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RMKS/1. REFERENCES:
A. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 38TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM FROM 12 OCTOBER TO

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B. REF B IS ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0095.
C. REF C IS THE 26TH JFA DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION FOR CASE 0095.
D. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.
2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:
A. ON 3 NOVEMBER 95, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT ONE (IE1) INVESTIGATED CASE 0095 IN THANH HOA PROVINCE.
B. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 10 JUNE 1965 LOSS OF ONE AMERICAN IN AN A-1H AIRCRAFT ON A COMBAT MISSION IN THANH HOA PROVINCE. U.S. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS FAILED TO LOCATE ANY SIGNS OF A SURVIVOR.
C. ON 3 NOVEMBER 1995, IE1 TRAVELED BY VEHICLE TO A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48Q WG 63771 82129. AT THE CRASH SITE WE FOUND SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND PILOT EQUIPMENT (SEE PARAGRAPH 4.A.). AT THE CRASH SITE, WE CANVASSED FOR WITNESSES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
D. IE1 OBTAINED SOME MATERIAL EVIDENCE DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, BUT FOUND NO REMAINS.
E. RECOMMENDATION: N/A.
3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:
A. PURPOSE:
(1) SURVEY GRID COORDINATES 48Q WG 634 813 FOR A POSSIBLE CRASH SITE. A WITNESS PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED THIS LOCATION. (ACCOMPLISHED: PARA 3.E.)
(2) CANVASS HOA YEN (HOAF YEEN) HAMLET, THAI HOA (THAIS HOAF) VILLAGE, TRIEU SON DISTRICT, AND XUAN DU (XUAAN ZU) VILLAGE, NHU XUAN DISTRICT, FOR INFORMATION ABOUT AN AIRCRAFT CRASH IN OR NEAR THESE VILLAGES. THE CRASH LOCATION AT GRID COORDINATES 48Q WG 634 813 IS IN THE VICINITY OF THESE VILLAGES. (ACCOMPLISHED: PARA 3.D.)
B. ON 12 OCTOBER 95, IE1 ARRIVED IN DIEN BIEN DISTRICT, LAI CHAU PROVINCE TO BEGIN THE 38TH JFA.
C. TEAM COMPOSITION:
(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

CAPT MARK S. GARROW	TEAM LEADER
SFC ROBERT D. WOLFE	ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER
MSGT DANNY R. COX	ANALYST/LINGUIST
SSGT ROBERT M. FLYNN	ANALYST/LINGUIST
CTI3 JEFF S. WILLARD	ANALYST/LINGUIST
SGT VINH T. PHUNG	ANALYST/LINGUIST
CTISN SHAWNA M. MANN	ANALYST/LINGUIST
SSG LONNIE E. GRIFFIN, JR.	SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST
SSG JOHN H. KELLEY	SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST
SSGT LOUIS I. CHOUAMON	TEAM MEDIC
SK2 ALAN D. BEATY	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:
MR. LE TRAN TUAN (LEE TRAANF TUAANS) TEAM LEADER;

	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MR. LE THANH TUNG (LEE THANH TUNGF)	ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER; MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MR. NGUYEN ANH TUONG (NGUYEENX ANH TWOWNGF)	MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
MR. TRAN THO VINH (TRAANF THOJ VINH)	MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
MR. TRAN QUOC VIET (TRAANF QUOOCS VIEETJ)	MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

(3) THANH HOA PROVINCE TASK TEAM:

MR. TRINH QUOC TRINH (TRINH QUOOCS TRINHF)	TEAM LEADER
MR. DO HUY TAP (DOOR HUY TAAPJ)	TEAM MEMBER
MR. DAO MANH HUNG (ZAOF MANH HUNGF)	TEAM MEMBER
MR. LE KHAC DAN (LEE KHAWCS DANF)	TEAM MEMBER
MR. HA NMN PHUC (HAF PHUCS)	TEAM MEMBER

D. ON 1 NOVEMBER 1995, IE1 MET AT THE NGAN HOA HOTEL IN THANH HOA CITY, THANH HOA PROVINCE, TO DISCUSS THE TEAM'S PLANNING AND STRATEGY FOR INVESTIGATIONS IN THANH HOA PROVINCE. ALL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN TEAM, THE VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TEAM, AND THE THANH HOA PROVINCE TASK TEAM WERE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. VIETNAMESE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TEAM CONFIRMED THAT THEY POSSESSED VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS. THE VNOSMP AND THANH HOA PROVINCE TASK TEAM INFORMED THE U.S. TEAM THEY FOUND NO NEW WITNESSES IN HOA YEN HAMLET, THAI HOA VILLAGE, TRIEU SON DISTRICT, AND XUAN DU VILLAGE, NHU CUAN DISTRICT AND PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION STATING SO.

E. ON 3 NOVEMBER 1995, THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TWO HOURS BY VEHICLE TO A POSSIBLE CRASH SITE LOCATED AT GRID COORDINATES 48Q WG 63771 82129. THE TEAM SEARCHED A 125 X 125-METER AREA. WE FOUND SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF RUBBER, FIBERGLASS, A 20 MILLIMETER ROUND, A 1 BY 3-INCH PIECE OF VELCRO, A BOOT EYELET, AND A POSSIBLE PIECE OF HELMET. THE TEAM FOUND NO REMAINS. WHILE AT THE CRASH SITE, THE TEAM CANVASSED FOR WITNESSES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:

A. MATERIAL EVIDENCE RETAINED BY JTF-FA:

(1) A 1 X 3-INCH PIECE OF VELCRO.

(2) ONE BOOT EYELET.

(3) THREE PIECES OF CLOTH MATERIAL.

(4) POSSIBLE PIECE OF HELMET.

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B. MATERIAL EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHED AND LEFT IN PLACE:

(1) SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF UNIDENTIFIABLE RUBBER.

(2) SEVERAL SMALL PIECES OF FIBERGLASS.

(3) ONE 20 MILLIMETER ROUND.

C. REMAINS: NONE.

5. SITE SURVEY RESULTS: ON 3 NOVEMBER 1995, IE1 SURVEYED A REPORTED CRASH SITE.

A. PROJECT LOCATION:

(1) VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES 48Q WG 63771 82129.

(2) MAP DATA: MAP NAME - TONG CONG, MAP SHEET NUMBER-6148-III, MAP SERIES - L7014, PRINTED - 1972.

B. OUTSTANDING FEATURES: CRASH SITE IS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF A HILL.

C. TERRAIN: THE CRASH SITE IS LOCATED ON A SIDE OF A HILL, WITH A 15 TO 20 DEGREE SLOPE, COVERED WITH SMALL AND LARGE ROCKS.

D. SOIL CONDITIONS: THE SOIL IS DRY AND HARD, WITH A ROCK BASE.

E. VEGETATION: THE SITE IS LOCATED ON THE GRASSLAND OF A HILL WITH SMALL PLANTS.

F. METHOD OF SURVEY: IE1 CONDUCTED A DETAILED SURFACE SEARCH OF A 125 X 125-METER AREA, SURROUNDING THE CRASH AREA.

G. HAZARDS: IE1 FOUND ONE 20 MILLIMETER ROUND ON THE SITE.

H. RESULTS:

(1) REMAINS SEEN: NONE.

(2) IDENTIFICATION MEDIA SEEN: NONE.

(3) PERSONAL EFFECTS SEEN: NONE.

(4) AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE SEEN: THE TEAM FOUND A FEW SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE AROUND THE CRASH SITE. LOCAL VILLAGERS HAVE SCAVENGED THE SITE HEAVILY.

6. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE.

7. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE.

8. ANALYST COMMENTS:

A. WITNESS STATEMENTS: N/A.

B. INCIDENT LOCATION SURVEY: IE1 SURVEYED ONE POSSIBLE CRASH SITE DURING THIS INVESTIGATION.

C. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSION: THE SITE SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE OTHER THAN SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE. PREVIOUS WITNESS STATEMENTS DO NOT CORRELATE THE CRASH SITE TO CASE 0095 BY CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. MR. HOANG NANG PHUC (HOANGF NANG PHUCS), MR. DOAN OI (ZOAN OWIS), AND MR. LE XUAN PHUONG (LEE XUAAN PWOWNG), INTERVIEWED DURING THE 26TH JFA, STATED THEY SAW A LONE A-1H CRASH ON THE SIDE OF A HILL AFTER IT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY. THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT DELIVER ANY ORDNANCE BEFORE IT WAS HIT. THE LOSS AIRCRAFT IN CASE 0095 WAS IN A FORMATION OF EIGHT AIRCRAFT THAT WAS HEAVILY BOMBING THE CO DINH (COOR DINH) POWER PLANT. THEREFORE, THE SITE CORRELATES TO CASE 0095 BY LOCATION ONLY. THE SITE ALSO POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO AN OPERATIONAL LOSS IN THE AREA BASED ON LOCATION.

9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: IE1 CONDUCTED A DETAILED SURFACE SEARCH OF 125 X 125-METER AREA, YIELDING A SMALL AMOUNT OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, SMALL AMOUNT OF MATERIAL ITEMS, A 20 MILLIMETER ROUND, AND ONE BOOT EYELET. THIS CRASH SITE CORRELATES TO CASE 0095 BY LOCATION ONLY.

A. LOGISTICS: A STANDARD RECOVERY ELEMENT, UTILIZING STANDARD RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, CAN EXCAVATE THIS CRASH SITE. THE

EXCAVATION WILL TAKE 15 TO 20 DAYS USING 40 TO 50 LOCAL LABORERS. WE RECOMMEND A BASE CAMP DUE TO THE LARGE OPEN VALLEY AREA. EITHER HELICOPTER OR VEHICLE CAN TRANSPORT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO THE SITE. THE AREA IS ACTIVELY STRIP-MINED FOR MINERALS; THEREFORE, PRIOR COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR BASE CAMPING. EXCAVATION OF THIS SITE SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE DRY SEASON (MAY THROUGH JULY).

B. OBSERVATION: THIS SITE IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EXCAVATION. CLOSE EXAMINATION OF THIS SITE PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS AND NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS.

10. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS:

A. WITNESS RELIABILITY: N/A.

B. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS:

(1) CONCUR WITH ANALYST COMMENTS.

(2) PREVIOUS WITNESS INFORMATION STATED THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WITH THIS CRASH SITE WAS A LONE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN THIS CASE WAS PART OF AN EIGHT-PLANE STRIKE AGAINST A POWER PLANT.

(3) DURING OUR SEARCH OF THE CRASH SITE, WE CANVASSED THE AREA FOR WITNESSES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION WAS EXCELLENT AND MET INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS.

D. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.

11. RECOMMENDATION: N/A//

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