

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Date: 8 February 2007

From: (b)(6)

Subject: Request for Information, Case of LTJG David M. Christian (RefNo 0092)

BACKGROUND. On 2 June 1965, LTJG David M. Christian was the pilot of an A-4E on a mission over North Vietnam when the aircraft was hit and started to burn. Witnesses stated they thought LTJG Christian ejected, but there was no man-seat separation. An HU-16 found the wreckage, but no sign of a survivor. An article written by V. Sharapov published in Pravda on 11 October 1965 made mention of LTJG Christian's personal effects. LTJG Christian's remains were among the 21 sets repatriated by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 10 April 1986.

1. On 26 January 2007, Analyst received an E-Mail note from League of Families (b)(6). In her note, (b)(6) provided details of a conversation with (b)(6) (b)(6) Route 66 in Flagstaff, Arizona (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) are apparently very interested in the Christian loss incident and used to wear a POW bracelet with his name on it. (b)(6) told (b)(6) that he once had a photo of LTJG Christian in captivity, but has lost it and wanted to obtain another. (b)(6) informed (b)(6) that she would forward his request to the Department of Defense for action.

2. Upon receipt of aforementioned E-Mail, Analyst reviewed DPMO's holdings on the Christian loss incident. Analyst found the Pravda article mentioned in background paragraph above, but no post-loss photos of LTJG Christian. Analyst also found several low-quality photos of aircraft wreckage with the digits "600?3" visible. The photos are actually photostatic copies of negatives. It is not known why these photos have been placed into LTJG Christian's file since they do not correlate to his loss incident; he was flying A-4E Bureau Number 151144. The wreckage depicted correlates to USAF Capt Vincent Connolly, RefNo 0511, whose RF-101C, Tail Number 56-0093, was shot down over North Vietnam on 4 November 1966.

3. After several unsuccessful attempts to reach (b)(6) Analyst made contact on 1 February 2007. (b)(6) appears to be a history buff with a particular interest in the Christian case. Analyst is unsure of his exact relationship with the Christian family, but apparently had some contact with them during the 70's or 80's. He made mention of Navy officials showing LTJG Christian's family a photograph of "David" helping another POW and claimed to have had a copy of the photo for a number of years, but has since lost it. (b)(6) (b)(6) asked Analyst for a copy of this photo to add to his

