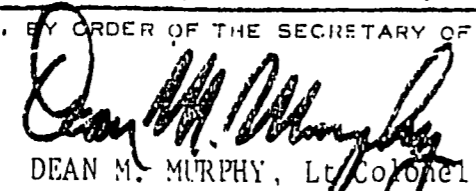
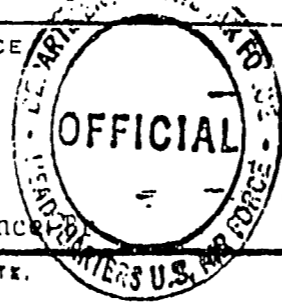


REPORT OF CASUALTY		1. REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE 808 - Final	2. DATE PREPARED 21 Jul 76
3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Social Security Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization), (MOS/ NJC) CRUZ, Carlos Rafael, DATA Maj, Reserve, USAF - 606 Air Comdo Sq, APO San Francisco 96310 AFSC: 1223Z			
4. CASUALTY STATUS a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE 5 Apr 67			
c. STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING IN ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> CAPTURED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
d. DATE: * e. PLACE: Laos			
f. CAUSE & CIRCUMSTANCES (Pilot - A-26A Aircraft)			
3. a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 29 Oct 41 - Arroyo, Puerto Rico	b. RACE Caucasian	c. SEX Male	d. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Roman Catholic
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME 28 Sep 62 - Arroyo, Puerto Rico - Arroyo, Puerto Rico			
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8. DUTY STATUS Active - On Duty			
9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)		DATE OF RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM: 18 Apr 67	
Mrs Carole Z Cruz DATA wife(3)			
Carla M Cruz same dau			
Cathleen A Cruz same dau			
Mr Eladio Cruz DATA father			
Mrs Maria Cruz same mother			
10. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		11. REPORTING COMMAND AGENCY AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT NOT USED - SECTION 555, TITLE 37, USC APPLIES	
12. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO FV3131049			
13. REMARKS *Under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, USC and upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of the Air Force, the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel for Military Personnel finds this individual to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action on 29 Dec 67. He was continued in this status until 19 Jul 76, the date death is presumed to have occurred for the purpose of termination on pay and allowances, settlement of accounts, and payment of death gratuities as stated in Section 555, Title 37, USC. No further information has been received concerning the fate of this individual since the date of his missing status.			
NOTE: THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO FACILITATE THE CASHING OF BONDS, THE PAYMENT OF COMMERCIAL INSURANCE, OR IN THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY OTHER CLAIM IN WHICH PROOF OF DEATH IS REQUIRED.			
FOOTNOTES: 1. Adult next of kin. 2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child-as designated on record of emergency data. 3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances-as designated on record of emergency data.			
14. DISTRIBUTION NOT USED		15. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  DEAN M. MURPHY, Lt Colonel, USAF Ch, Casualty Rptg & Survivor Assistance	

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BODY

TAGS: MOPS, LA
SUBJ: MEETING WITH LTC SYPHAI AND MFA'S BOUNTHOM.

REFS: (A) STATE 360036, (B) STATE 359981,
- (C) VIENTIANE 2335

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2. SUMMARY: DURING A TWO HOUR MEETING WITH LTC SYPHAI, HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTINUE CARR PHOTO INVESTIGATIONS IN XIENG KHOUANG AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE IMMINENT SAVANNAKHET EXCAVATION ACTIVITY. SYPHAI'S RECENT UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION OF THE CARR PHOTOGRAPH DID NOT TURN UP ANY LEADS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF NAME SYPHAI AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO TRY TO SCHEDULE ALL INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYS PROPOSED. THE MOST PRESSING CONCERN TURNED OUT TO BE NEWS THAT THE MI-8 WHICH HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING POW/MIA OPERATIONS IN THE PAST IS NOW DOWN FOR SPARE PARTS. SYPHAI EXPRESSED HIS

CONCERN THAT OBTAINING A DIFFERENT HELICOPTER FOR THE TIME REQUIRED MAY BE VERY DIFFICULT. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXCAVATION TEAM NOT DEPART HAWAII UNTIL HE RESOLVES THE HELICOPTER PROBLEM. END SUMMARY.

3. ON THE MORNING OF 1 NOV, MR. WILLIAM R. GADOURY OF JCRC-LNO AND MR. WAYNE BOYLS, EMBASSY POL/ECON OFFICER MET WITH LTC SYPHAI MEUNDOUANG, LAO MOD, AND MR. BOUNTHOM MANIBOT, MFA. INVITED TO LEAD OFF THE DISCUSSION, MR. GADOURY THANKED LTC SYPHAI FOR HIS ASSISTANCE ON THE SUCCESSFUL INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED BORAH PHOTOGRAPH, POINTING OUT THAT THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY AND HELPED TO ILLUSTRATE THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE LAO AND U.S. ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE. GADOURY EXPLAINED THAT THE MATTER OF THE CARR PHOTOGRAPH IS STILL PENDING, BUT HOPED THAT IT COULD BE RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AND SUCCESSFULLY AS THE ALLEGED BORAH PHOTOGRAPH. GADOURY ASKED SYPHAI FOR THE RESULTS OF HIS 25 SEPTEMBER UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION. SYPHAI RESPONDED THAT HE HAD VISITED SEVERAL DISTRICTS IN SAVANNAKHET AND OTHER SOUTHERN PROVINCES, BUT WAS UNABLE TO TURN UP ANY LEADS. GADOURY EXPLAINED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN INVESTIGATING ALLEGATIONS THAT CARR HAD BEEN HELD IN A FACILITY IN XIENG KHOUANG AT A LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF BAN BAN - KHANH KHAI. SYPHAI RESPONDED THAT THE ALLEGATION OF CARR BEING HELD ANYWHERE IS NOT TRUE, AND IS SIMPLY A STORY CREATED BY "BAD ELEMENTS." GADOURY EXPLAINED THAT NEVERTHELESS, INVESTIGATING THE ALLEGATIONS COULD BE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE LAO-U.S. COOPERATION ON THIS VERY DELICATE, BUT IMPORTANT ISSUE. GADOURY BRIEFED SYPHAI ON FOUR FACILITIES WHICH HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JAILS OR DETENTION FACILITIES IN XIENG KHOUANG AND PROPOSED THAT EACH OF THESE LOCATIONS BE VISITED AND PHOTOGRAPHED TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY RESEMBLANCE TO THE FACILITY SHOWN IN THE "CARR" PHOTOGRAPHS. SYPHAI STATED THAT THIS COULD BE ARRANGED, BUT WITH THE IMMINENT ACTIVITY IN SAVANNAKHET BELIEVED IT WOULD BEST TO COMBINE THE INVESTIGATION WITH THE SCHEDULED XIENG KHOUANG ACTIVITIES AFTER THE SAVANNAKHET EXCAVATION IS COMPLETED.

4. ASKED IF THE 8TH OF NOVEMBER HAD BEEN FIXED AS A DEFINITE START DATE FOR THE SAVANNAKHET EXCAVATION, SYPHAI STATED THAT DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE MI-8 HELICOPTER WHICH HAD BEEN SUPPORTING JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE PAST, HE COULD NOT SAY WHEN THE OPERATION WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN. SYPHAI EXPLAINED THAT THE TEETH ON ONE OF THE GEARS ON THE ROTOR ASSEMBLY HAD WORN TO THE POINT TO WHICH IT WAS NO LONGER SAFE TO FLY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO OBTAIN SPARE PARTS. SYPHAI COMMENTED THAT "GORBACHEV'S HELICOPTERS ARE TOO OLD," AND HOPED THAT THE LAO AND

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U.S. COULD AGREE ON A SCHEME TO USE "SAFER" U.S. HELICOPTERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO SEND WESTERN TRAINED PILOTS FROM THE PRE-75 REGIME TO TRAIN IN THE U.S. AND THEN USE AMERICAN HELICOPTERS FOR POW/MIA OPERATIONS. ASKED IF THE AUSTRALIAN FIRM, WESTCOAST HELICOPTERS, MIGHT BE AN OPTION, SYPHAI OBSERVED THAT THEIR HELICOPTERS CAN ONLY CARRY FOUR PASSENGERS WITH NO CARGO ROOM. FINALLY, SYPHAI OBSERVED THAT SOME SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND, SINCE THE CURRENT LAO HELICOPTER FLEET WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS.

5. GADOURY THEN COVERED IN DETAIL THE CONCEPT AND SPECIFIC CASES THE U.S. PROPOSED TO ADDRESS DURING THE UPCOMING SAVANNAKHET OPERATION. AFTER HEARING THE U.S. RECOMMENDATION TO HAVE AN INVESTIGATIVE TEAM AND ANOTHER SURVEY TEAM BREAK OFF FROM THE MAIN EXCAVATION BODY TO CONDUCT SIMULTANEOUS INVESTIGATIONS AND CRASH SITE SURVEYS, SYPHAI SUGGESTED WAITING TO GET TO SAVANNAKHET TO WORK OUT TIMING AND DETAILS. GADOURY OBSERVED THAT IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CASES AND TO HAVE CANDIDATE SITES READY FOR FUTURE VISITS TO SAVANNAKHET, IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CONDUCT AS MANY SURVEYS AS POSSIBLE. SYPHAI OBSERVED THAT TIME WOULD BE LIMITED, ESTIMATED THAT THE EXCAVATION WOULD PROBABLY ONLY TAKE SIX OR SEVEN DAYS.

6. ADDRESSING EACH CASE INDIVIDUALLY, SYPHAI AGREED TO THE CONCEPT AND IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE STEVENS CASE (REFNO 1383), AND AGREED WITH THE PLAN TO INVESTIGATE SEVERAL POSSIBLE LOCATIONS IN THE AREA OF BAN KENGTHONG.

7. AFTER EXPLAINING THE REASONS WHY INVESTIGATIONS NEED TO TAKE PLACE IN BAN MUANG ANKHAM TO FOLLOW UP ON LEADS THAT NAME MAY HAVE EVADED IN THAT DIRECTION AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM HOUAY HET PRISON IN 1966, SYPHAI STATED THAT THIS CASE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE 1992 PLAN. GADOURY REMINDED SYPHAI THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE HAD BEEN AGREED TO DURING THE 1991 CONSULTATIVE MEETING, AND REMINDED HIM THAT A VISIT TO THE FORMER PRISON LOCATION WAS THE FIRST PRIORITY DURING THE MAY VISIT TO KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE. SINCE THE JOINT TEAM WAS UNABLE TO BEGIN THE INVESTIGATION THEN, GADOURY URGED SYPHAI TO SUPPORT AT LEAST THE SAVANNAKHET PORTION OF THE INVESTIGATION SINCE THE TEAM WOULD BE IN THE AREA. SYPHAI??_P?TE??M??I3??Q??? ?EJE?? B??F DL?NEA?? ?E?A RATE DISTRICT, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL COORDINATION, ?AND IT WAS ALSO AN AREA WHICH WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO GET INTO SINCE NO ADEQUATE ROADS EXIST. HE CONCLUDED BY

SUGGESTING THAT THE CASE BE RE-ADDRESSED IN THE 1992 YEAR AROUND PLAN AND THE INVESTIGATION COULD THEN BE COORDINATED CROSS-PROVINCE TO BE CONDUCTED IN BOTH KHAMMOUN'S BOULAPHA DISTRICT AND SAVANNAKHET'S MUANG ANGKHAM DISTRICT DURING THE SAME VISIT. GADOURY REMINDED SYPHAI THAT SOME OF THE GUARDS AT THE PRISON WERE FROM MUANG PHIN, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE TEAM STOP THERE TO SEE IF THERE ANY OF THESE PEOPLE COULD BE LOCATED. SYPHAI WAS GIVEN A LIST OF THE GUARDS NAMES. BEGIN FYI: IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF B CHARGE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH VICE MINISTER SOUBANH WHEN HE RETURNS TO OFFICE 4 NOVEMBER. END FYI.

8. REFNO 1089: SYPHAI AGREED THAT REFNO 1089 WAS AN IMPORTANT SITE SURVEY OBJECTIVE. HE STATED THAT ACCESS TO THE SITE WOULD BE BEST VIA BAN HOU EI KE AND FOLLOW THE STREAM UP THE MOUNTAIN TO THE CRASH SITE AREA. HE OBSERVED THAT EVEN THOUGH IT APPEARED TO BE ONLY A FEW KILOMETERS ON THE MAP, THE ACTUAL OVER-GROUND DISTANCE

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WILL SEEM MORE LIKE SEVEN OR EIGHT KILOMETERS. SYPHAI AGREED THAT RESIDENTS OF VILLAGES AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN SHOULD BE QUERIED ABOUT AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WHICH HAS PROBABLY BEEN TAKEN OUT FROM THE SITE. HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE, AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL BE ABLE TO LOCATE THE THREE LAO MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ALLEGEDLY LOCATED REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS AT THE SITE.

9. REFNO 1455 (GRACE): AFTER REVIEWING THE DETAILS OF THIS CASE, SYPHAI DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET TO BAN NAXAI TO SEE IF VILLAGERS MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION, AND TO INVESTIGATE THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION, WHICH IS ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE VILLAGE.

10. REFNO 1340/41 (C-123/B-57 MID-AIR COLLISION): AFTER BRIEFING SYPHAI ON THE LOCATION SURVEYED BY A JOINT TEAM IN 1986, SYPHAI OBSERVED THAT GETTING IN TO THE AREA TO SURVEY TWO OTHER LOCATIONS REPORTED BY THE ON-SCENE FAC WOULD DEPEND ON FINDING A SUITABLE PLACE TO LAND THE HELICOPTER. HE ALSO CONCURRED ON TALKING WITH MUANG PHIN OFFICIALS ABOUT REPORTS THAT VILLAGERS HAD FOUND REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SITE.

11. SURVEY OF OTHER GROUP C SITES; REFNO 0955, 1100, 1546: SYPHAI RECOMMENDED THAT 0955 AND 1100, BOTH WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE EXCAVATION SITE SHOULD BE SURVEYED BEFORE REFNO 1053.

12. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, GADOURY ASKED SYPHAI IF THE JEEPS HAD RETURNED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION. HE RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE, EXCEPT ON A FEW OF THE

VEHICLES WERE RUSTING OUT AROUND THE MUFFLERS. HE SAID THAT THE BATTERY ON THE VEHICLE WHICH WAS NOT SENT BACK FOR REPAIR HAD DIED AND HE WAS NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN A SUITABLE LOCAL REPLACEMENT. HE ASKED THAT THE EXCAVATION TEAM BRING A U.S. BATTERY, AS WELL AS FIVE ADDITIONAL SPARE TIRES, ANTICIPATING THE DAMAGE THAT WILL BE CAUSED TO THE VEHICLES AS WE BEGIN OUR DRY SEASON ACTIVITIES OVER ROUGH ROADS.

13. AS AN ASIDE, SYPHAI WAS ASKED INFORMALLY THAT IF THE U.S. WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL VEHICLES, SAY 10 OR SO, FOR USE IN THE PROVINCES FOR POW/MIA SUPPORT ACTIVITIES, WHERE THEY MIGHT BE BEST PUT TO USE. SYPHAI SAID THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE, HE FELT THEY MIGHT BEST BE PUT TO USE IN SAVANNAKHET (2), KHAMMOUANE (2), HOUAPHAN (3), XIENG KHOUANG (2) AND CHAMPASSAK (1). HE SAID IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE JEEPS, IT WOULD PROBABLY INSPIRE THE PROVINCES TO EXPEND MORE EFFORT TO SEARCH FOR SITES AND GENERALLY ASSIST THE JOINT EFFORTS. SYPHAI ALSO REQUESTED USG PROVIDE GOL WITH TWO HEAVY DUTY CARGO TRUCKS AND ONE WATER TRUCK. HE ADDED A REQUEST FOR TWO OF THE RADIOS BEING USED FOR THE SEPON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BE LEFT AT MFA FOR GOL USE. SALMON

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