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Ref: (a) BUPERS 663P ltr, Ser 663P/4160 of 31 Jul 92

Encl: (1) Attack Squadron TWENTY THREE ltr of 3 June 1965
(2) Summary of Incident, undated

1. REFNO 0092 is a resolved case. The JTF-FA file on REFNO 0092 does not contain either of the documents listed as enclosures (1) and (2) in reference (a). Enclosure (1) is a Navy document written by the Commanding Officer of Lieutenant Christian's fighter squadron. The Summary of Incident listed as enclosure (2) is not a JCRC document.

2. Information in JTF-FA files indicates Lieutenant Christian's aircraft was hit after an attack against an enemy radar site. At that time, he was located in the vicinity of grid coordinates WG891802 and flying at an altitude of 2000 feet. His aircraft caught fire and he started to descend and head for the coast. The flight leader thought he saw Lieutenant Christian eject from the burning aircraft at an altitude of 300 to 500 feet, but saw no parachute. A HU-16 found the aircraft wreckage, but no sign of a survivor. JTF-FA files do not list the location of the wreckage sighted by the HU-16 crew. However, subsequent information indicates that Lieutenant Christian's body, along with the engine of his aircraft, were found by the Vietnamese in the vicinity of grid coordinates WG921815 and buried nearby. The Vietnamese repatriated Lieutenant Christian's remains in 1986.

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