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PMS MR STEVART WEISNER, DELIVER DONT PHONE, IF MVD FWD ALSO WIRE COLL  
NEW ADD, (PLEASE REPORT DELIVERY) DATA

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSING PERSON ACT, A REVIEW OF THE  
MISSING STATUS OF YOUR BROTHER, CAPTAIN FRANKLIN L. WEISNER, HAS BEEN  
COMPLETED. ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HIS STATUS HAS  
BEEN GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. THE CIRCUMSTANCES ATTENDANT TO HIS  
DISAPPEARANCE, PLUS THE LAPSE OF TIME WITHOUT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION  
TO SUPPORT A PRESUMPTION OF SURVIVAL CAN LEAD ONLY TO THE CONCLUSION  
THAT HE IS NO LONGER ALIVE. FURTHER, THE DEBRIEFING OF RETURNED  
PRISONERS OF WAR FOLLOWING THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973  
HAS REVEALED NO INFORMATION OF HIS FATE. THEREFORE, A DETERMINATION  
HAS BEEN MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TO CHANGE HIS STATUS FROM  
MISSING IN ACTION 10 OCTOBER 1969 TO PRESUMED DEAD AS OF 19 SEPTEMBER  
1978. AN OFFICIAL FINDING OF DEATH WILL BE RECORDED UNDER THE PROVI-  
SIONS OF SECTIONS 555 AND 556, TITLE 37, UNITED STATES CODE. THE  
DATE OF 19 SEPTEMBER 1978 IS NOT AN ACTUAL OR PROBABLE DATE OF DEATH,  
BUT IS A DATE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUTE. PLEASE  
ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

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*FRANK WEISNER*

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ROUTINE  
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CITE: 3200 APR 85.

SUBJ: WILLIAM MATHERS' POW/MIA KNOWLEDGE

1. AS A POSTSCRIPT TO THE WILLIAM MATHERS CASE,  
THIS IS TO ADVISE THAT MATHERS HAS PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE  
OF THE CASE OF REFNO 1501 (WEISNER AND MAXWELL). MATHERS  
WAS A MEMBER OF THE SCUBA TEAM BROUGHT IN TO INVESTIGATE  
THIS CRASHSITE IN KONTUM IN OCTOBER 1969. MATHERS'  
RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS OBSERVATIONS AT THE SITE OF THIS  
INCIDENT WERE INTERESTING TO LNO, BUT THERE WAS INSUF-  
FICIENT TIME TO PURSUE THIS CASE IN DETAIL.

2. IF DIA/DC-2 HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH  
MATHERS, SUGGEST THE CASE OF REFNO 1501 ALSO BE A TOPIC  
OF DISCUSSION.  
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ACTION DC-2(2) (U,7,8,F)  
INFO NMTC(1) AT-3(1) DB-2(1) DB-2C(1) DIA(1)  
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SUBJECT: REFNO 1501, WEISNER, P. L.  
NAME

SOURCE: MATHERS, WILLIAM

OOI/PLACE: 25 APR 85, DIA-DC-2 SPARS

RRF: JCRC MSG 090807Z APR 85

1. SOURCE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT:
2. SOURCE LED A NAVY HARBOR CLEARANCE TEAM (NHCT) ON 16 OCTOBER 1969, TO INVESTIGATE AND ASSIST IN RECOVERY OF AN OIG AIRCRAFT LOST ON 10 OCT 1969, AT UTM ZB 045725, SOUTH VIETNAM.
3. NHCT WAS LOWERED TO CRASH SITE. SOURCE STATED A/C COCKPIT WAS SLIGHTLY BELOW THE WATERS OF A FLOWING STREAM APPROXIMATELY 20' WIDE. SOURCE NOTED THAT THE STREAM PROBABLY TRIPLD IN SIZE DURING HEAVY RAINS. NHCT USED ONLY FACE MASKS TO INVESTIGATE COCKPIT.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT THE SHOULDER STRAPS WERE FASTENED, SOURCE BELIEVES SUBJECT WERE EITHER THROWN FROM AIRCRAFT ON IMPACT WITH A CLIFF ABOVE THE STREAM AND/OR WITH IMPACT WITH THE WATER. SOURCE BELIEVES SUBJECT WERE WASHED DOWN STREAM AND RECOVERY OF THE BODIES WOULD BE UNLIKELY.

5. NHCT ASSISTED IN RECOVERY OF WRECKAGE WHICH WAS PULLED UP BY A LARGE CARGO UTILITY HELICOPTER. SOURCE STATED THAT A U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER AT THE SITE FIRED SEVERAL M-16 ROUNDS INTO THE WRECKAGE WHEN IT CAME OUT OF THE WATER. AS SOURCE HAD SEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THE A/C WAS LOST DUE TO HOSTILE FIRE, <sup>AND FELT</sup> ~~AT~~ THAT IT WAS LIKELY LOST DUE TO <sup>ADVERSE</sup> ~~THE~~ WEATHER AND/OR PILOT ERROR, THE ACTION BY THE SF OFFICER WOULD PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION

OF SORTS TO SUBJECT FAMILIAR.

6. SOURCE ADDED THAT WHILE THERE WERE  
POTENTIAL HOSTILE FORCES IN THE AREA,  
HE NEITHER SAW OR HEARD ANY INDICATION  
THAT NON U.S. OR NON ALLIED FORCES  
ATTEMPTED TO INVESTIGATE THE WRECKAGE.

7. SOURCE HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO ADD  
CONCERNING SUBJECT. SOURCE DID STATE  
THAT IT WAS THE MOST FRIGHTENING INCIDENT  
IN HIS LIFE.

8. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SOURCE'S  
REPORT NOT BE RELEASED OUTSIDE DIA.  
MFR WILL BE PLACED IN SUBJECT FILES  
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IN THE EVENT  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE

M. WILKIE

ENVELOPE

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RUEKJCS/USCINCPAC LO WASHDC//  
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC//POW-MIA//  
RUHVAAA/CDRUSACILHI HICKAM AFB HI//  
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RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC//CA/OCS/CCS/EAP//  
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BODY

SUBJ: FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT: CASE 1501

REF: CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK, MSG DTG260608Z MAR 93

1. REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 22ND JOINT FIELD  
ACTIVITY CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM FROM 25 FEB-23 MAR 93.  
PARA 2F OF REF CONCERNS THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1501.  
THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE 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 15 MAR 93, AN ELEMENT  
OF INVESTIGATION ELEMENT 1 (IE1) TRAVELLED TO DAK CHOONG  
VILLAGE, DAK LEI DISTRICT TO BEGIN INVESTIGATION INTO  
CASE 1501. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO  
PROVIDED TESTIMONY REGARDING THE CRASH OF A  
RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ON 10 OCT 69. THE WITNESS WAS A  
MEMBER OF A FIVE-MAN PATROL WHO WENT TO THE SITE SHORTLY  
AFTER THE CRASH OCCURRED. THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS ARE