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DISTRICT ON 10 JAN 73. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND DATE OF LOSS ONLY. THE INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1979 INVOLVING LIEUTENANT ROBERT A. CLARK AND LIEUTENANT MICHAEL T. MCCORMICK. LIEUTENANT CLARK AND LIEUTENANT MCCORMICK ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

J. RIFLE. ITEM LABEL READ, ON 18 OCT 65, THIS GUN FIRED TWO ROUNDS THAT BROUGHT DOWN AN F-4 AIRCRAFT IN PHU LE VILLAGE, HUONG KHE DISTRICT, HA TINH PROVINCE. THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 0173-1-01, LT EDWARD A. BRUDNO AND 0173-1-02, CAPT THOMAS E. COLLINS. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON TIME OF DAY, DAY, MONTH, AND YEAR. THIS IS A RESOLVED CASE.

N. 12.7MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN SIGHT LENS. ITEM LABEL READ, THE 12.7MM SIGHT LENS OF THE FEMALE MILITIA OF VO NINH VILLAGE, QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH WHO SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AN F-4 AIRCRAFT ON 10 NOV 67. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON TYPE OF AIRCRAFT, PROVINCE AND DATE OF LOSS. THIS INFORMATION MAY POSSIBLY CORRELATE WITH REFNO 0903 AND 0904. MAJOR JAMES S. MORGAN (0903), LIEUTENANT JAMES A. CREW (0904) AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL KELLY F. COOK ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR. LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. HUNEYCUIT (0903) IS RESOLVED.

5. RELEASE AUTHORITY TO THE APPROPRIATE NOK IS GRANTED TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICES: AFMPC/DPMCR - REFNO 1945, 0943, 0283, 0484, 0782, 0596, 0173, 0903, 0904, AND 1820; CDRPERSCOM/TAPC-PED-P - REFNO 1001; BUPERS/PERS663P - REFNO 1236, 1859, 1946, 0361, 1979; CMC/MHP-10 - 1820, 1087, AND 1001.

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CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS:

On 10 November 1967, Major James S. Morgan and First Lieutenant Charles J. Huneycutt, Junior, were crew members aboard the lead aircraft, in a flight of two F-4C fighters. First Lieutenant James A. Crew and Lieutenant Colonel Kelly F. Cook were crew members aboard the number two aircraft. The two aircraft, serial numbers 640834 and 640669 respectively, disappeared while flying over Quang Binh Province. The last radio and radar contact with this flight occurred over the coastal area in the vicinity of grid coordinates XE886156, approximately 20 kilometers southeast of Dong Hoi. Search aircraft monitored an electronic beacon signal and established momentary voice contact with members of the flight. Further attempts to reestablish contact with the crew or to locate the two aircraft were unsuccessful. These aircraft were the only aircraft lost in Vietnam on 10 November 1967. On 13 November 1967, a Hanoi radio broadcast reported that three F-4 aircraft had been downed on 10 November over Quang Binh Province and that U.S. pilots were captured. On 25 December 1967, a Hanoi newspaper published an article by a Vietnamese General which stated that on 10 November 1967, the Young Women's Militia in Quang Binh Province had shot down two American F-4 aircraft and captured the pilots alive.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATIONS:

- In December 1988, a joint team conducted an investigation of this case in Hong Thuy Village, Le Ninh District, Quang Binh Province.

-- The team interviewed three witnesses to the crash of a jet aircraft and the subsequent burial of one body found nearby. One witness pointed out the general area of the alleged burial site. The witness turned over remains which he allegedly recovered from the vicinity of the burial site. These remains which were turned over in December 1988 were determined to be Mongoloid.

-- The team visited the alleged crash site and found numerous small pieces of wreckage. The search and recovery specialist partially uncovered a large piece of what appeared to be an aircraft engine. No identification numbers were visible.

- In August 1990, a joint team excavated the alleged burial site area and the location of the aircraft engine. No remains were recovered from the alleged burial site. Two large pieces of the aircraft engine and many small pieces of aircraft were found at the aircraft wreckage portion of the site.

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- In July 1991, a joint team examined archival records at the Military Region 4 Museum in Vinh, Nghe Tinh Province..

- The team located a document which indicated a pilot named "Cook Kelly" crashed or was torn apart at the Viet Trung State Farm on 10 November 1967.
- The team also located another MR4 document which indicated three F-4B aircraft were shot down on 10 November 1967.
 - One was shot down by the Le Thuy Local Forces and the 45th Battalion and crashed two kilometers off shore.
 - Another F-4B was shot down by the female militia of Vo Ninh Village and crashed in My Trung Hamlet, Gia Ninh Village. One pilot was captured and the other was killed.
 - The third F-4B aircraft was shot down by the Phong Thuy Village militia and crashed in Thach Xa Hamlet, Hong Thuy Village. Both pilots were killed.

- In August 1991, the team visited Hong Thuy Village to investigate the crash of the F-4B aircraft.

- At Hong Thuy Village, a witness described the crash of two American aircraft in a single incident.
 - One crashed in Hong Thuy Village, the other in Gia Ninh Village, the village immediately north of Hong Thuy.
 - Two pilots parachuted out, one from each aircraft, and landed at Gia Ninh. One pilot was dead at the time he landed while the second was captured.
- Based on the witness testimony that a pilot had parachuted into Gia Ninh Village, the joint team went to Gia Ninh to continue the investigation.
 - The team interviewed five witnesses, one of whom admitted he had lied during an earlier December 1988 investigation. The other witnesses described the crash of two aircraft, as related by the Hong Thuy

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witness, and the capture of two pilots, both of whom were injured. One of the pilots died and was buried in the village. The other pilot identified himself as "Cooc" and was taken away from the village. Witnesses heard later that the second pilot had died. One witness reported the pilot had died near Van La Hamlet.

- The joint team interviewed three witnesses from the Viet Trung State Farm. Two of the witnesses were located by the VNOSMP after discovering that the MR4 records indicated that "Kelly Cook" had been buried at the State Farm.
 - The witnesses provided hearsay information regarding the burial of a captured American pilot.
 - After completing the interview of these witnesses, the team located a third witness who described the passage of an injured captive American pilot along a trail near his house on the State Farm during the summer of 1966 or 1967. He later observed a burial mound and was told that it was the grave of the pilot who had been led through the area days before.

U.S. COMMENTS:

- Information obtained from Military Region 4 documents and witness interviews during the August 1991 investigation suggests that the two captured pilots were Lieutenant Huneycutt (Case 0903) and Lieutenant Colonel Cook (Case 0904) and that Major Morgan (Case 0903) and Lieutenant Crew (Case 0904) may have perished in the crash of their aircraft.

- During the initial investigation of this case, the team thought, based on the information provided by the witnesses in Gia Ninh, that the two parachutes seen over Gia Ninh were from one aircraft. As one of the captured pilots appeared to have been Lieutenant Huneycutt, whose remains were returned to the U.S. after allegedly having been recovered from Gia Ninh Village, the team correlated the information about both pilots to Case 0903. Based on this analysis, the team concluded that the pilot who was treated and then taken from Gia Ninh would have been Major Morgan. Now, based on

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the information obtained from witnesses during this investigation, it seems more probable that the individual led from the village was in fact Lieutenant Colonel Cook.

--- The witnesses' description of the pilot generally matches that of Colonel Cook. Additionally the medic who treated the pilot told the team the pilot's name was "Cooc."

-- The MR4 document further enhances the probability that the pilot led from Gia Ninh was Colonel Cook. The document mentioned both Lieutenant Huneycutt and Colonel Cook by name as having been buried in Gia Ninh Village and the Viet Trung State Farm, respectively. In the case of Lieutenant Huneycutt, the information obtained during the two investigations supports the entry in the document.

- Entry 966 of the MR4, Registry of Crashed Aircraft, indicates that at about 1600 hours on 10 November 1967, an F-4B aircraft crashed in Gia Ninh Village. One of the pilots died and the other was captured. This information supports the testimony provided by witnesses in Gia Ninh. Entry 967 indicates that at 1715 hours on 10 November 1967, an F-4B crashed in Hong Thuy Village and that both pilots were killed.

- Request the VNOSMP locate for interview the following individuals who may have information on this incident:

- Mr. (Lnu) Hao, former village party secretary, who was present at the burial of a U.S. pilot in the vicinity of Van La Hamlet, Quang Ninh District.
- First Lieutenant Tram Huynh Chuong, former Company Commander of Commo Liaison Station 16, who was present when a U.S. pilot was being treated at the Gia Ninh Village Office.
- Mr. Mai Trong Ba, who along with witnesses Nguyen Van Quoc and Tran Ba Tung, participated in the search for the two pilots.

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SUBJECT: DETAILED SEARCH AND RECOVERY REPORT OF CASES
0903/0904 (MORGAN/CREW/COOK)

1. SUMMARY;

- A. ON 31 AUG 92, A JOINT UNITED STATES/SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (US/SRV) TEAM CONDUCTED A
PRELIMINARY SURVEY OF AN ALLEGED AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE IN