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FM JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH
TO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI
INFO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2//
SECDEF WASHDC//OASD-ISA/PK-MIA//
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LIAISON BANGKOK TH 42941

CITE: 3309 AUG 84.

NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

SUBJ: REPORTED TRANSFER OF REMAINS.

REF: A. SECSTATE MSG, DTG 210406Z AUG 84, SUBJ (SAB).
B. AMEMBASSY BKK MSG, DTG 211200Z AUG 84;
SUBJ (SAB).

1. JCRC-LNB WAS CONTACTED ON 27 AUG 84 BY FORMER
RLA CPT PHOUKHO NIOSOVAN. PHOUKHO HAS INFORMED US
THAT SOME OF HIS MEN HAVE RECOVERED ONE U.S. REMAINS
AND ARE HOLDING THEM ON THE LAO SIDE OF THE
HEKHOANG RIVER. PHOUKHO SAID THAT TWO ADDITIONAL REMAINS
(80 PERCENT COMPLETE) WOULD BE ARRIVING IN A FEW DAYS
FROM THE TCHEPONE AREA. PHOUKHO SAID THAT HE HAD
SOME PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION DATA AND WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW BEFOREHAND IF THE REMAINS ARE LEGITIMATE AND
HE WOULD THEN MAKE THE TRANSFER. PHOUKHO ASKED
US TO CHECK ON THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

- ANDERSON, W.B.
- DATA
- 0 USMC -S
- THOMAS, D
- DATA
- 32 0 POS
- BAPTIST

- PAUL SOMMER LYNLE
- DATA
- 6 POS
- LUTHERAN

PHOUKHO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE A 14K GOLD PLATED I.D.
BRACELET BEARING THE NAME "TAYLOR" ON ONE SIDE AND THE
WORDS "CHURCH OF GOD" ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE. PHOUKHO
CLAIMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION
FROM ONE LIVE PW WHO WAS CALLED "ROGER" AND WAS
36 YEARS OLD IN 1984. PHOUKHO CLAIMED THAT "ROGER" WAS
A FORMER B-52 CREWMEMBER AND HAD INDICATED THAT HE
WAS WILLING TO RETURN TO THE U.S. PHOUKHO SAID THAT
HE WOULD HAVE MORE COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION DATA WHICH
WOULD BE PROVIDED BY "ROGER" HIMSELF BUT THAT "ROGER"
WAS WELL KNOWN IN HIS SQUADRON AND THAT MANY FORMER
MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT WOULD RECOGNIZE HIS NAME.
PHOUKHO CLAIMED THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH "OTHER
UNITS" ON THE RETURN OF "ROGER".

2. WE HAVE NOTICED INCREASED ACTIVITY LATELY AMONG
THE LAO REFUGEE/RESISTANCE GROUP CONCERNING REMAINS AND
PERSONAL EFFECTS. IT APPEARS THAT THE LAO RESISTANCE
HAS BEEN ACTIVE AT THE CRASHSITE OF REFNO 1807 AND HAVE
MANAGED TO COLLECT IDENTITY DATA OR PERSONAL EFFECTS
ON AT LEAST SEVEN CREWMEMBERS. IDENTIFICATION DATA
HAS BEEN RECEIVED RECENTLY FROM REFUGEES ON CANIFOND,
TODD, PAULSON, SIMMONS, PEARCE, AND STEPHENSON.
PERSONAL EFFECTS INCLUDE THE RING INSCRIBED "LOVE
FOREVER SUE" WHICH BELONGED TO MILLER AND HAS NOW BEEN
RETURNED TO HIS WIFE. WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF PARTIAL

REMAINS AND AIRPLANE PARTS FROM REFUGEES BUT HAVE NOT
RECEIVED ANY THUS FAR. IDENTITY DATA ON OTHER
REFNOS IN THE AREA MENTIONED BY PHOUKHO WHICH HAD
RECENTLY BEEN REPORTED INCLUDE REFNO 1561 (DAFFRON),
1333 (BADER) 0955 (POTTER) AND 1729 (BOFFMAN). THE
GOLD I.D. BRACELET WITH THE NAME "TAYLOR" REPORTED BY
PHOUKHO MAY CORRELATE TO REFNO 1703 (TAYLOR, JAMES H.).
TWO OTHER NAMES PROVIDED BY PHOUKHO IN PARA 2 ABOVE
(THOMAS O. AND PAUL SOMMER LYNLE) APPARENTLY CORRELATE
TO REFNO 1561 (DAFFRON) AND 1807 (PAULSON). THE
REMAINING NAME PROVIDED BY PHOUKHO (ANDERSON, W.B.)
DOES NOT APPEAR IN OUR FILES.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION
AND WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF PHOUKHO TURNS OVER
REMAINS TO OUR OFFICE.

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FROM: JCRC-LNB

TO: COMMANDER, JCRC

SUBJ: Acquisition of Dogtag Rubbing, Hearsay of Live American Living in Laos.

Source:

- Name: SOURCE
- POB: Tha-Uthen, Thailand
- Present Location: ODP Office, USIS Compound, Bangkok
- Identification data: Thai employee of the ODP office
- DOI: September 1984
- Map reference: L7017-5943-3
- Date of interview: 26 Sep 84
- Name of interviewer: AN

Source reported on the recent acquisition of a rubbing of the dogtag of
DAFFRON, THOMAS C., and of hearsay about a live American in Laos.

Information:

Source reported that she had just returned from a vacation from her work at
the ODP office. While on vacation, she traveled to northeast Thailand to
visit her family at SD and an uncle at SD Thailand
(poss vic VD6585).

While visiting her uncle Mr. NAME who is a shopkeeper at
SD he related that about 2 months earlier (possibly June 84) a Thai
man had come to his place of business and shown him the dogtag of an American.
The Thai man (NFI to Source) allegedly related that the owner of the dogtag
was dead and he (the Thai man) was in possession of his skeletal remains.
Source's uncle was permitted to make a rubbing of the dogtag (attached), but
was not permitted to keep the tag.

During the same encounter, the Thai man also allegedly related to Source's
uncle that there was an American living freely in Laos. The American can
speak Lao fluently, lives with a group of 5-6 families, is not detained in
any way, and is a former U.S. military man. According to Source, no further
details were related to her uncle, and no location in Laos was cited.

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