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 SUBJ: TRANSLATION OF SELECTED PAGES OF AN MR4 RECORD
 OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT LOSSE
 TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OVERWATER OFF THE
 COAST OF HA TINH; ; 67TH BN/275TH REG.
 1038; 1712; 25 JAN; ; HA TINH MUNICIPALITY; A-6A;
 TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OVERWATER OFF THE
 COAST OF HA TINH; ; 67TH BN/275TH REG.
 1039; 1845; 26 JAN; CLIMBING; SONG CAU CAM; A-6A;
 TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OVERWATER AT THE MOUTH
 OF THE LO RIVER; ; 16TH BN.
 1040; 1350; 27 JAN; LOW ALTITUDE; CHAN HANG KIEN
 ((ILLEGIBLE)); F-4C; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED
 OVERWATER OFF THE COAST OF QUAN HAU; ; LOC NINH
 MILITIA.
 1041; 0630; 28 JAN; LOW ALTITUDE; KENH QUYNH LONG; AD-
 6; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED 10 KILOMETERS OFF
 THE COAST OF QUYNH LONG; ; QUYNH LONG MILITIA.
 1042; 0645; 28 JAN; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; DO DAO
 BRIDGE; RF-8A; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED 8
 KILOMETERS OFF THE COAST OF DIEN CHAN; ; 4TH BN.
 1043; 0910; 28 JAN; LOW ALTITUDE; DIEN PHAC; A-4D;
 TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED 10 KILOMETERS OFF THE
 COAST OF DIEN CHAN; ; FEMALE MILITIA OF DIEN PHAC.
 1044; 1710; 30 JAN; CLIMBING; PHU THACH HA BRIDGE; A-
 4D; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF
 HA TINH; ; 2ND CO/8TH BN.
 PAGE 02, JULY 1963
 1250; 0905; 1 JUL; DIVING; DA SON; A-4D; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 224TH (49TH BN).
 1251; 0915; 1 JUL; DIVING; PHUONG TACH; A-4D; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 91ST AAA UNIT/228TH.
 1252; 1510; 1 JUL; DIVING; VINH LINH; F-105; SHOT DOWN
 ON THE SPOT; PILOTS RESCUED AT BEN THAN; 5TH BN - 6TH
 BN AND 238TH.
 1253; 1510; 1 JUL; DIVING; VINH LINH; F-105; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; SELF DEFENSE FORCES OF NG TY AND Q
 THUY.
 1254; 1300; 2 JUL; DIVING; CUU NGHIA; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 19TH BN/214TH REG.
 1255; 1700; 3 JUL; DIVING; NAM DAN; A-4D; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 250TH REG.
 1256; 1140; 4 JUL; DIVING; CAU CAM; A-4D; TRAVELLED FAR

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BEFORE CRASHING; ; 250TH REG (11TH BN).
 1257; 0853; 5 JUL; LEVEL FLIGHT; DOC SI; A-4D; SHOT
 DOWN ON THE SPOT; ONE PILOT CAPTURED; 224TH REG.
 1258; 1606; 5 JUL; DIVING; XUAN SON; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; 280TH REG (13TH BN).
 1259; 1255; 5 JUL; DIVING; CAU DUOC; A-6A; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 12TH BN AND THE 233RD CO (24TH
 BN).
 1260; 1005; 7 JUL; DIVING; XUAN SON; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 280TH REG (13TH BN) AND THE
 249TH REG.
 1261; 1000; 7 JUL; DIVING; LA KHE; F-4C; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 230TH REG.
 1262; 0905; 8 JUL; DIVING; QUANG BINH; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; DUONG THUY MILITIA AND 14TH BN.
 1263; 1823; 8 JUL; CLIMBING; KHE RINH; A-6A; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 42ND CO/80TH REG AND 12TH
 MILITARY STATION.
 1264; 0834; 9 JUL; LEVEL FLIGHT; VINH; F-8U; TRAVELLED
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 OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT LOSSES
 A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OVERWATER OFF THE COAST OF HA
 TINH; ; PEOPLE'S AIR FORCE.
 1265; 1005; 9 JUL; DIVING; DA MUI; F-4C; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 14TH BN/385TH.
 1266; 1130; 10 JUL; DIVING; BA DON; F4C; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 15TH BN/214TH REG.
 1267; 1415; 12 JUL; LOW ALTITUDE; KY ANH; F-4C;
 TRAVELLED FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 45TH LOCAL FORCES CO.
 1268; 1434; 12 JUL; DIVING; DONG LOC; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 21ST BN (210TH).
 1269; 1723; 12 JUL; DIVING; KILOMETER 6 OF ROUTE 20; F-
 4C; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE; ; 73RD BN/280TH REG.
 1270; 1145; 13 JUL; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; CATANG; F-
 10J; TRAVELLED FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 11TH BN/280TH
 REG.
 1271; 1532; 14 JUL; DIVING; XUAN SON; F-105; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 13TH BN/280TH REG.
 1272; 0945; 15 JUL; DIVING; HUU NGHI; F-105F; SHOT DOWN
 ON THE SPOT AT BAN BEN BA DUC; 1 PILOT CAPTURED, 1
 PILOT KILLED; 14TH BN, 84TH AAA UNIT AND THE 214TH REG.
 1273; 0630; 16 JUL; DIVING; LINH CAM; A-7A; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 22ND BN/210TH.
 1274; 0745; 16 JUL; DIVING; TRUONG SON; F-8D; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 9TH BN/256TH REG.
 1275; 1130; 17 JUL; DIVING; HA TINH; F-4C; TRAVELLED
 FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 8TH BN.
 1276; 1854; 17 JUL; DIVING; MY LOC; A-6A; TRAVELLED FAR
 BEFORE CRASHING; ; 13TH BN/210TH REG.
 1277; 1054; 20 JUL; LOW ALTITUDE; ROUTE 20; F-105;
 TRAVELLED FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 1 COMPANY OF THE 73RD
 BN/280TH REG.
 1278; 0830; 19 JUL; DIVING; MU DU BRIDGE; A-7A;
 TRAVELLED FAR BEFORE CRASHING; ; 16TH BN.
 1279; 0955; 20 JUL; DIVING; HA TRACH; F-4C; ; 84TH
 AAA UNIT.
 PAGE 70; NOVEMBER 1968
 1459; 0800; 1 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; VINH LINH;
 RF-4C; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED OVERWATER; ;
 6TH BN.
 1460; 1317; 23 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; DA MAI;

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RF-4C; SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AT VANGUARD; 1 PILOT
 CAPTURED AND 1 PILOT KILLED; 2 COMPANIES OF THE 14TH
 BN.

1461; 1030; 25 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; DO LUONG;
 A-3J; SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AT YEN THANH; 1 PILOT
 CAPTURED; 7 COMPANIES AND ELEMENTS OF THE 22ND,
 1462; 25 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; CONQUONG ROUTE
 20; RF-4C; SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AND CRASHED AT NGAM
 CONQUONG; ; 73RD BN/280TH REG.
 1463; 1015; 9 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; NGHI LOC;
 RF-8; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED 15 KILOMETERS
 WEST OF THE MOUTH OF THE LO RIVER; ; 67TH BN/275TH REG.
 1464; 1120; 9 NOV; RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT; KHE CAT
 ROUTE 15; F-105; TRAVELLED A DISTANCE AND CRASHED 8
 KILOMETERS EAST OF SIANH; ; 29TH BN/280TH REG. .
 ((END TRANSLATION))

5. A SEPARATE MESSAGE CONTAINING CORRELATIONS OF
 INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES IN THIS DOCUMENT TO SPECIFIC CASES
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 OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT LOSSES
 IN JCRC FILES IS IN PREPARATION, AND WILL BE ISSUED AS
 SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE ACTUAL PHOTOCOPIED PAGES FROM
 WHICH THE ABOVE TRANSLATION WAS MADE WILL BE FORWARDED
 TO HQ JCRC FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.
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 DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA//
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SUBJ: TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS FROM THE MILITARY REGION
 4 MUSEUM REGISTER

REF: A. JCRC LIAISON 130736Z AUG 91
 B. JCRC LIAISON 200922Z AUG 91
 C. JCRC LIAISON 220925Z AUG 91

1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 14TH SERIES
 OF JOINT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM FROM 17 JUL -
 12 AUG 91. REF B IS THE REPORT OF THE MATERIAL
 EVIDENCE EXAMINED AT THE SRV MILITARY REGION 4 (MR4)
 MUSEUM. REF C IS THE TRANSLATION OF PORTIONS OF THE
 ORIGINAL MR4 MUSEUM EXHIBIT REGISTER FROM WHICH THE
 EXCERPTS TRANSLATED HERE WERE ALLEGEDLY TAKEN.

2. ON 20 JUL 91, TEAM [REDACTED] VISITED THE
 MR4 MUSEUM IN VINH CITY AND EXAMINED A NUMBER OF ITEMS
 IN ITS HOLDINGS (SEE REF B). DURING THEIR EXAMINATION
 OF THESE ITEMS, MUSEUM STAFF GAVE THE TEAM TWO
 DOCUMENTS, CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ORIGIN
 AND ACQUISITION OF MANY OF THE ITEMS EXAMINED BY THE
 TEAM. THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN EXCERPTED
 FROM THE MUSEUM'S ORIGINAL EXHIBIT REGISTER, WHICH THE
 TEAM WAS ALLOWED TO EXAMINE LATER. HOWEVER, AS CITED
 IN REF C, A NUMBER OF INCONSISTENCIES WERE NOTED
 BETWEEN THE ALLEGED ORIGINAL REGISTER, THE EXCERPTS,
 AND THE ACTUAL ITEMS EXAMINED, SUGGESTING THAT THE

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RELATED TO THE TEAM'S MISSION. TEAM MEMBERS WERE ALLOWED TO EXAMINE, PHOTOGRAPH, AND RECORD ALL OF THESE ITEMS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED ON ALL ITEMS. THE RESULTS OF THIS ANALYSIS AND ANY CORRELATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED IN SEPARATE MESSAGES.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ITEMS EXAMINED BY THE JOINT TEAM AND TRANSLATIONS OF CORRESPONDING EXHIBIT LABELS. TRANSLATOR'S COMMENTS AND THE COMMENTS OF THE TRADITION HOUSE CURATOR APPEAR IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES.

A. ENTRENCHING TOOL BLADE- THE EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM READ: "A SHOVEL TAKEN FROM FIRST LIEUTENANT RYA- ((HOLE IN THE LABEL)) THE PILOT OF AN F4 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE SON TRACH VILLAGE MILITIA IN 1967." ((THE MUSEUM CURATOR CLAIMED THAT THE MISSING PORTION OF THE PILOT'S NAME WAS "RE4," MAKING THE COMPLETE

TRANSLITERATION OF THE PILOT'S NAME "RYA-RE4.")

"REFUELING PROCEDURES FOR F4 AIRCRAFT" ((THE MUSEUM CURATOR EXPLAINED THAT THIS ITEM WAS RECOVERED ALONG WITH ITEM A FROM THE SAME AIRCRAFT INCIDENT. THERE WAS NO EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM.))

C. PAIR OF LEATHER PILOT'S BOOTS, SIZE 11 1/2- BINH TRI THIEN MUSEUM REFERENCE NUMBER 8TT 290/V79, QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL MUSEUM NUMBER B37. ((THE MUSEUM CURATOR CLAIMED THAT THESE BOOTS WERE RECOVERED FROM THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER DETAILS. THERE WAS NO EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM.))

D. PARACHUTE PILOT CHUTE AND PACK- POSSIBLE MUSEUM REFERENCE NUMBER 4S 165. THE EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM READ: "PARACHUTE AND PACK: OF THE AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT WHOSE F4C AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1967 BY THE MILITIA DEFENSE FORCES OF SON TRACH VILLAGE AND THE UNIT OF SOLDIERS DEFENDING THE KUAN SON FERRY." PILOT CHUTE

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THE ONLY LEGIBLE DATA ON THE PARACHUTE BACK READ AS FOLLOWS:
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20-2-69
11/1250-1255/BANDIT PILOT'S ITEMS/SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITARY AND PEOPLE OF VINH LINH ON 10-11-72 (QUANTITY 33 SHEETS)
12/786/US PLASTIC WHISTLE/OF A BANDIT PILOT WHO FLEW AN F4C AIRCRAFT THAT WAS SHOT DOWN BY CO 10 2ND BN 214TH RGT DN (7-8-67) AT THE LONG DAI FERRY QUANG BINH
13/292/F100 AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE/SHOT DOWN BY CO 2 OF THE NGUYEN VIET XJAY BATTALION ON 18-11-1964 IN QUANG BINH
14/1172/SIGNAL LIGHT/FROM AN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ON (28-12-1972) AT VA HA XAY (LADS)
15/444/SIGNAL LIGHT/NUMBER 55386 (NO RECORD)
16/SIGNAL LIGHT/NUMBER 51297 (NO RECORD)
17/307/AIRCRAFT WHEEL/SHOT DOWN ON 20-12-67 ((END TRANSLATION))

4. THE SECOND EXCERPT WAS TITLED "A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AIR FORCE ARTICLES SHOT DOWN IN MILITARY REGION 4 (64-75)." THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINED FOUR COLUMNS WITH THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS: ORDER/ARTICLE NUMBER/ARTICLE NAME/BRIEF HISTORY. THE TRANSLATED ENTRIES APPEAR IN THE SAME ORDER. TRANSLATOR'S COMMENTS APPEAR IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES.

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1/296/A6A AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE HUNG THAI VILLAGE MILITIA HUNG NGUYEN VNGHE AN
2/1067/P4A (SIC)/SHOT DOWN BY LOCAL TROOPS IN QUANG BINH ON 1-7-72 (223J) THE PILOT'S NAME WAS RO BJT, MAJOR, SERVICE NUMBER FR 29956 (DEAD)
3/670/A4 AIRCRAFT/RECEIVED AT THE SECOND CONGRESS IN VINH LINH
4/1313/F4 AIRCRAFT/A MISSILE UNIT OF THE 363RD DIVISION SHOT DOWN AT 0925 26-4-72 IN QUANG BINH
5/226/HELICOPTER/THE COURAGEOUS SOLDIER NGUYEN VIET LUONG DOWNED AT HIGH POINT A EAST ON 27-4-67 NORTHERN KHE SANH
6/804/F4 AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT BY THE VINH LINH MILITIA ON 11-11-66 AT HILL 70 VINH LINH
7/356/F8U AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE 270TH RGT ON 19-5-

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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF ITEMS RECOVERED AT THE BO TRACH TRADITION HOUSE

- E. PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE (OVAL PLASTIC WITH DIAL)- MUSEUM CONTROL NO. ATT 775/45. THE EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM READ: "THE 3500TH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AT SA REV ON THE MORNING OF 20-9-1972." ((THE MUSEUM CURATOR STATED THAT THIS WRECKAGE WAS RECOVERED IN LYS TRACH (V), 6005 TRACH (D)).

- F. BLOOD CHIT NUMBER 365975. THE EXHIBIT LABEL FOR THIS ITEM READ: "FLAG TO ASK FOR FOOD OF AN AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT OF AN FAC THAT WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITIA DEFENSE FORCES OF TAY TRACH VILLAGE IN COOPERATION WITH THE 40TH BATTALION OF MILITARY REGIMENT 4 (6-1971)." .

- G. COMMENDATION FLAG AWARDED FOR SHOOTING DOWN A U.S. AIRCRAFT. THIS FLAG READ: "THE CENTRAL UNITED WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AWARDS THIS TO THE FEMALE MILITIA COMRADES OF .T. VILLAGE BO TRACH QUANG BINH FOR THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF SHOOTING DOWN AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT ON 17-9-1972."

((THE MUSEUM CURATOR EXPLAINED THAT ".T." WAS AN ABBREVIATION FOR TRUNG TRACH VILLAGE))

- H. PAGE FROM PRINTED DOCUMENT (POSSIBLY FROM THE TEXT OF A PROPAGANDA BROADCAST). AN EXCERPT FROM THIS DOCUMENT READ: "14 AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN, MANY WERE HIT AND DISABLED, ONE AMERICAN PILOT WAS CAPTURED ALIVE, TWO NAVAL VESSELS WERE HIT AND BURNED... (PROPAGANDA STATEMENTS)... ON 7, 8, 11, AND 14 FEBRUARY 65."

4. (C) WHEN THE MUSEUM CURATOR EXPLAINED THE ACQUISITION OF THE ITEMS DESCRIBED IN PAR 3D, THE JOINT TEAM QUESTIONED HIM FURTHER IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF ANY OTHER PIECES OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM THAT SITE. THE CURATOR STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PILOT CHUTE AND PACK, HUNG HAD DONATED A NUMBER OF FLIGHT MANUALS AND MAPS TO THE MUSEUM IN EARLY 1983, BUT THESE WERE ALMOST COMPLETELY DETERIORATED AND WERE ULTIMATELY DISCARDED. HUNG HAD ALSO REPORTEDLY RECOVERED A COMPLETE PILOT'S PARACHUTE FROM THE SITE, BUT REFUSED TO DONATE IT TO THE MUSEUM SINCE HE COULD SELL IT FOR PROFIT. BECAUSE OF THE

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16/290/F1000 AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE 10TH BN 28TH REG AT KY LAC KY ANH HA TINH ON 20-12-67

17/815/657 AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY CD 3 19TH BN 214TH REG AT 0020 ON 11-9-67 IN QUANG BINH

18/616/FAC AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE 15TH BN 214TH REG ON 11-9-68 IN BO TRACH QUANG BINH

19/297/AD6 AIRCRAFT/NO RECORD

20/292/F105D AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE 14TH BN NGUYEN VIET XUAN ON 18-11-1964 IN QUANG BINH

21/1253/47A AIRCRAFT/SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITARY AND PEOPLE OF VINH LIAM ON 10-11-1972

22/324/FAC BANDIT PILOT'S HELMET/SHOT DOWN BY CD 2 22ND REG ON 12-5-67 AT CAU OM DO LUONG NGHE AN

23/1174/EARPHONES T288/SHOT DOWN BY CD 8 25TH BN AT HA XAY ON 25-12-72

24/1617/BANDIT PILOT'S HELMET/SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITARY AND PEOPLE OF DO LEY THANH HOA ON 18-7-1965

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 AMEMBASSY WASHINGTON
 CORUSACILHI FT SHAFTER HI//TAPC-PED-H//

SECDEF WASHDC//DASD-ISA/PW-MIA//
 DIA WASHINGTON DC//7P7-MIA//
 SECSTATE WASHDC//EAP-VLC//

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0357 AUG 91

**SUBJ: TRANSLATION OF A MR DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE
 FATES OF AMERICAN PILOTS**

REF A: JCRC LTATSD; 130736Z AUG 91

REF B: JCRC LTATSDN 200222Z AUG 91

1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV
 ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE 14TH SERIES OF JOINT
 INVESTIGATIONS, 17 JUL - 12 AUG 91. REF B REPORTS
 MATERIAL EVIDENCE EXAMINED AT THE SRV MILITARY REGION 4
 MUSEUM.

2. ON 21 JUL 91, AT THE MILITARY REGION IV MUSEUM IN
 VINH, THE VIETNAMESE PRESENTED SIX PAGES OF A DOCUMENT
 TO JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM TWO (COYLE, JANICH, JOHN,
 WHITE, HENRELL, RIVERA, HANNING, KEITH, NGO HOANG, LUU
 VAN THO, AND HA CONG PHU) FOR ANALYSIS. THE DOCUMENT
 WAS PREPARED BY THE ENEMY PROSELYTIZING OFFICE (PHONG
 DICH VAAN) AS A REPORT TO THE LEADERSHIP MILITARY
 REGION 4. THE SIX PAGES CONCERN THE REMAINS OF
 AMERICANS WHO WERE BURIED, WHOSE BODIES WERE TORN APART
 IN THEIR LOSS INCIDENTS, OR WHOSE BURIED REMAINS WERE
 SUBSEQUENTLY LOST IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, MILITARY
 REGION 4, HA TINH PROVINCE, AND THE VINH LINH SPECIAL
 ZONE. TWO OF THE SIX PAGES WERE DUPLICATES OF THE VINH
 LINH AND HA TINH PAGES. ACCORDING TO LTC NGUYEN QUOC
 HUY (NGUOC HUY), CHIEF OF THE PEOPLE AND ENEMY
 PROSELYTIZING OFFICE, THE DOCUMENT WAS FOUND IN APRIL,

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BT, DURING VIETNAMESE UNILATERAL DOCUMENT RESEARCH.
 ON 21 JUL 91 INDICATED THAT THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN LOCATED
 BY COL TRAN BICH, OF THE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH
 BRANCH.

THE FIRST PAGE OF THE DOCUMENT IS TITLED "SUOJ
 LACU LAI MYX CHEETS COS AND CHIS DAV QUANG BINH"
 RECORD OF DEAD AMERICAN AIR PIKATE GRAVES IN QUANG
 BINH. THIS DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF AMERICAN PILOTS WHO
 UNEXPECTEDLY WERE BURIED IN QUANG BINH. EACH ENTRY HAS 12
 COLUMNS OF INFORMATION. IN THIS TRANSLATION THE
 COLUMNS ARE SEPARATED BY SEMICOLONS. TRANSLATOR'S
 COMMENTS ARE SET OFF BY DOUBLE PARENTHESES. COLUMN ONE
 IS THE ENTRY NUMBER; COLUMN TWO IS THE FULL NAME;
 COLUMN THREE IS THE BIRTH DATE ((ALL DATES GIVEN ARE AS
 DAY-MONTH-YEAR)); COLUMN FOUR IS THE RANK; COLUMN FIVE
 IS THE AIRCRAFT TYPE; COLUMN SIX IS THE BRANCH OF
 SERVICE; COLUMN SEVEN IS THE PILOT'S SERVICE NUMBER;
 COLUMN EIGHT IS THE DATE SHOT DOWN; COLUMN NINE IS THE
 DEATH AND BURIAL DATE; COLUMN TEN IS THE GRAVE LOCATION
 ((MANY ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN ALSO HAVE, AFTER THE
 LOCATION, AN ALPHANUMERIC DESIGNATOR, WHICH APPEARS TO
 BE AN ACCOUNTING NUMBER)); COLUMN ELEVEN IS THE
 CONDITION OF THE REMAINS AT THE TIME OF BURIAL; COLUMN
 TWELVE IS THE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE GRAVE
 LOCATION.

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 12 NAME : 25-9-28; LIEUTENANT COLONEL; F-
 42 NAME 3-7-67; 3-7-67; QUANG XUAN VILLAGE, QUANG
 TRACH, QUANG BINH 55-51 E48-81, 82; FRAGMENTS AND LIMB
 PARTS, A NUMBER OF PIECES ARE MISSING BECAUSE A ROUND
 OF AMERICAN AMMUNITION EXPLODED; AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 27 NAME : 13-6-28; MAJOR; F-1C;
 37 NAME 3-3-67; 4-3-67; QUANG XUAN VILLAGE,
 QUANG TRACH, QUANG BINH 65-51 E48-81, 82; THE HEAD AND
 A NUMBER OF OTHER BODY PARTS ARE MISSING BECAUSE A BOMB
 ON THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED, DESTROYING THE REMAINS.
 37 NAME : 19; 20-1-32; CAPTAIN; F-4C;
 2-6-57; 2-6-57; QUANG HUNG VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH, QUANG
 BINH 74-52 E48 81, 82; BROKEN AND CRUSHED SKULL,
 RIGHT LEG, RIGHT ARM WAS LOST BECAUSE AMERICAN BOMBS
 AND AMMUNITION EXPLODED AND DESTROYED THE REMAINS;
 AUTOMOBILE AND HELICOPTER.
 47 NAME NOT CLEAR - SENT WITH NAME ; ; ; F-4C; ; ; 2-
 6-67; 2-6-67, QUANG HUNG VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH, QUANG
 BINH 74-52 E48 81, 82; ONLY A LITTLE FLESH AND BONE
 REMAINED AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS DESTROYED DUE TO

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 FATES OF AMERICAN PILOTS
 EXPLODING DROPPAGE: AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 57: NAME ; 20-7-27; MAJOR; F-105; ;
 12-10-62; 13-10-68; QUANG HUNG VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH,
 QUANG BINH 74-52 E.9 31. 82; CRUSHED SKULL AND JAW,
 RIGHT LEG WAS LOST BECAUSE A BOMB EXPLODED WHEN IT WAS
 STRUCK BY A BULLET; AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 67: NAME 7-5-31; 1ST LIEUTENANT; F-4; ; 5-5-
 67; 8-5-67; DUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH
 48-01 E48-94; THE SKULL, A NUMBER OF RIBS AND
 VERTEBRAE; AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 77: NAME 1-10-35; CAPTAIN; F-4C; ;
 17-8-69; 17-8-65; DUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH, QUANG
 BINH 08-01 E48-94; BODY INTACT; AUTOMOBILE,
 HELICOPTER.
 87: NAME ; 21-1-44; 1ST LIEUTENANT; F-4C;
 ; 11-(ILLEGIBLE - POSSIBLY 8 OR 9)-68; 11-7-
 68; DUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH; BODY
 INTACT; AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 97: NAME 23-7-31; MAJOR; F-105; ; 15-4-68;
 15-4-68; DUNG TRACH VILLAGE, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH; ONLY
 SKULL REMAINING, BODY RIPPED TO PIECES.
 107: NAME 30-6-35; CAPTAIN; F-4H; ;
 30-6-65; 30-6-65; DUNG TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH; JAW
 WITH LOWER TEETH REMAINING, MISSING HEAD AND ENTIRE
 BODY.
 117: NAME ; 20-12-41; F-4H; ; ; 30-5-66;
 30-8-66; DUNG TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH; ONLY THE
 HEAD REMAINING, THE BODY WAS RIPPED TO PIECES.
 127: NAME ; ; 1ST
 LIEUTENANT; ; ; 15-4-72; 15-4-72; CHANH HOA, NAM
 TRACH, BO TRACH 20-44 E48-94; MISSING RIGHT ARM,
 ENTIRE RIGHT LEG, LEFT FOOT AND A NUMBER OF VERTEBRAE
 FROM THE NECK DOWN THE BACK.
 137: NAME ; 20-6-43; 1ST LIEUTENANT; F-4;
 ; 11-11-57; 11-11-57; GIA BINH, QUANG BINH,
 QUANG BINH; LACKING ONE RIGHT FOOT, ONE RIGHT LEG BONE,
 1 LEFT LEG, 2 ARMS AND HANDS.
 147: NAME 9-12-38; MAJOR; F-4; ;
 ; 17-2-72; 17-2-72; THANH THUY VILLAGE, LE
 THUY, QUANG BINH 07-09, 40 E48-106; MISSING ONE RIGHT

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ARM BONE, SHATTERED HEAD, MISSING HALF OF THE LOWER
 JAW.
 NAME 15-5-47; ; 4-047; ;
 157: 27-12-72; 27-12-72; THANH THUY, LE THUY, QUANG BINH
 04-89, 90 E48-106; A PORTION OF THE REAR MOUTH AND
 SKULL REMAINING, ONE RIGHT ARM, A PORTION OF MEAT FROM
 THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BODY.
 167: NAME ; 7-5-30; CAPTAIN; F-4H;
 19-8-69; 19-8-69; THANH THUY, LE THUY, QUANG BINH; HEAD
 AND A PIECE OF RIGHT ARM.
 (FOLLOWING IS A NOTE HANDWRITTEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE
 DOCUMENT)
 ATTENTION: ADD NUMBERS: 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 AND
 NAME NOT CLEAR; OF THE ROSTER OF PIPPED TO PIECES IN
 QUANG BINH.
 (END TRANSLATION)

9. THE SECOND PAGE OF THE DOCUMENT IS TITLED "SOOR
 GIARUJ LAIS MYX CHEETS 144 XACS OAR QUANG KHU IV"
 (RECORD OF AMERICAN AIR PIRATES KILLED AND TORN APART
 IN MILITARY REGION IV). THIS DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF 25
 AMERICAN PILOTS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE KILLED IN MILITARY
 REGION IV. THERE ARE NINE COLUMNS. THE FORMAT IS AS
 FOLLOWS: COLUMN ONE IS THE ENTRY NUMBER; COLUMN TWO IS
 THE FULL NAME; COLUMN THREE IS THE DATE OF BIRTH;
 COLUMN FOUR IS THE RANK; COLUMN FIVE IS AIRCRAFT TYPE;
 COLUMN SIX IS THE SERVICE NUMBER; COLUMN SEVEN IS THE
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DATE SHOT DOWN; COLUMN EIGHT IS THE PLACE WHERE THE
AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND THE PILOT WAS TORN APART; COLUMN
NINE IS ANY NOTES FOR THAT ENTRY.
(TEXT STARTS HERE)

17 NAME ; CAPTAIN; RF-4C; 1A-5-68; BO
TRACH, QUANG BINH; RENT WITH BUUYAYA.
27 NAME ; FIRST LIEUTENANT; F-4C; 1A-6-63; CU
NAM, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH.
37 NAME ; LIEUTENANT COLONEL; F-4; 10-11-67;
VIET TRUNG STATE FARM, QUANG BINH.
77 NAME 19-7-62; CAPTAIN; F-4; D 1-
3-66; QUANG DUNG VILLAGE, QUANG TRACH, QUANG BINH;
57 NAME ; FIRST LIEUTENANT; A-6; 10-5-66; VIET
TRUNG STATE FARM, QUANG BINH.
57 NAME ; 25-1-41; FIRST LIEUTENANT; RF-4C;
D ; 20-8-65; MAI HOA, TUYEN HOA, QUANG BINH.
77 NAME ; 2A-3-36; FIRST LIEUTENANT; AD-5;
D ; 10-2-66; DAN LY, LE THUY, QUANG BINH; HAVE
IDENTIFICATION CARD.
87 NAME ; F-105; 10-5-66; HOA THUY, LE
THUY, QUANG BINH.
97 NAME ; CAPTAIN; RF-100;
D ; 10-7-59; TUYEN HOA, QUANG BINH.
107 NAME ; 5-1-39; MAJOR; ;
QUANG BINH; HAVE IDENTIFICATION CARD.
117 NAME ; 16-12-41; CAPTAIN; F-105; 15-4-
68; LE KY, QUANG BINH, QUANG BINH.
127 NAME ; 13-1-21; FIRST LIEUTENANT; F-4; 12-10-
67; LUC XA, SON THUY, LE THUY, QUANG BINH.
137 NAME ; 13-11- (POSSIBLY 30);
MAJOR; RF-4 D 25-11-57; ROUTE 20, QUANG BINH;
147 NAME ; FIRST LIEUTENANT; ; D ;
QUANG BINH.
157 NAME ; 1A-6-32; SECOND LIEUTENANT; MARINE
(ACCOMPANY T-28 PROBABLY THUY HOAN LUC CHIEENS -
MARINE (AIRCRAFT)) ; YEN THAM, NGHE AN;
167 NAME ; 12-8-32; CAPTAIN; ;
D ; YEN THAM, NGHE AN.
177 NAME ; 11-3-46; (SECOND LIEUTENANT OR MAJOR);
US 4-64; 10-1-73; PHUC THAM, YEN THAM, NGHE AN.

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187 NAME ; 17-9-29; MAJOR; F-105; D ; 27-
10-66; VAN TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH; HAVE
IDENTIFICATION CARD.
197 NAME ; 1-10-28; CAPTAIN; A-4; D ;
24-3-66; SAC TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH;
207 NAME ; FIRST LIEUTENANT; A-40; D
(PERIOD INDICATES ILLEGIBLE NUMBER); 7-4-65; DUC
TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH.
217 NAME 1A-1-37; CAPTAIN; B-57;
D 11-9-67; TRUNG TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH.
227 NAME 11-2-40; FIRST LIEUTENANT; F-105;
D 15-7-63; VAN TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH;
(THE FOLLOWING ENTRY WAS SCRATCHED OUT BUT STILL
LEGIBLE)
237 NAME 1-10-36; CAPTAIN; F-4C; D ;
17-6-68; PHUC TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH;
(END SCRATCHED OUT ENTRY)
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 FATES OF AMERICAN PILOTS
 23: *Name* ; 28-1-43; CAPTAIN; RF-4;
 ... ; 12-7-72; HA TRACH, BJ TRACH, QUANG BINH;
 HAVE IDENTIFICATION CARD.
 24: *Name* ; 17-3-46; FIRST LIEUTENANT;
 RF-4; *D* ; 12-7-72; HA TRACH, HO TRACH, QUANG
 BINH; HAVE IDENTIFICATION CARD.
 25: *Name* ; 6-6-41; CAPTAIN; F-4; ; 3-5-72; TAY
 TRACH, BO TRACH, QUANG BINH;
 ((END TRANSLATION))

5. THE THIRD PAGE OF THE DOCUMENT IS TITLED "SOOR
 GIAACJ LAIS MYX CHEETS COS MOU CHIS OMP HAF TINH"
 (RECORD OF DEAD AMERICAN AIR PIRATES WITH GRAVES IN HA
 TINH). THIS DOCUMENT HAS THREE ENTRIES FROM PILDS
 THAT WERE KILLED AND BURIED IN HA TINH. THE COLUMN
 FORMAT FOR THIS DOCUMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: COLUMN ONE IS
 THE ENTRY NUMBER; COLUMN TWO IS THE FULL NAME; COLUMN
 THREE IS THE DATE OF BIRTH; COLUMN FOUR IS THE RANK;
 COLUMN FIVE IS AIRCRAFT TYPE; COLUMN SIX IS BRANCH OF
 SERVICE; COLUMN SEVEN IS SERVICE NUMBER; COLUMN EIGHT
 IS THE DATE THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN; COLUMN NINE IS
 THE DATE THE PILOT DIED AND WAS BURIED; COLUMN TEN IS
 THE PLACE OF BURIAL AND ALPHANUMERIC DESIGNATORS
 ((POSSIBLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING PURPOSES));
 COLUMN ELEVEN IS THE CONDITION OF THE REMAINS WHEN
 BURIED; COLUMN TWELVE IS THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO
 THE BURIAL SITE.

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))
 1: *Name* ; MAJOR; A-4; ; ; 22-12-67; 52-12-57;
 TAN LUG, CAN LUC, HA TINH 44-89 278 56, 57; MISSING
 TWO ARMS, TWO LEG BONES, ONE SHOULDER, ONE BUTTCK, A
 JAW, THE SKULL WAS CRUSHED; AUTOMOBILE AND HELICOPTER.
 2: *Name* ; 5-25; COLONEL; RF-4C; ; ; 2-3-
 67; 2-6-67; SOU GIAO, HUONG SON, HA TINH 49 - 02 E48-
 55; SKULL BROKEN INTO FOUR PIECES, ONE SECTION OF LEG,
 TWO PIECES OF HAND WITH TWO FINGERS AND ONE SECTION OF
 SPINE; HELICOPTER.
 3: *Name* ; ; CAPTAIN; F-4; ; ; 3-7-72; 5-7-72;
 HUONG BINH, HUONG KHE, HA TINH 13 - 69 E48-65; CORPSE
 INTACT; .

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((END TRANSLATION))

6. PAGE FOUR OF THE DOCUMENT IS TITLED "SOOR GIAACJ
 LAIS MYX CHEETS COS MOU CHIS JAR VINH LINH" (RECORD OF
 DEAD AMERICAN AIR PIRATES WITH GRAVES IN VINH LINH).
 THIS DOCUMENT HAS SIX ENTRIES AND THE FORMAT IS AS
 FOLLOWS: COLUMN ONE IS THE ENTRY NUMBER; COLUMN TWO IS
 THE FULL NAME OF THE PILOT; COLUMN THREE IS THE DATE OF
 BIRTH; COLUMN FOUR IS THE RANK; COLUMN FIVE IS THE
 AIRCRAFT TYPE; COLUMN SIX IS THE BRANCH OF SERVICE;
 COLUMN SEVEN IS THE SERVICE NUMBER; COLUMN EIGHT IS THE
 DATE THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN; COLUMN NINE IS THE
 DATE THE PILOT DIED AND WAS BURIED; COLUMN TEN IS THE
 PLACE OF BURIAL ((SOME ENTRIES ALSO HAVE ALPHANUMERIC
 DESIGNATORS POSSIBLY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTING
 PURPOSES)); COLUMN ELEVEN IS THE CONDITION OF THE
 REMAINS WHEN BURIED; COLUMN TWELVE IS THE METHOD OF
 TRANSPORTATION TO THE GRAVE SITE.

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))
 1: ; ; L-19; ; ; 20-1-68; 20-1-68; VINH CHAP VILLAGE,
 VINH LINH ZONE; ONLY A BIT OF FLESH AND BONE NOT
 INTACT; AUTOMOBILE, HELICOPTER.
 2: ; ; L-19; ; ; 27-1-68; 20-1-68; VINH CHAP VILLAGE,
 VINH LINH ZONE; ONLY A BIT OF FLESH AND BONE NOT
 INTACT; .
 3: *Name* ; MAJOR; F-105; AIR FORCE; *D*
 19-9-68; 19-9-68; VINH CHAP, VINH LINH 95-JR E48-106;
 BODY INTACT; .
 4: ; ; F-4H; ; ; 11-11-66; 11-11-66; VINH CHAP, VINH
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LINM: BDDY INTACT;
57 7 7 CAPTAIN; A-7; 7 7 3-5-72; 3-5-72; VINH CHAP,
VINE LINH ZUJE 95-03 E48-106; BDDY INTACT;
57 7 7 A-7; 7 7 10-11-72; 10-11-72; VINH CHAP, VINH
LINH ZUJE 94-08 E48-106; MISSING A THIGH, ONE ARM AND A
LEG;
(END TRANSLATION)

4. THE FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS PAGES FROM WHICH THE ABOVE
TRANSLATIONS WERE MADE WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQ, JCRC.
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SUBJ: TRANSLATION OF A VNA DOCUMENT CONCERNING

AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE 14TH BATTALION

REF A: JCRC LIAISON 130736Z AUG 91

REF B: JCRC LIAISON 200922Z AUG 91

1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV
ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE 14TH SERIES OF JOINT
INVESTIGATIONS, 17 JUL - 12 AUG 91. REF B REPORTS
MATERIAL EVIDENCE EXAMINED AT THE SRV MILITARY REGION 4
MUSEUM.

2. ON 21 JUL 91, AT THE MILITARY REGION IV MUSEUM IN
VINH, THE VIETNAMESE PRESENTED A DOCUMENT TO JOINT
INVESTIGATION TEAM TWO (COYLE, JANICH, JOHN, WHITE,
MEYELL, RIVERA, MANWING, KEITH, NGO HJANG, LUU VAN THO,
AND HA CONG PHUEN) FOR ANALYSIS. THE DOCUMENT WAS
WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF THE 250TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT
CONCERNING AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE 14TH BATTALION,
ALSO KNOWN AS THE NGUYEN VIET XUAN BATTALION.

3. THIS IS A TRANSLATION OF THE DOCUMENT TITLED
"NHANGX TRAUANJ DANHS CUAP TIEUK DANH 14 NGUYENX
VIETS XUAAN BANNS RONT MAYS BAY MYX" (THE BATTLES OF
THE 14TH, NGUYEN VIET XUAN, BATTALION SHOOTING DOWN
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT). ANALYST COMMENTS ARE ENCLOSED IN
DOUBLE PARENTHESES.
(BEGIN TRANSLATION)

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1964:

-- 19 NOVEMBER 1964, SHOT DOWN THREE A-40'S (TWO OF THOSE SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT) (ONE PILOT DEAD, ONE STILL ALIVE) IN SENG PHENG, LAOS.

-- 21 NOVEMBER 1964, SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT.

1955:

-- 1 FEBRUARY 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO T-28'S IN THE SOUTHERN LAOS ROUTE 7 CAMPAIGN, (ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON THE SPOT 200 METERS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD, PILOT DEAD; ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED 20 KILOMETERS AWAY).

-- 8 FEBRUARY 1965, IN QUANG HAI, QUANG BINH, SHOT DOWN SIX A-40'S (TWO OF THOSE CRASHED ON THE SPOT AND THE PILOTS DIED, ONE CRASHED OVER WATER).

-- 30 MARCH 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 ON THE SPOT AT HIGH POINT 75, PHAN TRACH, BAN TRACH, QUANG BINH.

-- 3 MARCH 1965, AT CHANH HUAN SHOT DOWN ONE AD-6 AND ONE F-100 (PROBABLE F-100).

-- 21 APRIL 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO F-4'S (ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON THE SPOT; ON THE SALT FIELDS OF HUNG HAI MUNICIPALITY).

-- 22 APRIL 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S, (ONE CRASHED ON THE SPOT).

-- 25 APRIL 1965, THE BATTALION SHOT DOWN TWO F-8'S AND ONE AD-6 AT DAI BRIDGE.

-- 25 MAY 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE F-101 (CRASHED IN NGHI XUAN WATERS).

-- 2 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE F-8 (CRASHED AT THE MOUTH OF THE LO RIVER).

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-- 4 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S AT LA KHE BRIDGE, HUONG KHE.

-- 8 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S AT LOC YEN, HUNG LOC, VINH CITY (ONE CRASHED AT HOANG HAI, ONE CRASHED AT CAM XUYEN, CONFISCATED ALL OF THE PERSONAL EFFECTS

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-- 13 JUNE 1965, THE BATTALION SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S AT DIA LOI BRIDGE, HUONG KHE, ONE CRASHED AT CAM XUYEN, ONE CRASHED OVER WATER.

-- 11 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105 ON THE SPOT AT HUONG TRINH, HUONG KHE, CONFISCATED MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND THE FUEL TANKS. THE PILOT DIED ON THE SPOT.

-- 17 AND 18 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S AT THANH LUYNH, HUONG KHE.

-- 19 JUNE 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105 AT LOC YEN, HUNG LOC, VINH.

-- 10 JULY 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 AT QUANG TRUONG, QUANG TRACH.

-- 17 JULY 1965, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105 AT ANH TRUONG, QUANG TRUONG, QUANG TRACH.

-- 7 AUGUST 1965, SHOT DOWN TWO AD-6'S, ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE PHAT LE RI/FA AND ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE LAKE, TWO PILOTS DIED ON THE SPOT.

1966:

-- 3 JANUARY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE F-4 AT RUNG BRIDGE.

-- 1 FEBRUARY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE AD-6 ON THE SPOT 7 KILOMETERS FROM THE DIEN CHAU SHORE.

-- ((DAY ILLEGIBLE)) APRIL 1966, THE BATTALION SHOT DOWN SIX AIRCRAFT AT DU LUONG.

-- 13 APRIL 1966 SHOT DOWN ONE RF-4 ON THE SPOT, THE AIRCRAFT PIECES AND PILOT FELL IN THE THANH LAM FOREST AREA, THANH CHUONG, NGHE TINH.

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PILOT HURLED IN THAT FOREST AREA.

-- 18 APRIL 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 AT DU LUONG.

-- 20 APRIL 1966, SHOT DOWN THREE A-40'S AT DU LUONG, ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON THE SPOT AND THE PILOT, WHOSE NAME WAS MAC LEH, WAS CAPTURED ALIVE.

((WRITTEN IN THE LEFT MARGIN NEXT TO THE NEXT FIVE ENTRIES IS THE PLACENAME YEN LY, THUOC HUYEN, DIEN CHAU, NGHE TINH))

-- 23 APRIL 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105.

-- 1 MAY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE F-6 ON THE SPOT.

-- 29 MAY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 AT THE YEN LY RAIL

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STATION BATTLEFIELD.

-- 17 JUNE 1966, SHOT DOWN TWO A-40'S, ONE CRASHED AT HOANG VAP, ONE CRASHED AT QUYNH LAP, QUYNH LUU, THE PILOT, WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN, WAS HUNG.

-- ((DATE ILLEGIBLE)) SHOT DOWN ONE RECONNAISSANCE F-8 E.

-- 4 JULY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 AT KY HUNG.

-- 7 JULY 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A-3J AT KY HOA.

-- 17 JULY 1966, SHOT DOWN TWO F-105'S, ONE SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT, ONE CRASHED 10 KILOMETERS OFF THE COAST OF KY THU, THE PILOT WAS RESCUED.

-- 25 JULY 1966, SHOT DOWN AN F-105 AT KY TRINH.

-- 28 AUGUST 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40 AT KY ANH.

-- 1 SEPTEMBER 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A0-6 AT KY NAM.

-- 2 SEPTEMBER 1966, SHOT DOWN ONE A0-6 ON THE SPOT 3

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1967:
-- 1 NOVEMBER 1967 TO 15 DECEMBER 1967, SHOT DOWN 3 A0-6'S IN THE YEN LY AREA, OF THOSE 2 WERE SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT.

-- 15 DECEMBER AND 23 DECEMBER SHOT DOWN TWO F-4'S AT YEN LY, THUOC HUYEN, DIEN CHAU.

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-- 2 APRIL 1967, THE BATTALION SHOT DOWN ONE A-7 AT THE VINH RAIL STATION.

-- 22 APRIL 1967, SHOT DOWN ONE A-40, PILOT LANDED IN QUYNH LUNG, QUYNH LUU, AND THE PEOPLE OF QUYNH BAI CAPTURED HIM.

-- 24 APRIL 1967, THE BATTALION SHOT DOWN ONE F-4E AT QUYNH HAI, QUYNH LUU.

-- 4 JUNE 1967, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105 AT THE CAN BAN BRIDGE, DIEN CHAU.

-- 6 JUNE 1967, SHOT DOWN ONE F-8 ON THE SPOT AT DIEN KY VILLAGE.

-- 15 JUNE 1967, SHOT DOWN ONE F-105 ON THE SPOT 3 KILOMETERS FROM THE DIEN CHAU SEASHORE.

1968:
(THE BATTLE INFORMATION WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY RECORDED)

1971:
-- 29 JANUARY 1971, SHOT DOWN ONE F-4 AT HIGH POINT 85 IN QUANG TRI.

1972:

-- 6 MAY 1972, SHOT DOWN ONE A-7 AT HUANG MAT.

-- 2 OCTOBER 1972, SHOT DOWN ONE A-7 ON THE SPOT AND CAPTURED THE PILOT ALIVE ON THE SALT FIELDS OF QUYNH THUAN, QUYNH LUU, NGHE TINH.

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PERSON THAT PUT THE MATERIAL TOGETHER

CAPTAIN LU VAN GAJ

((END TRANSLATION))

4. A SEPARATE MESSAGE CONTAINING CORRELATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES IN THIS DOCUMENT TO SPECIFIC CASES IN JCRC FILES IS IN PREPARATION, AND WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE ACTUAL PHOTOCOPIED PAGES FROM

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1. CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALISTS FROM THE U.S. ARMY JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) AND THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS (VJMSMP) INVESTIGATED CASE 0641 DURING JANUARY 1991. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR RESEARCH, VJMSMP SPECIALISTS DISCOVERED AN IDENTIFICATION CARD RELATED TO THE CASE IN THE TRADITION HOUSE (FIELD COMMENT: REGIMENTAL MUSEUM) OF THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT (ADR), PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN). U.S. SPECIALISTS REQUESTED THAT THE VJMSMP SEEK ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 0641 FROM PERSONNEL AND RECORDS OF THE 280TH ADR.

2. ON 29 JULY 1991 AND 14 AUGUST 1991, THE DIA RESEARCH SPECIALIST ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI AND TWO VJMSMP RESEARCH SPECIALISTS (SENTR COLONEL TRAN SIEN, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND MRS. NGUYEN THI TAN, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR) VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS AND TRADITION HOUSE OF THE 280TH ADR, IN GIA RAM DISTRICT, HANOI. THE PURPOSE WAS TO PERMIT THE U.S. SPECIALIST TO EXAMINE WARTIME ARTIFACTS IN THE 280TH REGIMENT'S TRADITION HOUSE, INTERVIEW UNIT PERSONNEL, AND RECEIVE RESULTS OF THE VJMSMP'S SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING

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CASE 0641. DURING THE 29 JULY 1991 VISIT, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF THE 280TH ADR, MAJOR BUI DINH THUYET (BUOI DINH THUYETS), BRIEFED THE U.S. SPECIALIST ON THE HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT, ITS PERSONNEL AND TRADITION HOUSE, AND THE STATE OF THE REGIMENT'S RECORDS, AND HELPED THE TEAM IN ITS RESEARCH. DURING THE 10 AUGUST 1991 VISIT, THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL LE HOAT (LEE HOATJ), RECEIVED THE TEAM AND ASSISTED THE TEAM IN ITS RESEARCH. IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, SENIOR COLONEL TRAN BIEU ENCOURAGED THE REGIMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER NOTHING SECRET, TO PERMIT THE U.S. SPECIALIST TO EXAMINE ANY AND ALL ARTIFACTS IN THE REGIMENT'S TRADITION HOUSE, AND TO ANSWER ALL THE U.S. SPECIALIST'S QUESTIONS. THE REGIMENT STAFF APPEARED TO HAVE COMPLIED FULLY WITH THAT GUIDANCE.

3. ... CASE 0641.

A. THE U.S. SPECIALIST DISCOVERED AND PHOTOGRAPHED THREE ARTIFACTS IN THE 280TH ADR'S MUSEUM THAT WERE RELATED TO THE PILOT INVOLVED IN CASE 0641--A: MILITARY IDENTITY CARD, A GENEVA CONVENTION CARD, AND A RESTRICTED AREA BRIDGE FOR TAKHLI ROYAL THAI AIR BASE.

SEE APPENDIX A.

B. IN RESPONSE TO THE EARLIER U.S. REQUEST, VNOSMP RESEARCHERS SEARCHED THE 280TH ADR'S RECORDS AND DISCOVERED A TACTICAL OPERATIONS REPORT, DATED 2 OCTOBER 1967, THAT RECORDED THE FATE OF THE PILOT INVOLVED IN CASE 0641. DURING THE 29 JULY 1991 VISIT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE VNOSMP SPECIALIST, THE REGIMENT STAFF PERMITTED THE U.S. SPECIALIST TO EXAMINE THE COMPLETE ORIGINAL OF THIS DOCUMENT. THE DOCUMENT BORE A PAVN CLASSIFICATION MARKING OF TOP SECRET. THE U.S. SPECIALIST CONFIRMED THAT SECTION 11 OF THE DOCUMENT HAS THE ONLY SEGMENT THAT CONTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT AN UNRESOLVED POW/MIA CASE (CASE 0641). THE INFORMATION INDICATED THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOUTH OF BA IUC HAMLET (C04A), APPROXIMATELY 5 KM FROM I-LEUNG (C04A). THE DOCUMENT ALSO INDICATED THE PILOT WAS A MAJOR; HE PARACHUTED FROM HIS AIRCRAFT; WAS

CAPTURED ALIVE; AND DIED FOUR HOURS LATER FROM SERIOUS INJURIES.

C. THE REGIMENT PERMITTED THE VNOSMP AND U.S. RESEARCH SPECIALISTS TO TAKE THE DOCUMENT TO THE U.S. OFFICE IN HANOI AND JOINTLY PREPARE A PHOTOCOPY OF THE PORTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT THAT WERE RELATED TO THE UNRESOLVED CASE (SEE TRANSLATION AT APPENDIX B). THE

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PHOTOCOPY ALSO INCLUDED THE HEADING OF THE DOCUMENT, WHICH INCLUDED THE DATE, TITLE, AND CLASSIFICATION (TOP SECRET) OF THE DOCUMENT, AND THE FIRST FEW LINES OF SECTION 1. SECTION 1 CONTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT ONE UNRESOLVED INCIDENT (SEE FOOTNOTE 2 OF THE TRANSLATION). HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) STILL CONSIDERS MUCH OF THE DOCUMENT TO BE CLASSIFIED DEFENSE INFORMATION, THE PHOTOCOPY DOES NOT CONTAIN THE REMAINDER OF SECTION 1 OR OTHER TEXT NOT RELATED TO THE UNRESOLVED CASE.

OTHER CASES: LTC HOAT AND MAJOR THUYET SAID ALL OF THE REGIMENT'S WARTIME ARTIFACTS THAT ARE RELATED TO AMERICANS ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE TRADITION HOUSE. THE U.S. RESEARCH SPECIALIST EXAMINED ALL ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY. IN ADDITION TO THE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR CASE 0641, FORTY-SIX ARTIFACTS WERE OF POTENTIAL INTEREST (SEE APPENDIX C):

A. THE FORTY-SIX ARTIFACTS AND ASSOCIATED EXHIBIT TAGS YIELDED INFORMATION THAT IS EITHER CONFIRMED OR POTENTIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH 12 CASES: 0034, 0070, 0141, 0250, 0250, 1107, 1181, 1253, 1269, 1329, 1942, 2004. DETAILED ANALYSTS MAY IDENTIFY OTHER CORRELATIONS.

B. THE INFORMATION ON CASE 1107 APPEARS TO CONFIRM THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF ITS TARGET IN NORTH VIETNAM RATHER THAN IN THAILAND, AS WAS SPECULATED PREVIOUSLY. SEE ITEMS 13 AND 14, APPENDIX C.

5. FOLLOW UP RESEARCH:

A. THE U.S. OFFICE HAS SUBMITTED AN INFORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO HEADQUARTERS JOINT CASUALTY

RESOLUTION CENTER FOR TECHNICAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE CONCERNING 11 ITEMS LISTED IN APPENDIX C. A COPY OF THAT REQUEST IS AT APPENDIX D.

B. THE U.S. OFFICE HAS SUBMITTED AN INFORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE VNOSMP FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH CONCERNING TEN SEPARATE ITEMS LISTED IN APPENDIX C. A

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COPY OF THAT REQUEST IS AT APPENDIX E.

6. 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT HISTORY, PERSONNEL, AND RECORDS.

A. DURING THE 1960'S THE 280TH ADR SERVED IN PAVN MILITARY REGION 4 (VRA); PRIMARILY IN THE VICINITY OF VINH CITY, NGHE AN PROVINCE. IN EARLY 1971, THE REGIMENT SERVED IN SOUTHERN LAOS DURING THE PAVN COUNTER-OFFENSIVE TO US/GVN OPERATION LAM SON 719 ((FIELD COMMENT: THE US/GVN INCURSION INTO LAOS)). LATER, DURING THE 1972 SPRING OFFENSIVE, THE REGIMENT WAS AMONG THE PAVN FORCES THAT SWEEP ACROSS THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE INTO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) AND OCCUPIED NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE REGIMENT ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE 1975 FINAL ASSAULT ON THE RVN CAPITOL OF SAIGON AND THE 1979 BORDER WAR WITH CHINA. DISPLAYS IN THE MUSEUM AND REGIMENTAL COMPOUND RECORD THAT THE REGIMENT OWNED ITS FIRST AIRCRAFT OF THE VIETNAM WAR ON 5 AUGUST 1964 AND ITS LAST AIRCRAFT ON 28 APRIL 1975.

B. LTC HOAT AND MAJOR THUYET SAID THAT NONE OF THE PERSONNEL PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE REGIMENT SERVED WITH THE REGIMENT DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. THEY SAID THE REGIMENT'S HIGH CASUALTY RATE DURING THE WAR AND THE POOR STATE OF THE REGIMENT'S AND THE PAVN'S RECORDS WOULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE ANY FORMER MEMBER OF THE REGIMENT WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF A SPECIFIC INCIDENT INVOLVING AN UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN. ((FIELD COMMENT: IN FACT, A CENTRALLY LOCATED STELE IN THE TRADITION HOUSE RECORDS THE NAMES OF 683 MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DURING THE WAR.))

C. LTC HOAT AND MAJOR THUYET EXPLAINED THAT ALL RECORDS THAT WERE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE
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INDIVIDUAL ARTIFACTS IN THE TRADITION HOUSE HAVE BEEN LOST OR DESTROYED BY ENVIRONMENTAL CAUSES--CHIEFLY HUMIDITY AND INSECTS. THEY NOTED THEY BELIEVED SOME DISPLAY TAGS FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTIFACTS PROBABLY CONTAINED INACCURATE DATA CONCERNING DATES, LOCATIONS, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, ETC; THEREFOR, BECAUSE ALL THE REGIMENT'S WARTIME PERSONNEL AND MUCH OF ITS WARTIME DOCUMENTS WERE GONE, THEY DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO CONFIRM THE DATA ON THE DISPLAY TAGS. THEY APOLOGIZED THAT THEIR DATA MIGHT PROVE INADEQUATE FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES; BUT NOTED THE DISPLAYS STILL ADEQUATELY SERVE THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE, WHICH IS TO INSTILL THE REGIMENT'S TROOPS WITH A SENSE OF UNIT PRIDE.

D. LTC HOAT AND MAJOR THUYET EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT DISPLAY TAGS WERE REPRODUCTIONS OF THE ORIGINALS. THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY TIMES A GIVEN DISPLAY TAG MIGHT HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED. THEY NOTED THAT IN SOME INSTANCES A REPRODUCTION MIGHT HAVE BEEN MADE BY TRANSCRIBING DATA FROM AN ILLEGIBLE OR PARTIALLY DESTROYED EARLIER TAG. IN OTHER CASES, A LOST OR DESTROYED TAG MIGHT HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED FROM MEMORY. EACH TIME THE DATA WAS REPRODUCED THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY FOR ERROR. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT FREQUENT MOVES, OFTEN UNDER BATTLEFIELD CONDITIONS, CAUSED SOME INFORMATION AND ARTIFACTS TO BE LOST. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DIA RESEARCH SPECIALIST NOTED SEVERAL TAGS THAT CONTAINED INACCURATE DATA AND ONE ONE MISSING EXHIBIT. SEE APPENDIX C.))

5. REPORTING OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

A. THE VJRSHP SPECIALISTS AND THE 580TH ADR COMMANDER AND HIS DEPUTY APPEARED DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH PROJECT. THEY ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD PROFESSIONAL MANNER; INCLUDING QUESTIONS ABOUT TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS UNIQUE TO PAVN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS THAT WERE RECORDED IN THE 2 OCTOBER 1967 DOCUMENT AND MUSEUM DISPLAY TAGS.

B. THE 2 OCTOBER 1967 DOCUMENT TRANSLATED AT

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APPENDIX B APPEARED TO BE AUTHENTIC. IT PROVIDES A WRITTEN ACCOUNT, CONTEMPORARY TO THE PERIOD WHEN THE

INCIDENT OCCURRED, THAT DESCRIBES THE FATE OF THE PILOT INVOLVED IN CASE 0641.

- C. THE U.S. SPECIALIST TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOST ITEMS DESCRIBED IN APPENDICES A AND C. THE PHOTOS WILL BE TRANSMITTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

- D. THIS RESEARCH PROJECT HAS YIELDED LESSONS THAT COULD PROVE USEFUL IN THE FUTURE ABOUT THE QUANTITY, QUALITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION IN THE FILES OF PAVN FIELD UNITS:

(1) AS PREDICTED, PAVN COMBAT UNITS DID NOT MAINTAIN RECORDS THAT WERE INDEXED TO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. AIRCRAFT OR PERSONNEL. RECORDS IN THESE UNITS WERE KEPT TO THE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNIT; FOR EXAMPLE, ASSESSMENTS OF SELECTED COMBAT ACTIONS DURING A SPECIFIC PERIOD. THIS KNOWLEDGE SHOULD HELP U.S. AND VNCSMP RESEARCH SPECIALISTS TO CONDUCT REALISTIC INQUIRIES FOR INFORMATION FROM FIELD UNITS.

(2) AS PREDICTED, CAREFUL RESEARCH IN THOSE TYPES OF WARTIME DOCUMENTS THAT PAVN COMBAT UNITS DID CREATE AND RETAIN CAN YIELD USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FATE OF INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS, AND PROVIDE LEADS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND FIELD INVESTIGATION.

(3) MEMORABILIA AND DOCUMENTS MAINTAINED BY PAVN COMBAT UNITS HAVE SUFFERED SOME DETERIORATION DUE TO AGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AS WELL AS A SHORTAGE OF MODERN EQUIPMENT AND SKILLED FILES MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL.

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(4) PATIENCE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. AFTER MORE THAN 13 YEARS SINCE U.S. COMBAT FORCES WITHDREW WE CAN EXPECT TO FIND FEW, IF ANY, PERSONS IN THE PAVN COMBAT UNITS THAT HAVE ANY DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTENTS OF THEIR UNIT'S WARTIME RECORDS.

- C. PREVAILING CONDITIONS WILL CAUSE RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, AND PRODUCTION OF REPORTS SUCH AS THIS TO BE MORE DIFFICULT AND TIME-CONSUMING THAN MIGHT BE THE

CASE FOR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES AT HOME. THESE CONDITIONS WILL PREVAIL FOR THE SHORT TERM, BUT HOPEFULLY WE WILL EVENTUALLY OVERCOME THEM. THE U.S. OFFICE IS IN ONE OF THE MOST MODERN BUILDINGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN HANOI. HOWEVER, OUR ELECTRICAL POWER HAS BEEN UNSTABLE TO THE POINT THAT AIR CONDITIONERS DO NOT RUN EFFICIENTLY ENOUGH TO PREVENT THE EXTREMELY HIGH HUMIDITY FROM CAUSING KEYS ON COMPUTER KEY BOARDS FROM STICKING AND FORCING PERIODIC SHUT DOWNS. SINCE THE FIRST VISIT TO THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT, THE RESEARCH ANALYST HAS HAD TO DEVOTE MUCH TIME, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, USUALLY FROM BEFORE SUNRISE AND OFTEN WELL PAST MIDNIGHT, ACCOMPLISHING A VARIETY OF IMPORTANT TASKS NOT DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH RESEARCH, ANALYSIS, AND REPORTING. SOME EXAMPLES: HELPING TO LOCATE, PURCHASE, AND INSTALL ESSENTIAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT (E.G., HEAVY DUTY VOLTAGE REGULATORS); COORDINATING COMMUNICATIONS FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS BETWEEN THREE INVESTIGATION AND RECOVERY TEAMS IN THE FIELD, THE VNCSMP, AND SENIOR U.S. AUTHORITIES (ALL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF HANOI MUST BE MADE FROM THE BUSINESS CENTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR--OUR OFFICES ARE ON THE THIRD FLOOR--OFTEN THROUGH A SUCCESSION OF OPERATORS WHO EACH PLACE YOUR REQUEST IN A QUEUE AND PROMISE TO CALL BACK WHEN A LINE COMES OPEN); COORDINATING THE MYRIAD DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH VISITS BY JOURNALIST POOLS AND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS (THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICE WERE IN THE FIELD); IDENTIFYING, ASSESSING, HIRING, TRAINING, TASKING, AND EDITING THE PRODUCTION OF A GROUP OF QUALIFIED TRANSLATORS AND TYPISTS. #E

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ARE CONFIDENTIAL. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN EFFECTIVE LOCAL STAFF. ALSO OUR COUNTERPARTS IN THE VHSJAP RESEARCH TEAM HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. ALTHOUGH FORCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES TO PROCEED SOMEWHAT MORE PATIENTLY THAN WE MIGHT WISH, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE U.S. OFFICE WILL BECOME AN INCREASINGLY PRODUCTIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ACCELERATE THE ACCOUNTING PROCESS IN VIETNAM.

7. THERE ARE FIVE APPENDICES TO THE ABOVE REPORT. APPENDIX A CONCERNS THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0641 FOUND AT THE MUSEUM. APPENDIX B IS A TRANSLATION OF A PAVN DOCUMENT CONCERNING THE DEATH OF AN F-105 PILOT, WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR, ON THE DATE AND

IN THE LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE 0641 INCIDENT. APPENDIX C IS A LIST OF ARTIFACTS EXAMINED AT THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT TRADITION HOUSE. APPENDIX D IS A REQUEST FOR A TECHNICAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT FROM HQ JCRC. APPENDIX E IS A REQUEST TO THE VHSJAP FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH INTO THE RECORDS OF THE 280TH REGIMENT.

8. APPENDIX A, PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS, CASE 0641 DURING VISITS ON 29 JULY AND 14 AUGUST 1991 TO THE TRADITION HOUSE ((REGIMENTAL MUSEUM)) OF THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT, PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN), LOCATED IN GIA LAM DISTRICT, HANOI, SRV, U.S. AND VIETNAMESE RESEARCH SPECIALISTS DISCOVERED THREE PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS BELONGING TO U.S. AIR FORCE

A. A U.S. MILITARY IDENTIFICATION CARD. THE LAMINATED PLASTIC COVER WAS PARTIALLY SEPARATED FROM THE CARD. THE ID PHOTOGRAPH WAS PARTIALLY FADED. THE CARD DID NOT SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. THE CARD WAS MOUNTED ALONG WITH TWO OTHER

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NAME: NAME ((BY THE PHOTO))

GRADE: MAJOR

EXPIRATION DATE: INDEFINITE

SERVICE NUMBER: DATA

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

HEIGHT: 500

WEIGHT: 75

COLOR HAIR: BLACK

COLOR EYES: BAZEL

BLOOD TYPE: A POS

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CARD NUMBER: DATA

B. A RESTRICTED AREA ACCESS BADGE ((AFFORD MAY

BE 1199 ACCOUNTABLE, USAF RESTRICTED AREA RANGE). THE LAMINATED PLASTIC COVER WAS SEPARATED FROM THE CARD. THE ID PHOTOGRAPH WAS MISSING. THE ENTRIES THAT IDENTIFIED THE HOLDER OF THE BADGE HAD FADED AND WERE NO LONGER LEGIBLE. THE CARD DID NOT SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. THE CARD WAS MOUNTED

ALONG WITH TWO OTHER CARDS BELONGING TO NAME IN A SMALL PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOOD. THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT'S DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS CARD READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): AN IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR AN AMERICAN PILOT FROM THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT. THE CARD CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING LEGIBLE ENTRIES:

ISSUING BASE: TACHLI STAFB

OPERATIONAL TYPE: 3571FS ((TACTICAL FIGHTER

SQUADRON))

BADGE NUMBER: DATA

CARD NUMBER: DATA

C. AN ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES GENEVA CONVENTION IDENTIFICATION CARD. THE CARD WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AND DID NOT SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. THE CARD WAS MOUNTED ALONG WITH

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TWO OTHER IDENTIFICATION CARDS BELONGING TO NAME ON A SMALL PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOUND. THIS CARD AND A U.S. MILITARY ID CARD WERE MOUNTED OVER A DISPLAY TAG THAT READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): NAME IDENTIFICATION CARD. THIS CARD CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- NAME: NAME
 - GRADE: MAJOR
 - BRANCH OF SERVICE: USAF
 - SERVICE NUMBER: DATA
 - DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

9. APPENDIX 3. PAVN DOCUMENT NOTING THE DEATH OF A U.S. PILOT, CASE 0641 ((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

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-- TACTICAL OPERATIONS --

2 OCTOBER 1967
 A NUMBER OF COMBAT ACTIONS IN WHICH AIRCRAFT WERE DOWNED

I/ COMBAT ACTION BY THE 11TH BATTALION AT CA TANG AT 1656 HOURS 2 APRIL 1967: BETWEEN 0500 AND 1600 THE ENEMY SENT IN FIVE FLIGHTS OF F101 AND F105 AIRCRAFT TO CONDUCT NUMEROUS RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS OVER THE CA-TANG AREA. //IRRELEVANT TEXT OMITTED//

II/ COMBAT ACTION BY THE 11TH BATTALION IN THE LA-TRONG AREA AT 1527 HOURS 10 APRIL ((1967)):

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 DELIVER DURING FIRST DUTY HOUR
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 1/ ENEMY SITUATION: AT 0550 HOURS A FLIGHT WAS ACTIVE AT BAT-DINH ((BAY 71NH)). C1-85 ((1ST BATTERY, 85TH BATTALION)), FIRED 5 SALVOS IN SUPPORT. AT 0650 HOURS A FLIGHT OF UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT APPEARED FROM 3 KLP ... ((SIC)) ((FIELD COMMENT: "3" IS SOUTH. THE NUMBER AFTER "KLP", WHICH WOULD HAVE REFINED THE DIRECTION TO SOUTHWEST OR SOUTHEAST, WAS EATEN BY TERMITES)) AND FLEW AROUND. C1 BTRY, 85TH BN ALSO FIRED TWO SALVOS AT THIS FLIGHT AND D13 ((13TH BATTALION)) FIRED BLOCKING FIRE AT A TARGET CIRCLING IN DIRECTION 34 ((FIELD COMMENT: "34" IS SOUTHEAST)). AT 0737 HOURS ONE FLIGHT APPEARED AND FLEW IN FROM 34 ((THE SE)). C1 BTRY FIRED INTERDICTING FIRE (BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ATTACKING EQUIPMENT). AT I-LENG AN AERIAL TARGET DISAPPEARED TOWARD 32 ((THE SW)).
 0745 HOURS TWO F105'S FLEW IN FROM 32 ((THE SW)) AND CIRCLED THE LA-190NG STRATEGIC POSITION ((FOOTNOTE 3)) SEVERAL TIMES AND FROM 10 ((THE NE)) WENT UP HIGH AND DROVE DOWN AND DROPPED 12 BOMBS ON THE FORD ((STREAM CROSSING)), BUT MISSED. THE ENTIRE BATTALION FIRED 084,000, V-150 ((FIELD COMMENT: 0,000 MILS OFFSET ANGLE, AT A TARGET MOVING 150K/SECOND)). 30 DEGREE DIVE. ALL ROUNDS EXPENDED TO 32 ((THE SW)) WITHOUT RESULTS. 0925 HOURS, A FLIGHT OF 3 AIRCRAFT CAME IN. 1ST BTRY, 85TH BN, FIRED ONE VOLLEY AT I-... ((FIELD COMMENT: TERMITES HAD EATEN AWAY MUCH OF THE RIGHT MARGIN OF THIS PARAGRAP, INCLUDING THE REMAINDER OF THIS PLACE NAME)). THE TARGETS PASSED OVER THE

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 STRATEGIC POINT AND DISAPPEARED TOWARD 12 ((THE NW)). FROM 1000 TO 1300 ONE F101 RECONVERTED THE STRATEGIC POSITION. 1500 HOURS FOUR F105S CAME IN FROM 32 ((THE SW)) AND PASSED OVER THE STRATEGIC POSITION TOWARDS NUMBER "1 KEM 12 (SIC)" ((THE N-NW)). TWO F105S CIRCLED BACK AND MADE SEVERAL PASSES HIGH OVER THE STRATEGIC POSITION. EACH AIRCRAFT SWEEP DOWN ONCE FROM 14 ((THE NE)) MAKING A FEIGNED STRIKE TOWARD 32 ((THE SW)), BUT HE DIDN'T FIRE ON THEM. AFTER THAT, ONE AIRCRAFT CIRCLED BACK AND SWEEP DOWN FROM 32 KEP 2 ((SIC)) ((THE S-SW)) AND RELEASED TWO BOMBS ON THE

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BOYCEALLO POSITION. WE STILL DIDN'T FIRE.

AT 1527 HOURS THE ENEMY SUBSIDIATIVELY SENT IN TWO FLOES IN A STEPPED FORMATION ((ONE HIGH/ONE LOW)) FROM NUMBER "12 KEP 1 (SIC)" ((THE 4-44)). ONE AIRCRAFT SWEPT DOWN ON THE 13TH BTRY'S BATTLE POSITION AND RELEASED TWO BOMBS; BUT THEY STRUCK 10 METERS FROM THE FOOT OF THE POSITION. THEY THREW FOUR CANISTERS OF "BI" BOMBS AROUND THERE. FROM THERE ACROSS TO 4000 (SIC), ANOTHER F105 SWEPT DOWN ((AND)) AS IT PREPARED TO GO UP TO ... ((NUMBER/LETTER EATEN BY TERMITES)) HE FIRED 2 HEAVY VOLLEYS. HIT, AND BURNING FURIOUSLY, THE AIRCRAFT WENT STRAIGHT DOWN IN THE DIRECTION OF ... ((ONE LETTER/NUMBER EATEN BY TERMITES)) ...3. THE PILOT PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT ABOUT 5 KM AWAY (LATER THIS MAJOR WAS CAPTURED ALIVE. FOUR HOURS LATER HE DIED FROM SERIOUS INJURIES). THE AIRCRAFT LANDED IN ... ((SEVERAL LETTERS EATEN BY TERMITES)) SOUTH OF BA TOC HAMLET ((X249 BA TOCS)), ABOUT 5KM FROM I-LENG ((FOOTNOTE 6)). TWO A66S CIRCLED SEVERAL TIMES LOOKING FOR THE PILOT, AND FOUR F105S WERE ACTIVE BETWEEN BAI DINH AND I-LENG, FIRING 20MM ROCKETS ... ((SEVERAL LETTERS EATEN BY TERMITES)) MANY PASSES. 1ST BTRY, 95TH BN, FIRED SEVERAL VOLLEYS AT THE TWO CIRCLING A66S. 3RD BTRY, 35TH BN, AT KHE VE ALSO FIRED IN COORDINATION.
(END OF TRANSLATION)

10. APPENDIX C, MISCELLANEOUS ARTIFACTS, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. POWS AND MIAs, SEEN AT THE PAVN 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT

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ON 29 JULY AND 14 AUGUST 1991, THE DIA RESEARCH SPECIALIST ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. OFFICE FOR PAN/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI AND TWO SPECIALISTS FROM THE VIETNAM OFFICE FOR SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS EXAMINED WARTIME ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY IN THE TRADITION
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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS HOUSE ((REGIMENTAL MUSEUM)) OF THE PAVN 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT, LOCATED IN STA LAM DISTRICT OF HANOI, SPV. THE FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH EXHIBIT THAT WAS POSSIBLY RELATED TO AN INCIDENT THAT INVOLVED A U.S. POW OR MIA, AND TRANSLATIONS OF INFORMATION ON THE DISPLAY TAG ASSOCIATED WITH EACH EXHIBIT. FIELD COMMENTS AT THE END OF EACH DESCRIPTION ARE INTENDED AS INFORMAL OBSERVATIONS THAT ANALYSTS MIGHT FIND USEFUL WHEN ASSESSING THE REPORTED DATA, NOT FINAL ANALYTIC JUDGEMENTS.

(1) A DISPLAY OF MEMORABILIA CONSISTING OF PAVN AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT, FIRING TABLES, AND RELATED DOCUMENTS COMMEMORATING THE FIRST INCIDENT IN WHICH THE 280TH AIR DEF REGT DOWN A U.S. AIRCRAFT, ON 5 AUGUST 1964. THE DISPLAY INCLUDED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A LARGE GUN THAT THE DISPLAY CAPTION DESCRIBED AS THE 90MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) GUN THAT HIT THE AIRCRAFT. THE DISPLAY DID NOT INCLUDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE IDENTITY OR FATE OF THE CREW OF THE AIRCRAFT. (FIELD COMMENT: THE DATE AND APPROXIMATE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES CORRESPOND TO CASE 0034, WHICH IS A RESOLVED CASE. ANALYSTS MIGHT WISH TO NOTE THAT THE DIA AND VNSMP RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED DISPLAY TAGS FOR SEVERAL ARTIFACTS FROM DIFFERENT CASES THAT INACCURATELY ASSOCIATED THE ITEMS WITH CASE 0034; FOR EXAMPLE, SEE FIELD COMMENTS FOR ITEMS 5, 6, AND 10, BELOW.)

(2) A GLASS-COVERED PICTURE FRAME CONTAINING TWO PHOTOGRAPHS. ONE PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A BURNING AIRCRAFT FALLING VERTICALLY FROM THE SKY. THE OTHER PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTS A U.S. MILITARY ID CARD BELONGING TO NAME, U.S. AIR FORCE. THE CAPTION FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ID CARD READS: "THE IDENTIFICATION CARD OF LTC NAME, A PIRATE PILOT WHO WAS SHOT DOWN ((CHUNG MINH THU MA TEN TRUNG TA GIAC LAI MATI VY (SIC) 91 BAN ROI/CHUANG MINH THUM HAF TEEN TRUNG TAS GIANGJ LAIS MATI NI GIJ BAKNS 12 041)). (FIELD COMMENT: THE PHOTOGRAPH HAS A POOR QUALITY REPRODUCTION OF THE ID CARD; HOWEVER, CAPTAIN

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--NAME NAME AND RANK WERE CLEARLY READABLE. CAPTAIN NAME IS A RETURNED POW (CASE 0854). THE CAPTION DID NOT IDENTIFY THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT, NOR PROVIDE ANY CLUES AS TO THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT OR FATE OF "LTC NAME THE 280TH REGIMENT'S DEPUTY COMMANDER SUGGESTED THAT THE NAME "MATI NI" COULD REPRESENT AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO PHONETICIZE THE WORD "CAPTAIN", BASED ON THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT IT WAS THE NAME OF THE PERSON THE CARD BELONGED TO. ALTHOUGH FIELD ANALYSIS HAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OBVIOUS CORRELATION FOR "LTC MATI NI", ANALYSTS MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THE CAPTION ORIGINALLY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH AN ID CARD THAT BELONGED TO SOMEONE OTHER THAN CAPTAIN NAME ; FOR EXAMPLE, RETURNED POW NAME , CASE 0850.))

(3) A FADED PHOTOGRAPH OF MISCELLANEOUS DEBRIS THAT APPEARS TO BE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE CAPTION FOR THE PHOTOGRAPH INDICATED THE DEBRIS WAS FROM THE WRECKAGE OF THE 300TH U.S. AIRCRAFT DOWNED OVER NORTHERN VIETNAM AND THAT IT WAS DOWNED BY THE ((280TH)) REGIMENT AT VINH CITY. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE CAPTION DID NOT IDENTIFY THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT, NOR PROVIDE ANY CLUES AS TO THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT OR IDENTITY AND FATE OF THE CREW. THE 280TH ADR'S DEPUTY COMMANDER SAID THE UNIT DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL RECORDS RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THIS PHOTOGRAPH.))

(4) A U.S. MACHINE GUN, APPARENTLY .50 CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER 1173839, MANUFACTURED BY RIA ((POSSIBLY RHODE ISLAND ARSENAL)). THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG IN THE 280TH ADR'S TRADITION HOUSE INDICATED THIS WAS A

12.7MM (SIC) MACHINE GUN TAKEN FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A HELICOPTER THE C11 COMPANY 341 STATION AT VINH CITY ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1965. ((FIELD COMMENT: THIS DATE DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO ANY HELICOPTER LOSS LISTED IN RECORDS AVAILABLE IN THE FIELD. THE 280TH ADR'S DEPUTY COMMANDER SAID THE UNIT DOES NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL RECORDS RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THIS MACHINE GUN.))

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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS ANALYSTS MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CAPTION CONTAINS AN INCORRECT DATE. ANALYSTS ALSO MIGHT WISH TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT A SEARCH AND

RESCUE HELICOPTER COULD HAVE BEEN LOST, BUT THE CREW RESCUED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE 0141, 10-15K9 SOUTHWEST OF VINH ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1965. SEE POSSIBLY RELATED ITEMS 5 AND 6, BELDA.))

(5) THE SHELL OF A WHITE-COLORED FLIGHT HELMET AND A BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTOGRAPH THAT DEPICTS A COLLAGE OF A U.S. BLOOD CHIT, A U.S.-ISSUED MAP, A U.S.-ISSUED SURVIVAL PAMPHLET, AND A DATA PLATE FROM A U.S. A-10 AIRCRAFT. THE DATA PLATE DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AIRCRAFT NO.: A-40
PART NO.: 640 0909-503
CONT. NO.: 37-1-82
SERIAL NO.: A-17-142
MODIFICATIONS INCORPORATED:
ASC-169-D

TWO DISPLAY TAGS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GROUP OF ARTIFACTS. THE CAPTION ON ONE, WHICH WAS LYING LOOSE WITH THE ARTIFACTS, READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "THE FLIGHT HELMET AND FLIGHT MAP OF AN AMERICAN PIRATE PILOT ((NAMED)) RI-V0 (SIC) SHOT DOWN BY THE REGIMENT ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1965." THE CAPTION ON THE OTHER DISPLAY TAG, WHICH WAS BADLY FADED AND PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY INSECTS, WAS LOCATED INSIDE THE TRANSPARENT PLASTIC ENVELOPE THAT ENCASED THE PHOTOGRAPH. THE CAPTION ON THIS DISPLAY TAG READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "MAP AND BLOOD CHIT ((PASSAGE DESTROYED BY INSECTS)) PIRATE PILOT ((ILLEGIBLE)) SHOT DOWN AT VINH ON 5 AUGUST 1964." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE FLIGHT HELMET SHELL CONTAINED NO MARKINGS THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE PILOT. THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLAGE DID NOT DEPICT THE PORTION OF THE BLOOD CHIT THAT CONTAINS ITS SERIAL NUMBER. THE INFORMATION IN THE DISPLAY TAG THAT REFERRED TO A PILOT NAMED "RI-V0" WHO WAS SHOT DOWN ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1965 APPARENTLY CORRESPONDS TO CASE 0141-- RETURNED POW NAME , U.S. NAVY, WHOSE A4E

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WENT DOWN ABOUT 10-15KM SOUTHWEST OF VINH ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1965. THE INFORMATION IN THE OTHER DISPLAY TAG APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. THE ONLY INCIDENT IN THE 280TH ADR'S AREA OF OPERATIONS ON 5 AUGUST 1964 WAS CASE 0034; A RESOLVED CASE THAT INVOLVED AN A1E

AIRCRAFT. THE INFORMATION IN THE DATA PLATE DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS FROM AN A40 AIRCRAFT, AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO CORRESPOND TO CASE 0034. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE 280TH ADR SAID HE BELIEVED THE CORRECT INCIDENT DATE FOR THIS PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE 10 SEPTEMBER 1965 AND THAT THE ITEMS DEPICTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PILOT NAMED "RI-VO." ANALYSTS MIGHT WISH TO CONFIRM WHAT AIRCRAFT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INFORMATION ON THE DATA PLATE DEPICTED IN THIS PHOTOGRAPH BEFORE MAKING A FINAL JUDGEMENT. SEE ALSO RELATED ITEMS 4, ABOVE, AND 5, BELOW.)

(6) A DATA PLATE MOUNTED ON A SMALL PAPER-COVERED PIECE WOOD. THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AIRCRAFT MOD.: A40-5
 PART NO.: NDA 02-0395
 SERIAL NO.: A18-1358
 MODIFICATIONS INCORPORATED:
 ASC-1570
 ACSEC 15-62
 ASC 1E04 ((?))

THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ITEM READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "DATA PLATE FROM AN A40 THAT PHAN DANG CAT'S ((PHAN DANG CATS'S)) GUN CREW SHOT DOWN ON 5 AUGUST 1964." THE ONLY INCIDENT IN THE 280TH ADR'S AREA OF OPERATIONS ON 5 AUGUST 1964 WAS CASE 0034; A RESOLVED CASE THAT INVOLVED AN A1E AIRCRAFT. THE 280TH

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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT; PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS ADR STAFF COULD NOT SUPPLY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE INCIDENT THAT MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT. SEE ALSO RELATED ITEMS 4 AND 5, ABOVE.)

(7) A PIECE OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. APPROXIMATELY RECTANGULAR IN SHAPE; SIZE ABOUT 5 X 8 INCHES; COLOR GREEN WITH BLACK AND INTERNATIONAL ORANGE PRINTING. THE DATE 4 (31C) JUNE 1965 HAD BEEN SCRATCHED INTO THE PAINT. THE DISPLAY TAG READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F105 SHOT DOWN AT 0900 HOURS ON 19 (31C) JUNE 1965." ((FIELD COMMENT): THIS ITEM WAS NOT A DATA PLATE. IT APPEARED TO BE A PORTION OF THE OUTER

SHELL OF AN AIRCRAFT ON WHICH ROUTINE MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN STAMPED. THE 280TH ADR STAFF COULD NOT SUPPLY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT.)

(8) FIVE SMALL PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE MOUNTED ON A SMALL PAPER-COVERED WOOD PLAQUE. THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "PIECES OF VINH CITY'S 100TH AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE REGIMENT." ((FIELD COMMENT): THE 280TH ADR STAFF COULD NOT SUPPLY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT.)

(9) A SHELL, APPROXIMATELY 4 X 5 INCHES, RECTANGULAR SHAPED PIECE OF AIRCRAFT METAL WHICH CONTAINED THE STAMPED INSCRIPTION "F105". THIS INSCRIPTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN STAMPED IN THE METAL BY THE MANUFACTURER. THE PIECE OF METAL WAS MOUNTED ON A SMALL PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOOD. THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION ((IN VIETNAMESE)) WAS HAND ENGRAVED INTO THE METAL:

COMBAT SUCCESS ON 10 NOVEMBER 1966
 11TH BATTALION
 WESTERN QUANG BINH PROVINCE
 DETERMINED TO DEFEAT THE AMERICAN INVADERS
 THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG MOUNTED WITH THIS ITEM READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A PIECE OF AN AIRCRAFT D11 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 16 NOVEMBER 1966." ((FIELD

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COMMENT: THE 280TH ADP STAFF COULD NOT SUPPLY ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT.))

(10) A U.S. 412 FORCE ISSUE REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER N 617414. THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG ASSOCIATED WITH THIS WEAPON READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "SIDE ARM OF AN AMERICAN PILOT THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN ON 5 AUGUST 1964." ((FIELD NOTE: THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THIS WEAPON CORRESPONDS TO THE WEAPON CARRIED BY NAME , U.S. AIR FORCE, CASE 1269, WHOSE F4D AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, VICINITY 173143N/106139E, XE 294953, ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1968. CASE 16

1269 IS UNRESOLVED. THERE WAS NO OBVIOUS SIGN OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE TO THE WEAPON. THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL ARTIFACTS THE MUSEUM APPARENTLY HAS MISTAKENLY IDENTIFIED WITH CASE 0034. THE U.S. OFFICE WAS PREPARED A REQUEST FOR THE VMSMP RESEARCH SPECIALISTS TO SEARCH THE FILES OF THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT FOR ANY COMBAT ACTION REPORTS OR OTHER RECORDS THAT CONTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCIDENT.))

(11) A GUNNER'S CHAIR THAT, ACCORDING TO THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG, BELONGED TO "THE 574M AAA GUN USED TO SHOOT DOWN A RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ON THE MOTORIZED ROUTE AT HUONG PHO (HUONG KHE) (HUONG PHOOS; HUONG KHEE)) AND ONE F105 AIRCRAFT DURING THE NIGHT OF 4 JUNE 1965." ((FIELD COMMENT: HUONG KHE DISTRICT TOWN IS LOCATED VIC 1814N/10542E, XE 7916. HUONG PHO IS UNLOCATED. THE FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE DATE, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES RECORDED FOR THIS ARTIFACT.))

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- (12) A DISPLAY TAG FOR AN AK ASSAULT RIFLE (NOT ON DISPLAY). THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG RECORDED THIS WAS THE ASSAULT RIFLE "SERGEANT HOANG VAN DUNG ((HUANG VAN ZUNG)) USED TO SHOOT DOWN A B-7 AIRCRAFT WHEN IT FLEW LOW OVER THE FOREST AREA OF PHUC SON ((PHUC SUAN)) VILLAGE WHILE DUNG WAS GUARDING HIS FIELDS DURING THE NIGHT OF THE 15TH DAY OF THE LUNAR MONTH." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DISPLAY TAG DID NOT SUPPLY A MONTH OR YEAR FOR THIS INCIDENT. THE LOCATION OF PHUC SON IS UNKNOWN. THE FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES RECORDED FOR THIS ARTIFACT.))

(13) A METAL HAND WHEEL FOR TURNING A 574M AAA GUN, ONE OF SEVERAL GUNNER TEAMS COMMANDER BY COMPANY COMMANDER NGUYEN NGOC DUNG ((NGUYEN NGOC DUANG)) AT NGAM KHE TANG ((NGAM KHE TANG; I.E., FORD ACROSS THE KHE TANG STREAM)) THAT SHOT DOWN AN F111A ON 28 MARCH 1968. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISPLAY TAG APPARENTLY REFERS TO CASE 1107, AN F111A LOST WHILE ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF 28 MARCH 1968. NGAM KHE

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TANG REMAINS UNLOCATED. SEE ITEM 14, RELOV. DURING TWO DIFFERENT JOINT INVESTIGATIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1988, JCRC AND VMSMP TEAMS INVESTIGATED A REPORTED CRASH SITE FOR AN F111 AIRCRAFT OF THE COAST OF QUANG BINH PROVINCE. ANALYSTS CAN FIND DETAILS IN EITHER THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORTS OR THE DETAILED INVESTIGATION REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE JCRC TEAMS.))

(14) A WOODEN AIMING STAKE WITH THE NUMBER 30 ((SOUTHEAST)) THAT, ACCORDING TO THE DISPLAY TAG, PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SHOOTING DOWN OF AN AMERICAN F111A AIRCRAFT ON 26 MARCH 1968. ((FIELD COMMENT: SAME AS 13, ABOVE.))

(15) A HAND-MADE SHADE FOR A SMALL FUEL OIL LANTERN. THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ITEM READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "ONE OF SEVERAL LANTERN SHADES HAND-CRAFTED BY THE COMBATANTS OF C1 ((COMPANY)), 3103 ((BATTALION)), 2307 ((REGIMENT)) AND USED BY PLATOON

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LEADER COMPARE LIST ((LUAATJ)) IN THE COMMAND POST ON 21 APRIL 1969 TO READ ((FIRING CHARIS)) AND ISSUE ORDERS TO THE UNITS TO SHOOT DOWN AN F102 AIRCRAFT." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE 280TH AOR STAFF COULD NOT SUPPLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THIS INCIDENT. THE FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE DATE, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES RECORDED FOR THIS ARTIFACT.))

- (16) A NOTEBOOK USED AS A DIARY BY PHAM HOA NAM ((PHAM HOA NAM)), BATTALION COMMANDER FOR TRUOP SUPPORT FUNCTIONS ((ASSIGNED TO) C20 ((COMPANY)), D29 ((BATTALION)). ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DIA RESEARCHER EXAMINED THE COMPLETE NOTEBOOK AND VERIFIED IT CONTAINED ONLY TEXTS OF SONGS.))

- (17) A LENGTH OF HEAVY ROPE. THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ROPE INDICATED IT WAS A "TOW ROPE USED BY C6 ((COMPANY)), D102 (BATTALION) TO PULL ARTILLERY PIECES BETWEEN 28 MARCH AND 29 JUNE 1969. FOUR U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOWN IN WESTERN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE DATES AND GENERAL LOCATION CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ROPE.))

- (18) A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH WITH A CAPTION THAT DESCRIBED IT AS A PHOTOGRAPH OF "GUN CREW 3, C4 ((COMPANY)), D102 ((BATTALION)), ON 21 MARCH 1971, WHICH PARTICIPATED WITH THE ENTIRE UNIT IN SHOOTING DOWN 11 U.S. AIRCRAFT." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DATE COINCIDES WITH THE DATES OF JS/RV4 OPERATION LAM SON 719 (I.E., THE INCURSION INTO LAOS). ALTHOUGH PAVN FORCES OPPOSING THE OPERATION INFLECTED HEAVY DAMAGE ON U.S. AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING THE OPERATION, THIS

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- (19) A SKETCH MAP TITLED ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A SKETCH OF THE BATTLE AT 1819 HOURS, 4 MAY 1969, IN WHICH C4 & C5 ((COMPANIES)) SHOT DOWN AN RF4C." THE SKETCH DEPICTS A SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST FLIGHT PATH THAT PASSES OVER "A-KY" AND THEN CIRCLES WEST AND SOUTH OVER A HIGH POINT SOUTH OF "CA RONG" ((CAF RONG)). THE SKETCH INDICATED THE AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN WEST OF A-KY. ((FIELD COMMENT: FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE DATE AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT IDENTIFIED IN THIS SKETCH. CA RONG MAY BE CO RONG, 1711N/10420E, XE4101. A-KY IS UNLOCATED. BASED ON TYPE OF AIRCRAFT CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAGS FOR THIS ITEM AND ITEM 20, BELOW, ANALYSTS MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SKETCH IS CASE 1181.))

- (20) AN INFLATABLE LIFE BOAT BEARING THE SERIAL NUMBER 66317. HAND-LETTERED ENTRIES ON THE BOAT REVEALED THAT U.S. TECHNICIANS HAD INSPECTED THE BOAT FOR SERVICEABILITY ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- 14 AUGUST 1967
 - 19 OCTOBER 1967
 - DECEMBER 1967
 - 15 FEBRUARY 1968
 - 14 APRIL 1968 ((THE LAST RECORDED

INSPECTION))
 ALTHOUGH THE BOAT WAS SEVERELY DETERIORATED, IT DID NOT

SHOW OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. THE DISPLAY TAG READS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A BOAT THAT BELONGED TO THE AMERICAN PILOT OF AN RF4C THAT D105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 25 JANUARY 1968." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE INCIDENT DATE CITED ON THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ARTIFACT APPEARS TO BE INACCURATE, SINCE THE LAST TIME U.S. PERSONNEL INSPECTED THE RAFT WAS NEARLY THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF SHOOTDOWN CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG. THE RECORD OF INSPECTIONS INDICATES THE RAFT RECEIVED AN INSPECTION AT TWO-MONTH INTERVALS;

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THEREFORE, THE NEXT SCHEDULED INSPECTION WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT MID-JUNE 1968. CASE 1181 IS THE ONLY RFAC AIRCRAFT LOST IN THE 299TH ADR'S AREA OF OPERATION DURING THE 3 1/2 MONTHS PERIOD BETWEEN 14 APRIL AND 1 AUGUST 1968. THE CASE 1181 AIRCRAFT WAS LOST ON 18 MAY 1968 IN THE VICINITY OF 1733N/10635E. ONE OF THE CREWMEMBERS, U.S. AIR FORCE NAME IS A RETURNED POW. THE OTHER CREWMEMBER, U.S. AIR FORCE CAPTAIN NAME, IS STILL UNACCOUNTED-FOR. SEE ALSO FIELD COMMENTS FOR ITEM 19, ABOVE.)

(21) A LONG RECTANGULAR PIECE OF RED CLOTH, ABOUT 224 X 4 INCHES, WITH THE WORDS REMOVE BEFORE FLIGHT STENCILED IN WHITE BLOCK LETTERS ON ONE SIDE. THE TRADITION HOUSE DISPLAY TAG READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "THE PARACHUTE RELEASE STRAP OF AN AMERICAN PIRATE PILOT THAT C3 (COMPANY) SHOT DOWN ON 24 APRIL 1967." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE ARTIFACT AND TAG DID NOT YIELD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.))

(22) AN INFLATABLE PERSONAL SURVIVAL VEST THAT BORE THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION:

58K3598
AIR CRUISERS, CO.
DIVISION OF GARRETT CORP.
OSA 700-67-C-6874.
DATE OF MANUFACTURE: MAR 196A
SERIAL NUMBER: 55124R

THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "THE INFLATABLE SURVIVAL VEST OF THE AMERICAN PIRATE PILOT OF AN F4H AIRCRAFT THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN ON THE

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SONG GIANG ((RIVER)) ON 3 JUNE 1966." ((FIELD COMMENT: BT

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DELIVER DURING FIRST JULY HOUR
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(23) AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT DATA PLATE MOUNTED LOOSE WITH TWO OTHER DATA PLATES ON A PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOOD. THE DISPLAY TAG BENEATH THIS DATA PLATE READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F105 AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER 1509, WHICH THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN ON 4 JUNE 1966 AT HONG KHE ((HONG KHE))." THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AIRCRAFT NO.: F105D
PART NO.: 57W 27 1003-5-2
COJT. NO.: AF 33-600-54752
SERIAL NO.: DIP SP#3 SRN#98104L

((FIELD COMMENT: THIS DISPLAY TAG APPEARS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE DATA PLATE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 24, BELOW (PART NO. 79F 75021 1, SERIAL NO. 1509). THE NUMBER "1509" APPEARS TO BE THE SERIAL NUMBER OF PART NO. 79F 75021 1, DESCRIBED IN ITEM 24, BELOW--NOT AN AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THIS DATA PLATE AND THE DATA PLATE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 24, BELOW, ARE RELATED TO THE SAME OR DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT. HONG KHE DISTRICT TOWN IS LOCATED VIC 1614N/10542E, WF7416. FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE DATE, LOCATION, TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, AND CIRCUMSTANCES CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ARTIFACT.))

(24) AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT DATA PLATE MOUNTED LOOSE WITH TWO OTHER DATA PLATES ON A PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOOD. THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AIRCRAFT NO.: F105
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PART NO.: 79F 75021 1

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CONTRACT NO.: AF 36-600-20794
SERIAL NO.: 1599

((FIELD COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS DATA PLATE WAS NOT OBVIOUSLY LINKED TO EITHER OF THE TWO DISPLAY TAGS MOUNTED ON THE PIECE OF WOOD, IT APPEARS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A TAG THAT READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F105 AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER 1509, WHICH THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN ON 1 JUNE 1966 AT HUONG KHE ((HUONG KHE))." THE NUMBER "1509" APPEARS TO BE THE SERIAL NUMBER OF PART NO. 79F 75021 1--NOT AN AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER. HUONG KHE DISTRICT TOWN IS LOCATED VIC 1814N/10542E, AF7015. FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED WITH THE DATE, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ARTIFACT.))

(25) AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT DATA PLATE MOUNTED LOOSE WITH TWO OTHER DATA PLATES ON A PAPER-COVERED PIECE OF WOOD. THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS DATA PLATE READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F4 THAT D105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 25.11.1968 ((STC)) IN WESTERN QUANG BINH ((PROVINCE))." THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AIRCRAFT MOD.: F4
PART NO.: 53-13001-0621
CONTRACT NO.: ((NO ENTRY))
SERIAL NO.: R37-1141

((FIELD COMMENT: THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISPLAY TAG AND DATA PLATE APPEAR TO BE RELATED TO CASE 1329. CASE 1329 WAS AN F4D LOST IN WESTERN QUANG BINH, VIC 172060N/1061144E, YE 270185, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968. THE TWO CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED IN CASE 1329 ARE STILL
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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS UNACCOUNTED-FOR. SEE ALSO ITEM 26 (AIRCREW'S CHECKLIST) AND ITEM 27 (REVOLVER, SERIAL NO. K597312), BELOW.))

(26) A TWO-VOLUME AIRCREW'S CHECKLIST FOR THE U.S. F4D AND F4C AIRCRAFT, PUBLISHED IN JANUARY 1968. THE FOLLOWING NUMBER WAS FOUND INSIDE THE BOOK:

091655. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS NUMBER WAS NOT CLEAR. THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM AS: "HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE F4C F4D AIRCRAFT TAKEN FROM AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT THAT WAS ((COMPANY)), D105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 23.10.1968 ((SIC)), AT KILOMETER 32 ON ROUTE 20." ((FIELD COMMENT: ALL PAGES HAD A REDDISH HUE THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY HAVING BEEN SOAKED IN AVIATION FUEL. ALL PAGES FELT AND SMELLED AS IF THEY HAD BEEN SATURATED IN AVIATION FUEL. THERE WAS NO OBVIOUS SIGN OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. ALTHOUGH FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC INCIDENT THAT COINCIDED PRECISELY WITH THE INFORMATION CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ARTIFACT, ANALYSTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY THESE AIRCREW'S CHECKLIST COULD BE RELATED TO CASE 1329. THE DISPLAY TAG FOR PART NO. 53-13001-0621, SERIAL NO. R37-1141, DESCRIBED IN ITEM 25, ABOVE, INDICATED THE D105 BATTALION SHOT DOWN THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CASE 1329. CASE 1329 INVOLVED AN F4D LOST IN WESTERN QUANG BINH, VIC 172060N/1061144E, YE 270185, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968. BASED ON EXAMINATION OF U.S. AND SRV MAPS, THE U.S. OFFICE ESTIMATES THAT KILOMETER 32, ROUTE 20, IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AT 172100N/1061230E, WHICH IS VERY NEAR THE LOCATION WHERE THE CASE 1329 AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN. THE U.S. OFFICE BELIEVES THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THE AIRCREW'S CHECKLIST EXHIBITED IN THE 280TH ADR'S TRAINING HOUSE CITED THE WRONG INCIDENT DATE. SEE ALSO ITEM 25 (DATA PLATE FOR PART NO. 53-13001-0621, SERIAL NO. R37-1141), ABOVE, AND ITEM 27 (REVOLVER, SERIAL NO. K597312), BELOW.))

(27) A U.S. AIR FORCE ISSUE REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER K597312, AND A LEATHER HOLSTER. A USAF UNIT ACCOUNTING NUMBER, "58", WAS HAND-PAINTED IN WHITE

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PAINT ON THE BASE OF THE PISTOL GRIP. THE DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS WEAPON ((IN VIETNAMESE)) AS: "SIDE ARM OF ((MISSING TEXT)) AMERICAN ((NAMED)) ASSELY (SIC), WHO THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN IN QUANG TRI ((PROVINCE))." ((FIELD NOTE: THIS SERIAL NUMBER BELONGED TO THE WEAPON CARRIED BY *NAME*, U.S. AIR FORCE, CASE 1329, WHOSE F4D AIRCRAFT WENT DOWN IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, VICINITY 172060N/1061140E, XE 270195, ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968. THERE WERE NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE TO EITHER THE

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REVOLVER OR HOLSTER. THE TWO CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED IN CASE 1329 ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED-FOR. THE INFORMATION IN 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS REVOLVER AND HOLSTER APPEARS TO BE INACCURATE OR ORIGINALLY WAS RELATED TO A DIFFERENT ARTIFACT. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE REVOLVER, THE HOLSTER, OR THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE AMERICAN NAMED "ASSELY" (SIC) OR ANY SPECIFIC INCIDENT IN QUANG TRI THAT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN AMERICAN NAMED "ASSELY". SEE ALSO ITEM 25 (DATA PLATE FOR PART NO. 53-13401-0621, SERIAL NO. R37-1141) AND ITEM 26 (AIRCRAFT'S CHECKLIST), ABOVE.)

- (28) A 16MM FILM MAGAZINE FOR AN AIRCRAFT GUN CAMERA MOUNT. THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM ((IN VIETNAMESE)) AS: "THE CASE FROM A COMMUNICATION DEVICE OF ONE OF THE F105 AIRCRAFT THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN IN THE WESTERN REGION." THE DATA PLATE ON THE ITEM CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- MAGAZINE, FILM
- 16MM 50 FOOT CAPACITY, LB-49
- ORDER NO.: 4F04(606)15079-AS-66-1
- WP'S PART NO.: 331215 STOCK NO.:

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- SERIAL NO.: ((?)) 0 ((OBSCURED EXCEPT FOR LAST DIGIT))
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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIP DEF REGT RECORDS
REF BY: SOS DATA SYSTEMS, PAMUNA,
CALIF.

((FIELD COMMENT: THIS FILM MAGAZINE APPEARS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT GUN CAMERA MOUNT DESCRIBED IN ITEM 28, BELOW. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT THE FILM MAGAZINE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH.))

- (29) A U.S. NAVY GUN CAMERA MOUNT. THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM ((IN VIETNAMESE)) AS: "AN ELECTRONIC COMPONENT FROM AN AIRCRAFT THAT WAS SHOT DOWN UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE ASSISTANT COMPANY COMMANDER OF ((COMPANY)) 31, COMPANIE DAUG YUAN NGHTEP ((NAME)) ((STATE))." THE DATA PLATE ON THE GUN CAMERA MOUNT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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- U.S. NAVY
- GUN CAMERA MOUNT
- TYPE 1203

((FIELD COMMENT: THE FILM MAGAZINE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 27, ABOVE, APPEARS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN A PART OF THIS AIRCRAFT GUN CAMERA MOUNT. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT THIS ARTIFACT WAS ASSOCIATED WITH.))

- (30) A SIGNAL MIRROR FROM AN AVIATOR'S SURVIVAL GEAR. THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ITEM READS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A SIGNAL MIRROR FROM AN F4H (SIC) AIRCRAFT THE ((MISSING TEXT)) BATTALION SHOT DOWN AT DO VANG ((DUF VANG)) ON 10.3.67 ((SIC--10 MARCH 1967))." ((FIELD COMMENT: DO VANG IS UNLOCATED. THE MIRROR AND DISPLAY TAG DID NOT YIELD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT THE MIRROR WAS ASSOCIATED WITH.))

- (31) THE SHELL OF AN OLIVE DRAB COLORED FLIGHT HELMET WITH A WHITE VISOR. THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG READS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "THE HELMET OF AN AMERICAN PRIVATE PILOT THAT C92 ((COMPANY)), 673 ((BATTALION)) DOWNED AT KHE MET ((KHE METS)) ON

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25.1967 ((STC--2 MAY 1967))." ((FIELD COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE HELMET OR THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT. THE NET POSSIBLY IS LOCATED VIC 1757N/10556E, REFERENCE INDEX TO PLACE NAMES ON 1:50,000 MAPS OF VIETNAM, VOL. II, MAY 1967.))

- (32) AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT COMPONENT MADE OF CANVAS AND METAL. THE DISPLAY TAG IN 280TH ADR'S TRADITION HOUSE DESCRIBED THE ITEM AS FOLLOWS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A PART OF THE PARACHUTE OF AN AMERICAN PIRATE PILOT THAT DINH VAN GI'S ((DINH VAN GI)) PLATOON SHOT DOWN." THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS HAND-LETTERED IN BLACK INK ON THE CANVAS PORTION OF THE ITEM:

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((FIELD COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ITEM OR THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ARTIFACT.))

- (33) A PAIR OF SIZE 9 1/2 J.S. MILITARY JUNGLE BOOTS. THE CAPTION ON THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG READS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "THE SHOES OF AN AMERICAN PILOT SHOT DOWN BY THE REGIMENT." A MANUFACTURER'S STAMP IN THE BOOTS INDICATED THEY WERE MANUFACTURED IN MARCH 1967. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE BOOTS SHOWED NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BOOTS OR THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG THAT COULD HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOOTS.))

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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS
- (34) A FLASH SUPPRESSOR FOR THE MUZZLE OF AN AAA GUN. THE CAPTION ON THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG READS ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "MUZZLE FLASH SUPPRESSOR FOR THE 3192 ((BATTALION)) 57TH AAA REGT THAT DOWNED AN A7 (SIC) AIRCRAFT AT 94 00 ((LA 37-)) ON 29.10.72." ((FIELD COMMENT: 94 00 IS UNLOCATED. THE DATE AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT CORRESPOND TO CASE 1942. CASE 1942 IS A RESOLVED CASE.))

- (35) AN AMMUNITION CLIP WITH A DISPLAY TAG THAT READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A AMMUNITION CLIP WHICH THE 3192 ((BATTALION)) USED TO SHOOT DOWN AN F4 WHICH CRASHED AND WAS TORN TO PIECES AT 94 00 ON ((16))10.72." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DAY CITED IN THE INCIDENT DATE WAS FROD AND NOT CLEARLY LEGIBLE, BUT APPEARED TO BE THE NUMBER 13. 94 00 IS UNLOCATED. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AMMUNITION CLIP.))

- (36) A U.S.-ISSUED MAP, ENCASED IN PLASTIC, COVERING THE AREA BETWEEN 14 AND 19 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND 104.35 AND 107.15 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE. A TYPEWRITTEN LIST OF POINTS NUMBERED 1-85 WITH ASSOCIATED COORDINATES WAS GLUED TO ONE SIDE OF THE MAP. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE MAP APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN

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DESIGNED FOR USE IN AIR OPERATIONS. THERE WAS NO DISPLAY TAG OR OTHER INFORMATION DESCRIBING THE ORIGIN OF THE MAP. AN EXAMINATION OF THE MAP FAILED TO YIELD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAP.))

- (37) A U.S. M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, SERIAL NUMBER 177124. THE NAME PAUL WAS CARVED INTO THE STOCK. THE CAPTION ON THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG INDICATED THIS ITEM WAS CAPTURED DURING FIGHTING WITH INFANTRY TROOPS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE 280TH ADR SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THIS M-79 WAS CAPTURED FROM REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES DURING OR AFTER THE 1972 SPRING OFFENSIVE IN WHICH PAVN FORCES CROSSSED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE TO OCCUPY NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, IN SOUTHERN

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VIETNAM. FIELD ANALYSTS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THE CAPTION OF THE DISPLAY TAG THAT MIGHT HELP CONFIRM THE ORIGINS OF THIS ARTIFACT.)

- (38) A FUEL GAUGE. THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS ITEM READ ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "A CLOCK FROM AN A4C AIRCRAFT, WHICH GUNCREW 2, C14 ((COMPANY)), 0105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN ON 06.4.72 ((SIC--4 APRIL 1972))." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE FUEL GAUGE DID NOT HAVE A SERIAL NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. FIELD ANALYSTS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FUEL GAUGE.))

- (39) A U.S. MILITARY EMERGENCY RADIO. THE DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM ((IN VIETNAMESE)) AS: "A CASE FOR A RADIO ON AN F4M (SIC) AIRCRAFT, WHICH C1 ((COMPANY)), 0216 ((BATTALION)) DOWNED ON 31.3.72." THE DATA PLATE FOR THE RADIO CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 4M((MISSING DATA))
 - PART NO.: 7(5)6932-801
 - MFR SERIAL NO.: 37695
 - SERIAL NO.: 1432
 ((FIELD COMMENT: THE DATA PLATE WAS HEAVILY CORRODED

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 MAKING SOME DATA UNREADABLE. FIELD ANALYSTS WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON 31 MARCH 1972, NOR ANY F4 AIRCRAFT DOWN WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS OF THAT DATE. FIELD ANALYSTS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT THIS RADIO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH.))
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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS
 - (40) A RED AND WHITE FLIGHT HELMET. THE RANK AND NAME NAME = * HAS SPELLED OUT WITH REFLECTIVE TAPE ON THE BACK OF THE HELMET. A STYLIZED SILHOUETTE OF WHAT APPEARED TO BE A FIGHTING ROOSTER HAD BEEN PLACED ON EACH SIDE OF THE HELMET. THE CAPTION ON THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THE HELMET AS "A PIRATE PILOT'S HELMET BELONGING TO THE PILOT OF AN F4 THAT 0105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN AT CA LU ON 13.4.72 ((SIC--13 APRIL 1972))." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE INFORMATION IN THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DOES NOT ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE ORIGIN OF THIS HELMET. THE HELMET BELONGED TO USN NAME , CASE 0076. HE IS A RETURNED POW. HIS A4C WENT DOWN ON 20 APRIL 1965, IN THE VICINITY OF NGHIA DAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. CA LU, THE LOCATION CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG IN THE 280TH ADR TRADITION HOUSE, IS LOCATED IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM, VICINITY OF 1641N/10652E, X09945. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY AN INCIDENT THAT COINCIDES PRECISELY WITH THE DATE, LOCATION, AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG. FIELD ANALYSIS NOTED THAT CASE 2044 INVOLVED AN F4 THAT WENT DOWN ONE DAY LATER, ON 14 APRIL 1972, ABOUT 15-20 KM NORTHEAST OF THE LOCATION CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG. SEE ALSO ITEM 41, BELOW.))

- (41) THE METAL BLADE OF AN ENTRENCHING SHOVEL. THE CAPTION IN THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY DESCRIBED THIS ITEM AS "A SHOVEL BELONGING TO THE AMERICAN PILOT OF AN AIRCRAFT THAT 0103 ((BATTALION)) DOWNED AT MAI LOI ((SIC--MAI LOI)) ON 14.4.72." ((FIELD COMMENT: THE SPELLING CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THE INCIDENT LOCATION IS UNLOCATED. THE INCIDENT LOCATION COULD BE A MISPELLING FOR MAI LOC ((MAI LOOCJ)), IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM. MEMBERS OF THE 280TH ADR AND VARIOUS DISPLAYS IN THE 280TH ADR'S TRADITION HOUSE INDICATE THE 280TH ADR WAS OPERATING IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE DURING 1972. ANALYSTS SHOULD CONSIDER THE

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 POSSIBILITY THAT THE INFORMATION IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS SHOVEL IS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2044. CASE 2044 INVOLVED AN F4 AIRCRAFT THAT WENT DOWN ON THE DATE

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CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG AND AT A LOCATION ABOUT 9-10 KM NORTH OF MAI LOC ((MAI LOOCJ)), QUANG TRI PROVINCE. LOCAL RESIDENTS REFER TO MAI LOC AN VUNG CUA ((THE CUA AREA)). ONE OF THE CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED IN CASE 2044 IS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR; THE REMAINS OF THE OTHER CREWMEMBER WERE RETURNED TO THE U.S. IN 1985. THOSE REMAINS WERE RETURNED WITH A CAPTION INDICATING THIS PERSON HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN CUA VIET, WHICH IS LOCATED IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, VIC 1659N/10711E/ Y03269. THE SHOVEL BLADE WAS RUSTED, BUT IN GOOD CONDITION. THERE WERE NO OBVIOUS SIGNS OF HIGH IMPACT OR FIRE DAMAGE. SEE ALSO ITEM 40, ABOVE.))

(42) A DATA PLATE FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT. THIS EXHIBIT DID NOT HAVE A DISPLAY TAG. THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- MFR BY SARGENT-FLETCHER CO.
- ELMONTE, CALIF
- TANK AND INTEGRAL PYLON, FUEL, AIRCRAFT, EXTERNAL, JETTISONABLE
- CLASS: I CAPACITY: 370 GAL.
- WEIGHT EMPTY: 289 LBS
- MFR PART NO: 26-370-4843
- GOVERNMENT ORDER NO.: BJA 4F 04 (607)

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SERIAL NUMBER: 6091
 ((FIELD COMMENTS: FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INCIDENT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DATA PLATE.))

(43) A DATA PLATE FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT. THE CAPTION IN THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS AS "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F8U-2N AIRCRAFT THAT D105 ((BATTALION)) SHOT DOWN DURING THE ROUTE 9-SOUTHERN LAOS CAMPAIGN IN THE NEWLY LIBERATED REAR AREA." THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS
 PART NO.: C-((?)) 420185-6
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 SERIAL NO.: A53-82
 MODIFICATIONS INCORPORATED:
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((FIELD COMMENT: THE F8U-2V IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE F8D. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY INCIDENT THAT CORRESPONDS TO THE TYPE AIRCRAFT AND GENERAL LOCATION AND DATES CITED OR IMPLIED IN THIS DATA PLATE AND ASSOCIATED DISPLAY TAG. THE CAPTION IN THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DID NOT CITE A SPECIFIC LOCATION AND DATE; HOWEVER, PAVN USES THE TERM "ROUTE 9-SOUTHERN LAOS CAMPAIGN" CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG TO REFER TO ITS COUNTER-OFFENSIVE TO THE US/GVN INCURSION INTO LAOS (US/GVN OPERATION RAM SON 719), ALONG ROUTE 9, BETWEEN THE VIETNAM-LAOS BORDER AND XEPONE, LAOS, IN EARLY 1971. THE PAVN HIGH COMMAND ANTICIPATED THE US/GVN OPERATION AND BEGAN DEPLOYING ITS FORCES FOR THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IN LATE 1970. B70 FRONT, WHICH WAS THE HEADQUARTERS FOR PAVN FORCES, WAS IN PLACE IN LAOS, NEAR THE WEST END OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, AT LEAST AS EARLY AS OCTOBER 1970 AND REMAINED IN PLACE THROUGH ABOUT MID-1971.))

(44) A DISPLAY TAG CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING CAPTION ((IN VIETNAMESE)): "PILOT'S IDENTIFICATION CARD BELONGING TO PIRATE PILOT NAME"
 ((FIELD COMMENT: THE INFORMATION IN THE DISPLAY TAG IS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1253, WHICH IS A RESOLVED CASE. NAME REMAINS WERE RETURNED IN 1985. THE OTHER CREWMEMBER IS A RETURNED POW. NAME IDENTIFICATION CARD WAS NOT ON DISPLAY AT THE 280TH ADR'S TRADITION-HOUSE. THE MEMBERS OF THE 280TH ADR STAFF WHO ASSISTED WITH THE RESEARCH ON 29 JULY AND 14 AUGUST 1991, SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CARD.))

(45) A DATA PLATE FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT. THE CAPTION ON THE 280TH ADR'S DISPLAY TAG DESCRIBED THIS ITEM AS "A DATA PLATE FROM AN A4E AIRCRAFT THAT D102 ((BATTALION)) DOWNED AT BEN THAN ((BEENS THAN)) (QUANG

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TRI), IN APRIL 1972. THE DATA PLATE CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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 - AIRCRAFT MOD.: A4E
 - PART NO.: 5672169-3
 - CONT. NO.: NOM (A) 640945-F
 - SERIAL NO.: ALO-830
 ((FIELD COMMENTS: BEN THAN IS LOCATED VICINITY 1658N/10658E, Y01077. FIELD ANALYSIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANY INCIDENT THE CORRESPONDED TO THE TYPE AIRCRAFT, LOCATION, AND DATE CITED IN THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THIS DATA PLATE.))

- (46) A GROUP OF FOUR U.S. MANUFACTURED SIGNAL FLARES, APPARENTLY FROM AN AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL KIT. ((FIELD COMMENTS: INSECTS HAVE EATEN MUCH OF THE DISPLAY TAG ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLARES. THE ONLY DETAILS THAT COULD BE GLEANED FROM THE DISPLAY TAG INDICATED THAT THE FLARES CAME FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT THAT WAS TORN APART AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION AND DATE.

11. APPENDIX D. (REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE)

ON 29 JULY AND 14 AUGUST 1991, THE DIA RESEARCH SPECIALIST ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POM/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI AND TWO SPECIALISTS FROM THE VIETNAM OFFICE FOR SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS EXAMINED ALL WARTIME ARTIFACTS AND MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY IN THE TRADITION HOUSE ((REGIMENTAL MUSEUM)) OF THE PAVN 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT, LOCATED IN GIA LAM DISTRICT OF HANOI, SRV. THE FOLLOWING ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF SEVERAL ITEMS THAT REQUIRE FURTHER RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF AIRCRAFT COMPONENT NUMBERS AND SERIAL NUMBERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE RELATED TO AN INCIDENT THAT

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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REPORT: PAVN 280TH AIR DEF REGT RECORDS INVOLVED A U.S. POW OR MIA. REQUEST THAT HEADQUARTERS JCRC ACCOMPLISH THE APPROPRIATE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS FOR EACH ITEM AND PASS THE RESULTS TO THE U.S. OFFICE IN HANOI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE INCORPORATED, AS APPROPRIATE, INTO THE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT ITERATION OF JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. FIELD COMMENTS ACCOMPANYING EACH DESCRIPTION ARE INTENDED AS INFORMAL OBSERVATIONS THAT ANALYSTS MIGHT FIND USEFUL WHEN ASSESSING THE REPORTED DATA, NOT FINAL ANALYTIC JUDGEMENTS.

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- (1) A U.S. MACHINE GUN, APPARENTLY .50 CALIBER, SERIAL NUMBER 173833, MANUFACTURED BY FIA ((POSSIBLY RHODE ISLAND ARSENALE)). THE CAPTION ON THE DISPLAY TAG THE 280TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT'S TRADITION HOUSE INDICATED THE MACHINE GUN WAS TAKEN FROM THE WRECKAGE OF A HELICOPTER THE C11 COMPANY SHOT DOWN AT VINH CITY ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1965. THE DATE AND LOCATION CITED IN THE VIETNAMESE RECORD COULD BE INACCURATE.

- (2) A DATA PLATE FOR AN AIRCRAFT COMPONENT THAT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- AIRCRAFT MOD.: F105
 - PART NO.: 57A 27 1003-5-2
 - CONT. NO.: AF 33-000-50752
 - SERIAL NO.: DIR SP#3 SRN#94104L

THE DISPLAY TAG FOR THE ABOVE DATA PLATE READ: "A DATA PLATE FROM AN F105 AIRCRAFT, TAIL NUMBER 1609, WHICH THE REGIMENT SHOT DOWN ON 8 JUNE 1966 AT HUONG KHE ((HUONG KHE))." THIS DISPLAY TAG APPEARS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A DIFFERENT DATA PLATE THAT CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- AIRCRAFT MOD.: F105
 - PART NO.: 79F 75021 1
 - CONTRACT NO.: AF 36-600-20786
 - SERIAL NO.: 1549

THE NUMBER "1549" APPEARS TO BE THE SERIAL NUMBER OF PART NO. 79F 75021 1--NOT AN AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER. FIELD ANALYSIS WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE TWO DATA PLATES ARE RELATED TO THE SAME OR DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT. HUONG KHE DISTRICT TOWN IS LOCATED VIC

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