asked the Vietnamese Office for Seeking Missing Personnel (VNOSMP) to promptly respond you on your brother's case. Following is the information we have :

According to US record, your brother, Mr Charles Scharf, was dead with another pilot in a plane crash on Oct 1, 1965 in Northern Vietnam. During the 20th Joint Field Activity (Oct-Nov 1992), his crash site (located in Huy truong village, Phu yen district, Son la province) was excavated. Some crew items and a small piece of human bone were found. Again, during the 21st Joint Field Activity (Jan 1994), the site was expanded and reexcavated; Mr Scharf's dogtag was found. VNOSMP has handed over all these items to the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA) for further analysis and identification. For more information, please contact JTF-FA or the US Central Identification Laboratory (USCILHI).

Finally, please allow me to share with you the loss that the war caused to your family.

With my regards,



VU CHI CONG
Director



27 June 1988

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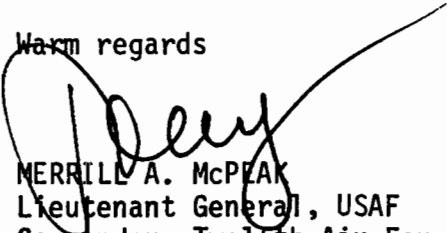
Dear Barbara

It was nice meeting you at the swearing in ceremony for the new lieutenants at San Diego State University. As we discussed, I knew Chuck Scharf when we were both in college there. I have since received the copy you sent me of your letter to General Vessey. I will have one of the officers on my staff to look into the matter and give me some advice on whether and how to proceed. I will be in Washington in mid-July, and, if it looks as though it would be a good idea to do some spade work there, I can do so at that time.

In any case, I will write you again saying what, if any, steps I intend to take.

It was very nice meeting you. Look forward to seeing you again sometime.

Warm regards


MERRILL A. McPEAK
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander, Twelfth Air Force



CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

30 April 1993

Dear Barbara

I had my staff take a look at getting you access to Chuck's POW/MIA records. The DoD regulation is very explicit and restricts access to the classified file to the family member recognized by service casualty offices as the next of kin or designated "primary next of kin." In order for you to be granted access, you need to obtain Patricia Sharf's permission. After you receive that, Mr George Atkinson at AFMPC can help you.

Good luck.

Warm regards



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Chief of Staff

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*I know this will be little help,
but I couldn't figure out how
to do better.*

Bill,

Here is some of info -

I have 28 + years of

files -

Please let me know
what I can do to help.

God Bless you Bill for
being our true friend.

Barbara Lowman

Thanks much

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