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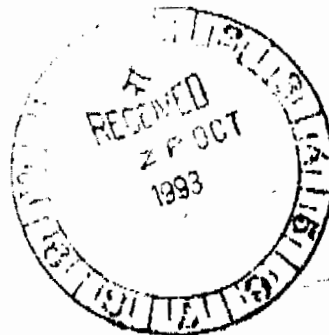
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1. Enclosure (1) is a field investigation report associated with Case 1243 and is provided for release to the next of kin of Joseph S. Ross and William G. Thompson (REFNO 1243-0-01 and 02). This investigation was conducted on 1 September 1993.

2. The JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed report by deleting the personnel names per Executive Order 12958, 12 Jul 92, and Title 5, U.S. Code 552a (Privacy Act). No assistance has substantive material been removed.

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SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT: CASE 1243
REF: A. JTF/FA, DET 1, BKK TH, PART I: DTG240457Z SEP
93; PART II: DTG240556Z SEP 93

1. REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 25TH SERIES OF JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM FROM 29 AUG-20 SEP 93. PARAGRAPH 2. OF REF CONCERNS THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 3243. THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE IS REPORTED IN DETAIL HEREIN. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 1 SEP 43, 1961 INVESTIGATED CASE 1243. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 1 AUG 68 CRASH OF AN F-4D DURING A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. TWO AMERICANS ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THIS CASE. U.S. RECORDS INDICATE THE CRASH LOCATION AS BEING APPROXIMATELY SIX KILOMETERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE-LAO BORDER. THE VNOSHP AND PROVINCE TASK TEAM WERE UNABLE

TO LOCATE WITNESSES FOR THIS CASE. AFTER HAVING CANVASSED VILLAGES IN THE SURROUNDING AREA OF THE REPORTED CRASH. TEAM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS CAUSED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE KARST TERRAIN PRECLUDED THE TEAM FROM VISITING THE LAST KNOWN INCIDENT LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. IE1 CONDUCTED AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE

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3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

- CPT (TEAM LEADER)
 MSGT (ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER)
 MSGT (OUT-FA LIAISON, ANALYST)
 SFC (TEAM MEDIC)
 SSG (SEARCH AND RECOVERY

SPECIALIST)

- 386 (SEARCH AND SEIZURE)

SPECIALIST)

- SSG (EOD TECHNICIAN)
SSGT (JTF-FA LINGUIST ANALYST)
SGT (JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST)

VNOZMP MEMBERS INCLUDED:

- ZUONG VAN NGOC (DUONG VAN NGOC) TEAM LEADER
- LUU VAN THO (LUU VAN THO)
- BUI QUANG TAM (BUI QUANG TAM)
- TRINH QUOC KHANH (TRINH QUOC KHANH)
- NGUYEN QUANG MAO (NGUYEN QUANG MAO)

THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE TASK TEAM

- LE DUC ZWONG (LEE DOUG BROWN) (BORN 1942)
 PHAM VAN LA (PHAM VAM LA)
 LE CONG TANG (LEE CONG TANG)

8. MEMBERS OF THE VNPOSD AND AERONAVY TASK TEAM REPORTED THAT NO WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE COULD BE LOCATED. THE VIETNAMESE UNILATERALLY CANVASSED THE VILLAGES SURROUNDING THE REPORTED INCIDENT LOCATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE SEARCH INCLUDED BAN KATOI (BAN KATOI VILLAGE), THE AREA REFLECTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS THE AREA IN WHICH THE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION TOOK PLACE.

1. ON 1 SEP 93, IED CONDUCTED AN AERIAL
RECONNAISSANCE OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION REFLECTED IN
U.S. RECORDS. THE TEAM ARRIVED GRID COORDINATES
XE274203 (VERIFIED BY THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM
TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES). AN AERIAL SEARCH REVEALED NO
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4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE

5. SURVEY RESULTS: N/A

B. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE PENDING CATEGORY.

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE

A. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED:
NONE

9. ANALYST COMMENTS:

A. WITNESS CREDIBILITY: Yes

4. B. THE VIETNAMESE REPORTED NO WITNESSES COULD BE LOCATED FOR THIS CASE. A WITNESS TO THE INCIDENT AND/OR A WITNESS HAVING DISCOVERED A CRASH SITE IN THE AREA IS NEEDED TO HELP RESOLVE THIS CASE.

10. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR A POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE WAS OBSERVED BY THE TEAM.

11. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

A. CONCUR WITH ANALYST CONCLUSION. DUE TO THE REMOTE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE, FINDING A EYE WITNESS TO THE INCIDENT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. WITHOUT A WITNESS, FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO YIELD NEGATIVE RESULTS. THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO LEADS TO PURSUE.

B. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE PLACED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY.

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