GIVING HIS STATEMENT TO THE JOINT TEAM. THIS FACT, HIS ALTERED TESTIMONY, AND HIS DEFENSIVE BEHAVIOR IN FRONT OF MEMBERS OF THE VNAKH LEADS TEAM TO CONCUR WITH TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS IN REF B; THAT IS, THE REMAINS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ARE POSITIVELY IN THE HANDS OF REMAINS DEALERS FROM DAI LOC DISTRICT. NUI’S STATEMENT ALLEGING THAT THE FOUR MEN FROM DAI LOC WERE WITH NUI AT ALL TIMES AND CANNOT HAVE RETURNED TO THE SITE WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.

- D. THE SITE LOCATION, THE TIME GIVEN BY MR. NUI, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS CORRELATE WITH THIS CASE.

10. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: INTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA PRODUCED MINIMAL EVIDENCE OF A CRASH, AND NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS.

- A. LOGISTICS: THE SITE COULD BE EXCAVATED BY A STANDARD SIZE RECOVERY ELEMENT CONSISTING OF 10 TO 15 PERSONNEL AND 20 TO 25 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN THE EXCAVATION, ANTICIPATING 10 TO 20 DAYS REQUIRED TO EXCAVATE THE SITE, USING STANDARD RECOVERY EQUIPMENT. A REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED, DUE TO REMOTENESS OF SITE.

- B. RECOMMENDATIONS: CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THE AREA PRODUCED MINIMAL EVIDENCE OF A CRASH, AND NO EVIDENCE OF A BURIAL. THE TEAM HOWEVER DID SEE WHERE A TEST PIT HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY A PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION TEAM. THE TEAM CONDUCTED ANOTHER TEST PIT 1 X 1 METER AND 20 CENTIMETERS DEEP NORTHWEST OF THE ORIGINAL TEST PIT FINDING NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR REMAINS. THIS SITE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION.

11. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:

- A. CONCUR WITH ANALYST REMARKS, AND TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS DURING THE 17TH JTF INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE. REMAINS ARE PROBABLY IN THE HANDS OF REMAINS DEALERS. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS WAS DISCOVERED AT THE SITE, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, AT THE EXACT SPOT WHERE NUI ALLEGED TO HAVE BURIED THE PILOT. AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONTACT AND INTERVIEW THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO POSSIBLY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REMAINS.

- B. RECOMMEND UNILATERAL VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUR ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS FROM DAI LOC DISTRICT.

- C. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE RE-INVESTIGATED.

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AIRCRAFT MEMBER. THE ONE FLIGHT GLOVE IS THE STANDARD FLIGHT GLOVE WORN BY AIRCRAFT MEMBERS. THE AIRCRAFT PART NUMBER 134AV30613-3 IS A PLUG END SEAL USED ON THE OV-1 AIRCRAFT. THE PART NUMBER 134EC200047-9 IS A BLEED AIR TUBE USED ON THE OV-1 AIRCRAFT. THE PART NUMBER MS92433-2 IS AN ELECTRON TUBE SHIELD USED ON THE OV-1 AIRCRAFT. THE PART NUMBER 134SAV101-1 IS FROM A PHOTO SERVO CONTROL USED ON THE OV-1 AIRCRAFT. THE PART NUMBER ARC13446P IS A PANEL ASSEMBLY USED ON THE OV-1 AIRCRAFT. THE REMAINING ITEM COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.


5. FOR CORPERSCOM TACP-PED-P: THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A COPY OF REF A WAS PROVIDED ON 16 APRIL 93.

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SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT OF CASE 1425 (PIERSON).

REF: JTF-FA DET OJE 280259Z MAY 92.

1. REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT US/SRV ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM DURING ITERATION 17 FROM 21 APRIL TO 20 MAY 92. PARA 48(6) CONTAINS INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CASE WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS REPORT. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 3 MAY 1992, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1425 IN A PAT MAHLET (YC735591), A VUONG VILLAGE, HIEN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED 6 WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT CORRELATE TO THIS CASE.

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3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:
     INVESTIGATION ELEMENT THREE ARRIVED IN DA NANG CITY,
     QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE TO BEGIN THE 17TH SERIES
     OF JOINT INVESTIGATIONS. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED
     OF CW3 JAMES H. WEBB (TEAM CHIEF), SFC STEPHEN E.
     THOMPSON (ASSISTANT TEAM CHIEF), MR. WILLIAM G.
     HUTCHINSON (LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR), CPT (NA)
     GREGORY B. WATERS (TEAL ANALYST), SFC CHUCK Q.
     DOAN (Linguist), SFC CLYDE
     E. CONNARD AND SSgt DAMON D. MANNING (SEARCH AND
     RECOVERY SPECIALISTS) AND NGSQ DAVID F. MELTON (TEAM
     MEDIC). THE VIETNAMESE CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF MR.
     PHAM VAN NGUYEN
     (PHAM VAN NGUYEN), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
     REPRESENTATIVE AND TEAM CHIEF; MR. PHAM CONG KHOI
     (PHAM CONG KHOI), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
     REPRESENTATIVE; MR. PHAM VAN THANH (PHAM VAN THANH),
     MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE.

   - B. ON 22 APRIL 92, THE JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAM MET
     WITH MEMBERS OF THE QUANG NAM/DA NANG PROVINCE TASK
     TEAM. THE PROVINCE TEAM CONSISTED OF: MAJ THAN PHUC
     SAIL (TRAAN PHUC SAIL), TEAM LEADER AND PROVINCE
     MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE; CPT VO XUAN CAM (VU
     XUAN CAM), PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE;
     MR. LAM QUANG MINH (LAM QUANG MINH), PROVINCE EXTERNAL
     AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE; MR. MAI QUI TRUNG (MAI QUI
     TRUNG), PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE; MR.
     THAN THANH TRINH (TRAAN THANH TRINH); MR. NGUYEN
     THANH NHAN (NGUYEN THANH NHAN); MR. HA MINH THAN
     (HA MINH THAN); MR. NGUYEN VAN LOC (NGUYEN VAN
     LOC), EXTERNAL
     AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE. DURING THIS MEETING THE
     VIETNAMESE SIDE EXPLAINED ITS PREPARATIONS FOR THIS
     ITERATION AND OFFERED A TENTATIVE WORK SCHEDULE. MR.
     KHOI SAID THE VNOSEP HAD ARRIVED IN QUANG NAM/DA NANG
     PROVINCE ON 15 APRIL 92 TO BEGIN ADVANCE PREPARATIONS.

   - C. ON 03 MAY 1992, THE TEAM TRAVELED TO A PAT HAMLET
     (YCT5559), A VUNG VILLAGE, HIEU DISTRICT TO
     INVESTIGATE A SCHEDULED CASE. WHILE THERE A MEMBER
     OF THE PROVINCE TASK TEAM, MR. TRUNG, INTRODUCED A WITNESS
     FOR THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A MR. A TNH RON,
     APPROXIMATELY 55 YEARS OF AGE, FROM A RAC (A RAVNCE)
     HAMLET, GA GIA (GAF GIA) VILLAGE IN HIEU DISTRICT. HE
     PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT:
     - (1) DURING 1969, AN AREA NEAR A PAT HAMLET WAS
       BOMBED WITH ARTILLERY FIRE IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE
       LOCATION AS A LANDING ZONE. SHORTLY AFTER THE ARTILLERY
       BOMBS HAD CEASED, TEN AMERICAN HELICOPTERS ARRIVED TO
       DEPLOY GROUND TROOPS.
     - (2) THE WITNESS PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOOT DOWN OF
       ONE OF THESE U.S. HELICOPTERS. THE HELICOPTER HAS ABOUT
       100 METERS AWAY AND AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 25
       METERS WHEN IT WAS STRUCK BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND BEGAN
       TO BURN. IT THEN TRAVELED ABOUT ONE KILOMETER BEFORE
       CRASHING. THE HELICOPTER CRASHED NEAR A PAT HAMLET AT
       THE BASE OF A HILL (YCT729649).

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   - (3) TWO OTHER HELICOPTERS ARRIVED AT THE SITE AND
     CARRIED THE BODIES AWAY. THE WITNESS ARRIVED AT
     THE SITE FIVE DAYS AFTER THE SHUTDOWN AT THIS TIME HE SAW
     NO EVIDENCE OF SURVIVORS OR DEAD BODIES IN THE AREA.
     THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE BACK HALF OF THE HELICOPTER
     HAS STILL INTACT, BUT THE FRONT HALF HAD BEEN BURNT.
     THERE WAS STILL ONE MACHINE GUN ATTACHED TO THE FRONT
     OF THE HELICOPTER.

   - (4) THE WITNESS HAS NEVER THOROUGHLY SEARCHED THE
     AREA, NOR HAS HE BEARD OF ANYONE SEARCHING THE AREA NEAR
     THE WRECKAGE. THE WITNESS HAS BEARD OF NO ONE FINDING
     ANY HUMAN REMAINS. THE WITNESS STATED THAT SOME OF THE
     WRACKAGE IS STILL AT THE CRASH SITE. THE CRASH SITE IS
     LOCATED NEAR A BRIDGE IN A FLOOD PLAIN AND IS WITHIN A
     ONE HOUR WALK OF THE BRIDGE.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE
5. SURVEY RESULTS: NONE
6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: REQUEST THE VNOSEP
   ATTEMPT TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS WHO POSSESS INFORMATION
   CONCERNING THIS CASE.
7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: 1 PAT
8. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED:
   NONE
9. ANALYST COMMENTS: MR. DOHR PROVIDED INFORMATION
   WHICH PROBABLY DOES NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 1425. THE
   LOCATION, TYPE OF HELICOPTER AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS
   ARE INCONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION FOUND IN UF-PA FILES.
   HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION DOES CORRELATE TO AN
   OPERATIONAL LOSS INVOLVING A GH1 HELICOPTER WHICH
   CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YCT729649 ON
   3 MAY 1969. THE WITNESS PRESENTED HIS INFORMATION IN A
   STRAIGHT FORWARD AND CREDIBLE MANNER.
10. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: NONE.
11. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:
- A. MR. DOHR IS MEMBER OF THE KA TI ETHNIC MINORITY. BECAUSE HE SPEAKS LIMITED VIETNAMESE, THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED USING AN INTERPRETER.

- B. MR. DOHR PROVIDED HIS INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHT FORWARD AND BELIEVABLE MANNER. AT NO TIME DURING THE INTERVIEW DID THE TEAM CHIEF FEEL THAT THE WITNESS ATTEMPTED TO MISLEAD THE TEAM. HE APPEARED TO PRESENT THE INFORMATION TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION.

- C. MR. DOHR WENT NOT SCHEDULED AS A WITNESS ON THE DAY THE TEAM INTERVIEWED HIM. THE VIETNAMESE SIDE PRESENTED HIM TO THE AMERICAN TEAM MEMBERS AT A PAT HAMLET, A VIETNAMESE VILLAGE. MR. KHOI ADDED HAVING ARRANGED FOR THE TEAM TO INTERVIEW MR. DOHR ON THIS DAY. HOWEVER, MR. KHOI FAILED TO TELL THE AMERICAN TEAM. BECAUSE OF THIS THE AMERICAN TEAM DID NOT HAVE THE CASE FOLDER FOR CASE 1426 DURING THE INTERVIEW OF MR. DOHR. THE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY MR. DOHR APPEARS NOT TO CORRELATE TO THIS CASE.

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**BODY**

**SUBJ:** FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT CONCERNING CASE 1436.

**REF:** CJTF-FA, DET ONE, BK, TH, 240345Z JUN 93

1. **REF** IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 24TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM 24 JUN 93 TO 19 JUL 93. PARA 44A OF **REF** PERTAINS TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1436 AND IS REPORTED IN DETAIL HEREIN. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. **SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:** ON 2 JUL 93, 1ST INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 1436 WHO PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ABOUT A CRASH SITE IN VING KIO HAMLET, HOANG ROA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS MESSING WERE ABOARD AN O-16 AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE LAST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE CREW OCCURRED WHEN THEY WERE GIVEN THE MISSION TO FLY ALONG HIGHWAY 9 FROM CAI LI TO THE LAO