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3338 JUL 88

SUBJECT: 13 JULY REMAINS REPATRIATION AT HANOI, AND
- DISCUSSION OF OTHER RELATED TOPICS

REF: JCRC BANGKOK 35039, DTG 0905017 JUL 88.

1. DURING A DIGNIFIED CEREMONY IN HANOI ON 13 JULY 88, THE SRV TURNED OVER TO U.S. CUSTODY 25 BOXES CONTAINING REMAINS, AND REPORTS PERTAINING TO SEVEN OTHER INDIVIDUALS. THE SRV SIDE WAS REPRESENTED BY MR. NGUYEN CAN, HEAD OF THE VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP). CAN WAS ASSISTED BY DR. VU NGOC THU, MR TRAN VAN TU, MR PHAM VAN TEO, MR PHAM DUNG, AND MR VO VIET DUNG. PRIOR TO THE LOADING OF THE REMAINS ONTO THE REPATRIATION AIRCRAFT, MR NGUYEN CAN ORALLY REVIEWED THE INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OF THE 25 BOXES (AND PROVIDED A LISTING), HANDED OVER ONE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND SEVEN METAL ID TAGS, AND PROVIDED SIX WRITTEN REPORTS DETAILING VNOSMP INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS. FOLLOWING THE USUAL SIGNING OF THE "PROCESS-VERBALE" BY MR. CAN AND THE JCRC LIAISON OFFICER, THE LOADING OF THE REMAINS PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND THE REPATRIATION AIRCRAFT DEPARTED FOR GUAM AT 1330 HOURS AFTER THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS ON THE GROUND AT NOI BAI AIRPORT.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO LOADING THE REMAINS, MR. CAN BROUGHT UP SEVERAL TOPICS:

- A. REFERRING TO A PREPARED SCRIPT, CAN STATED THAT THE SRV WAS PREPARING TO LAUNCH INTO A PERIOD OF CONCENTRATED JOINT ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER. THESE ACTIVITIES, HE SAID, WOULD INCLUDE BOTH FIELD INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOVERY/EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES. HE STRESSED THE NEED TO ADDRESS THE 70 DISCREPANCY CASES PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND FOREIGN MINISTER THACH, EXPRESSING THE STRONG HOPE THAT THESE CASES COULD BE RESOLVED BY NOVEMBER. CAN POINTED OUT THAT TO PLAN FOR THIS ACTIVITY, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRESSED ABOUT THE TIMING FOR SUCH A MEETING, CAN SAID THAT WE SHOULD BEGIN PREPARING, AND THEY WOULD PROPOSE A DATE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, POSSIBLY BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

- B. CAN POINTEDLY ASKED THE LIAISON OFFICER IF HE HAD BROUGHT ANY MESSAGES FROM WASHINGTON. UPON RECEIVING A NEGATIVE REPLY, CAN STATED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE U.S. HELP ELIMINATE ALL OBSTACLES TO EXPEDITED PROGRESS AND ACTIVITY. HE UNDERSTOOD OUR BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, HE SAID, BUT THE SRV HAS EVEN GREATER BUDGET PROBLEMS IN DEALING WITH THE COST OF THEIR UNILATERAL EFFORTS. THE SRV IS EAGER TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK, HE ADDED, BUT THEY HAVE NO FUNDS TO COVER THEIR UNILATERAL ACTIVITIES. SEVERAL TIMES DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION CAN RETURNED TO THIS THEME, EACH TIME STRESSING THAT THE U.S. MUST THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE SRV FACES IN CARRYING OUT THIS WORK. WHILE THE SRV IS TRYING ITS BEST AND IS ANXIOUS TO CARRY ON THE WORK, FUTURE PROGRESS WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED BY THEIR ABILITY TO FIND THE REQUIRED FUNDS, HE STATED.

- C. CITING DR. THU'S IDENTIFICATION EFFORTS, CAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS WORK WAS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN MAKING PROGRESS. DR. THU WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND AGGRESSIVE IN HIS WORK, BUT WAS BEING HAMPERED BY LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SUPPORT. WE SHOULD ASSIST DR. THU, CAN SAID, IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO SUSTAIN HIS ENTHUSIASM AND ENCOURAGE HIS EFFORTS.

- D. THE TOPIC OF THE DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT WAS ONLY BRIEFLY ADDRESSED. LTC JORDAN SUMMARIZED OUR PRESENT THINKING ON THE BEST WAY TO TRANSPORT THE SRV-REQUESTED

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EQUIPMENT ITEMS TO HANOI, BUT CAN APPEARED NOT TO FOCUS ON THIS TOPIC AND SEEMED MORE INTENT ON PRESSING HIS POINTS ABOUT THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR UNILATERAL EFFORTS.

3. THE FOLLOWING SUBPARAGRAPHS SUMMARIZE THE NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LISTING OF CONTAINERS REPATRIATED, THE INVESTIGATION REPORTS, MILITARY ID CARD, AND THE METAL ID TAGS:

- A. REMAINS CONTAINERS (NAMES AS PROVIDED BY SRV):
BOX 1: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 2: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 3: BUSCH, JOHN T.
BOX 4: APODACA, VICTOR J. JR. (NOTE: DR. THU STATES THAT THE MINIMAL REMAINS IN THIS CONTAINER ARE NOT OF HUMAN ORIGIN.)
BOX 5: NO IDENTIFICATION, BUT BELIEVED ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0093.
BOX 6: SAME AS BOX 5.
BOX 7: SAME AS BOX 5.
BOX 8: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 9: SAME AS BOX 5.
BOX 10: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 11: WILSON, ROGER E.
BOX 12: MOSSAKOWSKI ALPHONSE
BOX 13: ROBERT W. BOSWORTH
BOX 14: GAJIO JOSEPH K.
BOX 15: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 16: COTE GEORGE J.
BOX 17: TAYLOR WILLIAM A.F.
BOX 18: WILLIAM PAUL A.
BOX 19: NO IDENTIFICATION.
BOX 20: WARNER

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SEA(1) VO-PW(2) NMIC(1) RHR-3(1) RHR-3B(1) RHR-3C(1)
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+CNO WASHINGTON DC
+CSAF WASHINGTON DC
+ANMCC FT RITCHIE MC
+SAFE

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