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Dear Captain Castle;

The reason I send you this document is because I think some of the calls for SAR to downed pilots of all groups used to come from this Flight Information Center. I can get you in touch with Bill Solin if you request.

I personally was pleased with the intelligence that came from FIC and I never was aware of the inner problems or I have forgotten.

The T-28 group they refer to at Wattay I think was the LAO AF & not the T28 Alert Force at Udorn manned by AA pilots because I recall certainly that the AA pilots operated from Udorn in that program and there was the Lao AF flying T-28 planes from Wattay.

Navy Lt Klausman was flown out by H-34 initially and then from a STOL strip by Loyd Zimmerman in a Porter to Udorn. I think I can locate both for you. Klausman was shot down over the Ban Ban Valley NE of the PDJ during a recon flight and I think the plane was a Chance Vaught Crusader. Captain Tom Moher attempted to pick up Klausman with an H-34 from Air America but got sucked into a pad by the Pathet Lao by using a false panel. Klausman was a couple hundred yards away trying to wave Tom off but Tom did not see him and was the recipient of 83 bullet holes in his bird but he managed to fly away safely. The story goes that Klausman was the first American military man to ever escape Communist captivity but you had best not take my word for that. Tom Moher was killed in 1975 in a Honolulu Police Dept helicopter crash. He struck some high tension wires while flying a mission in Hawaii. I had seen Tom shortly before that in his home outside Honolulu.

Tomorrow I will send you a great deal of general information that really has nothing to do with SAR but it might help you with some dates or give you ideas for leads but I'm sure you will find some of it very entertaining.. When I return from a three day trip to Connecticut I will start with my SAR missions for you.

Regards,

Jim MacFarlane

Bill Solin will be able to tell you if FIC was linked to mil intell.