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APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346

REFERENCE: T64-045  
9 March 1984

FROM: JCRC-LNB

SUBJ: Alleged U.S. remains in Vietnam.

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC  
Barbers Point, HI 96861

Source: Mr. [redacted] ODF applicant still residing in Tien Giang Province; contact address: [redacted] [redacted], HCM City.

Information: Source wrote a letter (attached) to the ODF office dated 14 Feb 64. He describes an approach by a woman (NFI) who passed to him the names of two Americans whose skeletal remains the woman's family has recovered from a Caribou aircraft wreckage. The names of the two Americans are alleged to be:

H.M. WILLIAM F.  
GONZALES-SANCHEZ  
ROBERTO

See attached letter for further details.

Comment: Note the correlation with the information contained in USMACV BIC message, DTG 050300Z FEB 64 and our report T64-017 dated 17 Feb 64.

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Letter and translation.

RFK:mj

Dear Sir,

14 February 1984

Before the liberation my name is [redacted], born on [redacted] with occupation of driver and mechanic for B23 American Special Forces at Ban Me Thuot from its beginning to its end. After that I joined the local forces, serial number [redacted] Platoon 127, in the Ban Me Thuot area until the day of liberation.

Now my birth date is [redacted] living at [redacted], Cai Lay District, Tien Giang Province. I have submitted a letter to the ODF office in Thailand, but from 23 October 1981 until now I have not heard any reply.

Now please, sir, answer me and let me know if I have enough evidence to be accepted for entry to the United States or not. Thank you, sir. And after this, please send this letter to those who have responsibility for the following subject.

On 1 February 1984 a lady gave me a paper which contained the names of 2 Americans. She said her family working on their farm suddenly found 2 sets of bones of persons who died in the wreckage of an airplane (Caribou), and her family hid the bones in some very secret place. The lady suggested how I could contact the Americans to have them review this situation to determine if the bones are American, and the American government should contact the Vietnamese authorities to ask for the 2 sets of bones. In addition she wants the Americans to sponsor her family to go to America to live, and hopes you will do it because the family doesn't have enough to eat and the crops every year are not good.

Here are the names of the 2 Americans:  
H.M. William F. [redacted] (Catholic)  
Gonzales-Sanchez, [redacted]  
Robert [redacted] (Catholic)

Finally, we are waiting for your letter, and we hope this will be the first of many.

[redacted]

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REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

CASUALTY DATA DIVISION  
ANALYSIS & STUDIES

SOURCE DATA: SOURCE  
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: T84-045, 9 MAR 84; T84-045A, 3 MAY 84  
ANALYST: SFC W.A. BLACK  
CROSS REFERENCE(S): T83-078

CATEGORY DATA: Alleged U.S. Remains/Second hand account

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by source reveals no correlation to data in JCRC files.

CORRELATE DATA: None

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Records check with DIS reveals that William I. John returned from Vietnam ALIVE. Records check with CIL-HI reveals that Roberto Gonzalez-Sanchez was killed in action on 7 OCT 69 and his remains were recovered.

*W.A. Black*  
JOE B. HARVEY  
LTC, USA  
Commander

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