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INFO RHEHNSC/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
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Director	— —
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Chief of Staff	— —
Exec Asst	— —
Gen Counsel	— —
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Res/Analyst	— —
Jt Comm Spt	— —
Rel/DOC	— —
Ext Affairs	— —
Resource Mgmt	— —
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BODY

MSGID/GENADMIN/CDR JTF-FA/J252//
SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "SITUATION OF
AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES IN THANH HOA TERRITORY"
REF/A/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/170802ZSEP92//
REF/B/RMG/CJTFFA DET ONE/230214ZNOV93//
REF/C/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/171812ZFEB94//
REF/D/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/220633ZNOV94//
REF/E/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/211812ZNOV95//
REF/F/RMG/CDR JTF-FA/300902ZAPR96//
NARR/REF A IS THE JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF A VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED
"STATISTICS OF AMERICAN INVADER AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE ARMY AND
PEOPLE OF THANH HOA FROM 5 AUG 64 TO 31 OCT 65." REF B IS THE
DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (DRI) OF CASE 1940 FROM THE 26TH
JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA). REF C IS THE JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF A
VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED "COMBAT HISTORY OF THE THANH HOA ARMED
FORCES." REF D IS THE DRI OF CASE 0272 FROM THE 32ND JFA. REF E
IS THE DRI OF CASE 0578 FROM THE 38TH JFA. REF F IS THE JTF-FA
ANALYSIS OF A VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT TITLED "LIST OF AMERICANS MISSING
DURING THE WAR IN THANH HOA."
RMKS/1. ON 15 MAY 1995, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT TURNED OVER THREE

0350
ALBERTON, B.J.
CASE, T.F.
EDMONDSON, W.R.
HARWORTH, E.E.
1940
HALL, J.W.
0083
KARDELL, D.A.
1915
CORDOVA, S.G.
0093
ANSPACHER, W.H.
MCMICAN, M.D.
PLANTS, T.L.
ROMANO, G.M.
0667
GRAHAM, J.S.
0457
COAKLEY, W.F.
0255
RUFFIN, J.T.
SPENCER, L.H.

UNCLASSIFIED

1789
KOONS, D.F.
STOLTZ, L.G.
0375
SMITH, G.A.
0575
YARBROUGH, W.P.

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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, "SITUATION OF AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES IN THANH HOA TERRITORY."

3. THE DOCUMENT PROVIDES LIMITED CASUALTY-RELATED INFORMATION. JTF-FA ANALYSTS HAVE IDENTIFIED LINE ENTRIES POSSIBLY CORRELATING WITH UNRESOLVED CASES [REDACTED] 0350; AND 1940-0-01; AND RESOLVED CASES: 0093, 0667, 0457, 0255, 1789, 0375-0-01, 0575-1-01, 0083-0-01 AND 1915-1-01. (b) (3)

4. THE DOCUMENT IS A LIST OF 19 LINE ITEMS IN TABULAR FORM, WITH THREE DATA COLUMNS ON EACH LINE. THE TRANSLATION BELOW LISTS HEADING INFORMATION FOR THE DOCUMENT FOLLOWED BY EACH LINE ENTRY. THE THREE DATA COLUMNS ARE SET APART BY SEMICOLONS (;). DIRECT TRANSLATIONS FROM THE DOCUMENT ARE ENCLOSED IN QUOTATIONS. EACH LINE ENTRY IS FOLLOWED BY JTF-FA ANALYTICAL COMMENTS ENCLOSED IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES (()).

A. THE DOCUMENT HEADING INFORMATION READS AS FOLLOWS:

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

- "SITUATION OF AMERICAN BANDIT PILOT GRAVES
- IN THANH HOA TERRITORY
- (ACCORDING TO THANH HOA PROVINCE UNIT RESEARCH DOCUMENT DATED 19-4-1973)
- THE NUMBER OF DEAD BANDIT PILOTS FROM 1964-1968 AND 1971-1972 TOTALS 36 GUYS. ((WE)) ONLY KNOW THE FIRST AND LAST NAMES FOR 9 PILOTS, ((AND)) THE AGE AND IDENTIFICATION FOR 10 PILOTS. THE REMAINDER HAVE DIED ((AND THEIR)) BODIES DISINTEGRATED OR BURNED, ((SO)) THERE ARE NO PAPERS OR TRACE ((OF THEM)).
- ((REGARDING)) THE SITUATION ON GRAVES OF PILOTS BURIED IN THE LOCAL AREA ((THAT WE)) WANT TO FIND, THERE WERE NO COFFINS, ONLY DIRT SPREAD CURSORILY OVER ((THE BODIES)) AND NO MARKINGS, THEREFORE NOW THERE ARE ONLY 19 GUYS WHO STILL HAVE GRAVES. ((WE)) DID NOT FIND GRAVES FOR THE REMAINING 17 GUYS.
- ACCORDING TO LOCAL RECORDS THERE ARE GRAVES FOR AMERICAN BANDIT PILOTS AS FOLLOWS:"

((END TRANSLATION))

B. THE DOCUMENT LINE ENTRIES READ AS FOLLOWS:

((BEGIN TRANSLATION))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "1); QUANG VINH (QUANG XUONG); 4 GUYS; GRAVES OF 2 GUYS STILL EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0093, BASED ON PROVINCE, DISTRICT AND VILLAGE OF LOSS. CASE 0093 WAS THE ONLY CASE IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE TO INVOLVE THE LOSS OF FOUR U. S. SERVICE MEMBERS. THE BURIAL SITE COORDINATES ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0093 ARE LOCATED IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE. IN ADDITION, ENTRY 8 OF REF B NAMES THE FOUR PERSONS BURIED IN QUANG VINH VILLAGE. THE FOUR NAMES CORRELATE WITH THE FOUR PERSONS LOST IN THE REFNO 0093 INCIDENT.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "2); QUANG YEN (QUANG XUONG); 1 GUY; GRAVE NO LONGER EXTANT." ((THIS LINE ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE [REDACTED] AN UNRESOLVED CASE, BASED ON LOSS LOCATION INFORMATION IN JTF-FA FILES, INCLUDING U.S. AND SRV DOCUMENTATION, AND THE RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION AND EXCAVATION, INDICATES THAT CASE [REDACTED] WAS THE ONLY CASE TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN QUANG YEN VILLAGE. THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE BURIAL SITE NOTED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RESULTS OF FIELD INVESTIGATION.))

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- ((LINE ENTRY)) "3); QUANG CHAU (QUANG XUONG); GRAVE EXTANT." ((THIS ENTRY PROBABLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0667, BASED ON LOCATION AND PRESENCE OF A GRAVE. A 15-KM GRID SEARCH CENTERED ON THIS VILLAGE (WG 9285) SHOWS 19 AIRCRAFT LOSSES. OF THESE 19, 12 WERE EITHER OPERATIONAL LOSSES OR RETURNEES. OF THE REMAINING SEVEN, ONLY TWO ARE CLOSE TO QUANG CHAU VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO SEALOSS. BOTH OF THESE, CASES 0092 AND 0667, WERE RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SO THE ACTUAL BURIAL LOCATIONS WERE NEVER CONFIRMED. REF C SHOWS THAT THE 0092 AIRCRAFT CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF QUANG NHAM VILLAGE. THIS LOCATION IS ABOUT 20 KM SOUTH OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. REF B PLACES THE CRASH SITE OF THE ENTRY CORRELATED WITH 0667 BETWEEN QUANG VINH AND QUANG HUNG VILLAGES, ABOUT 4 KM SOUTH OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. //

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SUBJ/ANALYSIS OF VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION TITLED: "SITUATION OF RMKS/

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN THE CASE 0667 FILE, THE INDIVIDUAL LOST IN THIS INCIDENT EJECTED SAFELY FROM HIS AIRCRAFT, AND DISAPPEARED INTO A TREE LINE AT THE EDGE OF QUANG CHAU VILLAGE. HE WAS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN. THE NOTATION IN A DOCUMENT THAT A GRAVE SITE STILL EXISTS IS ALMOST ALWAYS AN INDICATION THAT THE ENTRY CORRELATES WITH A RESOLVED CASE. LTJG GRAHAM WAS EITHER KILLED BY LOCAL FORCES DURING OR AFTER CAPTURE, OR DIED AS A RESULT OF INJURIES SUFFERED PRIOR TO OR UPON LANDING. HE WAS PROBABLY BURIED IN QUANG CHAU VILLAGE.))

- ((LINE ENTRY)) "4); QUANG CHINH (QUANG XUONG); GRAVE LOST." ((THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0457, BASED ON LOCATION OF LOSS. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, U.S. RECORDS PLACE CASE 0457 CLOSEST TO QUANG CHINH VILLAGE. THIS CASE WAS RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL REPATRIATION OF REMAINS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF FIELD INVESTIGATIONS, SO THE DATA IN U.S. FILES OF THIS CASE HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED IN THE FIELD. NEVERTHE-