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23 DEC 1987

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
ATTN: SSgt Daquilante
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

SUBJECT: Release of Information in the Case of SSgt Gregory L. Anderson

Reference: HQ AFMPC Msg DTG 021850Z Dec 87.

1. Reference requested that DIA/VO-PW conduct a classification review of all documents maintained in the file of SSgt Gregory L. Anderson, USAF, for release to his mother, Mrs. Anderson.
2. Documents resulting from that review are provided as enclosures 1 through 5. DIA has prepared enclosure 1 for direct release to Mrs. Anderson.
3. DIA does not have the authority to release or declassify enclosure 2, originated by the US Commander in Chief Pacific, and enclosures 3 through 5, originated by the JCRC. Coordination must be effected with the originating agencies before enclosures 2 through 5 can be released to Mrs. Anderson.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

JOSEPH A. SCHLATTER
Lieutenant Colonel, USA
Chief, Special Office for Prisoners
of War and Missing in Action

5 Enclosures
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Enclosure List to -1673/VO-PW

1. ~~PW/MIA Automated File Extract, 21 Dec 87~~ SENT
- * 2. USCINPAC Msg DTG 300210Z Jan 86)
3. ~~JCRC Negotiation Narrative~~ SENT
- * 4. CDR JCRC Msg DTG 201600Z Feb 86
- * 5. JCRC Liaison Msg DTG 031514Z Mar 86

* JCRC, MSGT Atherton denied release on 28 JAN 88, per
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SUBJ: TALKING POINT AND JOINT CRASH SITE CASE NARRATIVES
TO BE PASSED TO SRV

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A. USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI 300210Z JAN 86

B. PHONCON, LTCOL HILL (OASD-ISA)/LCDR DOWNING (JCRC) OF 20 FEB 86
1. REF A DETAILED THE FIVE JOINT CRASH SITE CASES PROPOSED TO
BE PASSED TO SRV BEFORE THE FEBRUARY TECHNICAL MEETING. REF B
APPROVED THIS PROPOSAL. TALKING POINT TO BE USED WHEN PASSING THE
FOLDERS AND THE FIVE NARRATIVES FOLLOW.

2. TALKING POINT: DURING THE HIGH-LEVEL TALKS IN EARLY
JANUARY, FOREIGN MINISTER THACH ASKED THE U.S. TO SUGGEST
CANDIDATES FOR JOINT CRASH SITE EXCAVATIONS. WE HAVE PREPARED FIVE
CRASH SITE CASES WHICH WE REQUEST YOU PASS TO THE VNOSMIA IN HANOI.
THESE CASES ARE EXCELLENT CANDIDATES FOR SITE SURVEYS AND POTENTIAL
JOINT EXCAVATIONS. IF THERE ARE FURTHER DETAILS OR INFORMATION
REQUESTED CONCERNING THE CASES, WE CAN DISCUSS THEM AT THE NEXT
TECHNICAL MEETING.

A. CASE 0591-0-01 THRU 04: ON 6 FEBRUARY 1967, MAJOR
PATRICK H. WOOD, CAPTAIN RICHARD A. KIBBEY, DT
AND AIRMAN SECOND CLASS DUANE D. HACKNEY WERE CREW

MEMBERS ABOARD AN HH3E RESCUE HELICOPTER. THEY HAD COMPLETED THE
RECOVERY OF CAPTAIN LUCIUS L. HEISKELL, WHO HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN IN
AN O1F AIRCRAFT, WHEN THE RESCUE HELICOPTER, SERIAL NUMBER
65-12779, WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF
GRID COORDINATES WE 847643, APPROXIMATELY 2.6 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST
OF DON BAI DINH VILLAGE, BINH TRI THIEN (FORMERLY QUANG BINH)
PROVINCE, VIETNAM. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT, AN
INTERNAL EXPLOSION BLEW A2C HACKNEY OUT OF THE AIRCRAFT. OTHER
RESCUE AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA OBSERVED TWO PARACHUTES. ONE, WHICH
WAS APPROXIMATELY 27 METERS FROM THE CRASH SITE, WAS OBSERVED TO BE
ONLY PARTIALLY DEPLOYED AND THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF LIFE. THE OTHER
PARACHUTE WAS 54 METERS FROM THE CRASH. A2C HACKNEY WAS RESCUED AT
THIS SITE. DESPITE REPEATED LOW PASSES OVER THE CRASH SITE, RESCUE
AIRCRAFT WERE UNABLE TO OBSERVE ANY SIGNS OF LIFE.
CAPTAIN HEISKELL'S CRASHED O1F AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 57-2807, IS
LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WE 868626,
APPROXIMATELY 4.6 KILOMETERS EAST SOUTHEAST OF DON BAI DINH
VILLAGE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: WOOD, PATRICK
RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 22 FEBRUARY 1931
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 67.9 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: HEISKELL, LUCIUS LAMAR
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 3 FEBRUARY 1940

RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.90 METERS
WEIGHT: 88.3 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: KIBBEY, RICHARD ABBOTT
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 2 JUNE 1934
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS
WEIGHT: 73.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND
EYES: BLUE

NAME / DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.85 METERS
WEIGHT: 70.2 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

B. 1 CASE 1952-0-01 THRU 06: ON 28 JANUARY 1970, CAPTAIN
HOLLY G. BELL, CAPTAIN LEONARD C. LEESER, SERGEANT GREGORY L.
ANDERSON, SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM D. PRUETT, SERGEANT
WILLIAM C. SHINN, AND DT / N WERE
CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD AN HH-53B HELICOPTER IN A FLIGHT OF TWO
AIRCRAFT. THE HELICOPTER, SERIAL NUMBER 66-14434, WAS SHOT DOWN BY
A MIG AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WF 582048,
APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF PHU GIA, NGHE TINH
(FORMERLY MA TINH) PROVINCE, VIETNAM. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FLIGHT
OBSERVED THE HELICOPTER HIT BY AN AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE, EXPLODE AND
CRASH. NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED; HOWEVER, A BRIEF TWO-SECOND
BEEPER SIGNAL WAS HEARD.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BELL, HOLLY GENE
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 05 JANUARY 1937
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS
WEIGHT: 78.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: ANDERSON, GREGORY LEE
RANK: SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 27 AUGUST 1947
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 71.1 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: HAZEL
NAME: PRUETT, WILLIAM DAVID
RANK: SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 18 AUGUST 1930
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.67 METERS
WEIGHT: 63.4 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN BT

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EYES: BROWN
NAME: LEESER, LEONARD CHARLES
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 24 JANUARY 1935
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 84.2 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN
NAME: SHINN, WILLIAM CHARLES
RANK: SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 07 JULY 1948
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.87 METERS
WEIGHT: 86.0 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

NAME / DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS
WEIGHT: 88.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

C. CASE 0093-1-01 THRU 04: ON 2 JUNE 1965, LIEUTENANT
JUNIOR GRADE M. D. MCMICAN, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE GERALD M.
ROMANO, PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS WILLIAM H. AMSPACHER, JR., AND
PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS THOMAS L. PLANTS WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD
AN EA1F AIRCRAFT ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT,
SERIAL NUMBER 132540, WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, CRASHED AND BURNED IN
THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WG 920815, APPROXIMATELY TWO
KILOMETERS WEST OF SAM SON, THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. SEARCH
AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT WERE PREVENTED FROM MAKING A CLOSE INSPECTION
OF THE CRASH SITE DUE TO INTENSE GROUND FIRE. SUBSEQUENT
INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE BODIES OF THE FOUR CREWMEN WERE
TAKEN FROM THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND BURIED NEARBY.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: MCMICAN, M. D.
RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 29 DECEMBER 1940
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS
WEIGHT: 73.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN
NAME: AMSPACHER, WILLIAM HARRY JUNIOR
RANK: PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 26 JULY 1944
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS

ACTION USDP:ISA(1) USDP:MIA(3) (I,M)
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WEIGHT: 79.2 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: ROMANO, GERALD MICHAEL
RANK: LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 20 MARCH 1942
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.82 METERS
WEIGHT: 79.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN
NAME: PLANTS, THOMAS LEE
RANK: PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS, U.S. NAVY
DATE OF BIRTH: 11 MAY 1940
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS
WEIGHT: 72.4 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

D. CASE 0350-0-01 THRU 08: ON 31 MAY 1966, MAJOR THOMAS
F. CASE, DT / N FIRST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM R.
EDMONDSON, FIRST LIEUTENANT ARMON D. SHINGLEBECKER, FIRST
LIEUTENANT HAROLD J. ZOOK, STAFF SERGEANT BOBBY J. ALBERTON, AIRMAN
SECOND CLASS ELROY E. HAWORTH AND AIRMAN SECOND CLASS PHILLIP J.
STICKNEY WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD A C-130E AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT,
SERIAL NUMBER 040511, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES
WG 510910, APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BAI THUONG,
THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. ON 5 JUNE 1966, A HANOI VNA
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE RADIO NEWS RELEASE STATED THAT A C-130
TRANSPORT PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THANH HOA ON 31 MAY 1966 AND THE
ENTIRE CREW WAS KILLED IN THE CRASH. THE 6 JUNE 1966 ISSUE OF NHAN
DAM REPORTED THAT AT ONE A.M. ON 31 MAY, THE MILITARY AND PEOPLE OF
THANH HOA SHOT DOWN A FOUR ENGINE C-130 AMERICAN AIR FORCE AIRPLANE
AND SEVEN CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED. IN JANUARY 1967, A JAPANESE
PRESS AGENCY PUBLISHED A PHOTO OF U.S. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND
REPORTED THAT SEVEN U.S. CREWMEN WERE ABOARD THE C-130E WHEN IT WAS
DOWNED ON 31 MAY 1966. THE PHOTO OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS RELEASED BY
THE VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: CASE, THOMAS FRANKLIN
RANK: MAJOR, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 22 OCTOBER 1931
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS
WEIGHT: 81.0 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

NAME / DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS
WEIGHT: 74.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLOND
EYES: BROWN
NAME: EDMONDSON, WILLIAM ROTHROCK BT

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SUBJ: PROPOSED JOINT CRASH SITE CASES TO BE PASSED TO SRV
A. MEMBASSY BANGKOK 081212Z JAN 66

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, THE JCRC WILL FORWARD CRASH SITE DATA TO THE SRV BEFORE THE FEBRUARY TECHNICAL MEETING. THIS MESSAGE PROPOSES PASSING FIVE CRASH SITE FOLDERS WHICH ARE EXCELLENT CANDIDATES FOR JOINT SURVEYS AND POTENTIAL RECOVERY EFFORTS. THESE CASES WERE CHOSEN FROM ALL CRASH SITE INCIDENTS IN NORTH VIETNAM BASED ON ANALYSIS OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY: THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT, AND THE PROBABILITY OF REMAINS STILL BEING IN THE CRASH SITE AREA. ALSO INCLUDES ANY SPECIFICS REGARDING CREW MEMBERS, E.G., PARACHUTES SEEN, BEEPERS HEARD, VOICE COMMUNICATIONS, CAPTURES, RESCUES, SURVIVORS SIGHTED.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY: RELIABILITY OF CRASH SITE COORDINATES BASED ON HOW THE LOCATION WAS DETERMINED, E.G., EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, SAR REPORTS, FLIGHT PLANS, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, SUBSEQUENT REPORTING, ETC.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING: INCLUDES ANY INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, VIETNAMESE OR OTHER FOREIGN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RADIO BROADCASTS, OR REFUGEE REPORTS. THESE MAY CONFIRM LOCATIONS, SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION ON CREW MEMBERS, AND/OR SUBSTANTIATE VIETNAMESE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT.

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS: SITE ACCESSIBILITY, TERRAIN, VEGETATION, ROADS, AND PROXIMITY TO POPULATED AREAS. THIS ALLOWS ANALYSTS TO DETERMINE THE PROBABILITY OF WHETHER THE SITE HAS BEEN VISITED SUBSEQUENT TO THE CRASH.

THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED CRASH SITES ARE IN PRIORITY ORDER.

2. REFNO 0591-0-01 THRU 04: ON 6 FEBRUARY 1967, AN MH3E HELICOPTER WITH FOUR CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD HAD COMPLETED THE RESCUE OF ONE DOWNED PILOT, WHEN IT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 2.6 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF DON BAI DINH VILLAGE, BINH TRI THIEN PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY
- FIVE PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN INCIDENT.
- TWO PARACHUTES, ONE PARTIALLY DEPLOYED SIGHTED ON GROUND.

- ONE CREW MEMBER RESCUED AT CRASH SITE.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY
- SITE LOCATION FIXED BY SURVIVOR AND OBSERVATION BY SAR AIRCRAFT.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING
- NONE (INDICATES SITE POSSIBLY NOT VISITED.)

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS
- APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS FROM VILLAGE AND MAJOR ACCESS ROAD.
- EXTENSIVE VEGETATION AND UNDERGROWTH IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN.

3. REFNO 1852-0-01 THRU 06: ON 28 JANUARY 1970, AN HH-53B

ACTION USDP:ISA(1) USDP:NIA(3) (M)
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HELICOPTER WITH SIX CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD, WAS HIT BY AN AIR-TO-MISSILE, EXPLODED AND CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHU GIA, NGHE TINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY
- SIX PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN INCIDENT.
- A TWO SECOND BEEPER WAS HEARD.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY
- SITE LOCATION FIXED THROUGH OBSERVATION BY SAR AIRCRAFT.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING
- NONE (INDICATES SITE POSSIBLY NOT VISITED).

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS
- OVER FIVE KILOMETERS FROM A VILLAGE.
- REMOTE WITH EXTENSIVE VEGETATION AND UNDERGROWTH MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN.

4. REFNO 0093-1-01 THRU 04 AND 0092-1-01: ON 2 JUNE 1966 AN EA3F AIRCRAFT WITH FOUR CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD, WAS ON A RESCUE MISSION WHEN IT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF SAN SON, THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM. THE PILOT WHOM THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE (REFNO 0092) WAS LOST THE SAME LOCATION.

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY
- FOUR PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN 0093 INCIDENT.
- ONE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN 0092.
- PILOT OF 0092 WAS OBSERVED EJECTING AT A LOW ALTITUDE; NO PARACHUTE SEEN.
- NO COMMUNICATIONS FROM 0092 OR 0093 SUBSEQUENT TO CRASHES.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY
- SITE LOCATIONS OF BOTH 0093 AND 0092 FIXED THROUGH SAR AIRCRAFT OBSERVATION AND CONFIRMED BY SUBSEQUENT REPORTING.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING
- CONFIRMS LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS FOR 0093.
- IDENTIFIES BURIAL SITE LOCATION OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS NEAR WRECKAGE, AND STATES THAT LATER ANOTHER BOX WAS RECOVERED AND BURIED AT THE SAME LOCATION.
- A PRAVDA NEWS ARTICLE NAMES THE PILOT OF REFNO 1 AND IDENTIFIES PERSONAL EFFECTS.

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS FOR BOTH 0092 AND 0093
- WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF A POPULATED AREA.
- SITE LOCATED IN OPEN RICE FIELD WITH GOOD ACCESS

ONLY ONE CRASH SITE FOLDER, FOR REFNO 0093, WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SRV. AS THE PILOT OF REFNO 0092 WAS SEEN TO EJECT, THERE IS NO NEED TO PASS A FOLDER ON THAT CRASH SITE. THE REFNO 0092 CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE APRIL 1965 TECHNICAL MEETING.

5. (C) REFNO 0350-0-01 THRU 0: ON 31 MAY 1966, A C130E AIRCRAFT WAS APPARENTLY HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED WITH EIGHT CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF 1 THUAN, THANH HOA PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY
- EIGHT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN INCIDENT.
- NO COMMUNICATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO CRASH.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY
- AIRCRAFT WAS ON SOLO, LOW LEVEL NIGHT MISSION. 1

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LOCATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY MISSION OBJECTIVE, AND FIXED BY SUBSEQUENT REPORTING.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING
- CONFIRMED LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED.
- TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE NEWS RELEASES DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT.
- NEWS FILM IDENTIFIES AIRCRAFT AND SHOWS LARGE SCALE REMOVAL OF WRECKAGE BY THE VIETNAMESE.

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS
- WITHIN ONE KILOMETER OF POPULATED AREA.
- SITE BELIEVED TO BE LOCATED IN OPEN RICE FIELD WITH GOOD ACCESS.

HIS CRASH SITE WAS EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE LOCAL POPULACE. THE NO NEWS RELEASES INDICATED OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT. THE PUBLISHED NEWSREEL DEPICTS AN ORGANIZED, LARGE SCALE, SALVAGE OPERATION. THE VIETNAMESE MUST KNOW THE FATE OF THE CREW. A REQUEST FOR A SITE SURVEY MAY RESULT IN A TURNOVER OF REMAINS.

6. REFNO 0407-1-01 THRU 06: ON 29 JULY 1966, A C-47 AIRCRAFT WITH EIGHT CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD, REPORTED AN ATTACK BY MIG AIRCRAFT AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISAPPEARED NEAR BAN SON VILLAGE, THANH HOA PROVINCE.

A. PERSONNEL DENSITY
- EIGHT PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN INCIDENT.
- SUBSEQUENT REPORTING INDICATES ONE INDIVIDUAL PARACHUTED FROM AIRCRAFT.

B. LOCATION ACCURACY
- AIRCRAFT WAS ON A SOLO MISSION. LOCATION WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PLAN AND FIXED BY SUBSEQUENT REPORTING.

C. SUBSEQUENT REPORTING
- ESTABLISHES LOCATION, CONFIRMS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, A NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.
- IDENTIFIES BURIAL SITE LOCATION.
- INDICATES ONE INDIVIDUAL PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT, WAS CAPTURED, DIED AND WAS BURIED WITH THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

D. LOCATION ANALYSIS
- APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER FROM POPULATED AREA.
- WITHIN 100 METERS OF A ONE LANE LOOSE SURFACE ROAD.
- SITE NEAR CLOSED CANOPY JUNGLE.

SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ON THIS INCIDENT REPORTS THE CAPTURE AND DEATH OF ONE CREWMAN AND HIS BEING BURIED WITH FIVE OTHERS WHOSE BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH. THIS, COMBINED WITH THE EASILY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION, INDICATES VIETNAMESE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRASH AND GRAVE SITE. A REQUEST FOR A SURVEY OF THIS REFNO MIGHT ALSO RESULT IN THE RETURN OF REMAINS.

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RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 85.6 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: SHINGLEDECKER, ARNON D.
RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 26 DECEMBER 1941
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.72 METERS
WEIGHT: 70.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN
NAME: ZOOK, HAROLD JACOB
RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 21 OCTOBER 1940
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.80 METERS
WEIGHT: 86.9 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE
NAME: ALBERTSON, BOBBY JOE
RANK: STAFF SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 AUGUST 1937
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS
WEIGHT: 60.7 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN
NAME: HAWORTH, ELMOR EDWIN
RANK: AIRMAN FIRST CLASS, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 10 JANUARY 1942
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.77 METERS
WEIGHT: 78.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BLUE
NAME: STICKEY, PHILLIP JOSEPH
RANK: AIRMAN FIRST CLASS, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 23 DECEMBER 1937
RACE: CAUCASIAN
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WEIGHT: 71.1 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BROWN

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JOHN M. MAMIYA, AND TECHNICAL SERGEANT HERBERT E. SMITH, WERE CREW MEMBERS OF A C-47 AIRCRAFT, SERIAL NUMBER 43-48388, WHICH DISAPPEARED OVER THE SON LA AND THANH HOA (FORMERLY HOA BINH) PROVINCE BOUNDARIES, VIETNAM. IN THEIR LAST RADIO TRANSMISSION, THE CREW STATED THE AIRCRAFT WAS UNDER ATTACK BY MIG AIRCRAFT. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION INDICATES THE CRASH SITE MAY BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES VH 98843 APPROXIMATELY 800 METERS FROM BAN SON VILLAGE ON ROUTE 8, THANH HOA PROVINCE. THE CREW MEMBERS REPORTEDLY DIED DURING THE INCIDENT AND WERE BURIED IN VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WH 041931.
PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: CONKLIN, BERNARD
GRADE: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 27 FEBRUARY 1932
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.82 METERS
WEIGHT: 83.8 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: HAZEL
NAME: HALL, JAMES SHREVE
GRADE: STAFF SERGEANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 5 OCTOBER 1935
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.70 METERS
WEIGHT: 69.3 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: RED
EYES: HAZEL

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HAIR: BLOND
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RACE: CAUCASIAN
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HAIR: BLACK
EYES: HAZEL
NAME: DI TOMMASO, ROBERT JOSEPH
GRADE: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 7 AUGUST 1941
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.82 METERS
WEIGHT: 81.5 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: HAZEL
NAME: CHIARELLO, VINCENT AUGUSTUS
GRADE: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE
DATE OF BIRTH: 30 AUGUST 1939
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1. REF A PROVIDED A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITY DURING THE JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI DURING THE PERIOD 27-28 FEB 86. REFS B, C, AND D PROVIDED THE DETAILED TALKING POINTS COVERED IN THIS MEETING.

2. THE FIRST MEETING SESSION CONVENED AT 0900 HRS ON 27 FEB 86 AND WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN TECHNICAL TEAM: AN (JCRC LNO; LTC JOHNIE WEBB, CDR, CILHI; LCDR JULIE DOWNING, MC, JCRC; AND MR GARNETT BELL, JCRC CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST. MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE TEAM WHO WERE PRESENT WERE INTRODUCED AS: MR NGUYEN CAN, ACTING CHIEF OF THE VNOSMIA; MR NGO HOANG, MEMBER OF VNOSMIA; MR NGUYEN THANH, VNOSMIA; DR VO NGOC THU, VNOSMIA; MR PHAM TEO, VNOSMIA; MR DOAN VAN BAN, INTRODUCED AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE VNOSMIA; AND MR VO DANG DUNG, INTERPRETER. THE INTRODUCTIONS OF THE U.S. AND VIETNAMESE TEAMS WERE RECORDED BY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT ASIAN AND WESTERN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

3. AFTER THE NEWSMEN'S DEPARTURE, MR NGUYEN CAN MADE AN OPENING REMARKS, OTHER THAN TO INVITE TO COMMENCE THE SESSION. FOLLOWING HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, AN PASSED THE FIVE CASES (REFNO: 0591, 1552, 0093, 0360, 0407) PROPOSED FOR JOINT CRASHSITE EXCAVATIONS WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT THESE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER THACH DURING THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING IN JANUARY. AN ASKED THAT THE VNOSMIA GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THESE CANDIDATE CASES, AS THEY HAD BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED AS HAVING GOOD POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION.

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4. AN THEN DISCUSSED 12 NEW CASES (REFNO: 0996, 1793, 1242, 0826, 1234, 1388, 0730, DT, 1940, 1294, 1915, AND 0536/0537). (NOTE: THOUGH IT WAS CLEARLY POINTED OUT THAT RESOLUTION OF THE LAST TWO CASES WOULD CALL FOR COOPERATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM LAO OFFICIALS, MR CAN DID NOT FLINCH WHEN ACCEPTING THE CASE FOLDERS.) AN THEN PASSED THE REMAINING DISCREPANCY CASES (REFNO: 0996, 0681, 0743, 1715, 0736, 1296, 0351, 0771, 0525, 0526) WITHOUT DISCUSSION, AND CONTINUED BY PASSING TEN CRASHSITE CASES (REFNO: DT, 0455, 0150, DT, 0095, 0578, 0457, 0375, 0083, DT). ALTHOUGH THE SPECIFIC CASES WERE NOT DISCUSSED, THE RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING CASES BY PROVINCE WAS PROVIDED.

5. AFTER A BRIEF BREAK, THE MEETING RESUMED WITH DISCUSSION OF THE BLACK AMERICAN REMAINS AT THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL, THE CRASH SITE VISIT REQUEST CONCERNING REFNO 0869 (NEAR HAIPHONG), AND THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CUA VIET REMAINS. THE TALKING POINTS ON THE CRASH SITES AT PHU LO AND NEAR DO SON, WRECKAGE AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS, AND THE YEA THUONG CRASHSITE WERE COVERED. AN THEN DISCUSSED THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE CASES, REQUESTED INFORMATION ON LIEUTENANT CRAIG (REFNO 0751), AND REQUESTED THE PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH MR HOAN HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE DURING THE HIGH LEVEL TALKS (PHOTOS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SRV INVESTIGATION OF LIVE-SIGHTING REPORTS).

6. LTC WEBB WAS REINTRODUCED AND TOOK THE FLOOR TO GIVE THE STATUS OF THE SEVEN REMAINS REPATRIATED ON 4 DECEMBER 86. POINTING OUT IN DETAIL THE ANOMALIES ENCOUNTERED, AND ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

7. ON THE NEXT SUBJECT, U.S. PARTICIPATION IN VNOSMIA LIVE-SIGHTING INVESTIGATIONS, MATHEP STATED THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY THE SRV WAS WELCOMED, AND BT

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THAT WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING HOW THE SRV WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS PROPOSAL. NEXT, INVESTIGATION RESULTS WERE SOLICITED ON THE CASES PROVIDED BY THE MURKOWSKI AND SOLOMON DELEGATIONS.

8. THE TALKING POINTS ON THE THREE LIVE SIGHTING CASES WERE PRESENTED. AS THE VIETNAMESE HAD INDICATED TO THE SOLOMON CODEL THAT THE TURNOVER OF 14 REMAINS WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING THIS MEETING, AN SUGGESTED A REPATRIATION WITHIN ONE WEEK. THE LAST POINT COVERED WAS TO PROPOSE A LATE MARCH TIMEFRAME FOR THE NEXT TECHNICAL MEETING. THE MORNING SESSION WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH AT THIS TIME. THE VIETNAMESE SIDE DID NOT RESPOND SPECIFICALLY TO ANY OF THE TALKING POINTS DURING THE MORNING SESSION.

9. AFTER LUNCH, MR CAN BEGAN THE SESSION BY NOTING THAT MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED WHICH WILL CAUSE THE VNOSMIA MORE WORK. HE STATED THAT DURING THE PAST YEAR THE SRV DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT TO THIS ISSUE AND MORE SUCH EFFORT IS EXPECTED IN THE COMING YEAR. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS BUT STRESSED THAT THE U.S. MUST COOPERATE. HE THEN STATED THAT THE SRV IS DOING ALL THE WORK, AS THE U.S. CONTINUES HOSTILE ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS AGAINST THE SRV. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED A "SLANDEROUS" STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT RELEASED ON 14 FEB WHICH ALLEGED THAT THE SRV IS VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS BY IMPRISONING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, THAT PERSONNEL IN REEDUCATION CAMPS SHOULD BE RELEASED, AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED IN "KAMPUCHEA". MR CAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE SEVEN-POINT COMMENTARY TO THE SRV TWO-YEAR PLAN INDICATED TO HIM THAT (A) THE U.S. WANTS THE SRV TO PUT FORTH ALL THE EFFORT, (B) THE U.S. CAN DO NOTHING BUT SPEAK AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PLAN, AND (C) THE U.S. HAS NO GOODWILL REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS ISSUE AND IS NOT INTERESTED IN EXPEDITING THE SEARCH FOR MIAs. (NOTE: LATER DURING DINNER, CAN TOOK MATTER ASIDE AND

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STATED THAT THE COMMENTS HE HAD MADE SHOULD BE REPORTED ONLY AS A REACTION FROM THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, AND "NOT THE OFFICIAL SRV REPLY". HE FURTHER ADDED THAT DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SRV 2-YEAR PLAN IS BEING CARRIED OUT "AT THE POLICY LEVEL", SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING THE ARMITAGE/WOLFOVITZ MEETING. HE DID NOT ELABORATE FURTHER, BUT LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT ADDITIONAL SRV REACTION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.)

10. CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN ISSUE, MR CAN SAID THAT MR SOLOMON WAS TOLD THERE WERE NO U.S. PRISONERS IN VIETNAM, BUT THE SRV WOULD CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. HE SAID THAT THE SOLOMON CODEL AND THE PRESS MADE "A BIG FUSS", SAYING THE SRV ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRESENCE OF LIVE AMERICANS IN THE COUNTRY. THIS CAN ONLY REKINDLE HOSTILE FEELINGS AGAINST VIETNAM, HE SAID. THE SRV STRONGLY REJECTS THE ACCUSATION THAT THEY HAVE RETAINED AMERICAN PRISONERS, HE SAID, AND WARNED THAT ANYONE WHO TRIES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS QUESTION WILL MEET WITH FAILURE. SUMMING UP, CAN OPINED THAT "WE SHOULD BE REALISTIC, AND WE SHOULDN'T WASTE OUR TIME PURSUING WORK BASED ON ALLEGATIONS OF PEOPLE WITH BAD INTENTIONS". AN RESPONDED THAT WE CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF LIVE-SIGHTINGS TO BE A MATTER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE VNOSMIA DID NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER TO BE A WASTE OF TIME, AND REQUESTED A REITERATION AND CLARIFICATION OF CAN'S EARLIER STATED WILLINGNESS TO INVESTIGATE THE LIVE-SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED. CAN RESPONDED THAT THE SRV HAS REPEATED ITS POSITION THAT THERE ARE NO AMERICANS DETAINED IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, IF THE USG HAS INFORMATION, IT WILL BE VERIFIED AND INVESTIGATED. THE U.S. MUST PROVIDE CLEAR DETAILED INFORMATION. HOWEVER, REGARDING THE CASES PRESENTED, WE WILL INVESTIGATE THEM EVEN THOUGH SOME MAY BE HUMOROUS. HE SAID (REFERRING TO THE ALLEGED AMERICAN CYCLO DRIVER BY

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LIVING NEAR HANOI). ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHICH THE USG COULD PROVIDE WOULD BE WELCOMED. HE ADDED.

11. NOTING THAT MUCH NEW INFORMATION HAD BEEN PRESENTED AND MANY QUESTIONS POSED DURING THE MORNING SESSION MR CAN THEN GAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES TO TALKING POINTS:
- A. 843 43173 535 942 ---74-53 8, 194, -589, 9, 583 8-52 CRASHES. NOTING THAT THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS TO LOSS LOCATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, JCRC RECORDS INDICATE LOSSES IN HOAI DUC AND TU LIEM DISTRICTS (WEST OF HANOI) WHILE SRV INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE NO B-52 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN THESE AREAS. ON THE CONTRARY, SRV INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE TWO AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN PHU LO. WHILE JCRC RECORDS DO NOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS, AN OFFERED TO PROVIDE A MAP WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS ALL B-52 CRASHSITES IN THE HANOI AREA AND A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EACH INCIDENT. MR CAN SAID THIS WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.
EMWNG DBL B. CRASHSITE AT PHU LO: BECAUSE THERE WERE TWO CRASHES IN THE AREA, MIXED INFORMATION ON THE SITES, AND WITNESSES WERE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE, MR CAN SAID THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THESE SITES WAS CONTINUING. HE SAID THE LOCAL PEOPLE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES OF THE TWO SURVIVING PILOTS AND THE VNOSMIA WAS LOOKING FOR THE PEOPLE FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS WHO CAME TO PICK UP THE PILOTS.

- C. NGOC HA, BOTANICAL GARDEN SITE, REFNO 1828: CAN STATED THESE TOPICS WOULD BE RESEARCHED, THE POINTS CONSIDERED, AND THE VNOSMIA WILL REPORT LATER. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, (CONFIRMING JCRC RECORDS), THAT THE DATE ON THE PLAQUE AT THE NGOC HA SITE DOES NOT MATCH THE LOSS OF ANY B-52.

- D. SITE AT YEN THUONG: MR CAN SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO ASK THE LOCAL PEOPLE (AGAIN) IF THEY WERE KEEPING ITEMS FROM THIS INCIDENT. HE ADDED THAT WHEN THE LOCALS

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WERE FILLING IN THE HOLE DUG BY THE RECOVERY TEAM, "ABOUT A KILO" OF HUMAN REMAINS WERE UNCOVERED. (AFTER THE MEETING, U.S. TEAM MEMBERS WERE TOLD THESE REMAINS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE U.S. DURING THE NEXT REPATRIATION.)

- E. QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS: MR CAN STATED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR INVESTIGATION ON THOSE CASES AS THEY ARE ALL THE OTHER CASES. HE AGAIN MADE THE POINT THAT WE HAVE GIVEN THEM MANY CASES AND IT IS A HEAVY WORKLOAD AND THEY CANNOT RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.

- F. IDENTIFICATION OF REMAINS: DR THU PRESENTED A STIRRING BUT HOLLOW DEFENSE OF THE IDENTIFICATIONS PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF THE DECEMBER 85 REPATRIATION. HE OFFERED NO RATIONALE FOR THE PROBLEMS WHICH WERE EVIDENT AMONG THESE REPATRIATED REMAINS, AND INSTEAD POINTED THE BLAME (ONCE AGAIN) TO HIS LACK OF U.S. DENTAL RECORDS, COMPLETELY IGNORING THE FACT THAT THE ANOMALIES PRESENTED BY THESE REMAINS WERE NOT A FUNCTION OF THE LACK OF SUCH DENTAL RECORDS. (ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, DURING A BREAK DR THU SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING ON 30 REMAINS IN SAIGON. TWENTY-FIVE OF THEM HE DETERMINED WERE MONGOLOID. HE WAS STILL ANALYZING FIVE OF THE REMAINS WHICH HE SAID HAD "CAUCASIAN SIMILARITIES". WHEN ASKED IF THESE REMAINS WOULD BE REPATRIATED, HE SAID THEY WERE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.)

- G. TIMING FOR NEXT MEETING: MR CAN TOOK NOTE OF OUR PROPOSAL SAYING THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS, BUT GIVEN THE AMOUNT OF WORK THE VNOSMIA MUST ACCOMPLISH, MR CAN STATED HE BELIEVED A LATE MARCH TIMEFRAME IS TOO SOON.

- H. TECHNICAL EXCHANGE: MR CAN SAID THAT "IN ORDER TO CREATE A MORE FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE, AND REGARDING BT

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YOUR PROPOSAL ON TECHNICAL TRAINING. THE SRV ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL SEND A SPECIALIST TEAM TO THE U.S. IN ORDER TO "EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES ON IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATIONS". REGARDING THE TIMING AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, WE WILL DISCUSS AND AGREE UPON THIS LATER. HE SAID.

I. SITE VISIT: MR CAN STATED THE VNOSMIA WAS PREPARED TO TAKE THE U.S. TEAM TO A CRASHSITE ON FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY. HE REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER THACH'S COMMENTS MADE TO THE ARMITAGE/WOLFOVITZ DELEGATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE TWO SIDES CAN DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT EXCAVATIONS. AND STATED THAT THE SITE TO BE VISITED IS ONE POSSIBLE CANDIDATE. DETAILS OF THIS VISIT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

J. INFORMATION LIST OF 49 MIAS
MR CAN THEN PASSED A LIST WITH INFORMATION ON 49 MIAS, INCLUDING 21 WHOSE REMAINS ARE TO BE REPATRIATED. DETAILS OF THIS LIST WILL ALSO BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.
AN AGAIN REQUESTED A REPATRIATION TIME. MR CAN RESPONDED THAT THEY WOULD BE READY IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS. (IN LATER CONVERSATIONS, TEAM MEMBERS WERE TOLD BY MGC HOANG THAT PERHAPS THE REPATRIATION COULD OCCUR EARLIER. MR VU DANG DUNG, HOWEVER, TOLD AN AT THE AIRPORT JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE--ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR CAN ACCORDING TO DUNG--THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY OCCUR LATER THAN THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF THE VNOSMIA WORKLOAD.)

K. VOA BROADCASTS: CAN NOTED THAT THE VOA BROADCASTS OF 26 AND 29 NOVEMBER 85 HAD BEEN HELPFUL AND HAD MADE CLEAR THE U.S. POLICY THAT THE RECOVERERS OF REMAINS SHOULD TURN THEM OVER TO SRV AUTHORITIES AND NOT EXPECT VISAS TO DEPART FROM VIETNAM. CAN SUGGESTED THAT ADDITIONAL BROADCASTS WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IN STOPPING THE "REMAINS TRADING". (ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, CAN LATER TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO A VOA BROADCAST WHICH

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MENTIONED A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO ASD ARMITAGE ALLEGEDLY MENTIONING POSSIBLE USE OF FORCE TO FREE CAPTIVE AMERICANS IN INDOCHINA.)

12. THE MEETING ENDED WITH MR CAN INVITING AN TO MEET WITH THE WAITING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE MEETING. AN STATED HE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCUSS DETAILS BUT WAS WILLING TO TALK IN GENERALITIES. AFTER AN BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETING, CAN WENT ON TO PROVIDE A DETAILED ACCOUNT, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE VNOSMIA INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, REMAINS RECOVERED, AND NUMBERS TO BE REPATRIATED. CAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SRV HAD ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE THE IDEA OF ANOTHER JOINT CRASHSITE EXCAVATION BUT THAT THE SPECIFIC SITE HAD NOT YET BEEN SELECTED.

13. AS DURING PREVIOUS TECHNICAL MEETINGS, THE VNOSMIA HOSTED A DINNER FOR THE U.S. SIDE ON 27 FEB. AND THE U.S. SIDE RECIPROCATED THE FOLLOWING EVENING.
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