

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 12 JULY 1995

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1978-0-01 (ACCNO 1948) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: KNUTSON, RICHARD ARTHUR Date Status assigned: 3 May 1979

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O -
Grade	W1	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	\$	Height	68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	11 Sep 1949	Weight	158 lb / 71.6 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	MINNESOTA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QYD324528
Lat/Long: 164453N / 1071049E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: TRIEU HAI
Mission Date: 8 Jan 1973 1545L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Populated area.

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Excavations: Jan 94, Apr 95
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (3) Unknown

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: UH1H	Serial: 15619
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: T53
Call Sign: SAHARA 27	1 Serial:
Year: 69	2 Serial:

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REFNO: 1978 DATA (ACCNO 1187) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 5 Oct 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service		Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade		Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	183 lb / 82.9 kg	Duty pos	ACFT CMDR
Home State		Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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REFNO: 1978-0-03 (ACCNO 4043) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: STINSON, WILLIAM SHERRIL Date Status assigned: 1 Sep 1978

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	53842001	Height	61 in / 1.55 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	17 Jun 1947	Weight	120 lb / 54.4 kg	Duty pos	GUNNER
Home State	ALABAMA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1978 DATA (ACCNO 4041) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 24 Mar 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E6	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	24901666	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	13 Oct 1946	Weight	218 lb / 98.8 kg	Duty pos	PASSENGER
Home State	MISSISSIPPI	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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REFNO: 1978 DATA (ACCNO 4040) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 30 Apr 1979

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	04	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	#
Serial No	02306286	Height	71 in / 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	27 Sep 1934	Weight	186 lb / 84.3 kg	Duty pos	PASSENGER
Home State	FLORIDA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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REFNO: 1978 DATA (ACCNO 4042) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 6 Oct 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E5	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	TAN
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	18876296	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	10 May 1947	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	CREWCHIEF
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

24 November 1975

ON 8 JANUARY 1973 WO1 RICHARD A. KNUTSON, PILOT, *NAME*,
AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, SP5 WILLIAM S. STINSON, GUNNER, *NAME*,
CREWCHIEF, AND *NAME* AND *NAME*, BOTH
PASSENGERS, WERE ON BOARD A UH1H HELICOPTER, (#69-15619), THAT FAILED TO
RETURN FROM A SUPPORT MISSION IN THE AREA OF QUANG TRI CITY, AND WAS
BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC)
YD 324 528, SOUTH VIETNAM. AT ABOUT 1430 HOURS THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED A
LANDING ZONE (LZ), LOCATED AT (GC) YD 461 403, ENROUTE TO TWO OTHER LZ'S
AT (GC) YD 314 395 AND YD 293 418, WITHOUT MAKING RADIO CONTACT WITH THE
2ND BATTALION TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER. WHEN NO RADIO CONTACT WAS
RECEIVED BY 1500 HOURS, THE OTHER LZ'S WERE QUERIED. THE HELICOPTER DID
NOT GO TO EITHER OF THE DESIGNATED LZ'S, NOR HAD ANY COMMUNICATIONS BEEN
ESTABLISHED WITH HIM. (REF 1)

THE ROUTE OF THE ACFT WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT NORTHWEST TOWARD QUANG TRI,
WITH A LEFT TURN TO AN LZ SOUTH OF THE THACH HAN RIVER. ALTHOUGH THE
HELICOPTER FAILED TO CONTACT EITHER LZ ALONG THE ROUTE, IT WAS LATER SEEN
FLYING NORTHWEST TOWARD QUANG TRI CITY AND CROSSING THE THACH HAN RIVER
INTO ENEMY-HELD TERRITORY. WHILE IN THIS AREA THE HELICOPTER WAS OBSERVED
TO CIRCLE WITH DOOR GUNS FIRING. ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS HEARD
DIRECTED AT THE HELICOPTER AND A DIRECT HIT WAS MADE ON THE TAIL BOOM BY A
MISSILE, REPORTEDLY AN SA-7, AERIAL SEARCH EFFORTS OF THE SUSPECTED CRASH
SITES ON 8 AND 9 JAN FAILED TO LOCATE THE WRECKAGE OF THE CREW. (REF 2)

A VIETNAMESE SOURCE STATED THAT HE LEARNED OF A U.S. HELICOPTER THAT
WAS SHOT DOWN ON 8 JANUARY, (1973), IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) YD 324 528.
THE HELICOPTER WAS CARRYING FOUR U.S. PILOTS, ALL OF WHOM WERE CAPTURED.
TWO OF THE PILOTS WERE SENT TO NORTH VIETNAM; THE FATE OF THE OTHER TWO
PILOTS WAS UNKNOWN. (REF 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED
ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE.
THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE
FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. WO1 KNUTSON, *NAME*,
NAME, *NAME*, SP5 STINSON, AND *NAME* ARE CARRIED IN THE
PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

24 November 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT HQ USARV W/STATEMENTS, 25 JAN 73. <2> RPT
CRASH/GRAVE SITE DATA SHEET, UNDATED. <3> RPT IR CS 311-000565-73,

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FEB 73. <4> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE BKK TH 240457Z SEP 93. <5> CDR JTF-FA DET
ONE 010723Z FEB 94. <6> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE 280147Z MAY 94. <7> CDR JTF-FA
281633Z JUL 94. <8> CDR JTF-FA 021741Z JUN 95.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 April 1976

BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF YD 316557 FOR REFNO'S 1978-0-01 THRU
1978-0-06 ENTERED BASED ON IR 6-918-5269-73, USDAO SGN RVN, DTG 120815Z
SEP 73.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT
DURING THE 29 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

24 November 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: RICHARD A. KNUTSON 1978-0-01, *NAME*
DATA, WILLIAM S. STINSON 1978-0-03, *NAME* *DATA*,
NAME *DATA*, AND *NAME* *DATA*.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

29 November 1975

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM YD320540 TO YD324528 BASED
ON IIR, CS-311/00565-73, SUBJ; SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. HELICOPTER.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

7 October 1993

ON 27 AUG 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1978 IN TRIEU THUONG VILLAGE, TRIEU
PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. IE2 INTERVIEWED FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO
HAD KNOWLEDGE OF A HELICOPTER CRASH IN 1972. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF THIS
CASE TO CASE 1814, IE2 WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFICALLY CORRELATE WITNESS
INFORMATION TO EITHER CASE. TWO OF THE WITNESSES REPORTED ON THE BURIAL
OF SEVERAL BODIES NEAR THE CRASH SITE. THESE REMAINS WERE ALLEGEDLY
EXHUMED BY PAVN MILITARY REGION FOUR (MR4) PERSONNEL IN 1981 AND
TRANSFERRED TO U.S. AUTHORITIES. THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN U.S. FILES
INDICATING REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE WERE EVER RECEIVED. IE2 DUG
TEST PITS AT TWO BURIAL SITES IDENTIFIED BY ONE OF THE WITNESSES. RESULTS
WERE NEGATIVE. THE TEAM ALSO SURVEYED THE WITNESS REPORTED CRASH SITE IN A

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RIVER. DURING THE SURVEY, LOCAL DIVERS ATTEMPTED TO FIND WRECKAGE. ALL SEARCH EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE. IE2 ALSO SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION INDICATED BY U.S. RECORDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (REF 4)

10 February 1994

ON 22 JAN 94, IE1 TRAVELED TO TRIEU THUONG VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1978. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED SEVEN WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS INCIDENT. THE WITNESSES STATED THAT THREE SETS OF POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED REMAINS WERE EXHUMED BY MILITARY REGION FOUR (MR4) PERSONNEL SOMETIME AROUND 1981. A WITNESS LED THE TEAM TO A VIETNAMESE CEMETERY WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY BURIED REMAINS. IE1 CONDUCTED A JOINT EXCAVATION OF A BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER, IN CONSULTATION WITH A USACILHI REPRESENTATIVE CLOSED THIS SITE ON 24 JAN 94. IE1 RECOVERED REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE REMAINS CONSISTED OF 39 BONES AND 11 TEETH (FOUR WITH RESTORATIONS). AT THE CEMETERY, A USACILHI REPRESENTATIVE ENSURED NO ADDITIONAL HUMAN REMAINS WERE PRESENT IN THIS GRAVE. THE CHAIN OF CUSTODY OF THE THREE SETS OF HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERED BY MR4 PERSONNEL MUST BE DETERMINED. (REF 5)

9 June 1994

ON 10 MAY 94, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1978 IN HUE CITY, THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO LOCATE UNKNOWN MR4 PERSONNEL THAT UNILATERALLY EXHUMED REMAINS FROM A BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE FIRSTHAND WITNESS WHO PROVIDED GENERAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE WITNESS ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNILATERAL EXCAVATION OF A BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE BY MILITARY REGION FOUR OFFICIALS IN 1978. THREE MR4 OFFICIALS EXHUMED UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS IN AN AREA NEAR THE CRASH SITE AND TOOK THEM TO MR4 HEADQUARTERS IN VINH CITY, NGHE AN PROVINCE. THE WITNESS IDENTIFIED TWO OF THE THREE MR4 OFFICIALS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE EXCAVATION BUT THEY COULD NOT BE LOCATED DURING THIS JFA. THESE WITNESSES SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED AND ARCHIVAL RECORDS AT MR4 HEADQUARTERS IN VINH CITY, NGHE AN PROVINCE SHOULD BE RESEARCHED FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. (REF 6)

4 August 1994

ON 13 JUL 94, IE1 REINVESTIGATED CASE 1978 IN VINH CITY, NGHE AN PROVINCE. IN VINH CITY, THE VNOSMP AND PROVINCE TASK TEAM INFORMED IE1 THAT THEY COULD NOT LOCATE ANY WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE. IE2 REPORTED THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE TWO POTENTIAL WITNESSES IN HUE BECAUSE THE SOURCE FOR THE TWO INDIVIDUALS ONLY KNEW THEIR FIRST NAMES. THE TEAM OBTAINED NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 7)

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=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

6 July 1995

ON 05 AND 06 MAY 95, DURING THE 35TH JFA, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1978 IN AN MO AND PHU LUU HAMLETS, TRIEU LONG VILLAGE, TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. PHAM VAN TIEP WHO REPORTEDLY BURIED AND LATER EXHUMED ONE OF THE AMERICANS' REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1978. THE TEAM SURVEYED THE ALLEGED GRAVE SITE AT 48QXD 31449 55851 AND REPORTED CRASH SITE AT 48QXD 3143 5586, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MR. TIEU ALSO STATED THAT UNIDENTIFIED MILITIAMEN BURIED THREE OTHER U.S. SERVICEMEN IN SEPERATE GRAVES, AND THESE REMAINS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY EXHUMED BY MR4 OFFICIALS IN 81. THE TEAM THEN INTERVIEWED MR. NGUYEN CHUYNH WHO ASSISTED MR. TIEP IN THE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE ALLEGED GRAVE SITE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWO OTHER RESIDENTS, MR. NGUYEN PHO AND MRS. NGUYEN THI HUE PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ON THE MR4 RECOVERY OPERATION, BUT HAD NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT REMAINS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE RELATED TO ANY U.S. LOSSES. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. (REF 8)

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