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MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA/J252//  
SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "SITUATION OF  
AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES IN THANH HOA TERRITORY"//  
REF/A/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/170802ZSEP92//  
REF/B/RMG/CJTFFA DET ONE/230214ZNOV93//  
REF/C/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/171812ZFEB94//  
REF/D/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/220633ZNOV94//  
REF/E/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/211812ZNOV95//  
REF/F/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/300902ZAPR96//  
NARR/REF A IS THE JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF A VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED  
"STATISTICS OF AMERICAN INVADER AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE ARMY AND  
PEOPLE OF THANH HOA FROM 5 AUG 64 TO 31 OCT 65." REF B IS THE  
DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (DRI) OF CASE 1940 FROM THE 26TH  
JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA). REF C IS THE JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF A  
VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED "COMBAT HISTORY OF THE THANH HOA ARMED  
FORCES." REF D IS THE DRI OF CASE 0272 FROM THE 32ND JFA. REF E  
IS THE DRI OF CASE 0578 FROM THE 38TH JFA. REF F IS THE JTF-FA  
ANALYSIS OF A VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF AMERICANS MISSING  
DURING THE WAR IN THANH HOA."//  
RMKS/1. ON 15 MAY 1995, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER THREE

0350  
ALBERTON, B.J.  
CASE, T.F.  
EDMONDSON, W.R.  
HARWORTH, E.E.  
1940  
HALL, J.W.  
0083  
KARDELL, D.A.  
1915  
CORDOVA, S.G.  
0093  
ANSPACHER, W.H.  
MCMICAN, M.D.  
PLANTS, T.L.  
ROMANO, G.M.  
0667  
GRAHAM, J.S.  
0457  
COAKLEY, W.F.  
0255  
RUFFIN, J.T.  
SPENCER, L.H.

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1789  
KOONS, D.F.  
STOLTZ, L.G.  
0375  
SMITH, G.A.  
0575  
YARBROUGH, W.P.

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SETS OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO U.S. LOSSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ONE SET OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED A REPORT TITLED: "REPORT ON RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S (MOI) SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP." THIS REPORT INCLUDED TEN DOCUMENTS. THE SECOND SET OF DOCUMENTS WAS A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) MIA SPECIALIST TEAM TITLED: "REPORT OF RESULTS OF UNILATERAL OPERATIONS TO COLLECT MIA INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS." THIS REPORT INCLUDED THREE DOCUMENTS. THE THIRD SET OF DOCUMENTS WAS A VIETNAM OFFICE OF SEEKING PERSON (VNOSMP) ASSESSMENT OF THE 84 SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) CASES.

2. THE MOI REPORT, "REPORT ON RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE MOI'S SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP" DETAILS A 4-12 MAY 95 EFFORT BY THE MOI TO SEARCH FOR POW/MIA INFORMATION IN VINH PHU, TUYEN QUANG, YEN BAI, HOA BINH, NINH BINH AND THANH HOA PROVINCES. THE REPORT BRIEFLY DESCRIBES DOCUMENTS AND SKETCH MAPS RECOVERED AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES BY THE SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS WAS TITLED, "SITUATION OF AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES IN THANH HOA TERRITORY."

3. THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES LIMITED CASUALTY-RELATED INFORMATION. JTF-FA ANALYSTS HAVE IDENTIFIED LINE ENTRIES POSSIBLY CORRELATING WITH UNRESOLVED CASES [REDACTED] 0350, AND 1940-0-01; AND RESOLVED CASES: 0093, 0667, 0457, 0255, 1789, 0375-0-01, 0575-1-01, 0083-0-01 AND 1915-1-01. (b) (3)

4. THE DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF 19 LINE ITEMS IN TABULAR FORM, WITH THREE DATA COLUMNS ON EACH LINE. THE TRANSLATION BELOW LISTS HEADING INFORMATION FOR THE DOCUMENT FOLLOWED BY EACH LINE ENTRY. THE THREE DATA COLUMNS ARE SET APART BY SEMICOLONS (;). DIRECT TRANSLATIONS FROM THE DOCUMENT ARE ENCLOSED IN QUOTATIONS. EACH LINE ENTRY IS FOLLOWED BY JTF-FA ANALYTICAL COMMENTS ENCLOSED IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES (( )).

A. THE DOCUMENT HEADING INFORMATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

- "SITUATION OF AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES

- IN THANH HOA TERRITORY

- (ACCORDING TO THANH HOA PROVINCE UNIT RESEARCH DOCUMENT DATED 19-4-1973)

- THE NUMBER OF DEAD BANDIT PILOTS FROM 1964-1968 AND 1971-1972 TOTALS 36 GUYS. ((WE)) ONLY KNOW THE FIRST AND LAST NAMES FOR 9 PILOTS, ((AND)) THE AGE AND IDENTIFICATION FOR 10 PILOTS. THE REMAINDER HAVE DIED ((AND THEIR)) BODIES DISINTEGRATED OR BURNED, ((SO)) THERE ARE NO PAPERS OR TRACE ((OF THEM)).

- ((REGARDING)) THE SITUATION ON GRAVES OF PILOTS BURIED IN THE LOCAL AREA ((THAT WE)) WANT TO FIND, THERE WERE NO COFFINS, ONLY DIRT SPREAD CURSORILY OVER ((THE BODIES)) AND NO MARKINGS, THEREFORE NOW THERE ARE ONLY 19 GUYS WHO STILL HAVE GRAVES. ((WE)) DID NOT FIND GRAVES FOR THE REMAINING 17 GUYS.

- ACCORDING TO LOCAL RECORDS THERE ARE GRAVES FOR AMERICAN BANDIT PILOTS AS FOLLOWS:"

((END TRANSLATION))

B. THE DOCUMENT LINE ENTRIES READ AS FOLLOWS:

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "1); QUANG VINH (QUANG XUONG); 4 GUYS; GRAVES OF 2 GUYS STILL EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0093, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 0093 WAS THE ONLY CASE IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE TO INVOLVE THE LOSS OF FOUR U. S. SERVICE MEMBERS. THE BURIAL SITE COORDINATES ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0093 ARE LOCATED IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE. IN ADDITION, ENTRY 8 OF REF B NAMES THE FOUR PERSONS BURIED IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE. THE FOUR NAMES CORRELATE WITH THE FOUR PERSONS LOST IN THE REFNO 0093 INCIDENT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "2); QUANG YEN (QUANG XUONG); 1 GUY; GRAVE NO LONGER EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE [REDACTED] AN UNRESOLVED CASE, BASED ON LOSS LOCATION INFORMATION IN JTF-FA FILES, INCLUDING U.S. AND SRV DOCUMENTATION, AND THE RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION AND EXCAVATION, INDICATES THAT CASE [REDACTED] WAS THE ONLY CASE TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN QUANG YEN VILLAGE. THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BURIAL SITE NOTED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION.))

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- ((LINE ENTRY)) "3); QUANG CHAU (QUANG XUONG); GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS ENTRY PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0667, BASED ON LOCATION AND PRESENCE OF A GRAVE. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON THIS VILLAGE (WG 9285) SHOWS 19 AIRCRAFT LOSSES. OF THESE 19, 12 WERE EITHER OPERATIONAL LOSSES OR RETURNEES. OF THE REMAINING SEVEN, ONLY TWO ARE CLOSE TO QUANG CHAU VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO SEALOSS. BOTH OF THESE, CASES 0092 AND 0667, WERE RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SO THE ACTUAL BURIAL LOCATIONS WERE NEVER CONFIRMED. REF C SHOWS THAT THE 0092 AIRCRAFT CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF QUANG NHAM VILLAGE. THIS LOCATION IS ABOUT 20 KM SOUTH OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. REF B PLACES THE CRASH SITE OF THE ENTRY CORRELATED WITH 0667 BETWEEN QUANG VINH AND QUANG HUNG VILLAGES, ABOUT 4 KM SOUTH OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. //

/\*\*\*\*\* BEGINNING OF SECTION 002 \*\*\*\*\*/

SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "SITUATION OF RMKS/

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN THE CASE 0667 FILE, THE INDIVIDUAL LOST IN THIS INCIDENT EJECTED SAFELY FROM HIS AIRCRAFT, AND DISAPPEARED INTO A TREE LINE AT THE EDGE OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. HE WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN. THE NOTATION IN A DOCUMENT THAT A GRAVE SITE STILL EXISTS IS ALMOST ALWAYS AN INDICATION THAT THE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH A RESOLVED CASE. LTJG GRAHAM WAS EITHER KILLED BY LOCAL FORCES DURING OR AFTER CAPTURE, OR DIED AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUFFERED PRIOR TO OR UPON LANDING. HE WAS PROBABLY BURIED IN QUANG CHAU VILLAGE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "4); QUANG CHINH (QUANG XUONG); GRAVE LOST." ((THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0457, BASED ON LOCATION OF LOSS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, U.S. RECORDS PLACE CASE 0457 CLOSEST TO QUANG CHINH VILLAGE. THIS CASE WAS RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SO THE DATA IN U.S. FILES OF THIS CASE HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE FIELD. NEVERTHE-

LESS, DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF ANOTHER CASE IN THE AREA, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED A WITNESS IN QUANG CHINH VILLAGE WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES WITH CASE 0457, TO INCLUDE BURIAL AND SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY OF REMAINS IN THE VILLAGE (REF E). THERE ARE NO OTHER CASES IN QUANG CHINH VILLAGE. NOTE: SUBJECT DOCUMENT INDICATES THAT THE GRAVE IN QUANG CHINH WAS LOST. NEVERTHELESS, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE REMAINS OF CASE 0457 IN 1983. THIS INFORMATION SUGGESTS THAT THE SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY OF REMAINS TOOK PLACE AFTER SUBJECT DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED. THE WITNESS FROM QUANG CHINH VILLAGE DID NOT INDICATE WHEN HE GUIDED THE OFFICIAL RECOVERY PARTY TO THE BURIAL SITE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "5); QUANG HAI (QUANG XUONG); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0255. ONE OF THE TWO CREWMEN IN THIS CASE IS A RETURNEE. THE OTHER WAS RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS IN DEC 88, BEFORE A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE TOOK PLACE. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ACTUAL LOSS LOCATION HAS NEVER BEEN DETERMINED. THE RECORD LOSS LOCATION IS IN QUANG NHAM VILLAGE, 7 KM SOUTH OF QUANG HAI VILLAGE. HOWEVER, AN INTERVIEW REPORT IN THE CASE 0255 FILE PROVIDES INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES VERY CLOSELY WITH THE TESTIMONY OF THE RETURNEE IN THIS INCIDENT. THE INTERVIEWEE STATED THAT THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN QUANG HAI VILLAGE. IN ADDITION, REF C CONTAINS AN ENTRY WHICH CORRELATES WITH CASE 0255 WHICH PLACES THE CRASH SITE OFF THE COAST OF QUANG HAI VILLAGE. THERE WERE NO OTHER INCIDENTS IN THIS AREA ON 18 FEB 66. INFORMATION ACCOMPANYING THE REPATRIATED REMAINS INDICATES THAT THEY WERE RECOVERED IN TINH GIA DISTRICT. NO OTHER DETAILS ARE PROVIDED. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT SUPPORT THE CORRELATION PROPOSED ABOVE, IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT BY ITSELF TO OVERRULE IT. ))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "6); QUANG DINH (QUANG XUONG); 2 GUYS; GRAVES EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 1789, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 1789 WAS THE ONLY CASE TO INVOLVE THE LOSS OF TWO U. S. SERVICE MEMBERS WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF QUANG DINH VILLAGE. IN ADDITION, A WARTIME NEWS REPORT CORRELATED WITH THIS CASE PLACES THE INCIDENT LOCATION IN QUANG DINH VILLAGE. THE REMAINS OF BOTH SERVICEMEN WERE REPATRIATED IN APR 88, BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE LOSS LOCATION OF THIS INCIDENT HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED. INFORMATION ACCOMPANYING THE REPATRIATED REMAINS INDICATES THAT THEY WERE RECOVERED IN HOANG HOA DISTRICT, THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF WHICH LIES 4 KM NORTH OF QUANG DINH VILLAGE. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT SUPPORT THE CORRELATION ESTABLISHED ABOVE, IT IS INSUFFICIENT TO OVERRULE IT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "7); HAI LINH (TINH GIA); 1 GUY; GRAVE LOST." ((THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN JTF-FA FILES TO PERMIT CORRELATION OF THIS ENTRY. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON HAI LINH VILLAGE (WG 8455) SHOWS 13 AIRCRAFT LOSSES, NONE OF THEM IN HAI LINH VILLAGE ITSELF. OF THESE 13 INCIDENTS, 7 INVOLVE OPERATIONAL LOSSES OR RETURNEES. OF THE REMAINING SIX, TWO ARE OVERWATER LOSSES NEAR HON ME ISLAND, 15 KM SE OF HAI LINH VILLAGE. TWO OTHERS, BOTH RESOLVED CASES, CORRELATE MORE CLOSELY WITH OTHER ENTRIES IN THIS

DOCUMENT. OF THE TWO REMAINING INCIDENTS, FIELD INVESTIGATION SHOWS THAT UNRESOLVED CASE 0578 PROBABLY TOOK PLACE IN HAI CHAU VILLAGE, 10 KM DUE NORTH OF HAI LINH VILLAGE (REF E). THE LAST INCIDENT IS RESOLVED CASE 0255, RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS IN 1983. INFORMATION IN THE CASE FILE AND IN SRV DOCUMENTS, INDICATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL KILLED IN THIS INCIDENT DIED IN QUANG HAI VILLAGE, QUANG XUONG DISTRICT, 20 KM DUE NORTH OF HAI LINH VILLAGE. THE NOTATION THAT THE GRAVE HAS BEEN LOST IS A STRONG INDICATION THAT NO REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED. RECOMMEND INVESTIGATION OF THIS INFORMATION IN HAI LINH VILLAGE. NO JOINT TEAM HAS YET VISITED HAI LINH VILLAGE, AS NO INCIDENT IN JTF-FA FILES IS KNOWN TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE THERE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "8); HAI HOA (TINH GIA); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0375-0-01, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 0375-0-01 WAS THE ONLY CASE TO INVOLVE THE LOSS OF A U. S. SERVICE MEMBER WITHIN 12 KM OF HAI HOA VILLAGE. THIS CASE WAS RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS ON 15 DEC 88, BEFORE THE CASE UNDERWENT JOINT INVESTIGATION, CONSEQUENTLY, THE LOSS LOCATION WAS NEVER CONFIRMED. THE REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE WERE REPATRIATED AS UNIDENTIFIED, RECOVERED IN TINH GIA DISTRICT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "9); HAI THANH (TINH GIA); 1 GUY; GRAVE LOST." -- ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE [REDACTED] WHICH INVOLVES ONE RESOLVED AND ONE UNRESOLVED INDIVIDUAL. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. FIELD INVESTIGATION IN HAI THANH VILLAGE OBTAINED INFORMATION CONSISTENT WITH CASE [REDACTED] INCLUDING DISCOVERY OF ONE CAUCASIAN BODY ON THE BEACH OF THE VILLAGE, BURIAL OF THE BODY, AND THE SUBSEQUENT DESTRUCTION OF THE GRAVE SITE BY A STORM (REF D). IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHICH OF THE TWO CREWMEN THIS INFORMATION PERTAINS. ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS IN DEC 88, BEFORE THE CASE UNDER-  
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WENT JOINT INVESTIGATION. INFORMATION ACCOMPANYING THE REMAINS INDICATED ONLY THAT THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED IN TINH GIA DISTRICT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "10); HAI THUONG (TINH GIA); 1 GUY; GRAVE LOST." ((THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TOO LIMITED TO CORRELATE WITH A SPECIFIC U. S. LOSS. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON HAI THUONG VILLAGE SHOWED REVEALED 10 INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE LOSS OF 15 U. S. SERVICE MEMBERS. SEVEN INCIDENTS AND TWELVE CREWMEN REMAIN UNRESOLVED. NONE OF THESE INCIDENT LOCATIONS LIES WITHIN HAI THUONG VILLAGE ITSELF.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "11); HOANG TRUONG (HOANG HOA); 1 GUY; GRAVE LOST." ((THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TOO LIMITED TO CORRELATE WITH A SPECIFIC U. S. LOSS. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON HOANG TRUONG VILLAGE (WG 9997) SHOWS 26 AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS, NONE OF WHICH TOOK PLACE WITHIN THE VILLAGE. NINE INCIDENTS INVOLVED THE DEATH OF CREW

MEMBERS.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "12; THO BINH (TRIEU SON); 7 GUYS; GRAVES EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0350, WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF EIGHT CREWMEN, FIVE OF WHOM REMAIN UNRESOLVED. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS, AND IS CONFIRMED BY FIELD INVESTIGATION AND SRV DOCUMENTS.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "13; TAN NINH (TRIEU SON); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE 1940, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS; AND PRESENCE OF A GRAVE. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON TAN NINH VILLAGE SHOWS THAT TWO INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE THERE, CASES 0095 AND 1940. THIS FINDING HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY FIELD INVESTIGATION (REF B). INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THESE INVESTIGATIONS INDICATES THAT THE BODY OF THE CASE 1940 PILOT WAS BURIED IN THE VILLAGE, WHILE THE SCATTERED, FRAGMENTED REMAINS IN CASE 0095 WERE NOT. THIS ENTRY, THEREFORE, CORRELATES WITH CASE 1940.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "14; HA TIEN (HA TRUNG); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXISTS." ((THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN JTF-FA FILES TO PERMIT CORRELATION OF THIS ENTRY. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON HA TIEN VILLAGE SHOWS 13 AIRCRAFT LOSSES, NONE OF THEM IN HA TIEN VILLAGE. EIGHT OF THESE INCIDENTS INVOLVE RETURNEES OR OPERATIONAL LOSSES. OF THE REMAINING FIVE, THE LOSS LOCATION HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY FIELD INVESTIGATION FOR TWO AND THE LOCATION FROM WHICH THE SRV REPATRIATED REMAINS HAS BEEN DETERMINED FOR THREE. NONE OF THESE LOCATIONS IS CONSISTENT WITH HA TIEN VILLAGE OR HA TRUNG DISTRICT. WHILE THE NOTATION "GRAVE EXTANT" STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THESE REMAINS HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED, THE THREE REMAINS REPATRIATED FROM THIS AREA CAME FROM BIM SON TOWN AND NGA SON DISTRICT, NOT HA TRUNG DISTRICT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "15; THONG NHAT STATE FARM; 3 GUYS; GRAVES LOST" ((THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN THIS ENTRY TO PERMIT CORRELATION WITH ANY INCIDENT IN JTF-FA FILES. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON THE THONG NHAT STATE FARM (WH 4721) SHOWS SIX LOSSES, NONE OF THEM WITHIN THE STATE FARM. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS IS UNRESOLVED, AND NONE INVOLVED MORE THAN TWO PERSONS.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "16; DONG LOC (HAU LOC); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0575-1-01, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. A GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON DONG LOC VILLAGE (WG 9008) SHOWS CASE 0575 WAS THE ONLY CASE INVOLVING THE LOSS OF A U. S. SERVICE MEMBER TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN DONG LOC VILLAGE. THE RESULTS OF THE GRID SEARCH ARE SUPPORTED BY WARTIME REPORTING IN THE CASE FILE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "17; THUONG NINH (NHU XUAN); 1 GUY; GRAVE EXTANT." (( THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0083-0-01, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 0083 WAS THE ONLY CASE INVOLVING THE LOSS OF A U. S. SERVICE MEMBER TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THUONG NINH VILLAGE. THE LOSS LOCATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY FIELD INVESTIGATION, AS THE CASE WAS RESOLVED THROUGH UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS BEFORE THE CASE COULD BE INVESTIGATED. INFORMATION ACCOMPANYING THE REMAINS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE RECOVERED IN NHU XUAN DISTRICT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "18; TAM CHUNG (QUAN HOA); 1 GUY; GRAVE

EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 1915, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 1915 WAS THE ONLY U. S. LOSS THAT OCCURRED WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF TAM CHUNG VILLAGE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "19 ME ISLAND; 6 GUYS; GRAVES LOST." ((THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN THIS ENTRY TO PERMIT CORRELATION WITH ANY INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS IN JTF-FA FILES. A 20-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON HON ME (WG 9842) SHOWS A TOTAL OF 20 AIRCRAFT LOSSES. ONE OF THESE, AN OPERATIONAL LOSS, OCCURRED ON THE ISLAND. THE WATERS AROUND THE ISLAND SHOW FIVE LOSSES INVOLVING EIGHT UNACCOUNTED-FOR CREWMEN, SOME OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN INTERRED ON HON ME. FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THESE CASES HAS BEEN LIMITED AND INCONCLUSIVE, AS HON ME IS IN A MILITARY RESTRICTED AREA.))

- TOTAL: 36 PILOTS (9 HAVE NAMES, 10 DO NOT HAVE NAMES, 17 HAVE NAMES AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE"

((END TRANSLATION))

5. COMMENTS: THE DOCUMENT IS HANDWRITTEN IN A SINGLE HAND. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED FROM A LARGER DOCUMENT, AS THE SUB-TITLE SUGGESTS. INFORMATION IN THE DOCUMENT, WHEN COMPARED WITH OTHER CONTEMPORARY SRV DOCUMENTS AND THE RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SUGGESTS IT WAS WRITTEN SOMETIME IN THE PERIOD 1972-75.

6. FOR HQ AFPC/DPWCM, CMC WASH DC/MHP-10 AND BUPERS/PERS 663P: FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A COPY OF THE VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTS AND TRANSLATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

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7. EVAL: BEM/JMC//

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