

INDICATE THAT PAVN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE AREA ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH CASUALTY RESOLUTION PROCEDURES, AND INVOLVEMENT BY THE ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT POLICY OFFICE IS IMPLIED. THE ELEMENT ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE SHOULD ALSO INVESTIGATE CASES 0126, 0720-01-05 AND 1895 DURING THE SAME TRIP TO THE AREA. THE ELEMENT SHOULD BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE SRV GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WITH INFORMATION CORRELATED TO CASE 0126, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN MALAYSIA. PRIOR TO BEGINNING THE INVESTIGATION, THE ELEMENT SHOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE RESULTS OF THE FIELD TRIP TO THE AREA MADE BY JCRC/CILHI PERSONNEL DURING APRIL 1984.

0092: THE INDIVIDUAL IN THIS CASE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE EJECTED BUT NO PILOT SEAT SEPARATION OCCURRED. A U.S. RESCUE AIRCRAFT DID NOT OBSERVE ANY SIGN OF SURVIVORS. THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED IN THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY "PRAVDA" FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE PRAVDA REPORT PROVIDED PHONETIC SPELLING OF THE PILOT'S NAME FROM PERSONAL EFFECTS. SINCE THE VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN MEDIA REPS TRAVELLING TO REMOTE AREAS OF THE FORMER DRV FOR WARTIME COVERAGE, THE LIKELIHOOD THAT RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THIS AND OTHER UNRESOLVED CASES IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA ARE PRESENT IN THE FILES OF THE VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY IS INCREASED. THE REMAINS OF THE PILOT WERE RETURNED UNILATERALLY BY THE SRV ON 10 APR 86. SEVERAL U.S. PERSONNEL CAPTURED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA WERE RETURNED TO U.S. CONTROL. (E.G. 0145, 0146, 0197, 0499, 0682). THE REMAINS OF SEVERAL U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED IN INCIDENTS IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA HAVE BEEN RETURNED UNILATERALLY BY THE SRV. (E.G. 0093-1-01, 0093-1-02, 0093-1-03, 0093-1-04, 0667, 1789-1-01, 1789-1-02). THIS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT PAVN PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE AREA ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH CASUALTY RESOLUTION PROCEDURES, AND INVOLVEMENT BY THE ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT POLICY OFFICE IS IMPLIED. THE FILE ON THIS CASE SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ELEMENT ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE CASES 0065 AND 0067.

15 June 1993

MEMORANDUM:

FROM: SA

TO: CDR JTF-FA

SUBJ: VIETNAM CASE ASSESSMENTS

REF: CDR JTF-FA MEMO 24 MARCH 1993

DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE ASSESSED:

0093: THIS IS A RESOLVED CASE WITH REMAINS OF ALL FOUR CREW MEMBERS RETURNED UNILATERALLY BY THE SRV. WHAT IS UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS CASE IS THAT THE SRV INITIALLY REPATRIATED THE REMAINS OF ONLY THREE CREW MEMBERS, AND THE REMAINS OF THE FOURTH CREW MEMBER (PLANTS) WERE REPATRIATED IN MARCH 1991. INFORMATION CONCERNING PLANTS WAS PASSED TO SA BY MR HO XUAN DICH IN A LUOI IN MARCH 1990. SA PREPARED A TECHNICAL MEETING TALKING POINT TO FOLLOW UP ON THE INFORMATION FROM MR DICH, AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED A PHOTOGRAPH ALLEGEDLY DEPICTING THE REMAINS OF PO2 PLANT. ACCORDING TO DICH, THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY LOCALS IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. INFORMATION RECORDED FROM AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE CORRELATED TO THE 0093 AIRCRAFT WAS PASSED BY THE MUSEUM IN HANOI SHORTLY AFTER THE OPENING OF THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS. THE REMAINS OF PO2 PLANT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED. WARTIME REPORTING INDICATED THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE CRASH, FOUR BODIES WERE REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND BURIED. ONE ADDITIONAL BODY WAS LATER FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE AND BURIED SEPARATELY. CONSIDERING THE TIME LAPSE AND THE RECEIPT OF NUMEROUS REPORTS INDICATING ORGANIZED EXCAVATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY LOCAL ADMINISTRATIONS THROUGHOUT VIETNAM, THE REMAINS OF THE FOURTH CREW MEMBER WERE PROBABLY RECOVERED DURING AN EXCAVATION CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN METAL FROM THE WRECKAGE. SUCH EXCAVATIONS ARE MONITORED BY LOCAL MILITARY AND POLICE OFFICIALS OF THE POLITICAL SECURITY SECTION (BAO VE CHINH TRI), WHO RECORD AND REPORT ON U.S. REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. THIS IS MOST LIKELY THE SOURCE OF MR DICH'S INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE PHOTOGRAPH. A DISCUSSION OF THIS CASE WITH THE VNOSMP MIGHT PROVE TO BE USEFUL WHEN ADDRESSING CASES WITH SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES (E.G. AIRCRAFT WITH MULTIPLE CREW AND ONLY PARTIAL RETURN OF REMAINS).

0094: THIS CASE WAS INVESTIGATED AND EXCAVATED ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS BY JOINT U.S./SRV ELEMENTS. ALLEGED BURIAL SITES WERE DETERMINED BUT NO REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. SOME AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAME AIRCRAFT TYPE AS THE AIRCRAFT IN THIS CASE (OV1) WAS RECOVERED, BUT CORRELATION TO A SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT WAS NOT POSSIBLE. A WITNESS CALLED THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI DURING LATE 1991 AND CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL SITE OF AT LEAST ONE CREW MEMBER. THE WITNESS ALSO CONTACTED VNOSMP STAFF MEMBER, MR DUONG VAN NGOC, IN HO CHI MINH CITY DURING THE TIME THAT THE EXCAVATION OF THE SITE WAS ONGOING. THE WITNESS WAS EVASIVE AND APPARENTLY WAS INTERESTED