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TO RHWRMPC/HQ AFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TX//DPMCR//  
RUEACNP/BUPERS WASHINGTON DC//PERS-663P//  
INFO RHEHNSC/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASH DC  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//USDP:RSA//  
RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//CA/EAP/VLC/CCS/OCS//  
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J5//  
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RUHQHQ/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J30-M//  
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RUEAIIA/CIA WASHINGTON DC [REDACTED]  
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PART 1 OF 3, PART 2 IS CDR JTF-FA MSG 171822Z FEB 94, AND PART 3 IS  
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BODY

MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA//  
AMPN/SUBJ: ANALYSIS OF THE COMBAT HISTORY OF THE THANH HOA ARMED//  
FORCES RECEIVED AT THE JOINT DOCUMENTS CENTER IN HANOI 2 JULY  
1993//  
RMKS/1. ON 2 JULY 1993, JTF-FA ARCHIVAL RESEARCH TEAM ONE (ART 1)  
WORKING AT THE JOINT DOCUMENTS CENTER IN HANOI EXAMINED TEN  
ARCHIVAL VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTS. ONE DOCUMENT WAS A DUPLICATE OF  
ONE THE TEAM HAD PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED; THE OTHER NINE HAD NOT BEEN  
PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES TRANSLATION AND  
ANALYSIS OF ONE DOCUMENT, A 25-PAGE AIR DEFENSE RECORD TITLED  
"COMBAT HISTORY FROM 5 AUGUST 1964 TO 27 JANUARY 1973 FOR THE  
THANH HOA ARMED FORCES: 5 AUG 64 TO 30 NOV 68; DEC 68 TO FEB 72;  
APR 72 TO 27 JAN 73."  
2. THE DOCUMENT CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS. THE FIRST SECTION  
CONTAINS ANNUAL LISTS OF AIRCRAFT DOWNED IN THANH HOA PROVINCE--  
296 LINE ENTRIES CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 376 AIRCRAFT--FROM 05  
AUGUST 1964 THROUGH 15 JANUARY 1973. THE SECOND SECTION, TITLED  
"ROSTER OF AMERICAN AGGRESSOR PILOTS CAPTURED DURING THE TWO  
STAGES OF THE WAR" CONTAINS ANNUAL LISTS OF U.S. AVIATORS  
CAPTURED IN THANH HOA PROVINCE: 25 U.S. SERVICEMEN CAPTURED

BETWEEN 1965 AND 1967 AND SEVEN U.S. SERVICEMEN CAPTURED IN 1972. EACH ENTRY IN THE SECOND SECTION CONTAINS BRIEF BIOGRAPHIC DATA, THE AIRCRAFT TYPE, THE RESPONSIBLE UNIT, AND THE INCIDENT DATE AND LOCATION. BOTH SECTIONS ALSO PROVIDE A STATISTICAL TABULATION OF AIRCRAFT DOWNED IN THE PROVINCE OF THANH HOA.

3. THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES LIMITED CASUALTY RELATED INFORMATION. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES CORRELATIONS OF LINE ENTRIES TO THE FOLLOWING UNRESOLVED CASES: 0065, 0067, 0090, 0095, 0103, 0260, 0272, 0294, 0350, 0416, 0578, 0597, 0628 AND 1940. ANALYSIS INDICATES TENTATIVE CORRELATIONS OF LINE ENTRIES TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLVED CASES: 0034, 0066, 0068, 0089, 0092, 0093, 0111, 0119, 0128, 0140, 0145, 0146, 0197, 0255, 0266, 0283, 0375, 0481, 0499, 0559, 0560, 0575, 0597, 0667, 0682, 0688, 0724, 0741, 0985, 1789, 1838, 1844, 1851, 1902, 1915 AND 1916. THE TRANSLATION BELOW LISTS EACH ENTRY OF THE DOCUMENT, FOLLOWED BY JTF-FA ANALYTICAL COMMENTS.

4. THE FIRST SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF 296 LINE ITEMS IN TABULAR FORM. THE NUMBER OF SHOOT-DOWNS LISTED EXCEEDS THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF U.S. AIR LOSSES OVER THANH HOA, SUGGESTING SOME OF THE LINE ENTRIES REFER TO AIRCRAFT ENGAGED BY AIR DEFENSE FORCES, BUT NOT ACTUALLY SHOT DOWN. THE NINE COLUMNS OF THE DOCUMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COLUMN 1: SEQUENCE NUMBER  
 COLUMN 2: TIME  
 COLUMN 3: DAY - MONTH  
 COLUMN 4: SHOOT DOWN UNIT  
 COLUMN 5: NUMBER OF SHIPS  
 COLUMN 6: NUMBER OF PLANES  
 COLUMN 7: TYPE OF AIRCRAFT  
 COLUMN 8: PILOTS  
 COLUMN 9: CRASH LOCATION.

5. IN THE TRANSLATION BELOW, THE NINE DATA FIELDS FOR EACH LINE ENTRY ARE PRESENTED IN THIS SAME ORDER, WITH EACH DATA FIELD SEPARATED BY A SEMICOLON. VERY FEW OF THE LINE ENTRIES ACTUALLY INDICATE THE SEQUENCE NUMBER IN THE FIRST COLUMN. THEREFORE, FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, JTF-FA ANALYSTS HAVE ASSIGNED A LINE ENTRY NUMBER TO EACH ENTRY. THIS LINE NUMBER PRECEDES EACH ENTRY AND IS ENCLOSED IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES: ((LINE ENTRY 1)). ALSO NOTE THAT VARIOUS OTHER COMMENTS SUCH AS ACTIONS OF THE AIRCREW AND SHOOT DOWN UNIT HAVE BEEN ENTERED IN THE "SEQUENCE NUMBER" FIELD. IN IDENTIFYING THE SHOOT DOWN UNIT, THE VIETNAMESE UTILIZED THE FOLLOWING UNIT ABBREVIATIONS: A=SQUAD, B=PLATOON, C=COMPANY, D=REGIMENT, E=DIVISION. CERTAIN U.S. AIRCRAFT ARE IDENTIFIED USING OLDER TERMINOLOGY (E.G. A3J = RA-5C; AD6 = A-1.) DATA FIELDS LEFT BLANK ON THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT ARE INDICATED WITH A HYPHEN. PORTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED, RENDERING SOME DATA UNREADABLE. THESE UNREADABLE SECTIONS ARE INDICATED WITH ((U)). ALL JTF-FA ANALYSTS' COMMENTS APPEAR WITHIN DOUBLE PARENTHESES.

6. SECTION ONE OF THE DOCUMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1964:  
 ((COLUMN HEADINGS)) "SEQUENCE NUMBER; TIME; DAY - MONTH;

LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.)  
 ((LINE ENTRY 257)) - ; -; 12-9; REGIMENT 237; -; 1; F4; -;  
 SAM SON 9 KM. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT  
 LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 258)) - ; -; 13-9; NGA THANH (1  
 ((UNREADABLE)) ); -; 1; A3J ((RA-5C)); -; NORTH NE 16. ((JTF-FA  
 FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS  
 PROVINCE.))  
 ((MONTHLY TOTAL)) 5 ((PLANES))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 259)) - ; -; 6-10; 228 HAH RONG; -; 1; F4; -; -.  
 ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS  
 DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 260)) - ; -; 10-10; 234 GOLD STAR; -; 1; A6; -;  
 THUONG XUAN. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT  
 LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 261)) - ; -; 14-10; BATTALION 8 - HAI BINH; -;  
 1; A7 - (3999); -; ((UNREADABLE)) AND BATTALION 8 SOUTH NE 10 KM.  
 ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS  
 DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 262)) - ; -; 19-10; BATTALION 66, 275  
 MISSILE; -; 1; A7; -; LACH TRUONG 10 KM. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE  
 THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 263)) - ; -; 25-10; BATTALION 66 PROVINCIAL  
 365; -; 1; -; -; HAI HOA, CAI SON. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE  
 WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 264)) - ; 04; -; - ; -; 1; -; -; CAU HANG.  
 THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LINE ENTRY IS INSUFFICIENT TO MAKE  
 A ((CORRELATION.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 265)) - ; 045; 28-10; BATTALION 66, DIVISION  
 365 (PROVINCIAL); -; 1; -; 1(DEAD) 05 38 YRS OLD; TAN NINH CO  
 DINH. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1940, AN UNRESOLVED CASE,  
 BASED ON STATUS, INCIDENT DATE, AND GENERAL LOCATION.)) *Hall, J. W.*  
 ((LINE ENTRY 266)) BATTALION 8; 1145; -; BATTALION 8,  
 PROVINCIAL AAA, HAI BINH, ARMED POLICE; -; 1; F4; -; ME. ((JTF-FA  
 FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS  
 PROVINCE.))  
 ((MONTHLY TOTAL)) 7 ((PLANES))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 267)) - ; 0745; 5-11; BATTALION 66 MISSILE,  
 DIVISION 365; -; 1; A7; -; EAST SAM SON 10 KM. ((JTF-FA FILES  
 INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS  
 PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 268)) - ; -; 3-11; MILITARY REGION REGIMENT  
 154; 1; -; - ; -; - . ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO LOSSES  
 ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 269)) - ; 1440; 9-11; BATTALION 53, REGIMENT  
 267 (365); -; 1; A7; -; LUAN KHE. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE  
 WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 270)) - ; 0750; 10-11; BATTALION 143,  
 REGIMENT 223 (365); -; 1; -; -; NORTH ME. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE  
 THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))  
 ((LINE ENTRY 271)) - ; 1250; 11-11; AAA BATTALION 20