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C-0932-91/POW-MIA

SERIAL: IIR 6 014 0007 91.

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

BODY

COUNTRY: VIETNAM (VM)
SUBJ: IIR 6 014 0007 91/VIETNAMESE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT RELATING TO
ACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN CASUALTIES, REFNO 0093

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 650602-910529.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-05-90, D-VOP-2430-38-90.

SOURCE: ARCHIVAL RECORD, ARMY MUSEUM REGISTRY NUMBER 194,
HANOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, 650725, IN VIETNAMESE.
RELIABILITY OF SOURCE DOCUMENT IS UNKNOWN; DIA DOES NOT NECESSARILY
CONCUR WITH ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ARCHIVAL RECORD.

SUMMARY: AN ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT PASSED TO U.S. RESEARCHERS BY
MUSEUM OFFICIALS IN HANOI PROVIDES A DESCRIPTION OF AN AD-5
AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE AND DETAILS OF THE AIRCRAFT SHOOT DOWN. THIS
SHOOT DOWN DESCRIPTION CORRELATES TO REFNO 0093 (LTJG M.D. MCMICAN,
LTJG GERALD M. ROMANO, ATR3 WILLIAM H. AMSPACHER, JR., AND
ATN3 THOMAS L. PLANTS). THE VIETNAMESE COLLECTED ARTIFACTS FROM
THE INCIDENT SITE. ENCLOSURES.

TEXT: 1. ON 28-29 MAY 1991 THE US-SRV JOINT RESEARCH TEAM
VISITED A MILITARY MUSEUM IN HANOI, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
(SRV). THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WAS TO IDENTIFY ANY RECORDS
MAINTAINED BY THE MUSEUM THAT POSSIBLY INVOLVED UNACCOUNTED-FOR
AMERICANS AND TO DETERMINE THE MUSEUM'S ABILITY TO HELP LOCATE
OTHER VIETNAMESE RECORDS AND WITNESSES TO INCIDENTS OF INTEREST.
THE MUSEUM STAFF SHOWED THE TEAM RECORDS THAT HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR
THEIR EXAMINATION. THESE RECORDS CONSISTED OF ACCESSION RECEIPTS
FOR VARIOUS ARTIFACTS ALLEGEDLY STORED OR ON DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM.
THE MUSEUM STAFF LATER PHOTOCOPIED A NUMBER OF THESE RECORDS AND
PRESENTED THE COPIES TO THE TEAM.

2. THE DOCUMENT AT ENCLOSURE 1, AN ACCESSION RECEIPT FOR AN
AD5 AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE, WAS AMONG THOSE EXAMINED BY THE TEAM.
ENCLOSURE 2 IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THIS VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE
DOCUMENT. COMMENTS OR EXPLANATIONS REGARDING THE TEXT ARE ENCLOSED
IN DOUBLE PARENTHESES. TEXT OF ENCLASURE 2 FOLLOWS, QUOTE:
((SIDE A)) INVENTORY RECORD.

REGISTRY NUMBER: 194

NUMBER OF ITEMS: ((NO ENTRY))

FILE NUMBER: 194

FILE CONTENTS: COLLECTION REPORT NO. 6328. SELF-PREPARED ((BY THE
MUSEUM)).

ORIGIN AND DATE COLLECTED: 25 JULY 1965. QUANG VINH VILLAGE UNIT
PASSED THE ARTIFACT TO COMRADE NGUYEN VAN LOC ((NGUYEENX VAWN
LOOJ)).

DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED WITH ARTIFACTS: ((NO ENTRY))

TYPES OF COLLECTION ((CROSS-INDEXED TO)): A3, 2, B, 6. B5, 4, 1;
B2, 3, 6. C4, 15; C9, 1. ((FIELD COMMENT: A3 INDICATES ARTIFACTS
ARE CROSS-REFERENCED TO A COLLECTION OR INDEX KEYED TO LOCALITIES
(E.G., PROVINCE). A2 INDICATES ARTIFACTS ARE CROSS-REFERENCED TO A
COLLECTION OR INDEX KEYED TO PAVN UNITS (E.G., BRANCH, CORPS,
DIVISION). MEANINGS OF OTHER CROSS-REFERENCED INDEX NUMRERS ARE AS
YET UNKNOWN.))

NAME AND HISTORY OF THE ARTIFACTS: DATA PLATE FROM AN AMERICAN
AD5 AIRCRAFT. PART NO. 54130-538. RECONNAISSANCE TYPE
((AIRCRAFT)) WITH 4 CREW MEMBERS. SHOT DOWN WITH MACHINE GUN AND
RIFLE FIRE BY THE PEOPLE AND MILITARY OF VINH QUANG VILLAGE ((WG
920815)), QUANG CHUONG DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE, AT 0730 HOURS,
2 JUNE 1965. ((NOTE: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS ADDED TO
THIS DOCUMENT BY THE U.S. MEMBER OF THE RESEARCH TEAM: QUOTE:
CHRISTIAN, DAVID MARION. REMAINS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. END QUOTE.
SEE RESEARCHERS COMMENTS BELOW.))

((SIDE B)) RECORD OF EACH ARTIFACT.

NAME: AD5 AIRCRAFT DATA PLATE

QUANTITY: 1

NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS: MADE OF ALUMINUM

SIZE AND WEIGHT: RECTANGULAR SHAPE. 0.5 X 0.3 CM

CONDITION: OLD, BROKEN

MATERIAL NUMBER: K1-16

REMARKS: ((NO ENTRY))

((END OF TRANSLATED DOCUMENT))

COMMENTS:

1. (FIELD RESEARCHER/DESTATTE):

A. THE MUSEUM STAFF TREATS THESE INVENTORY RECORDS AS DYNAMIC RECORDS, WHICH THEY MODIFY OR UPDATE ON THE SPOT WITHOUT HESITATION OR ANY FORMAL COORDINATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE MUSEUM'S SENIOR ARCHIVIST WAS OBSERVED TO CROSS THROUGH AND AMEND ERRONEOUS ENTRIES WHICH WERE CALLED TO HIS ATTENTION IN SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE ARTIFACTS WERE INCORRECTLY DESCRIBED.

B. THE MUSEUM STAFF ASKED THE US TEAM TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF EACH RECORD BY COMPARING THE DATA ENTRIES IN THE MUSEUM RECORD WITH VARIOUS JCRC-PREPARED LISTINGS RELATED TO PERSONNEL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. ONLY A QUICK AND TENTATIVE CORRELATION WAS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THE MUSEUM STAFF ASKED THE U.S. RESEARCH SPECIALIST TO MAKE THE NOTATION DESCRIBING THIS CORRELATION IN THE NARRATIVE SECTION ON THE MUSEUM'S INVENTORY RECORD. THE SPECIALIST WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO; HOWEVER, THE MUSEUM STAFF INSISTED AND THE REQUESTED ANNOTATIONS WERE MADE. FOR PURPOSES OF CLARIFICATION, THE SPECIALIST HAS NOTED, IN THE TRANSLATION OF THESE RECORDS, THOSE SPECIFIC ANNOTATIONS WHICH HE PLACED ON THE MUSEUM DOCUMENTS.

C. THE U.S. RESEARCH TEAM IS PURSUING BOTH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MUSEUM SYSTEM AND ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS GENERATED BY ANALYSIS OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

2. HQ RESEARCHER/CHAMBERS.

A. THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT CORRELATES TO REFNO 0093. 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 ABOARD A U.S. NAVY EA1F AIRCRAFT ON A SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION (SEE HQ COMMENTS PARAGRAPH 2B AND 2C BELOW). THE EA1F AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, AND CRASHED AND BURNED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES WG 920 815, 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. THE REMAINS OF ALL FOUR CREWMEMBERS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE U.S., THE MOST RECENT IN MARCH 1991.

B. THE SHOOT DOWN DESCRIPTION IDENTIFIES THE NUMBER OF CREWMEMBERS CORRECTLY. BOTH THE DATE AND THE LOCATION ARE CONSISTENT WITH KNOWN FACTS.

C. THE VIETNAMESE IDENTIFICATION OF THE DATA PLATE AS AN AMERICAN AD-5 AIRCRAFT PART ALSO RELATES THIS DOCUMENT TO CASE 0093. THE AD-5 WAS THE ORIGINAL DESIGNATION FOR THE DOUGLAS SKYRAIDER. THE SKYRAIDER WAS REDESIGNATED THE A-1 WHEN THE NAVY CHANGED ITS AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION METHODS IN 1962. ADDITIONAL DESIGNATORS WERE ADDED TO DIFFERENTIATE THE VARIETY OF MODELS AND MISSIONS PERFORMED BY THE SKYRAIDER. THE EA-1F WAS ONE SUCH VARIANT.

D. THE FIELD CORRELATION TO REFNO 0092 (LTJG DAVID M. CHRISTIAN), ANNOTATED ON THE DOCUMENT, IS ERRONEOUS. REFNO 0092 WAS AN A-4E SINGLE-SEAT AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AT THIS SAME PLACE AND ON THIS SAME DATE. LTJG CHRISTIAN'S REMAINS WERE RETURNED TO U.S.

CONTROL IN 1986.

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COLL: (NONE.

INSTR: () U.S. NO. A SANITIZED VERSION AF THIS IIR WITH ENCLOSURES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICE FOR RELEASE TO NEXT OF KIN. FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD BE STRONGLY CAUTIONED THAT THIS IS NOT A FINISHED INTELLIGENCE PRODUCT. THIS INFORMATION AND ANY OF THE ANALYTICAL CORRELATIONS ARE OF AN INITIAL OR INTERIM NATURE.

PREP: () PW-RD.

ENCL: () TO FOLLOW: 2 ENCLOSURES (CYS FOR CILHI; CASUALTY OFFICE)

1. ARCHIVAL DOCUMENT, 1 CY EA, VIETNAMESE

2. TRANSLATION OF ARCHIVAL DOC, 1 CY EA, ENGLISH

ACQ: . . 910725.

DISSEM: () SENT TO: CDR JCRC (ENCLS PREV SENT), CILHI (W/ENCLS), USN CAS OFF (W/ENCLS).

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