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NAME: AMESBURY HARRY ARLO JR

PK: COMMENTS

01 ON 26 APRIL 1972 MAJ HARRY A. AMESBURY JR, PILOT ILT KURT F. WEISMAN, CO-PILOT, ILT RICHARD L. RUSSELL, NAVIGATOR, TSgt DONALD R. HOSKINS, FLIGHT ENGINEER, TSgt RICHARD E. DUNN, LOADMASTER, SSGT CALVIN C. COOKE, SGT LOADMASTER, AND ONE VIETNAMESE LOADMASTER WERE FLYING A C-130E (704-0508), ENGAGED IN AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY MISSION OVER AN LOC CITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING A NIGHT AERIAL DROP WHEN AT APPROX ONE MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY IT WAS STRUCK BY HOSTILE GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED AT GRID COORDINATES (GC)

02 ON IMPACT THE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO A LARGE FIREBALL AND THERE WERE SEVERAL LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. OBSERVATION OF THE CRASH SITE AT SUNRISE FROM THE AIR REVEALED LITTLE CHANGE OF CREW SURVIVAL. ELECTRONIC SEARCH RESULTS ALSO YIELDED NO INFORMATION. (REF 1 & 2)

03 BECAUSE OF THE HOSTILE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, A GROUND SEARCH WAS NOT CONDUCTED UNTIL 27 FEBRUARY 1975. AT THAT TIME 256 COMPANY, REGIONAL FORCE, BINH LONG SECTOR, INSPECTED THE CRASH SITE. ITEMS RECOVERED FROM THE AREA INCLUDED A BURNED WALLET, A SKULL AND SOME TEETH. (REF 3)

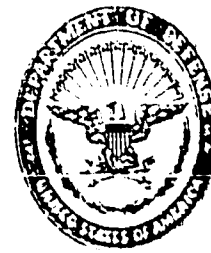
04 THE REMAINS WERE IDENTIFIED AS ILT WEISMAN. NO OTHER REMAINS WERE FOUND. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING.

05 ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED AS DEAD. BODY NOT RECOVERED.

06 REFERENCES USED: 1. MSG (U), 377ABW TSN AB, 260729Z APR 72. 2. MSG 377ABW TSN AB, RVN 0503A0Z MAY 72. 3. MSG , HC/OPS/RANGER/III CORPS-MR3, 27 FEB 75.

07 ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: RICHARD L. DUNN DONALD R. HOSKINS HARRY A. AMESBURY JR
RICHARD L. RUSSELL CALVIN C. COOKE AND KURT F. WEISMAN

08 COORDINATES CHANGED FROM (CAT 2) TO (CAT 1) BASED ON POSTAL MESSAGE. HC/RANGER/III CORPS AND MR3, 27 FEB 75. SUBJ: RECOVERY OF REMAINS.



JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
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2 DEC 1983

REFERENCE: T83-078A
7 November 1983

FROM: JCRC-LNB

SUBJ: Letter From ODP Applicant Concerning the Attempted Sale of U.S. Remains.

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

Source: Source mailed the attached letter from Ho Chi Minh City directly to ODP. A translation of Source's letter is as follows:

Dear Sirs

25 Oct 63

Prior to liberation my name was Pham Van Cam. My place and date of birth was . I was a Popular Forces soldier, No. until the day of liberation.

After the day of liberation, my name is , born on , my birth year having been erroneous, certificate number . In March 1963 I sent a letter concerning the following subject but without response.

In February 1963 a woman brought for to me to see an American dogtag and said that while farming she had accidentally come across two sets of American remains next to a helicopter and said she would sell them to me for two taels of gold. I told her to sell me two small bones so I could send them to you for examination to determine authenticity before I could buy them but she would not. She only allowed me to copy the words on the dogtag. She said she had the military ID card but would not allow me to see it.

on the dogtag
AMESBURY, Harry A. Jr

A NEW FRESHWATER

One set of remains is complete, with documents. The other set contains only five or six pieces which is enough to tell that it is a set of American remains. Now I'm sending this letter to request you investigate this and if correct, come to my time with Vietnam for the repatriation of these two sets. If correct, then I will send my own letters to the two families.

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Present Residence:

Cai Lay District, TIEN GIANG Province

Address where I may be contacted:

Ho Chi Minh City
End of translation.

JCRC-LNB comment: An ODP file has been opened for Mr. [REDACTED]. The file number is [REDACTED].

Atch: Letter

CONFIDENTIAL

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NAME: [REDACTED]

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DOB: [REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIALITY: [REDACTED]

DATA SOURCE: [REDACTED]

DATE: [REDACTED]

ENTRY LOCATED: [REDACTED]

ENTRY REPORTED TO: [REDACTED]

TYPE SIGHTING: [REDACTED]

1ST SIGHTING: [REDACTED]

AN LOC

SUBSOURCES: [REDACTED]

ACTIONS: [REDACTED]

CENTRE OF INFO LONDON
ACCORD 10-02 311 W DIE

CURRENT ACT: [REDACTED]

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REMARKS: [REDACTED]

REPORTED BY: AMESBURY, HARRY

DATA RECEIVED: [REDACTED]

ACT DATE: [REDACTED]

ENTRY: [REDACTED]

ENTRY: [REDACTED]

ENTRY: [REDACTED]