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SUBJECT: IAG POLICY GUIDANCE

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1. AN IAG MEETING WAS HELD ON 1 MARCH 1989, THAT RESULTED IN SEVERAL DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT THE FORTHCOMING TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE SRV AND FUTURE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS.

2. THE IAG REAFFIRMED TWO POLICY POSITIONS: (1) OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINED PROCESS OF JOINT AND UNILATERAL ACTIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING. SIMULTANEOUSLY FOCUSING FIRST PRIORITY ON RESOLVING THE LIVE POW QUESTION, (2) THIS PROCESS IS NOT LINKED TO POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SRV.

3. GENERAL VESSEY ATTENDED THIS MEETING AND BRIEFED THE GROUP ON HIS MEETINGS IN BANGKOK. WITH REGARD TO REF A, THE IAG UNDERSTANDS YOUR FRUSTRATION WITH THE JOINT INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS AND ATTITUDE OF THE SRV. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT THE LOWEST LEVEL POSSIBLE AND SHOULD NOT BECOME A BARRIER TO PROGRESS.

4. WITH REGARD TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSING RESULTS OF JOINT OPERATIONS, GENERAL VESSEY PLANS TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURES WITH APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. GENERAL VESSEY ALSO PLANS TO WRITE A LETTER TO FM THACH WHICH WILL NOTE THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING A PROCESS TO BE USED FOR POW/MIA CASE RESOLUTION. WE WILL PROVIDE A COPY FYI WHEN AVAILABLE.

IN THE INTERIM, YOU SHOULD ADVISE YOUR COUNTERPARTS THAT USG IS DEVELOPING A REVIEW/RESOLUTION PROCESS. WE WILL GIVE YOU A LIST OF CASES THAT HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AND ON WHICH INFO AVAILABLE THUS FAR INDICATES FURTHER JOINT INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE.

5. THE IAG BELIEVES WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS OUR JOINT INVESTIGATION EFFORTS TOWARDS RESOLVING THE ISSUE OF LIVE POWS BY MOVING DELIBERATELY TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF THE 70 NAME LIST PLUS OTHER CASES WHERE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THE INDIVIDUAL SURVIVED HIS INCIDENT AND WAS CAPTURED OR OTHERWISE CAME UNDER SRV CONTROL. THIS, OF COURSE, ASSUMES THE SRV WILL ALLOW US TO REVISIT AREAS PREVIOUSLY BY-PASSED AND THAT THEY WILL ACTIVELY ASSIST THE INVESTIGATION OF CASES IN THE SOUTH. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY ARE FOR CASES LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF A DISCREPANCY CASE WHERE THE LOCATION IS INCIDENTAL TO VISITING THE PRIMARY SITE.

6. RESOLUTION OF THE DISCREPANCY CASES WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING, BUT COULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARD ADDRESSING THE MOST COMPELLING QUESTION BEFORE US; WHETHER THERE ARE LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN INDOCHINA. ACHIEVING THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING WILL REQUIRE A LONG-TERM PROCESS WITH CRASH SITE EXCAVATIONS AND REMAINS RECOVERY CONTINUING FOR MANY YEARS.

7. IN SUMMARY, YOUR PRIMARY MISSION IS TO OBTAIN THE DATA NECESSARY FOR OTHERS TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS DEAD OR ALIVE AND/OR TO ASSESS THE WORK OR INFORMATION REQUIRED TO MAKE A DETERMINATION. IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN REMAINS MUST BE RECOVERED AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD ALSO INVESTIGATE OTHER DISCREPANCY CASES IMPACTING THE LIVE PRISONER ISSUE. A SECONDARY MISSION IS TO INVESTIGATE OTHER CASES, WHEN CONVENIENT, THAT DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PRIMARY MISSION.

8. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE APPLIES.

A. YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SRV AT THE MARCH TECHNICAL TALKS WILL FOLLOW TWO TRACKS:

- (1) PROPOSE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS ON INCIDENTS FROM THE 70 NAME LIST AND OTHER DISCREPANCY CASES THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN INVESTIGATED.
- (2) PROPOSE SPECIFIC FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ON DISCREPANCY CASES FOR WHICH WE HAVE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. ALSO IDENTIFY THOSE CASES WHICH REQUIRE FOLLOW-UP VISITS.

B. INFORM YOUR COUNTERPARTS THAT THE USG IS DEVELOPING A PROCEDURE FOR REVIEWING ALL INFORMATION DEALING WITH EACH INCIDENT. THIS PROCEDURE WILL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACTIONS. UNTIL WE RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM THE VESSEY-THACH LETTER, YOU ARE NOT TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER.

C. DO NOT RAISE DIRECTLY THE QUESTIONS OF HOW THEY ARE TO RETURN REMAINS NOW IN THEIR POSSESSION, UNLESS ASKED, IN WHICH CASE THE SRV CAN BE REASSURED OF SENSITIVE HANDLING AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AT THE POLICY LEVEL. IN THOSE INCIDENTS WHERE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE BEEN RECOVERED (ALIVE OR REMAINS), YOU SHOULD INCLUDE THAT EVIDENCE IN YOUR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS, SUGGESTING THEY INVESTIGATE THAT POSSIBILITY AND REPORT THEIR FINDINGS.

9. TENTATIVELY, WE PLAN TO PROPOSE THAT THE POW/MIA TALKS BE HELD THE WEEK OF 20 MARCH IN HANOI AND THAT THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS

TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK THE WEEK OF 20 MARCH, OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, IN HANOI THE WEEK OF 27 MARCH.

10. FYI: HAVE CIRCULATED YOUR STANDARDIZED FORMAT FOR TRANSMISSION OF INFO COLLECTION FROM JOINT ACTIVITIES. ANTICIPATE IAG COORDINATION NEXT WEEK.

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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR THE NEXT POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI (U)

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7. METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR JOINT INVESTIGATION EXPENSES:

A. BEFORE I INVITE LIEUTENANT COLONEL WEBB TO PRESENT HIS REPORT, I WANT TO DISCUSS THE METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR THE JOINT INVESTIGATION EXPENSES. OUR RECENT PRACTICE OF PAYING IN CASH FOR THE REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT INVESTIGATIONS CANNOT BE CONTINUED. WHEN METHOD OF PAYMENT WAS DISCUSSED LAST JULY WE MUTUALLY AGREED THAT PAYMENT WOULD BE BY CHECK. IN SEPTEMBER, MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO RESPOND TO YOUR SPECIAL NEEDS AND DESIRES, WE WERE ABLE TO WAIVE THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSPORTING LARGE AMOUNTS OF CURRENCY. NOW SINCE THE AMOUNTS HAVE GROWN SO LARGE WE CAN NO LONGER CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS BUT JUST CANNOT TRANSPORT THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CURRENCY.

8. CILHI REPORT: DURING OUR DECEMBER MEETING WE REVIEWED SOME OF THE 19 CASES WE HAD EXAMINED WITH DR. THU IN HAWAII. THESE SELECTED CASES WERE THOSE REQUIRING REVIEW OF HIS FILES OR THOSE OF THE SEARCH TEAMS, AND WERE THE SAME CASES WE DETAILED IN OUR JULY MEETING. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE INTERVAL BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER WOULD HAVE ALLOWED SUFFICIENT TIME FOR RESEARCH, AND THAT YOU WOULD