

## SUSAN BAKER POWELL '93

October 30, 1995

The following is a summary of the steps I have taken to secure this information (enclosed) regarding a follow-up report on a live-sighting report dated March 30, 1995 and received by me on May 12, 1995. This report is on my brother, Major Arthur Dale Baker, case number 0070, MIA Laos, 1965.

- May 16, 1995--Called George Atkinson who contacted Maj. Moore at DIA asking what investigations had been initiated in response to the report.
- George was told that no follow-up was planned because the DIA did not consider the source reliable.
- Contacted Ross Perot who furnished the name and number of a contact in Senator Bob Smith's office.
- Called Smith's office and related the situation to his Legislative Assistant who was incensed and promised follow-up.
- May 18, 1995--Received copy of letter Senator Smith wrote General Clapper, Director, DIA, requesting Clapper's "personal attention" to the matter. Letter also specified that the report be "fully investigated . . . includ[ing] further interviews with the sources involved to determine their reliability, as well as on-site follow-up actions in Laos . . ."
- May 21, 1995--Having received no response from General Clapper and after talking to Smith's assistant who had received no response, wrote the attached letter to General James Wold, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. (~~Letter is addressed to David Moore, but I changed this before faxing.~~)
- Ten (10) minutes after faxing, received phone call from Wold saying he was unaware of the case, but would follow-up.
- Received another call from Wold Forty-five (45) minutes later informing me that George's information was erroneous and follow-up was intended.
- May 26, 1995 received copy of letter which Wold wrote Smith on May 21, 1995--stating that Stoney Beach had been formally requested to follow-up on report.
- May 26, 1995 received fax of copy of note from Clapper to Smith dated May 19, 1995, but postmarked May 26, 1995--Clapper promises to "overwatch" the response.
- On approximately October 11, 1995 contacted George's office requesting status report. George was out of town and Lt. Stunek was to return call. Called Smith's office requesting same.
- Approximately October 17, 1995--No response from Stunek or Smith so called Ann Mills Griffith--League of Families. She made call and was told the report was investigated in August and source was appalled that we had not been notified.
- October 24, 1995--called George requesting report. His office had not received and Stunek had not returned my call because she was waiting for her call to be returned by DIA. (Smith's office was waiting for Wold to return his call.)  
October 24, 1995-- Lt. Stunek faxed enclosed report which she received that day from DIA. Although she stated in cover letter that copy was being sent to Smith's office, he did not receive that day so I faxed it to him. Also, faxed copy to Ann Griffith.

Susan Baker Powell

ENVELOPE

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HEADER

R 290733Z MAR 95  
FM DIA WASHINGTON DC  
INFO RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC  
RUEOFAA/COMJSOC FT BRAGG NC//J2//  
RUEALGX/SAFE  
R 290203Z MAR 95  
FM USDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA//  
TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC/  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC//USDP:RSA//  
INFO RHEHAAA/WHITEHOUSE WASHDC//NSC//  
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC//EAP/VLC//  
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RHHMCMY/JICPAC HONOLULU HI//OTC/OBU//  
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC//  
RUHPHQ/CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI  
RUEHPF/AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH//JTFFA DET 4//  
RUEHVN/AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE//JTFFA DET 3//  
RUHVAAA/CDRUSACILHI HICKAM AFB HI//TAPC-PED-H//  
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CONTROLS

SECTION 01 OF 02 BANGKOK TH 09415

THIS IS A STONY BEACH MESSAGE

SERIAL: IIR 6 024 0054 95.

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

BODY  
COUNTRY: LAOS (LA).

SUBJ: IIR-6 024 0054 95/AMERICAN MIAS LIVING IN LAOS

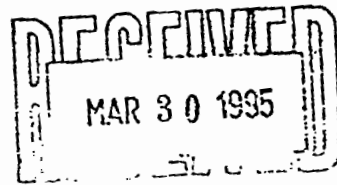
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 950300.

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Date Received	30 Mar 95
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Ext Affairs	_____
Resource Mgmt	_____
RA-CO	_____
Tech Source File	_____

Baker, A. D.  
NAME

*I will request a further analysis*



REQS: D-VOP-2430-03-90.

SOURCE: SC A 60 YOA AMERICAN CITIZEN WORKING AS A SELF-EMPLOYED CONSULTANT IN SD WHO OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM LAO AND THAI ACQUAINTANCES WHOM HE KNEW FROM PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT. SOURCE RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT CONTAINS VERY LIMITED THIRD-HAND HEARSAY INFORMATION REGARDING TWO SEPARATE REPORTS OF ALLEGED AMERICAN MIAS LIVING IN LAOS.

TEXT:

1. SOURCE CONTACTED RO THROUGH U.S. CONSULATE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THREE AMERICANS ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN LAOS. SUBSOURCE, AN ETHNIC LAO, CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FIRST TWO AMERICANS FROM AT LEAST THREE NON-ASSOCIATED LAO CITIZENS.

2. SOMETIME DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT PILOTED BY A CAPTAIN BAKER, CRASHED IN LAOS. SUBSOURCE HEARD SIMILAR INFORMATION FROM NO FEWER THAN THREE INDEPENDENT SOURCES WITHIN LAOS, BUT HAS NEVER SEEN THE AMERICAN. AFTER HE CRASHED, BAKER WAS TAKEN IN BY AN AHKA TRIBE AND WAS HIDDEN IN THE TRIBE'S VILLAGE FROM THE VIETNAMESE AND PATHET LAO FORCES IN THE AREA. BAKER'S PLANE WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE WHILE FLYING OVER NORTH VIETNAM AND MANAGED TO CROSS THE BORDER INTO LAOS BEFORE CRASHING. THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL PERSON IN THE AIRCRAFT WHO DID NOT SURVIVE, THOUGH NO REMAINS OR IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ARE KNOWN TO EXIST. BAKER IS CURRENTLY MARRIED TO AN AHKA WOMAN AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN. HE IS AN OPIUM ADDICT WHO IS AFRAID TO LEAVE THE VILLAGE, FOR HE HAS BEEN TOLD BY VILLAGERS THAT HE WOULD BE KILLED BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT. HE IS LIVING IN A VILLAGE JUST TO THE WEST OF MUANG XAI //UTMCOORD: 47QRC1290/MAP SERIES L7015, 1:50,000; SHEET 5350II, MUANG XAI, DMA 1972//, LAOS. (SOURCE COMMENT--IN ALL OF HIS EXPERIENCE IN LAOS SOURCE HAS NEVER KNOWN OF AN AHKA VILLAGE BEING THAT FAR EAST OF BURMA).

3. SUBSOURCE ALSO SHOWED SOURCE INFORMATION OSTENSIBLY COPIED FROM A DOG TAG. HE HEARD THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED ON THE DOG TAG WAS SOMEONE LEFT BEHIND FROM THE WAR (SIC) WHO WAS WORKING WITH A HMONG RESISTANCE GROUP (NFI). THERE IS ALSO AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF OTHER AMERICANS LIVING WITH THE HMONG (NFI).

THE INFORMATION FROM THE DOG TAG READS AS FOLLOWS  
(VERBATIM):

RUIZ BERMUDEZ  
CANDIDIDO  
DATA  
C NEG CATHOLIC.

*Not KIA or MIA; No prior DT Rpting*

4. SOURCE OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ANOTHER ALLEGED AMERICAN MIA FROM A THAI SUBSOURCE WHO LIVES IN DATA HE ALSO WORKED WITH SOURCE DURING SOURCE'S TIME IN LAOS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. SUBSOURCE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH A GROUP OF LAO CITIZENS WHICH CLAIMS TO HAVE SIGHTED AN AMERICAN LIVING IN LAOS WHOM THEY REFERRED TO ONLY AS A PERSON WITH THE RANK OF COLONEL. THIS GROUP WOULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION UNTIL THEY HAD MET AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL. AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE A DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN OFFICIAL INTO LAOS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF THE AMERICAN'S EXISTENCE. SOURCE COULD PROVIDE NO DETAILS ON HOW SUCH A MEETING WAS TO BE ARRANGED, THOUGH HE EXPECTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH SUBSOURCE AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

COMMENTS:

1. SOURCE FIRST HAD INVOLVEMENT IN THE PW-MIA ISSUE IN THE 1980-82 TIME FRAME. DURING THAT TIME HE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE EDITOR OF SOLDIER OF FORTUNE MAGAZINE. THE EDITOR HIRED HIM TO ASSIST TWO AMERICANS THEY HAD EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN PW-MIA INFORMATION IN LAOS. THE SITUATION APPARENTLY GOT OUT OF CONTROL AND SOURCE WAS TO HELP REORGANIZE THE EFFORT. WHILE SOURCE WORKED FOR THE MAGAZINE, HE CAME ACROSS SEVERAL SCAMS (SIC) PERPETRATED BY VARIOUS LAO CITIZENS. SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE PROVIDED ALL INFORMATION HE OBTAINED DURING THIS PERIOD TO THE HEAD OF JCRC LIAISON OFFICE, BANGKOK.

2. SOURCE PROVIDES CONSULTANT ASSISTANCE TO THE SD AS WELL AS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. BEING IN THAILAND, HE HAS BEEN IN OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH FORMER CO-WORKERS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR ERA. HE FEELS THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE SUBSOURCES FOR THIS REPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN CREDENCE BASED UPON THE SUBSOURCES' BACKGROUNDS.

3. SOURCE INITIALLY REPORTED THAT THE LIVE AMERICAN REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE WAS REFNO 0070-001. AFTER QUESTIONING HOWEVER, SOURCE REVEALED

HE HAD MADE THIS DETERMINATION BASED UPON HIS OWN RESEARCH. HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A LIST OF SOME 2500 MIAS WHICH HE OBTAINED UNDER THE TABLE (SIC) FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE. SOURCE FURTHER EXTRAPOLATED THAT THE AMERICAN WHO HAD NOT SURVIVED THE CRASH MUST HAVE BEEN THE CO-PILOT, REFNO 0070 ~~DATA~~ HOWEVER, SUBSOURCE ONLY REFERRED TO THE LIVE AMERICAN AS CAPTAIN BAKER AND MENTIONED NO NAME WHATSOEVER FOR THE AMERICAN WHO DIED IN THE CRASH.

4. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT SUBSOURCE WAS MOTIVATED BY BOTH MONEY AND LOYALTY. SUBSOURCE EXPECTS TO RECEIVE MONETARY COMPENSATION IF HIS INFORMATION LEADS TO THE AMERICAN'S RETURN FROM LAOS. SOURCE WAS BRIEFED ON USG POLICY REGARDING NON-COMPENSATION FOR INFORMATION, AND WAS TOLD THAT THE USG COULD NOT ASK NOR ENCOURAGE HIM TO PURSUE THESE MATTERS ANY FURTHER. SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO DO SO ANYWAY AND WOULD INFORM RO OF ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HE OBTAINED.

5. SOURCE IS WILLING TO BE RECONTACTED.

ADMIN  
 PROJ: 6999-10.  
 COLL: AC.  
 INSTR: US NO.  
 PREP: 6-02179.  
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SUSIE POWELL

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May 21, 1995

General James Wold, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office  
Crystal Square Four, Ste. 800  
Arlington, Va. 22202

Dear General Wold,

On May 12, 1995, we received a live-sighting report on my brother Major Arthur Dale Baker, ref #0070-001. On 16 May, George Atkinson talked with your office and was informed that Stoney Beach does not intend to follow up on this report.

President Clinton made the following statement in his 1994 report to Congress on the POW/MIA issue:

... in view of our goal of obtaining the fullest possible accounting, we will continue to pursue vigorously any report of a live prisoner. Nor will we rule out the possibility that a reports credible until we have thoroughly investigated the report to our satisfaction. That involves going to the area of the alleged live sighting, talking to witnesses, and eliciting information from the Vietnamese government in a process that we regard as sound and credible.

With this report before me, I must question your decision not to interview the source and subsources and not to send a team to the village site to investigate the report. If the commitment of the Clinton administration to the men who fought for our nation and were abandoned in foreign countries has changed since 1994, I would like to be notified. If not, please fulfill our president's commitment and fully investigate this report.

Sincerely,

Susan Baker Powell

*In Lewis file*



JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

NAS BARBERS POINT, HAWAII 96862

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:

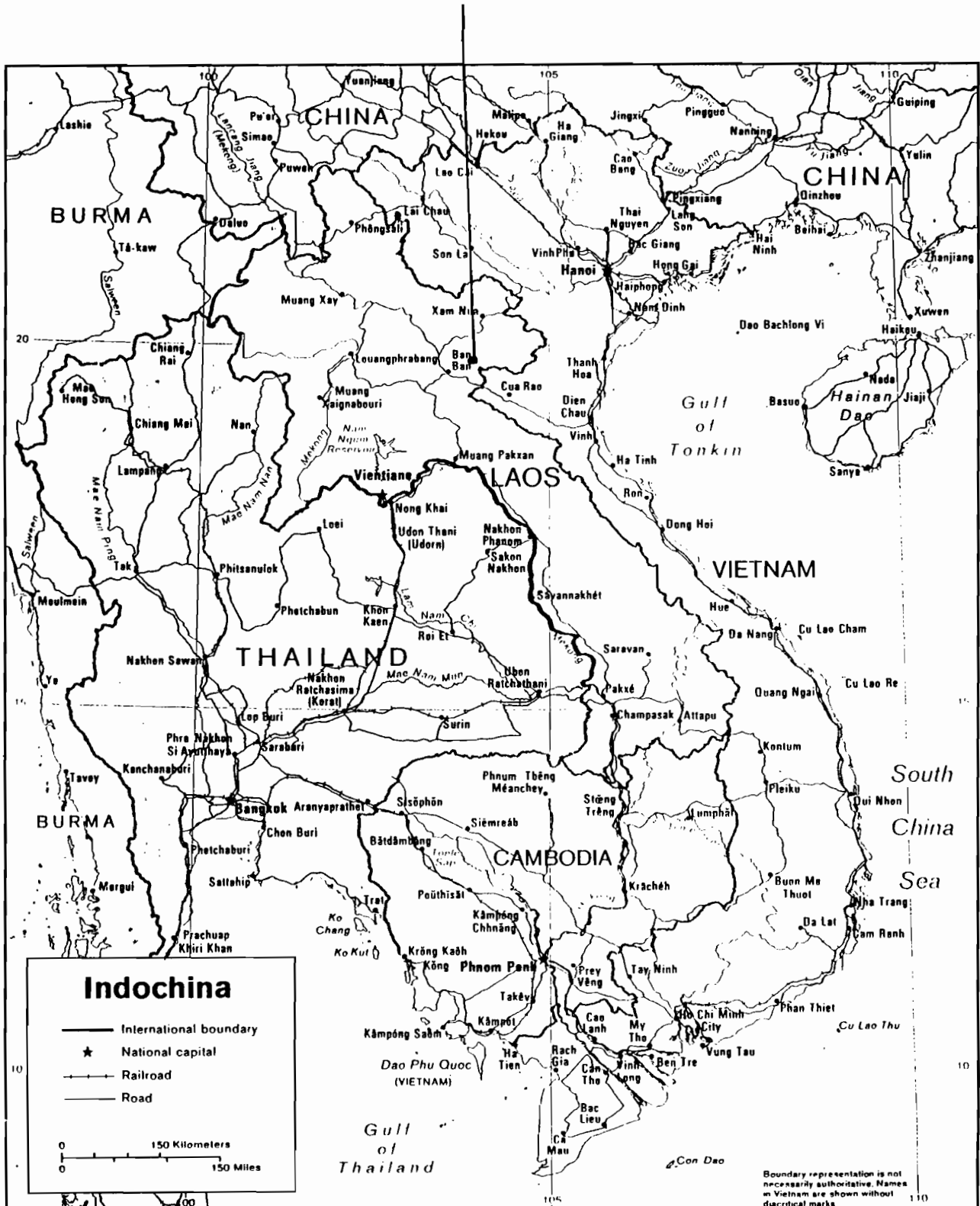
NAME: BAKER, ARTHUR DALE  
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE  
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 JULY 1933  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS  
WEIGHT: 75.7 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: BLACK

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

Last Known Location

Grid Coordinates UG724657



JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 27 APRIL 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0070-0-02 (ACCNO 0911)  
Name: LEWIS, JAMES WIMBERLEY

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 16 Apr 1982

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	00249
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	002211197	Height	70 in /1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 Jul 1928	Weight	185 lb / 83.8 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	MISSISSIPPI	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QUG724657  
Lat/Long: 193502N / 1034660E  
Country: LAOS  
Military Region: 2  
Mission Province: XIANGKHOANG  
(formerly):  
Mission District: NONGHET  
Mission Date: 7 Apr 1965 1110L  
Mission Category: 3 (See Attch.)  
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jun 92, Nov 89, Jul 76  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: B57B	Serial: 3880
Crash Type: Aircraft accident	Engine Type: J65W5
Call Sign: #	1 Serial: W615275
Year: 53	2 Serial: W615174

===== 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.

CASE: 0070

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

15 July 1975

(U) ON 7 APRIL 1965 CAPT ARTHUR D. BAKER WAS THE NAVIGATOR AND CAPT JAMES W. LEWIS THE PILOT OF THE LEAD B-57B (#53-3880), IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR ON AN INTERDICTION MISSION OVER LAOS. AT ABOUT 1110 HOURS, THE FLIGHT REACHED THE TARGET, WHERE THE WEATHER WAS BROKEN TO OVERCAST. CAPT LEWIS BEGAN HIS DIVE BOMB RUN, AND AS HIS WINGMAN SAW HIM DESCEND INTO A THIN CLOUD LAYER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES UG 724 657, HE WAS NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM AGAIN. ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE FLIGHT STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD CAPT LEWIS CALL "OFF TARGET AND OUTBOUND".

WHEN THE AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN TO BIEN HOA AB ON SCHEDULE, A COMMUNICATIONS AND RAMP CHECK WAS INITIATED, WHICH DETERMINED, BY 1400 HOURS, THAT THE AIRCRAFT HAD NOT LANDED AT ANY OTHER AIRFIELD IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) OPERATIONS BEGAN WITHIN 20 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE TARGET. THE AREA WAS SEARCHED, (BY AIR), BY U.S. AIR FORCE AND AIR AMERICA SAR FORCES FROM 7 TO 12 APRIL 1965. THESE EFFORTS FAILED TO LOCATE ANY INDICATIONS OF THE CRASH SITE OR ANY SURVIVORS. (REF 1)

(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. CAPT BAKER AND CAPT LEWIS ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

19 September 1989

(U) A UPI ARTICLE IN TOKYO QUOTED A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH CLAIMED THE 7 APRIL SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. B-57 NEAR PHA NIEM MOUNTAIN, LAOS. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE PL CLAIMED SHOOTING DOWN A B-57 OPERATING FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0070. (REF 2)

(U) IN MAY 1965, A SOURCE WAS ASKED TO TAKE SEVERAL ITEMS TO THE HOME OF GENERAL SINGKAPO. TWO AMERICAN PILOTS IN FLIGHT SUITS WITH THE INSIGNIA OF RANK REMOVED WERE BEING HELD UNDER ARMED GUARD IN THE GENERALS HOUSE. THEY WERE HANDCUFFED OR LOCKED UP. HE GAVE THE TWO AMERICANS TOWELS, TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE. THE PILOTS LOOK WORRIED. ONE WAS TALL AND BALDING. THE OTHER, WAS ALSO TALL, HAD A HEAVY BUILD AND A ROUND FACE. DIA EVALUATED THIS REPORT AS A PROBABLE HEARSAY ACCOUNT OR FABRICATION, BUT PLACED IT IN THE 0070 FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. (REF 3)

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

19 September 1989

(U) DURING THE PATHET LAO MEO NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OF 1966, WHICH FELL BETWEEN 28 DECEMBER 1966 AND 3 JANUARY 1967, FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS WERE DISPLAYED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES IN BAN HANG LONG (VH1262). DURING THE HALF HOUR THAT THE PILOTS WERE ON DISPLAY, A PATHET LAO PROPAGANDIST EXPLAINED TO THE VILLAGERS THAT THE PILOTS WOULD NOT BE KILLED, BUT WOULD BE HELD FOR PRISONER EXCHANGE AFTER THE START OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PILOTS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND VILLAGERS SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED GOOD TREATMENT; THEY WERE GETTING MILK AND OTHER FOODS TO WHICH THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED. SOURCE STATED ONE OF THE PILOTS RESEMBLED JAMES W. LEWIS, HOWEVER, THE SOURCE SAID THE PW LOOKED MUCH OLDER THAN THE MAN IN THE PHOTO. (REF 4)

(U) SOURCE REPORTED THE JAN 66 SHOOTDOWN OF AN AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF UG049675. ONE OF THE CREWMEMBERS EXITED THE AIRCRAFT (NO CHUTE OR EJECTION SEAT SEEN), PLUMMETED TO THE GROUND AND WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE FORWARD HQ AND TURNED OVER TO PL MEDICAL PERSONNEL. THE PILOT HAD TWO GAPING WOUNDS, ONE IN THE LEFT SHOULDER AND ONE IN THE RIGHT SIDE. SHORTLY AFTER HIS EVACUATION TO THE FORWARD MEDICAL ELEMENT, THE PILOT DIED. (ABOUT 1600) THE BODY WAS BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF UG177550 NEAR THE OLD QUARTERMASTER DEPOT OF THE KONG LE FORCES. THE GRAVE WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ROAD BETWEEN NONG FET (UG3163) AND KHANY KHAY AND APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS FROM THE ROAD. THE GRAVE APPEARED TO BE MARKED WITH A PILE OF ROCKS AND A WOODEN MARKER. SOURCE RECALLED THE PILOTS NAME WAS "PAKOB". HE ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE TAKEN A PHOTO OF THE PILOTS PRESUMED WIFE AND TWO SMALL GIRLS FROM THE PILOTS NOTEBOOK. (NOTE) SOURCE PROVIDED AN APRIL 65 DATE IN HIS REPORT OF ANOTHER INCIDENT. HE MAY HAVE CONFUSED THE DATES.

A MESSAGE WAS SENT REGARDING THIS INCIDENT TO PL GENERAL (DELETED FROM JCRC COPY). DIA STATED THIS REPORT MIGHT POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO REFNO 0070. (REF 5)

9 January 1990

(U) A UPI ARTICLE IN TOKYO QUOTED A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH CLAIMED THE 7 APRIL SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. B-57 NEAR PHA NIEM MOUNTAIN, LAOS. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE PL CLAIMED SHOOTING DOWN A B-57 OPERATING FROM SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0070. (REF 6)

(U) SOURCE REPORTED THE MARCH OR APRIL 65 CRASH OF AN F105 NEAR BAN LAY (WN OR VN 196509). THE PILOT REPORTEDLY ESCAPED WITH THE HELP OF THE BAN KE KOU (CNA) VILLAGE CHIEF WHO WAS THEN EXECUTED BY THE PL. THIS POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0070. (REF 6)

=== REFERENCES ===

15 July 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT (U), AF FORM 484, 20 APR 65. <2> UNDATED XEROX COPY OF AN UNNAMED NEWSPAPER. <3> IR (UNK) CIA 13 APRIL 1967. <4> IR (UNK) CIA 21 MAY 1968. <5> MSG (CLASS UNKNOWN) USDAO/VIENTIANE 050341Z APR 70. <6> MSG (U), USDAO/VIENTIANE 220352Z MAY 74.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

10 September 1976

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS PROVIDED TO THE U.S. CONSULATE, VIENTIANE IN APRIL 1976 FOR POSSIBLE USE IN CASUALTY RESOLUTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

28 April 1988

(U) NEGOTIATION FOLDERS PERTAINING TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS WERE PASSED ON 16 JUL 76 BY THE AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN PACIFIC AFFAIRS.

8 December 1989

(U) DURING THE 1 - 3 NOV 89 MEETING IN VIENTIANE, LAOS, USDAS LAMBERTSON PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO LPDR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

17 August 1990

(U) ON 13 AUG 1990, DURING A VISIT TO LAOS, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES PASSED A CASE NARRATIVE TO LAO OFFICIALS.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

15 July 1975

(U) ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ARTHUR D. BAKER 0070-0-01, AND JAMES W. LEWIS 0070-0-02.

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 (Arthur D. Baker) ແລະ ຮອບເອກ ເລມ ຄັບເບີຢູ. ລູອິວ  
 (James W. Lewis) ເຮັດສະມາຊິກ ຢູ່ ບັນດາ ລະບົບ ບໍ-໕໒໒  
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21 JUN 1995

In reply refer to:  
I-95/23194

Honorable Robert C. Smith  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-2903

Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you for your May 17, 1995, letter to General Clapper regarding United States Air Force Captain Arthur D. Baker. You enclosed a March 29, 1995, report from the Defense Intelligence Agency's Stony Beach Detachment in which a source claimed that Captain Baker was currently living in Laos. You requested the Stony Beach Detachment investigate this report.

On May 25, 1995, the Stony Beach Detachment was formally tasked to follow-up on this report. I will advise your office of the results of this investigation when it becomes available. Additionally, I recently spoke with members of the Baker family to assure them that we are investigating this report and that we are doing everything possible to fully account for Captain Baker.

I hope this information is useful. Your continued interest and support of this issue are appreciated.

Sincerely,

James W. Wold  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(POW/MIA Affairs)

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TO: Mrs. Susan Powell      FAX NUMBER: 214-272-9571

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: Re: Major Arthur D. Baker

COMMENTS: Mrs. Powell, here is a reply to your request of Mr. Wald. A copy of this report is also being sent to the office of Senator Smith. When we receive it, I will mail the original to you. Please call if you have any questions.  
- Lt Cindi Steneck

THIS UNCLASSIFIED FAX CONSISTS OF 6 PAGES, INCLUDING COVERSHEET.



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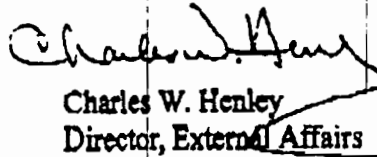
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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MISSING PERSONS AND  
INQUIRY DIVISION (ATTN: LT STUNICK)

SUBJECT: Message Associated with REFNO 0070

The attached message (DTG 040701Z AUG 95) is a follow-up investigation to IIR 6 024 0054 95, which discussed allegations of an American MIA living in Laos. The results of the investigation described in the attached message are negative; in other words, they produced no information to substantiate the claim of either a live American MIA, or remains of an American MIA.

This message is a specific follow up to the IIR mentioned above, and directly relates to REFNO 0070. Please forward this message to the next of kin of REFNO 0070. The contact at the Defense POW/MIA Office is Major David Moore, United States Air Force, (703) 602-2102, ext. 165.

  
Charles W. Henley  
Director, External Affairs  
Defense POW/MIA Office

Attachment:  
As stated





DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 950700.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-03-90; D-VOP-2430-05-90.

SOURCE: SC  
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SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT PROVIDES NEGATIVE INFORMATION ON AN AMERICAN LIVING IN "UANG XAI, LUANG PRAEANG PROVINCE, LAOS; OR REMAINS BEING KEPT THERE. ENCLOSURES.

TEXT:

1. IN EARLY JUL. 95, SOURCE TRAVELED BY BUS TO  
DATA AND  
REMAINED THERE OVERNIGHT.

THE NEXT MORNING SOURCE

PROCEEDED

DATA

KEY FEATURES IN THIS AREA ARE AN AIRSTRIP AND THE HOAYLAI PROVINCIAL PRISON. TWO RIVERS IN THIS AREA ARE THE NA" KO AND THE NAM MAO. THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IN THESE VILLAGES ARE ETHNIC LUE AND LAO THOENG TRIBES. SOURCE TALKED TO NUMEROUS ELDER VILLAGERS; IN THESE VILLAGES; NONE WERE AWARE OF ANY CAUCASIAN LIVING IN THESE VILLAGES, NOW OR IN THE PAST. SOME VILLAGERS DID RECALL AID WORKERS COMING TO THE AREA PERIODICALLY TO WORK ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS. SOURCE DID NOT SEE ANY RESTRICTED AREAS, BUT THOUGHT THE HOAYLAI PRISON MIGHT FALL IN THAT CATEGORY.

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2. THE NEXT DAY SOURCE TRAVELED FROM HUANG XAI TO DATA. THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION IN THIS AREA ARE LAO LOWLANDERS, LAO THOENG AND A SMALL NUMBER OF ETHNIC LUE. KEY FEATURES IN THE AREA ARE THE OUDOMKAY TEACHER'S TRAINING SCHOOL, A PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND A VIETNAMESE GRAVEYARD. THE VIETNAMESE GRAVEYARD HAD BEEN USED TO BURY VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS THAT WERE KILLED DURING THE VIETNAM WAR; AND SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DISINTERRED ALL THE REMAINS AND TOOK THEM TO VIETNAM. NONE OF THE VILLAGERS HAD EVER HEARD OF AN AMERICAN BEING BURIED IN THIS GRAVEYARD. NONE OF THE VILLAGERS TALKED TO WERE AWARE OF AN AMERICAN LIVING IN THIS AREA, NOW OR IN THE PAST.

3. THE FOLLOWING MORNING SOURCE TRAVELED FROM HUANG XAI TO DATA. SOURCE VISITED WITH SSC, WITH WHOM HE WORKED IN PUBLIC WORKS AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE LATE 1960'S IN PHONGSALY PROVINCE. SSC WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY WESTERNERS/AMERICANS LIVING IN THE HUANG XAI AREA, IN THE PAST OR AT THE PRESENT TIME. SSC HAD HEARD OF AID WORKERS BEING INVOLVED IN PROJECTS IN LUANG NAMTHA AND OUDOMKAY, BUT WAS NOT AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECTS THEY WERE INVOLVED WITH. SOURCE TRAVELED TO DATA AN ETHNIC LUE VILLAGE; AND DATA A HONG VILLAGE, DATA. SOURCE TALKED TO NUMEROUS VILLAGERS AND NONE OF THEM WERE AWARE OF A CAUCASIAN LIVING IN THE AREA IN THE PAST OR AT THE PRESENT TIME.

DATA

4. SOURCE SAID THE POPULATION OF HUANG XAI IS LAO LOWLANDERS, LUE, LAO THOENG AND MINORITY GROUPS OF HONG AND CHINESE HAW. THE AKHA TRIBE, CALLED "EKAW" BY THE LAO PEOPLE, LIVE IN AN AREA NEAR HUANG LA //UTMCOORDS TJOOS100//, APPROXIMATELY 44 KILOMETERS FROM HUANG XAI.

5. THERE ARE NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN THE HUANG XAI AREA, BUT THERE ARE POLICE SECURITY CHECKPOINTS. THE POLICE MAKE SPOT CHECKS AT NIGHT AND HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR CRIMINALS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAO REACTIONARY GROUP REFERRED TO IN LAO AS THE "PUAK PATIKAN." THE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A RETIRED LAO ARMY COLONEL, SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT, WHO FLEW AND JOINED THE REACTIONARY GROUP.

6. SOURCE WAS TOLD BY A POLICE LT COL, ACQUAINTANCE OF HIS THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY SEARCH FOR AMERICAN REMAINS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR. SOURCE REFRAINED FROM ASKING ANY VILLAGERS ABOUT BONDS OR REMAINS OF U.S. PERSONNEL.

7. SOURCE FELT THAT MANY OF THE VILLAGERS HE TALKED TO WERE NOT COOPERATIVE

DATA

8. SOURCE QUERIED VILLAGERS ABOUT AIRCRAFT CRASHES THAT OCCURRED IN THE MUANG KAI AREA DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. THE MAJORITY OF THE VILLAGERS WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY AIRCRAFT CRASHES, BUT ONE VILLAGER, SSC AN ETHNIC LUE, SAID A DAKOTA AND A T-28 CRASHED IN 1972 AT MUANG BENG (U/L) ON ROUTE 46 BETWEEN MUANG KAI AND PAKBENG //UTMCOORDS: QC850550//. THE DAKOTA WAS A LAO AIRCRAFT; SSC DID NOT KNOW WHO THE T-28 BELONGED TO.

9. SOURCE OBSERVED ONE CAUCASIAN TOURIST IN MUANG KAI.

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COMMENT:

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