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Subject: Re: Phou Pha Thi

Hello Mike,

I enjoyed the article about the battle for Phou Pha Thi. The runway below that place was Lima Site 85 and I had the privilege of a one night layover there. (page 41 of my book).

I did not know the pilot or FM, (I had left A/A by then and never flew the Huey), but have heard about the whole episode many times. A man named Tim Castle wrote a book about it. I talked to Castle several times during his research, but never met him. Castle was not Air America, but I believe active duty, enlisted FM or gunner on an Air Force helicopter, based at NKP. He has recently been involved with MIA matters and even went back to Laos trying to find information on someone.

While I do not know Ted Moore, I believe he is a stock broker in Reno. I was given that info during research of my book but I never followed up on it as it didn't happen while I was there.

Let me give you another contact that I believe will help you. Frank Stergar was a helicopter pilot who spent over 10 years with Air America. You will find a picture of him on page 192 of my book and a write-up on page 194. Frank must be in his mid 70's and has "slowed down" by being very active in soaring or gliding. Frank is always going out to Nevada for this sport and occasionally goes to the European Alps for it. He is also a real gentleman and a pleasure to be around. I believe Frank gave me the information Ted Moore, but I'm not sure. He happens to be in Japan as we speak, but should return next week.

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I know of Ken Conroy but I have not met him or talked to him.

One question you asked on a earlier e-mail, was did I go to Lafayette, LA. Yes, and my wife and I had a blast. Old friends, cold beer, cajun food, and a lot of BS spread around. We always have fun. Next year is in Wilkes-Burrie, PA., and following year in Las Vegas. I am sure you could be invited if you wanted to go. Let me know as the time gets closer if you are interested. Reunions are May-June time frame.

That's all for now.

Charlie Davis

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