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INTERRUPTED THE WITNESS AND CORRECTED HIS STATEMENTS WITH INFORMATION CORRELATING TO CASE 0697. THEY SEEMED PARTICULARLY UPSET AT THE WITNESSES STATEMENTS REGARDING THE INCIDENT DATE AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT.

(2) WITNESS TWO: RELIABLE. WITNESS WAS CONFIDENT AND DID NOT CHANGE HIS INFORMATION WHEN CONFRONTED BY LOCAL AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS AS WITNESS ONE DID.

(3) WITNESS THREE: UNRELIABLE. AFTER THE U.S. TEAM LEADER TOLD THE VNOSMP PRESENT THE FIRST TWO INTERVIEWS PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS, THE PROVINCE TEAM LEADER LEFT FOR A FEW MINUTES AND RETURNED WITH WITNESS THREE. WITNESS THREE THEN PROVIDED INFORMATION MATCHING THE AIRCRAFT TYPE AND DATE OF LOSS OF THE CASE 0697 AIRCRAFT, CONTRADICTING WITNESSES ONE AND TWO.

B. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WITNESS TWO POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 0697 BASED ONLY ON LOCATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY WITNESSES ONE AND THREE SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THIS CASE.

9. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.

A. WITNESS RELIABILITY: CONCUR WITH ANALYST.

B. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS: CONCUR WITH ANALYST.

C. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, THE U.S. CONTINGENT RECEIVED GOOD SUPPORT FROM ALL LEVELS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

D. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.

10. RECOMMENDATION: N/A.//

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RMKS/1. REFERENCES.

A. REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 44TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM FROM 6 TO 31 JANUARY 1997.

B. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION.

A. ON 10 JANUARY 1997, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT ONE (IE1) INVESTIGATED CASE 0626 IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

B. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 19 MARCH 1967 LOSS OF AN F-105D WHILE ON A STRIKE MISSION RESULTING IN ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL.

C. ON 10 JANUARY 1997, IE1 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS CONCERNING CASE 0626. THE WITNESS DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE BUT DID PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT A HELICOPTER SHOOTDOWN. THAT INFORMATION IS DETAILED IN A SEPARATE REPORT.

D. IE1 DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL

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EFFECTS WHILE INVESTIGATING CASE 0626.

E. RECOMMENDATION: N/A.

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION.

A. PURPOSE:

(1) LOCATE AND INTERVIEW LE VIET DUNG (LEE VIEETJ ZUNGX) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MARCH 1967 LOSS OF AN F-105 NEAR THE CHA LO BORDER POST, THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE, AND DISPOSITION OF THE PILOT (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 3.E., BELOW).

(2) QUESTION VILLAGERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS OF BAI DINH (BAIX DINHF) HAMLET, DAN HOA (DAAN HOAS) VILLAGE, MINH HOA DISTRICT, FOR INFORMATION REGARDING CASE 0626 (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 3.D., BELOW).

B. ON 8 JANUARY 1997, THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAM INVESTIGATION TEAM ARRIVED IN DONG HOI CITY, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, TO INVESTIGATE NINE CASES.

C. TEAM COMPOSITION.

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT.

CPT ERIC NEWMAN
SFC MITCHELL P. SCHNEITER

TEAM LEADER
ASSISTANT TEAM
LEADER

CPT JOHN R. MCQUENEY JR.
SSG MICHAEL A. DVORAK
SSGT KENNETH E. LACLAIR
SSGT HOANG M. NGO
HM1 JAMES R. STAMP

ANALYST
ANALYST/LINGUIST
ANALYST/LINGUIST
LINGUIST
TEAM MEDIC

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT.

NGUYEN XUAN VUONG (NGUYEENX XUAAN VWONGJ) TEAM LEADER
TRAN MANH NGOC (TRAAHF MANHJ NGOCJ) ASSISTANT TEAM
LEADER

THAI NGO THANG (THAIS NGOO THAWNGS) TEAM MEMBER
HOANG DUY PHU (HOANGF ZUY PHUS) TEAM MEMBER
CAO QUOC KHANH (CAO QUOOC'S KHANHS) TEAM MEMBER

(3) QUANG BINH PROVINCE TEAM.

NGUYEN VINH (NGUYEENX VINH) TEAM LEADER
NGUYEN NGOC SON (NGUYEENX NGOCJ SOWN) TEAM MEMBER
TRAN HONG LINH (TRAAHF HONGF LINH) TEAM MEMBER
LAM QUANG DUNG (LAAM QUANG ZUNGX) TEAM MEMBER
TRINH HUY PHAN (TRINHJ HUY PHAN) TEAM MEMBER

D. ON 8 JANUARY 1997, THE JOINT TEAM MET WITH THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE TEAM TO DISCUSS THE INVESTIGATION PLAN. THE VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TEAM LEADER REPORTED THEY CANVASSED RESIDENTS OF BAI DINH HAMLET BUT DID NOT FIND ANY WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE.

E. ON 10 JANUARY 1997, IE1 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS IN QUAN LOC (QUANR LOOCJ) VILLAGE, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE WITNESS DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE. THE WITNESS, THE CHA LO BORDER POST COMMANDER FROM 1959 TO 1966, WAS NOT AT CHA LO AT THE TIME OF THE CASE 0626 INCIDENT.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

A. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RETAINED BY JTF-FA: NONE.

B. MATERIAL EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHED AND LEFT IN PLACE: NONE.

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C. REMAINS: NONE.

5. SITE SURVEY RESULTS. NONE.

6. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES. NONE.

7. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED. NONE.

8. ANALYST COMMENTS. NONE.

9. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS. NONE.

A. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, THE U.S. CONTINGENT RECEIVED GOOD SUPPORT FROM ALL LEVELS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

B. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.

10. RECOMMENDATION. N/A.//

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