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RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC//CA/OCS/ACS/EAP/VLC//
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RUEKDIA/DIA WASHINGTON DC
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RUEKJCS/USCINCPAC LO WASHINGTON DC
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Gen Counsel	---	---
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Res/Analyst	---	---
Jt Comm Spt	---	---
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Ext Affairs	---	✓
Resource Mgmt	---	---
CA-SA	---	---

Doughtie, C.L. 0095
Mongilardi, P. 0103.
NAME DATA
Newell, M.T. 0550
Bundy, N.L. 0449

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SECTION 01 OF 02

/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY

MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA/J252//
SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "LIST OF AMERICANS MISSING DURING THE WAR IN THANH HOA"
RMKS/1. ON 15 MAY 95, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER THREE SETS OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO U.S. LOSSES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ONE SET OF DOCUMENTS CONTAINED A REPORT TITLED: "REPORT ON RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S (MOI) SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP." THIS REPORT INCLUDED TEN DOCUMENTS. THE SECOND SET OF DOCUMENTS WAS A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) MIA SPECIALIST TEAM TITLED: "REPORT OF RESULTS OF UNILATERAL OPERATIONS TO COLLECT MIA INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS." THIS REPORT INCLUDED THREE DOCUMENTS. THE THIRD SET OF DOCUMENTS WAS A VIETNAM OFFICE OF SEEKING PERSON (VNOSMP) ASSESSMENT OF THE 84 SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) CASES.

2. THE MOI REPORT, "REPORT ON RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OF THE MOI'S SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP" DETAILS A 4 - 12 MAY 95 EFFORT BY THE MOI TO SEARCH FOR POW/MIA INFORMATION IN VINH PHU, TUYEN QUANG, YEN BAI, HOA BINH, NINH BINH AND THANH HOA PROVINCES. THE REPORT BRIEFLY DESCRIBES DOCUMENTS AND SKETCH MAPS RECOVERED AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHED IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCES BY THE SPECIAL INFORMATION SEEKING GROUP. ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS WAS TITLED, "LIST OF AMERICANS MISSING

Herr old, M.R. 0351 Charvet, P.C. 0628
NAME
Hogan, J.F. 0578 Coakley, W.F. 0457
NAME DATA, McMican, M.D. 0093
NAME DATA, Plants, T.L.
Crosby, F.P. 0090 Romano, A.M.
0067 Rudolph, R.D. 0138

DURING THE WAR IN THANH HOA."

3. THE DOCUMENT IS A LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF AN UNSPECIFIED THANH HOA PROVINCE OFFICE, AND CONTAINS A LIST OF 17 LINE ITEMS INDICATING 17 AMERICANS WHOSE REMAINS WERE EXHUMED, FOUND, OR SOLD IN THANH HOA PROVINCE. IT IS DATED 3 JUL 91. THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES LIMITED CASUALTY-RELATED INFORMATION. JTF-FA ANALYSTS HAVE IDENTIFIED LINE ENTRIES POSSIBLY CORRELATING WITH THE FOLLOWING UNRESOLVED CASES: 0095-0-01, 0103-0-01, DATA 0550-0-01, 0449-0-01, 0351-0-01, 0578-0-01, DATA DATA 0090-0-01, 0067-1-01, AND 0628-0-01; AND THE FOLLOWING RESOLVED CASES: 0457-0-01, 0093-1-02, 0093-1-03, 0093-1-01 AND 0138-0-01. EACH OF THE 17 LINE ENTRIES CORRELATES BY NAME WITH A KNOWN LOSS INCIDENT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE DOCUMENT APPEARS TO BE A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF CASES WHICH, ACCORDING TO U.S. RECORDS, TOOK PLACE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE, AND TO BE BASED ENTIRELY UPON NARRATIVES PROVIDED TO THE SRV BY THE USG AT VARIOUS TECHNICAL MEETINGS. THANH HOA PROVINCE OFFICIALS APPARENTLY PREPARED THIS DOCUMENT TO ASSIST THEIR EFFORTS TO RECOVER AMERICAN REMAINS, AND IT REMAINED IN THEIR FILES AT THE TIME OF THE MOI TEAM'S VISIT.

4. THE TRANSLATION BELOW LISTS HEADING INFORMATION FOR THE DOCUMENT FOLLOWED BY EACH LINE ENTRY. ANY INFORMATION ILLEGIBLE ON THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS REPLACED WITH A QUESTION MARK (?). EACH LINE ENTRY IS FOLLOWED BY JTF-FA ANALYTICAL COMMENTS ((ENCLOSED IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES)).

A. THE DOCUMENT HEADING INFORMATION READS AS FOLLOWS:
((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

- "THANH HOA 3 JULY 1991,
- COMMAND SECTION
- RESPECTFULLY SENT TO: COMRADE COMMANDER
- LIST OF AMERICANS MISSING DURING THE WAR IN THANH HOA
- DURING THE DESTRUCTIVE WAR OF THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS, IN THANH HOA THERE WERE A NUMBER OF DEAD AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, ((FOR WHOM WE)) HAVE NOT YET FOUND REMAINS, PRESENTLY THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARTIAL BODIES THAT WERE EXHUMED, FOUND, SOLD ... THOSE ARE:"

B. THE DOCUMENT LINE ENTRIES READ AS FOLLOWS:
((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

((LINE ENTRY)) "1; WILL F. COAKLEY; NAVY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER; PILOTED AN A4E AIRCRAFT THAT WAS SHOT DOWN AT COORDINATE WG838690 (QUANG TRUNG- QX) ON 13/9/1966." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0457-0-01, A RESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND DATE OF INCIDENT. THE GRID COORDINATES INDICATED IN THIS LINE ENTRY ARE THE SAME GRID COORDINATES LISTED IN JTF-FA FILES AS THE LOSS LOCATION FOR CASE 0457-0-01.))

((LINE ENTRY)) "2; -DOUGHTIN CARL LOUIE; NAVY LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE,; A1E AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT COORDINATE WG658815 (TAN NINH - TRIEU SON) ON 10/6/1965." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0095-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND DATE OF INCIDENT. THE GRID COORDINATES INDICATED IN THIS LINE ENTRY ARE THE SAME GRID

COORDINATES LISTED IN JTF-FA FILES AS THE LOSS LOCATION FOR CASE 0095-0-01.)

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "3; ((?))NGIL((AH))DI PETER; JUNIOR NAVY COMMANDER,; A4C AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT COORDINATE WG628006 (THIEU CHINH - DONG SON) ON 25/6/1965." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0103-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PARTIAL NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE OF INCIDENT AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. THE GRID COORDINATE WG628006 DOES NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 0103-0-01. HOWEVER, GRID COORDINATE WH628006 IS WITHIN 1 KM OF A LOSS LOCATION LISTED IN JTF-FA FILES FOR CASE 0103. THE DISCREPANCY APPEARS TO BE AN ERROR BY THE AUTHOR OF THIS DOCUMENT AS ALL OTHER ITEMS IN THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATE WELL WITH CASE 0103.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "4; NAME PILOTED F4B THAT CRASHED AT COORDINATE WG750786 IN THE HOANG SON ((FARM ENTRANCE)) ON 20/2/1967." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE DATA AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PARTIAL NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND DATE OF INCIDENT. THE GRID COORDINATE INDICATED IN THIS LINE ENTRY IS WITHIN 1 KILOMETER OF THE LOSS LOCATION LISTED IN JTF-FA FILES FOR CASE DATA

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "5; NEWELL MICHAEL THOMAS; NAVY LIEUTENANT; PILOTED F8F THAT CRASHED AT COORDINATE WG227779 (THANH KY NHU XUAN) ON 14/12/1966." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0550-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE AND DATE OF INCIDENT. THE GRID COORDINATE INDICATED IN THIS LINE ENTRY IS WITHIN 3 KILOMETERS OF THE LOSS LOCATION LISTED IN JTF-FA FILES FOR CASE 0550-0-01.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "6; NORMAN BUNDI; NAVY LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE,; AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT SEA 19 KMS FROM SAM SON ON 6/9/1966." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0449-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE

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SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "LIST OF AMERICANS RMKS/

CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME SIMILARITY, RANK, DATE OF INCIDENT, CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS (CASE 0449-0-01 IS AN OVERWATER LOSS) AND BRANCH OF SERVICE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "7; HERROLD NOD RAYMOND; CRASHED AT SEA 7 KMS WEST OF ME ISLAND." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0351-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME SIMILARITY AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS (CASE 0351-0-01 IS AN OVERWATER LOSS).))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "8; JERRY L VOGAN; CRASHED AT QUANG THACH, QUANG XUONG ON 21/1/1967." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0578-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME SIMILARITY, DATE OF INCIDENT, AND PROVINCE AND VILLAGE OF LOSS.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "9; ((?))LLIAM AMSPACHER;

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "10; GERRALD M. ROMANO;

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "11; LEMICAN M.D.;

((THESE THREE ENTRIES ARE JOINED AT THE RIGHT BY A BRACKET.

THE TEXT OUTSIDE THE BRACKET READS AS FOLLOWS:))
 "THESE 3 GUYS WERE IN THE SAME AD6 CREW THAT CRASHED AT QUANG VINH (QXUONG) TOGETHER WITH THE GUY PLANS WHOSE REMAINS WE REPATRIATED TO ((THE U.S.)) MIA IN 2/1991." ((NOTE: THE DATE 2/6/1965 IS HANDWRITTEN UNDER THE WORD "REPATRIATED")) ((THESE LINE ENTRIES CORRELATE WITH RESOLVED CASES 0093-1-02, 0093-1-01 AND 0093-1-03 RESPECTIVELY. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND PROVINCE AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REPATRIATION OF REMAINS IS CONSISTENT WITH CASE FILE INFORMATION. "PLANS" IS A REFERENCE TO 0093-1-04, ALSO RESOLVED.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "12; ROBER I. RUDONPH; CRASHED ON 8/9/1965 SOUTH-WEST OF BA KHE MOUNTAIN (NGOC TRAO WARD, BIM SON TOWN)" ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0138-0-01, A RESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME SIMILARITY, DATE OF INCIDENT AND LOCATION OF LOSS. NGOC TRAO WARD IS LOCATED WITHIN 1 KILOMETER OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 0138-0-01.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "13; NAME CRASHED ON 3/4/1965 / LOST CONTACT AT THANH HOA TOWN" ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE DATA AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON PARTIAL NAME, PROVINCE OF LOSS AND THE DAY AND MONTH OF LOSS. THE YEAR OF LOSS INDICATED IN THIS ENTRY DOES NOT CORRELATE WITH CASE DATA

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "14; NAME CRASHED ON DATA LOST CONTACT AT THANH HOA TOWN" ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE DATA AN UNRESOLVED CASE, BASED ON NAME, DATE OF INCIDENT AND PROVINCE OF LOSS.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "15; PREDERICK P. CROSBY; CRASHED ON 1/6/1965 CRASHED AT BUI THON(?..)" ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0090-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE, BASED ON NAME, DATE OF INCIDENT AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. OTHER DOCUMENTATION ESTABLISHES THE LOSS LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE HAM RONG BRIDGE, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION OF THIS AIRCRAFT. THE PLACE NAME "BUI THON" IS NO LONGER IS USE. THE HAMLET IS NOW CALLED KIM DE. THIS MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE PARENTHETICAL QUESTION MARK PLACED AFTER THE TOPONYM BY THE COMPILER OF THE DOCUMENT. IT APPEARS THAT THE SRV OFFICIALS IN THIS CASE WERE BASING THEIR WORK ON INFORMATION THE USG PROVIDED.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "16; WALTER FRANK DRAEGER J.; CRASHED 4/4/1965 AT SEA ((NEAR)) SAM SON, HAVE INFORMATION ((PILOT WAS)) BURIED AT MY LAM (?)" ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0067-1-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. THE CORRELATION IS BASED ON NAME, DATE OF INCIDENT, CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS (CASE 0067-1-01 IS AN OVERWATER LOSS) AND PROVINCE OF LOSS. THE INFORMATION THAT THE PILOT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BURIED AT MY LAM WAS PROVIDED TO THE SRV BY THE USG, WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THE PARENTHETICAL QUESTION MARK PLACED AFTER THIS TOPONYM. THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BURIAL SITE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN CORRELATED WITH A RESOLVED CASE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "17; PAUL C. CHARVET; CRASHED 21/3/1967 AT SEA NEAR ME ISLAND." ((THIS LINE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0628-0-01, AN UNRESOLVED CASE, BASED ON NAME, DATE OF INCIDENT, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS (CASE 0628-0-01 IS AN OVERWATER LOSS) AND PROVINCE OF LOSS.))

C. THE DOCUMENT CLOSES WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: