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Ms. Susan Baker Powell

Dear Ms. Powell,

The enclosed documents are provided in response to your Freedom of Information Act requests of 22 June 1992.

In accordance with Executive Order 12812 of 22 July 1992, we have declassified the documents and deleted information concerning intelligence sources and methods, which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 552(b)(1), of Title 5, United States Code (Freedom of Information Act). We have also deleted information from the released documents which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of other individuals or their next of kin. This information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 552(b)(6) of Title 5, United States Code.

I am the initial denial authority for JTF-FA. You have the right to appeal the decision to deny any or all of the information withheld. Your appeal should be submitted within 60 days of this letter to: Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs), The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1400.


DALE E. HAYS
By direction

Encl:

- (1) Biographic/Site Report as of 9 Feb 1993
- (2) Map of Indochina
- (3) Photocopy of 8 x 10 Facial Photo
- ✓(4) Narrative, Case 0070-0-01 and 02, Passed to the Lao at 1-2 Jun 92 Consultative Meeting
- ✓(5) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 051852Z MAR 90
- (6) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 202002Z APR 90
- (7) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 032302Z JUL 90
- (8) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 170005Z JUL 90

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CASE 0070-0-01 AND 02

NARRATIVE

ON 7 APRIL 1965, CAPTAIN ARTHUR D. BAKER AND CAPTAIN JAMES W. LEWIS WERE THE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD A B-57B BOMBER IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 53-3880, WAS LAST SEEN DESCENDING INTO A THIN CLOUD LAYER TOWARDS THE TARGET AREA IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES UG724657, APPROXIMATELY 25 KILOMETERS EAST SOUTHEAST OF BAN BAN, TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF ROUTE 7 AND 1500 METERS NORTHWEST OF BAN PALOY, XIANG KHOANG PROVINCE. AFTER CAPTAIN BAKER AND CAPTAIN LEWIS FAILED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME BASE, SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE INITIATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON 14 APRIL 1965, THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY CLAIMED A B-57 CANBERRA JET BOMBER WAS SHOT DOWN BY PATHET LAO FORCES ON 7 APRIL OVER PHOU PHA NIEM. THE FATE OF THE CREW WAS NOT MENTIONED. IT WAS REPORTED AS THE FIRST B-57 SHOT DOWN BY THE PATHET LAO FORCES.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BAKER, ARTHUR DALE
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 JULY 1933
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS
WEIGHT: 75.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN

CASE 0070-0-01 AND 02

NAME: LEWIS, JAMES WIMBERLEY
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 24 JULY 1928
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.78 METERS
WEIGHT: 83.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND
EYES: BLUE

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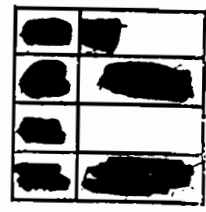
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90/TWO AMERICANS IMPRISONED NEAR BAN BAN, XIANG KHOUANG PROVINCE, IN
FEBRUARY 1966 (U)//

NARR/REF A REQUESTED JCRC REVIEW CASE FILE DATA OF REFNO 0070 AND
PROVIDE COMMENTS CONCERNING REF B REPORT//
RMKS/1. (e) JCRC ANALYSTS HAVE REVIEWED THE BAKER AND LEWIS CASE
AND DETERMINED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN REFERENCE "B" IS
INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A CORRELATION WITH EITHER BAKER OR LEWIS.
ADDITIONALLY, JCRC FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH ESTABLISHES A
LOSS LOCATION OR CONFIRMS THAT BAKER OR LEWIS SURVIVED THEIR
INCIDENT.

2. (U) PER REF B, THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED
IN THE REFNO 0070 CASE FILES. NOTE: SOME REPORTS ARE OF POOR
QUALITY AND VIRTUALLY UNREADABLE.

- A. DIA, EVAL OF ITR 2 237 0086 74, DTD 740405.
- B. USDAO/VIENTIANE MSG 050341Z APR 74, SUBJ: IIR 2 237 0086,
PROJECT NBR 5310-03-E (U)
- C. USDAO/VIENTIANE MSG 220352Z MAY 74, SUBJ: (ILLEGIBLE) (U).
- D. UPI NEWS ARTICLE (UNKNOWN DATE OR SOURCE).
- E. CIA INTELLIGENCE CABLE, TDCS 314/05326-67, DTD 13 APRIL
1967, SUBJ: TWO AMERICAN PILOTS HELD CAPTIVE IN KHANG KHAY, XIANG
KHOUANG PROVINCE IN MAY 1965 (U).
- F. CIA INTELLIGENCE CABLE, TDCS 314/08455-68, DTD 21 MAY 1968.
SUBJ: PROPAGANDA DISPLAY OF FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS IN HOUA PHAN
PROVINCE (U).
- G. RE-EVAL OF ITR TDCS-314/08455-68, DTD 680521.
- H. DIA EVAL OF IIR 1 237 0037 74, DTD 750430. COL NO. 5800-

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AMPN/TRANSMITTAL LTR. SUBJ: FORWARDING OF DIA EVALUATIONS OF
INDOCHINESE REFUGEE REPORTS//

RMKS/1. (C) REQUEST COMPLETE COPY OF ORIGINAL REPORT CONCERNING LAO
REFUGEE ~~REDACTED~~ SUBJ OF REFERENCED LTR. ALSO REQUEST
COPIES OF ANY OTHER REPORTS COLLECTED FROM OR DEALING WITH THE SAME
SOURCE.

2. (U) WE ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE BASIC REPORT USING NAME OF SOURCE
ALONE.//

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