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SECTION 01 OF 05
SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING (U)
NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

A. CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 152000Z MAR 85

B. SECDEF WASHINGTON DC 091319Z APR 85

1. REF A PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR JCRC/VNOSMP TECHNICAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN HANOI 17-20 APR 85. REF B APPROVED PROPOSED AGENDA AND DIRECTED ADDITIONAL TOPICS. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CONTAIN TALKING POINTS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO VIETNAMESE.

2. INTRODUCTION

QUOTE: I WILL BEGIN BY EXPRESSING ONCE AGAIN THE GRATITUDE OF MY GOVERNMENT AND THE AFFECTED FAMILIES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF SIX REMAINS ON 20 MARCH. WE WELCOME THIS CONCRETE INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PLEDGES YOU HAVE MADE CONCERNING YOUR INTENT TO ACCELERATE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. ALSO WELCOME IS YOUR AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A MINIMUM OF SIX TECHNICAL MEETINGS PER YEAR. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A POSITIVE SIGN AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CASES WHICH WE CAN RESOLVE. THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO BETTER WAY TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE FAMILIES AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE YOUR GENUINE HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS.

3. NEW CASES:

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN MY PRESENTATION TODAY WITH A DISCUSSION OF EIGHT NEW CASE FOLDERS. AS IN THE PAST, WE HAVE CAREFULLY SELECTED THESE CASES TO ENSURE THAT THE CASES DISCUSSED ARE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY.

CASE 0092-1-01: ON 2 JUNE 1965, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE DAVID M. CHRISTIAN WAS FLYING AN A4E AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 151174. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, STARTED TO BURN, AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WQ919815, 2 KILOMETERS WEST OF SON, THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN'S WINGMAN SUBSEQUENTLY STATED THAT WHILE THE AIRCRAFT WAS BURNING, LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN REPORTED THAT HIS ENGINE HAD CEASED TO FUNCTION. THIS WAS THE LAST RADIO CONTACT WITH LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN. THE WINGMAN OBSERVED THE PILOT EJECT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 90 TO 150 METERS, BUT NO PARACHUTE WAS SIGHTED. THE WRECKAGE WAS SIGHTED DURING SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS, BUT NO SIGN OF A SURVIVOR WAS OBSERVED. ON 11 OCTOBER 1965, THE RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER PRAVDA PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE, AUTORED BY V. SHARAPOV, WHICH GAVE LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN'S FULL NAME, DESCRIBED HIS IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND LISTED HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: CHRISTIAN, DAVID MARION
RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 15 JANUARY 1941
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS
WEIGHT: 56.6 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

ACTION

INFO CJCS(4) DJS:(*) J1(1) J3(8) NIDS(*) J5(2) (I,M)
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+CNO WASHINGTON DC
+CSAF WASHINGTON DC
+ANMCC FT RITCHIE MD
+SAFE

SECTIONAL(1)

THE PRAVDA ARTICLE PROVES BEYOND ANY DOUBT THAT SOME VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES HAD KNOWLEDGE OF LIEUTENANT CHRISTIAN'S FATE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. SINCE THIS CASE OCCURRED WITHIN TWO KILOMETERS OF A POPULATION CENTER, IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO LOCATE WITNESSES TO THE CRASH WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

CASE 0112-0-01: ON 24 JULY 1965, CAPTAIN ROSCOE H. FOBAIR AND CAPTAIN RICHARD P. KEIRN WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD AN F4C AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 63-7599, WAS HIT BY A SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WJ155348, APPROXIMATELY 31 KILOMETERS SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF PHU THO, VINH PHU PROVINCE, VIETNAM. NO PARACHUTES WERE SEEN AND NO ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS WERE HEARD. CAPTAIN KEIRN WAS CAPTURED, AND UPON HIS RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY IN 1973 STATED THAT AFTER THE MISSILE HIT THE AIRCRAFT HE EJECTED IMMEDIATELY AND HAD NO CONTACT WITH CAPTAIN FOBAIR. WHILE IN CAPTIVITY, CAPTAIN KEIRN WAS TOLD BY HIS CAPTOR THAT A BODY WAS FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE OF HIS AIRCRAFT. ON 15 OCTOBER 1965, ISSUE NUMBER 129 OF VAN NGHE, PUBLISHED IN HANOI, IDENTIFIED CAPTAIN KEIRN'S "RADIO OPERATOR" BY NAME, STATING HE WAS KILLED WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

NAME: FOBAIR, ROSCOE HENRY
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 SEPTEMBER 1935
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS
WEIGHT: 77.0 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: GREEN

ALL THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THIS CASE INDICATES THAT VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF CAPTAIN FOBAIR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE MENTION OF HIS NAME IN THE VAN NGHE ARTICLE PROVED THAT HE OR HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE IN THEIR POSSESSION.

CASE 0575-1-01: ON 19 JANUARY 1967, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WILLIAM P. YARBROUGH, JR. AND COMMANDER ALLAN C. BRADY WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD AN A6A AIRCRAFT IN A FLIGHT OF THREE. THE AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 151590, WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WH910088, APPROXIMATELY 19 KILOMETERS NORTH NORTHEAST OF THANH HOA, THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT OBSERVED ONE GOOD PARACHUTE AND ONE PARTIALLY DEPLOYED PARACHUTE. NO ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS WERE HEARD, AND NO VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED. COMMANDER BRADY, WHO WAS RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY IN 1973, STATED HE WAS CAPTURED SOON AFTER LANDING AND HE NEVER SAW OR HEARD FROM COMMANDER YARBROUGH. ANOTHER AMERICAN POW STATED UPON HIS RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY THAT DURING HIS INITIAL INTERROGATION HE WAS SHOWN AN INTERROGATION BOOKLET WITH COMMANDER BRADY'S NAME IN BLUE AND COMMANDER YARBROUGH'S NAME IN RED. THE INTERROGATOR TOLD HIM THAT COMMANDER YARBROUGH WAS DEAD. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION INDICATES THAT COMMANDER YARBROUGH DIED WHEN HIS PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN AND THAT HE WAS BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: YARBROUGH, WILLIAM PLEASANT JR.
RANK: LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 25 MAY 1923
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 70.6 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND BT