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SUBJECT: JCRC RPT T86-356, HEARSAY OF LIVE AMERICAN  
IN LAOS

REF: A. JCRC LIAISON 031023Z JUN 86, RPT  
T86-245

B. JCRC LIAISON 030937Z JUN 86, RPT  
T86-244

1. SOURCE/ADMIN DATA:

A. NAME: SOURCE  
B. ADDRESS: SOURCE DATA

C. PROFESSION: FARMER/CARPENTER  
D. LANGUAGES: LAO (NATIVE), THAI  
E. STATUS: THAI CITIZEN  
F. DATE OF INFORMATION: JUN 86  
G. SOURCE DATA

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2. SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDED DOG TAG INFORMATION ON THOMAS C. DAFFRON AND JOHNNY C. RUSS. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM SUBSOURCE WHO LIVES ACROSS THE MEKONG RIVER IN LAOS. WITH THE DOG TAG INFORMATION WAS A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN LAO WHICH INDICATED THAT DAFFRON IS ALIVE AND RUSS IS DEAD AND MENTIONED AN AREA 20 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF BOULAPHA (XE 0201) IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS.

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INFORMATION: SOURCE, WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY SUBSOURCE IN REF A WAS CONTACTED IN 30 JUN AT HIS HOME NEAR SS DATA WHEN ASKED IF SOURCE HAD HAD ANY CONTACT WITH NAME HE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A NOTE FROM HIM A FEW WEEKS AGO AND WENT TO GET IT. A FEW MINUTES LATER, HE CAME BACK AND SHOWED JCRC INTERVIEWER A PIECE OF PAPER WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

QUOTE

DAFFRON (ALIVE)	RUSS, JOHNNY. C
THOMAS. C	RA 14896045
DATA	DATA
OPOS	METHODIST
BAPTIST	DEAD

AREA NORTHEAST OF BOULAPHA, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF MUANG BOULAPHA.

QUOTE

NOTE: THE WORDS "ALIVE", "DEAD" AND THE LOCATIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BOTTOM ARE WRITTEN IN LAO; DOG TAG INFORMATION IS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH)

SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN MEANING TO MAIL THE INFORMATION TO THE US EMBASSY BUT HAD BEEN VERY BUSY LATELY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO OTHER INFORMATION OTHER THAN WHAT WAS ON THE SLIP OF PAPER. SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT NAME IS HIS NEPHEW AND SUBSOURCE IS HIS COUSIN. HE MENTIONED THAT SS IS ABOUT 27 YEARS OLD AND HE HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE SOURCE CROSSED OVER TO THAILAND ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO, MARRIED A LOCAL THAI WOMAN AND SETTLED DOWN. HE SAID THAT IF SS HAPPENED TO COME ACROSS THE RIVER, HE WOULD CONTACT JCRC.

COMMENT: REF B WAS A SECOND LETTER FROM SS IN WHICH HE PROVIDED THE SAME DOG TAG INFORMATION AS REPORTED ABOVE. IN SS LETTER, HE SAID (IN ENGLISH) THE TWO AMERICANS ARE STILL LIVING AND DEAD. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A CASUALTY WORDED REFERENCE TO THE LAO WORDS WRITTEN NEXT TO THE TWO NAMES PROVIDED BY SOURCE. A COPY OF THE NOTE WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQ JCRC AND DIA/VO-PW.

AFTER INTERVIEW WITH SOURCE, JCRC REP TRAVELLED TO NAKHON PHANOM WHERE HE INTERVIEWED SUBSOURCE WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING TIME IN THE NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCIAL JAIL. ASKED IF HE KNEW NAME SAMLONG HE SAID HE DID AND THAT ALTHOUGH NAME HAD NOT BEEN

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INVOLVED WITH HIM IN THE TREK ACROSS THE LAO PAN-  
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ANDLE TO GO AFTER AMERICAN REMAINS (REF B IS A LETTER  
HIGH SS WROTE EXPLAINING HIS EXPEDITION, SS  
INTERVIEW WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY), HE DID GET  
INVOLVED WITH THE GROUP WHO WERE DISCOVERED AND  
ARRESTED FOR DEALING IN AMERICAN REMAINS. SS  
STATED THAT NAME WAS ALSO ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED  
BECAUSE OF HIS COMPLICITY. SS ; SAID THAT THE  
ONLY THING TER KNOWS ABOUT AMERICAN REMAINS IS WHAT  
HE HEARD FROM HIM AND HIS OTHER ASSOCIATES.  
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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT 186-356  
NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 220811Z AUG 86 (NOTAL)

1. DATA PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A, 186-356, CORRELATES TO CAPT THOMAS C. DAFFRON, REFNO 1561-0-02. THIS CORRELATION IS MADE BASED ON IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ONLY. THE OTHER NAME PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE, JOHNNY C. PUS, CORRELATES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RETURNED ALIVE TO THE U.S. FOLLOWING HIS TOUR OF DUTY IN SEASIA.

2. REFNO 1561: ON 18 FEBRUARY 1970, CAPT DAFFRON AND 1LT CHARLES F. MORLEY WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD AN F-4C AIRCRAFT AS THE WINGMAN IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT. THEIR AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY 37MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 070912, APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF PHOU CHANG VONG, KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, LAOS. NO PARACHUTES WERE OBSERVED AND NO ELECTRONIC BEACON SIGNALS WERE HEARD. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUED UNTIL 22 FEBRUARY 1970 WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO GROUND SEARCH OF THE WRECKAGE WAS MADE DUE TO THE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE CRASH SITE AREA. CAPT DAFFRON AND LT MORLEY ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

3. PERTINENT BIOGRAPHIC DATA CONCERNING CAPT DAFFRON WHICH CORRELATES TO THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A ARE AS FOLLOWS: SSAN DATA O POSITIVE BLOOD TYPE AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE OF BAPTIST.

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4. WITH THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA PROVIDED BY THE SOURCE WAS A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN LAO WHICH MENTIONED "AN AREA TWENTY KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF BOUALAPHA IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS". REFNO 1561 INCIDENT OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BOUALAPHA.

5. THIS EVALUATION MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NOK BY AFMPC UPON DELETION OF SOURCE'S NAME FROM THE SUBJECT LINE. A SANITIZED COPY OF REF A FORWARDED TO AFMPC ON 27 AUGUST 1986 UNDER REGISTRATION NUMBER: R300 094 035.

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