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DEAR MIKE,

THE WRITE-UP IN THE VHPA DIRECTORY, RE MICHAEL C. HOPE, THOUGH PARTIALLY DERIVED FROM MY INPUT, HAS BOTHERED ME SINCE I FIRST SAW IT IN PRINT. I DON'T KNOW WHO THE "GOING AFTER HO" STORY ORIGINATED WITH, OR EVEN WHO TOLD ME. IT WAS A GREAT STORY SITTING AT A BAR IN THE EARLY 70'S HOWEVER TODAY IT JUST DIDN'T SIT RIGHT.

ANYHOW, STARTING WITH A 1967 ADDRESS, I FOUND HIS AUNT (HIS MOTHER IS DECEASED) IN OKLAHOMA, AND HIS SON IN MISSOURI! I HAVE ACQUIRED NEWSPAPER ARTICLES FROM HIS HOME TOWN AND PHOTOS TAKEN BEFORE HIS DEATH. (I BELIEVE I HAVE IDENTIFIED ONE MAN FROM THE PHOTOS, BUT ATTEMPTS TO CONVERSE WITH HIM IS LIKE TRYING TO TALK WITH SOME LOONEY TUNES CHARACTER.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO WASH, UNDER FREEDOM OF INFO TO ACQUIRE WHATEVER OTHER DATA POSSIBLE CONCERNING HIS DEATH.

THE PAPER HAS NUMEROUS TYPO'S, SUCH AS CONTRADICTIONS RE SPELLING OF NAME, MIDDLE NAME, ETC. SO FOR DIRECTORY INPUT.

CPT HOPE, MICHAEL CLINT KIA 06/07/70
9W-24 AR UNIT UNK CLASS 68415 HOW DIED: SHOT
DOWN WHILE MAKING A GUN RUN ON AN ENEMY
FORTIFIED POSITION THAT WAS FIRING ON A TRUCK
CONVOY. CPT HOPE WAS FLYING IN SUPPORT OF THE
18TH ARVN DIVISION NE OF SAIGON.

* PLEASE NOTE THAT I'VE MADE A COMPOSITE OF THE
TWO ARTICLES RE "WHAT" HE WAS ATTACKING. FEEL
FREE TO REWRITE AS REQUIRED.

QUESTION: WHY ARE THERE NO WALL COORDINATES FOR
TERRY CLARK? WHY ARE NO LIVING AIR AMERICA
PILOTS LISTED? IS THERE A CONTACT WITH CIA/AIR AMERICA
CONNECTIONS WHO CAN VERIFY WHICH TERRY CLARK
THIS IS? MY OCS CLASS LOST A TERRY CLARK, HE WAS

LAST KNOWN FLYING IN GERMANY (1970) AND IS
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN FLT CLASS 68-4. THE ONE
WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS SIG CORP WITH SN SOMEWHERE
IN THE ⁰⁵³³⁵⁹⁰⁰~~0533400~~ - 05335930 RANGE! ANY SUGGESTIONS
ON WHO TO CONTACT. I'VE WRITTEN CIA AND OASD.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS

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