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 RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC//J5//  
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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: 0067, 0090, 0095, 0103, 0260, 0272, 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;

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

((LINE ENTRY 10)) - ; 1215; 21-5; HAM RONG NAVY; - ; 2; F8U; - ; NAM ME ((UNREADABLE)). ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

((LINE ENTRY 11)) - ; ((U)); ((U))-5; HAM RONG; - ; 1; F105; 1; QUANG NAM ((UNREADABLE)). ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0089, A RESOLVED CASE. POSSIBLE CORRELATION BASED ON MONTH AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. DATE OF LOSS FOR REFNO 0089 WAS 31-5. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO OTHER F105 LOSSES DURING THIS TIME PERIOD IN THIS PROVINCE.))

*Peel, R.D.*

((LINE ENTRY 12)) - ; ((U)); ((U)); HAM RONG; - ; 1; A4D; - ; ((UNREADABLE)). ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO A4 LOSSES IN MAY 1965.))

((MONTHLY TOTALS)) 9 ((PLANES)), 1 ((PILOT))

((LINE ENTRY 13)) - ; 1225; 1-6; HAM RONG; - ; 1; F8U; - ; AU HUYEN BEN NGU. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0090, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO OTHER F8 LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

*Crosby, F.P.*

((LINE ENTRY 14)) - ; 0730; 2-6; QUANG VINH - HAI HUNG; - ; 1; F105; - ; ON THE SPOT QUANG VINH. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0092 OR 0093, BOTH RESOLVED CASES. CORRELATION BASED ON DATE AND LOCATION OF LOSS. THE LOSS INCIDENTS ARE 100 METERS APART. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

*Christian, D.M.  
Am spacher, W.H.  
McMican, M.D.  
Plants, T.L.  
Romano, G.M.*

((LINE ENTRY 15)) - ; 0830; 10-6; SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (1) SOLDIERS (1); - ; 2; AD6; - ; HOA YEN MY CAL. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0095, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE, INCIDENT DATE AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

*Doughtie, C.L.*

((LINE ENTRY 16)) - ; 1010; 26-6; GOLDEN STAR; - ; 1; A4D; - ; ON THE SPOT. ((POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0103, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION BASED ON AIRCRAFT TYPE, INCIDENT DATE AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

*Mongilardi, P.*

((LINE ENTRY 17)) - ; 1430; 21-6; HAM RONG. LEN; - ; 1; PILOTLESS; - ; NGA BINH NGA SON.

((MONTHLY TOTAL)) 6 ((PLANES))

((LINE ENTRY 18)) - ; 0824; 8-7; SELF-DEFENSE FORCES OF: LOCATION, ((UNREADABLE)); - ; 1; F105((UNREADABLE)) 2); - ; THANH HOA COAST. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

((LINE ENTRY 19)) - ; 0615; 16-7; GOLDEN STAR - HAM RONG; - ; 2; A4D; - ; QUANG XUONG COAST - TINH GIA. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

((LINE ENTRY 20)) - ; 1115; 10-7; BAI THUONG; - ; 1; A4; - ; SOUTH-WEST THANH HOA. ((JTF-FA FILES INDICATE THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT LOSSES ON THIS DATE IN THIS PROVINCE.))

((LINE ENTRY 21)) - ; 1035; 17-7; HAM RONG; - ; 1; F8U;

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