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PROCES - VERBAL
ON THE HANDING-OVER OF REMAINS OF U.S. PERSONNEL

Proceeding from the humane policy and goodwill of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Representative of the Vietnamese Office for Seeking Missing Personnel handed over to the Representative of the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center seven (7) sets of remains presumably of American personnel missing during the war in Vietnam.

The list reads as follows :

1. NO NAME
2. HAMILTON, ROGER D.
3. ASHLOCK, CARLOS
4. BEDGOOD, THOMAS W.
5. WILLIAMS, HOWARD K.
6. PLANT, THOMAS L.
7. JOHNSON, ROBERT E.

The Representative of the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center received all the above-mentioned remains and highly appreciated the humane policy and goodwill of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Hanoi, March 6th, 1991.

THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE U.S. JOINT
CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE
FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONNEL

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LIST OF REMAINS TURNED OVER TO THE UNITED STATES ON 6 MARCH 1991

Box sequence	Full Name	Person Holding Remains	Address	Place where remains were gathered
01	No Name	Mr. Truong Dinh A Given to the joint team during 13th Iteration	Loc Thuy Village, Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Hue	Quang Nam Da Nang border about one kilometer from an A37 aircraft, laying supine, next to a cave, next to the remains were some pieces of food cartons.
02	Hamilton, Roger D (Case 0647)			During the 13th Iteration these were jointly excavated in Tien Son Village, Tien Phuoc District, Quang Nam Da Nang Province.
03	Ashlock, Carlos (Case 0678)			During the 13th Iteration these remains were jointly excavated in Tien Son Village, Tien Phuoc District, Quang Nam Da Nang Province.
04	Bedgood, Thomas W	Mr. Truong Dinh Bon Given to the joint team during the 13th Iteration	Ai Nghia Town, Dai Loc Dist., Quang Nam Da Nang Province	Bong Son Village, Tra Bong District, Quang Nam Da Nang.
05	Williams, Howard Keith (Case 1095)			During the 13th Iteration these remains were jointly excavated in Bo Trach Distri Quang Binh Province.
06	Plants, Thomas Lee (Case 0093)	Province Public Security Service	Thanh Hoa	Quang Vinh Village, Quang Xuong Distri Thanh Hoa Province
07	John, Robert E. DATA	Nguyen Dinh Dao (3/1991)	Phu Hoa Village, La Nga Mountain, Dong Nai Province Tan Phu District, Dong Nai Province	

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1. (U) REF A REPORTED THE RESULTS OF THE REPATRIATION OF SEVEN REMAINS FROM THE SRV ON 6 MARCH 1991. THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES DETAILS OF COMMENTS MADE BY OFFICIALS OF THE VNOSMP WHO WERE PRESENT DURING THE REPATRIATION CEREMONY.

2. MR. NGJ HOANG PROVIDED A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR COMPUTERIZED LISTINGS OF CASES, BY PROVINCE, FOR THE PROVINCES OF THANH HOA, NGHE TINH, QUANG BINH, QUANG TRI, THUA THIEN-HUE, QUANG NAM-DANANG, QUANG NGAI, AND KHANH HOA. MR. HOANG SAID THE LISTINGS WOULD BE THE SAME AS THOSE ALREADY PROVIDED BY JCRC FOR QUANG BINH

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PROVINCE DURING THE INFORMATION SEEKING MEETING. NOTING THAT QUANG BINH WAS INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE LIST, HOANG SAID THIS WAS AN ERROR AND THE LISTINGS ALREADY RECEIVED FOR QUANG BINH WERE ADEQUATE. HOANG SAID THE LISTS WERE SORELY NEEDED DUE TO THE FACT THE ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IN VIETNAM IS ORGANIZED BY PROVINCE, AND THE VNOSMP HAD FOUND THAT THE CONSOLIDATED LISTS WERE DIFFICULT TO USE WHEN DEALING WITH THE PROVINCE TASK TEAMS. HE SAID THE CONSOLIDATED LISTS WERE FINE FOR USE BY THE CENTRAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CASES, BUT THE PROVINCE TASK TEAMS ONLY NEEDED THE INFORMATION THAT PERTAINED TO THEIR PARTICULAR PROVINCE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE INFORMATION SEEKING MEETING THAT THE ABOVE LISTINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPILED AND THEREFORE REQUESTED THEY BE PROVIDED DURING THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING. (NOTE: ALTHOUGH THE PROVINCE LISTING PROVIDED BY HOANG CONTAINS THE CENTRAL PROVINCES PREVIOUSLY STRESSED BY THE VNOSMP AND FOLLOWS THE COASTLINE, HE MADE NO MENTION AS TO WHY THE PROVINCES OF BINH DINH AND PHU YEN WERE NOT INCLUDED. THIS MAY BE AS A RESULT OF THEIR SCREENING EFFORTS IN IDENTIFYING WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE "HIGH DENSITY" PROVINCES.)

3. ANOTHER TOPIC RAISED BY THE VIETNAMESE WAS THE MONGOLOID REMAINS CURRENTLY HELD AT THE CILHI. MR. HO XUAN DICH SAID HE RECALLED THESE 81 REMAINS WERE RECOVERED BY THE U.S. FROM A SINGLE CRASH INCIDENT DURING 1974. HOANG SAID THE REMAINS WERE THOSE OF ARVN PARATROOPS WHO WERE KILLED DURING AN AIRBORNE OPERATION. HOANG SAID HE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT TYPE OF RECORDS WERE AVAILABLE CONCERNING THESE REMAINS, ESPECIALLY ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO LOCATION AND NOTIFICATION OF THE NEXT-OF-KIN. HOANG SAID THE SUBJECT OF THESE REMAINS WAS RAISED PREVIOUSLY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND RAISED AGAIN MORE RECENTLY IN HANOI. HOANG REQUESTED THAT THE CILHI PROVIDE ANY AVAILABLE RECORDS AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE REMAINS DURING THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING.

4. WHILE ON THE SUBJECT OF RECORDS FROM THE CILHI, HOANG SAID HE RECALLED THAT IN PREVIOUS TECHNICAL MEETINGS THE CILHI HAD INFORMED HIM OF 99 CASES WHICH WERE STILL PENDING IDENTIFICATION. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ADDITIONAL REMAINS AND INFORMATION

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WERE NECESSARY TO PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF 86 OF THE DIFFICULT CASES. HOANG RECALLED THAT THE CILHI HAD REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION, BUT THE VIETNAMESE SIDE HAD REQUESTED THE RESULTS OF THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS UP TO THE PRESENT, ON EACH CASE, PRIOR TO PROVIDING A RESPONSE. HE SAID THUS FAR CILHI HAS PROVIDED RECORDS BT

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ON 56 OF THE 86 CASES. HOANG SAID THE VNOSMP RESPONDED WITH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THOSE 56 CASES, BUT ADMITTED THAT IN SOME CASES THERE WAS LITTLE DETAIL DUE TO THE FACT THE REMAINS HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM REMAINS TRADERS. HE SAID THEY ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE CONCERNING THE REMAINING 30 CASES, BUT WILL NEED TO HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS THUS FAR. HOANG REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION ALSO BE PROVIDED DURING THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING.

5. MR. HOANG SAID THE VIETNAMESE SIDE IS PREPARED TO STEP UP THE PACE OF ACTIVITIES AND A RECENT MEETING HELD BY THEM RESULTED IN A CONSENSUS THAT IT IS TIME FOR THE U.S. SIDE TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT PRESENCE. HOANG SAID THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR THE VNOSMP HAS RECEIVED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTS CONCERNING U.S. PERSONNEL FROM THE LOCAL AREAS. HE SAID THE VNOSMP WAS HESITANT TO MOVE UNILATERALLY IN INVESTIGATING THESE CASES BECAUSE THE RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SIDE DUE TO THE LACK OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT. HE SAID THEY ARE OF THE OPINION THESE REPORTS SHOULD BE VERIFIED BY THE PROVINCE AUTHORITIES AND THEN INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY BY A JOINT TEAM. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE U.S. SIDE SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY AN "INVESTIGATOR" BUT AN "EXAMINATION SPECIALIST" AS WELL. HOANG CITED THE CASE OF PLANTS, THOMAS L., REFNO 0093, (REFS B AND C) AS AN EXAMPLE OF CASES WHICH SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED PROMPTLY. MR. HU XUAN DICH SAID THAT IN THE CASE OF REFNO 0093, THE LOCAL PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES HAD PROCEEDED WITH THE CASE BECAUSE THE CENTRAL LEVEL WAS NOT PREPARED TO MOVE QUICKLY. HE SAID THE REMAINS BEING REPATRIATED, WHICH WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE NAME PLANTS, THOMAS L., WERE CONTAINED IN TWO SEPARATE PARCELS PLACED IN ONE BOX BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO EXCAVATED THE SITE SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO SEPARATE GRAVES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY. HE SAID THAT SINCE THE REMAINS OF THREE CREW MEMBERS HAD ALREADY BEEN REPATRIATED, SOME OF THE REMAINS

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RECENTLY RECOVERED MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE INITIAL REMAINS. HOANG SAID NOW THAT THE JOINT FIELD TEAMS ARE WORKING STEADILY IN THE PROVINCES, MORE PEOPLE ARE BECOMING AWARE OF INTEREST IN RECOVERING REMAINS, AND THIS WILL LEAD TO A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTS TO BE INVESTIGATED. HOANG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE PRESENCE OF A PERMANENT INVESTIGATION TEAM WOULD BE CONSIDERED UNUSUAL BECAUSE THERE ARE PRESENTLY 20 AMERICANS STUDYING IN VIETNAM ON A PERMANENT BASIS, WITH 10 IN HANOI AND 10 IN "SAIGON." HE SAID FACILITIES WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE TOPOGRAPHY OF VIETNAM HAS NARROW, IT WAS NEVERTHELESS VERY LONG AND ENCOMPASSED AN AREA OF 335,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS. HOANG SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS TIME FOR THE TWO SIDES TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF A PERMANENT PRESENCE.

6. PICKING UP ON THE NEED TO FOLLOW UP LOCAL REPORTS PROMPTLY, MR. HO XUAN DICH MENTIONED CASE 0465 (NAME AND BAUDER, JAMES R.). DICH SAID THIS CASE WAS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CASES WHICH WERE BEING REPORTED BY THE LOCAL AREAS. MR. HOANG SAID SOME PRELIMINARY WORK HAD BEEN DONE ON THIS CASE BUT IT STILL NEEDED TO BE INVESTIGATED JOINTLY. HE SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION, CASE 0465 SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER CASES WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN INVESTIGATED IN THE PAST. HOANG SAID PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM THE LOCAL AREA INDICATED THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT NIGHT AND BOTH CREW MEMBERS REMAINED INSIDE THE AIRCRAFT. HE SAID LOCAL VILLAGERS HAD ALREADY REMOVED THE TAIL SECTION OF THE AIRCRAFT BY USING EXPLOSIVES BUT THE FUSELAGE AND NOSE SECTION WERE STILL REMAINING. HOANG SAID THE CASE WAS COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THE WRECKAGE WAS IN A RIVER AND THE COCKPIT WAS BENEATH NINE METERS OF WATER. HOANG SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE DIVERS WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE AIRCRAFT, BUT A CRANE TO RAISE THE WRECKAGE WOULD BE REQUIRED. MR. HO XUAN DICH SAID HE BELIEVED JOINT INVESTIGATIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED BECAUSE REPORTS CONCERNING OTHER INCIDENTS IN THE AREA HAD ALSO BEEN RECEIVED. HE SAID LOCALS IN THE AREA REPORTED THE CRASH OF AN A-06 AIRCRAFT IN CANH DONG VUC HAMLET, THANH GIANG VILLAGE, THANH CHUONG DISTRICT, NGHE TINH
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PROVINCE. DICH SAID ACCORDING TO LOCALS, THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ON 26 JUNE 1966, (NOTE: APPARENTLY DICH IS REFERRING TO REFNO 0375 WHICH INVOLVED AN A-4E AIRCRAFT WITH ONE CREW MEMBER WHICH CRASHED ON 27 JUNE 1966. THIS CASE INVOLVES LCDR SMITH, GENE A, RESOLVED, REMAINS RETURNED). DICH REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. SIDE REVIEW THE REPORTED CRASH INCIDENT IN THANH GIANG VILLAGE AND PROVIDE THE RESULTS DURING THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING.

7. MR. NGO HOANG SAID THE VIETNAMESE SIDE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CRITICISM FROM "AMERICAN VISITORS" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SRV GOVERNMENT WAS NOT COOPERATING AT A SATISFACTORY PACE. HOANG SAID HE BELIEVED IT WAS THE U.S. SIDE THAT WANTED TO MOVE SLOWLY RATHER THAN THE VIETNAMESE. HE SAID THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT INFORMATION SEEKING MEETING RADM MCDEVITT HAD AGREED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD MEET AGAIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF ITERATION 13 TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST 13 ITERATIONS. HOANG SAID ONE MONTH HAD ALREADY PASSED BUT THEY STILL DID NOT EVEN HAVE A PROPOSED DATE FOR A MEETING. IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT CRITICIZING THE VIETNAMESE SIDE FOR BEING SLOW WAS NOT FAIR. HOANG SAID THEY WANTED TO INCREASE THE PACE OF ACTIVITIES BUT BELIEVED SOME JOINT PRESENCE, NOT TIED TO THE MEETING SCHEDULE, WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DO SO. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE U.S. POSITION THAT ADEQUATE WORK MUST BE AVAILABLE TO JUSTIFY SUCH A PRESENCE, BUT ACTUALLY THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF WORK. HOANG SAID THAT AFTER HE PARTICIPATED IN THE INFORMATION SEEKING MEETING HE HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW COMPLICATED THE ACCOUNTING PROCESS IS AND WHY A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME WAS REQUIRED FOR THE DIA AND DOD SPECIALISTS TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS. HE SAID THE HIGH LEVEL EVALUATION AND RESULTANT RESEARCH WOULD NATURALLY TAKE MORE TIME, BUT, SINCE THE FIELD TEAMS WHO WENT TO THE AREAS KNOW WHAT IS ON THE GROUND AND ARE NOT SETTling CASES, THEY CAN MOVE FASTER TO FOLLOW UP NEW REPORTS FROM THE LOCAL

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AREAS. HOANG ADDED THAT THE VIETNAMESE SIDE HAS COMBINED THEIR MIA SPECIALISTS WITH THEIR INFORMATION SPECIALISTS BECAUSE THE TWO ELEMENTS WERE MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE. HOANG SAID HE HOPED THE U.S. SIDE UNDERSTANDS THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE COMBINING OF THESE TWO ELEMENTS AND DOES NOT THINK THE VIETNAMESE ARE PLACING LESS EMPHASIS ON EITHER OF THEM. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE BENEFITS OF THIS MOVE WILL BECOME MORE APPARENT AFTER THE FIELD TEAMS BEGIN TO WORK AT A STEADY PACE AND ARE ABLE TO OBTAIN BETTER RESULTS DUE TO THE PERIODIC EVALUATION AND INFORMATION SEEKING SESSIONS. HOANG SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS NOW THE HEAD OF THE INFORMATION SEEKING TEAM AND MR. PHAM TEO IS HIS ASSISTANT, THEY WILL BOTH CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AS TEAM CHIEFS IN THE FIELD. HE ADDED THAT THEY WILL BE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH SR COL TRAN BIEN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH DIRECTORATE AND WILL ALSO ATTEND THE PERIODIC EVALUATION AND INFORMATION SEEKING SESSIONS. MR. HO XUAN DICH SAID HE WILL PROBABLY BECOME THE PERMANENT HEAD OF THE VNOSMP BUT WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS WHEN HIS SUPERVISOR, MR. LE BANG, DEPARTS TO THE U.S. FOR A STUDY TOUR AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

8. NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM THE REPATRIATION WAS DR. VU NGOC THU OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE FORENSIC ELEMENT. THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE REMAINS DURING THE REPATRIATION WAS MR. PHAM MANH KHOI, WHO NORMALLY SERVES AS A SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST WITH THE FIELD TEAMS. CONCERNING THIS ASPECT OF THE REPATRIATION, MR. HO XUAN DICH COMMENTED THAT THE REMAINS BEING RETURNED WERE INCOMPLETE AND NORMALLY WOULD HAVE BEEN EXAMINED JOINTLY BY A US/SRV FORENSIC EXAMINATION TEAM PRIOR TO THE REPATRIATION. MR. DICH INDICATED THE VNOSMP HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE FACT THE U.S. SIDE HAD NOT REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THE REMAINS JOINTLY PRIOR TO REPATRIATION AND REQUESTED U.S. VIEWS CONCERNING THE RETURN OF SIMILAR REMAINS DURING FUTURE SUCH REPATRIATIONS.

9. MR. DICH SAID THE REMAINS WITH NO NAME ASSOCIATION IN BOX ONE WERE RETURNED BECAUSE THE U.S. INVESTIGATION TEAM CONTINGENT REQUESTED THEY BE
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RETAINED FOR EXAMINATION DURING A FUTURE JOINT FORENSIC ITERATION. THESE REMAINS WERE REPORTEDLY RECOVERED BY A VILLAGER IN PHU LJC DISTRICT, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE REMAINS IS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY AS AN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT BY TEAM ONE. (NOTE: THE U.S. TEAM CONTINGENT DID NOT REQUEST THAT THESE REMAINS BE REPATRIATED WITH OTHER REMAINS RECOVERED DURING THE COURSE OF JOINT INVESTIGATIONS OF DISCREPANCY CASES.)

10. MR. DICH INDICATED THE REMAINS RECEIVED IN BOXES TWO AND THREE WERE BEING RETURNED BECAUSE THEY WERE RECOVERED DURING A JOINT EXCAVATION CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF DISCREPANCY CASES 0647 AND 0678. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE REMAINS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED SEPARATELY AT REFS D AND E.

11. THE REMAINS IN BOX FOUR WERE PROVIDED TO JOINT TEAM ONE BY A VILLAGER IN QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE DURING ITERATION 13. VNOSMP REMAINS SPECIALIST MR. PHAM TEO WAS OF THE OPINION THE REMAINS WERE MONGOLOID AND RECOMMENDED THE REMAINS BE DISPOSED OF BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. SINCE THE U.S. TEAM CONTINGENT DID NOT HAVE AN ANTHROPOLOGIST AND THE VILLAGER CLAIMED THE REMAINS WERE AMERICAN, THE U.S. TEAM CONTINGENT REQUESTED THE REMAINS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION DURING A FUTURE JOINT FORENSIC ITERATION. THE U.S. TEAM DID NOT REQUEST THAT THESE REMAINS BE REPATRIATED WITH OTHER REMAINS RECOVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISCREPANCY CASE INVESTIGATIONS. SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE REMAINS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED DURING ITERATION 11 (PARA 3A, REF F). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING ITERATION 13 IS BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.

12. THE REMAINS RETURNED IN BOX FIVE WERE RECOVERED BY TEAM TWO IN BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF A

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DISCREPANCY CASE DURING ITERATION 13. INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE REMAINS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED AT REF G.

13. BOX SIX CONTAINED TWO PARCELS OF REMAINS WHICH WERE RECOVERED UNILATERALLY BY THE VNOSMP (SEE PARA 5 ABOVE, AND REFS B AND C).

14. CONCERNING BOX SEVEN, THESE REMAINS WERE REPORTEDLY RECOVERED FROM DONG NAI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO MR. DICH AND MR. HOANG, THESE REMAINS WERE BEING RETURNED IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON A REPORT WHICH MR. DANG NGHIEM BAI, PASSED TO COL LIBUTTI. MR. DICH SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY CONDUCTED A RECORDS CHECK, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO FIND ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING JOHNSON, ROBERT E. IN DONG NAI PROVINCE. MR. DICH SAID THE ONLY SIMILAR NAME HE WAS ABLE TO LOCATE WAS JOHNSON, ROBERT D. (REFNO 0824), BUT THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED IN VINH BINH PROVINCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE REPORT PROVIDED BY MR. DANG NGHIEM BAI, SEE REFS H AND I.

15. OF THE ABOVE POINTS MENTIONED BY MESSRS DICH AND HOANG, ONLY THE REQUEST FOR THE COMPUTER LISTINGS IN PARA 2 ABOVE WAS PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL WRITTEN REQUEST. NEITHER DICH NOR HOANG INDICATED WHETHER THEY WERE BASING THEIR COMMENTS ON INSTRUCTIONS OR SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BUT DID GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF THE FORMER SINCE THE U.S. SIDE WAS REQUESTED TO RESPOND ON SEVERAL POINTS DURING THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING. HOANG DID COMMENT THAT SOME OF THE ABOVE COMMENTS WOULD REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE POLICY LEVEL AND DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A "LITTLE CADRE" WHO COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE "BIG CADRE." HOANG SAID ONE IMPORTANT POINT WHICH NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A HIGH LEVEL IS THAT OF A SPECIFIC GESTURE ON THE PART OF THE U.S. TOWARD THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL VIETNAM WHO BORE THE BRUNT OF THE WAR. MR. HOANG CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CITY PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE IN DONG HOI, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, WHO HAD SEVEN FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED DURING THE WAR. HE SAID THE CHAIRMAN WAS WILLING TO PUT THE WAR IN THE PAST, BUT HIS RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS WERE STILL HESITANT TO PUT THEIR HEARTS

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INTO THE SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS. HOANG SAID THESE PEOPLE DEFINITELY NEED SOME GESTURE, HOWEVER SMALL, ON THE PART OF THE U.S. SIDE TO RELIEVE THEIR CONSCIENCES.

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