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B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: HOST GOVERNMENT
COOPERATION AND SUPPORT WHILE INVESTIGATING THIS CASE WAS EXCELLENT.

9. RECOMMENDATION. NONE.

10. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. THE STANDARD RECOVERY TEAM
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RMKS/1. REFERENCES.

A. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 47TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY
(JFA) CONDUCTED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) FROM 30
JULY THROUGH 30 AUGUST 1997

B. REF B IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF EXCAVATION OF CASE 0095

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DURING THE 46TH JFA, CONDUCTED IN SRV FROM 21 MAY TO 21 JUNE 1997.
C. REF C IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION FOR CASE 0095 DURING THE 38TH JFA, CONDUCTED IN SRV FROM 12 OCTOBER TO 10 NOVEMBER 1995.

D. REF D IS THE ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED DURING THE 38TH JFA.

E. REF E IS THE FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR CASE 0095 CONDUCTED DURING THE 26TH JFA IN SRV FROM 21 OCTOBER TO 16 NOVEMBER 1993.

F. REF F IS THE ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED DURING THE 26TH JFA.

G. MAP DATA: NAME: TONG CONG, VIETNAM; SHEET: 6148 III; SERIES: L7104; EDITION: 1-AMS.

2. SUMMARY OF EXCAVATION.

A. CASE 0095: FROM 01 AUGUST THROUGH 22 AUGUST 1997, DURING THE 47TH JFA, RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) JOINTLY EXCAVATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0095. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 10 JUNE 1965 LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT WHILE ON A STRIKE MISSION AGAINST THE CO DINH POWER PLANT IN NORTH VIETNAM RESULTING IN ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN SERVICE MEMBER. RE1 EXCAVATED 34 FOUR BY FOUR-METER UNITS, ONE FOUR BY SIX-METER UNIT, AND TWO TEST PITS (TP) MEASURING THREE BY THREE-METERS AND TWO BY TWO-METERS RESPECTIVELY. THE TEAM RECOVERED TWO POSSIBLE BONE FRAGMENTS FROM THE PROJECT AREA. ALL REMAINS ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW. THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST CLOSED THE SITE ON 22 AUGUST 1997.

B. TEAM COMPOSITION:

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

CPT JEFFERY B. ROBINETTE	TEAM LEADER
MS. GWENDOLYN M. GUINAN	TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST
SFC GEORGE E. HAMPTON	TEAM SERGEANT
MSGT RONALD L. CLINE	LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN
SGT CARL W. HOLDEN	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) TECHNICIAN
TSGT MARTIN D. MCDAVITT	ANALYST/LINGUIST
HMCS FREDRICK H. GROSSMAN	TEAM MEDIC
SGT ROBERT D. BRYSON	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
SGT MICHAEL R. SANDOVAL	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
SGT MARIO J. FLORES	MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST
SPC ERICA NELSON	TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER
PO1 DALE W. WOHLERS	COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:

LUU VAN THO (LWU VAWN THOJ)	TEAM LEADER
NGO XUAN QUE (NGOO XUAAN QUEES)	TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN THI CHIEM (NGUYEENX THIJ CHIEEM)	TEAM MEMBER
TRAN VAN TU (TRAANF VAWN TW)	TEAM MEMBER
NGUYEN THI KIM VINH (NGUYEENX THIJ KIM VINH)	TEAM MEMBER

(3) THANH HOA PROVINCE CONTINGENT:

TRINH QUOC TRINH (TRINHJ QUOOC TRINH)	TEAM LEADER
LE VAN NHAN (LEE VAWN NHAAN)	TEAM MEMBER
PHAM THANH LUAN (PHAMJ THANH LUAAN)	TEAM MEMBER

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LUU DINH NHU (LWU DINHF NHU)	TEAM MEMBER
MAI XUAN NGOC (MAI XUAAN NGOCJ)	TEAM MEMBER

(4) TRIEU SON DISTRICT CONTINGENT:

LE BAT PHONG (LEE BAATJ PHONG)	TEAM LEADER
HOANG VAWN QUAN (HOANGF VAN QUAAN)	TEAM MEMBER
LE XUAN TRINH (LEE XUAAN TRINHS)	TEAM MEMBER

(5) TAN NINH VILLAGE CONTINGENT:

TRAN BA HUNG (TRAANF BAS HUNGF)	TEAM LEADER
DAO CONG VINH (DAOF COONG VINH)	TEAM MEMBER

C. NOTE: RE1 WAS AUGMENTED FROM 19 AUGUST THROUGH 22 AUGUST IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE EXCAVATION PROCESS BY THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS FROM RE3: CPT STEVEN BUNCH; DR. DAVID BUSH; AOCs ROBERT FOLGER; TSGT RICKY FRANCE; AND PO1 JOHN REA. IN ADDITION, TSGT STANLEY A. MARTGAN REPLACED THE RE1 TEAM MEDIC ON 22 AUGUST WHO WAS CALLED HOME DUE TO A MEDICAL EMERGENCY ON 21 AUGUST.

3. BACKGROUND.

A. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 10 JUNE 1965 LOSS OF AN A-1H SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT WHILE ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM RESULTING IN ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMAN. THE AIRCRAFT WAS ONE OF EIGHT A-1H AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING ATTACKS AGAINST THE CO DINH POWER PLANT. AS THEY MADE SEVERAL ATTACKS ON THE TARGET, SURVIVING CREWMEMBERS REPORTED THEY ENCOUNTERED ONLY INACCURATE SMALL ARMS FIRE. HOWEVER, FLIGHT MEMBERS SAW THE CASE 0095 AIRCRAFT CRASH ON A 500 FOOT HILL TWO MILES WEST OF THE TARGET. THE FLIGHT LEADER CIRCLED ABOVE THE WRECKAGE, BUT SAW NO SIGNS OF SURVIVAL.

B. FROM 21 MAY THROUGH 21 JUNE 1997, DURING THE 46TH JFA, RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) JOINTLY EXCAVATED A CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0095. THE JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED A TOTAL OF SIX WITNESSES, INCLUDING THREE WHO JOINT TEAMS HAD INTERVIEWED PREVIOUSLY. TWO OF THE NEW WITNESSES PROVIDED FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE CO DINH MINE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES SHOOTDOWN OF AN A-1H ON 10 JUNE 1965. ONE WITNESS INDICATED HE RECOVERED A SMALL PORTION OF THE PILOT'S REMAINS AT THE CRASH SITE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE INCIDENT AND BURIED THEM IN A SEPARATE LOCATION, WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF A LAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THE SITE. THE TEAM RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY SIX BONE FRAGMENTS AND TWO AND ONE-HALF LARGE MAMMALIAN TEETH FROM THE SURFACE OF THE PROJECT AREA (REF B).

C. ON 22 AND 28 OCTOBER 1993, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) TWO TRAVELED TO TAN NINH VILLAGE, TRIEU SON DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ON TWO AIRCRAFT CRASHES IN THANH HOA PROVINCE. ONE OF THE INCIDENTS

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CORRELATES TO CASE 0095. THE TEAM CONDUCTED SURVEYS AT THREE LOCATIONS. SURVEYS AT THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR THIS CASE, AND ONE WITNESS-IDENTIFIED CRASH SITE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. HOWEVER, A SURVEY OF A SECOND WITNESS-IDENTIFIED CRASH SITE ONLY 500 METERS FROM THE ORIGINAL LAST KNOWN LOCATION YIELDED PIECES OF ANTI-G SUIT,

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PIECES OF FIBERGLAS, AND A DATA PLATE WITH IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ON IT. JOINT TASK FORCE-FULL ACCOUNTING (JFA-FA) LATER IDENTIFIED THE DATA PLATE AS PART OF AN A-7 AIRCRAFT AND INDICATED THE SITE PROBABLY CORRELATES TO ANOTHER UNRESOLVED CASE INVOLVING AN A-7 (REF C AND D).

D. ON 3 NOVEMBER 1995, IE1 INVESTIGATED CASE 0095 IN THANH HOA PROVINCE. THE TEAM RE-SURVEYED THE FIRST CRASH SITE THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED IN OCTOBER 1993. THEY FOUND SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND PILOT RELATED EQUIPMENT. THE TEAM CANVASSED A VILLAGE NEAR THE SITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO REMAINS DURING THIS INVESTIGATION (REF E AND F).

4. PROJECT LOCATION.

A. IN THE VICINITY OF TAN NINH VILLAGE; TRIEU SON DISTRICT; THANH HOA PROVINCE; SRV.

B. GRID COORDINATES: 48Q WG 63399 82437, DETERMINED USING A TRIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) TRACKING SIX SATELLITES.

C. MAP NAME: TONG CONG, VIETNAM; EDITION: 1-AMS; SERIES: L7104; SHEET: 6148 III; SCALE: 1:50,000; HORIZONTAL DATUM: INDIAN DATUM 1960.

5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA.

A. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0095 IS LOCATED ON AN EAST FACING SLOPE, IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN AT AN ELEVATION OF 130 METERS ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL. ACCESS TO THE SITE IS VIA A ONE HOUR-DRIVE WEST FROM THANH HOA CITY FOLLOWED BY A 15-MINUTE WALK UP AN EAST-FACING RIDGE OF A SMALL MOUNTAIN.

B. THE SITE CONSISTS OF A SMALL, SHALLOW CRATER WHICH MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 8 METERS IN DIAMETER AND ONE-HALF METER DEEP AND A LARGE DEBRIS FIELD WHICH APPEARS TO EXTEND EAST AND SOUTHEAST FROM THE CRATER DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE. THE CRATER AND DEBRIS FIELD ARE LOCATED IN A BOULDER FIELD COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF VOLCANIC ROCK. EROSION FROM UPSLOPE HAD ALMOST COMPLETELY REFILLED THE CRATER WITH SOIL AND ROCK PRIOR TO ITS EXCAVATION DURING THE 46TH JFA.

C. THE ASPECT OF THE TERRAIN IS 75 DEGREES WITH A SLOPE THAT VARIES FROM 40 TO 50 DEGREES.

D. ON-SITE VEGETATION CONSISTS OF UNKNOWN SPECIES OF GRASSES, FORBS, AND WOODY SHRUBS. THE AREA IS CURRENTLY UTILIZED AS GRAZELAND FOR GOATS AND CATTLE.

6. FIELD METHODS.

A. THE TEAM PERFORMED A SITE SURVEY ON 01 AUGUST TO DELINEATE SITE BOUNDARIES AND RECOVER SURFACE REMAINS AND LIFE SUPPORT. A SECOND SURVEY AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN THE ALLUVIAL PLAIN WAS CONDUCTED ON 08 AUGUST. A THIRD SITE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED ON 13 AUGUST IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CRATER TO FURTHER EXPAND SITE BOUNDARIES AFTER RE1 DISCOVERED A PORTION OF PROBABLE HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS AND LIFE SUPPORT MATERIAL ERODING OUT OF THE HILLSIDE FOLLOWING A HEAVY RAIN.

B. WITH THE AID OF 70 TO 150 LOCAL VIETNAMESE LABORERS, RE1 EXCAVATED THE SITE USING STANDARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODS. THE TEAM CLEARED OF VEGETATION AN 18 X 34-METER AREA THAT INCLUDED THE DEBRIS FIELD DOWNSLOPE (EAST) OF THE CRATER. THIS AREA IS AN EXPANSION OF THE PREVIOUS EXCAVATION DURING THE 46TH JFA. THE TEAM PERFORMED A

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SECOND SURFACE SURVEY AFTER CLEARING. TEAM MEMBERS LATER CLEARED A SECOND 18 X 30-METER EXTENSION SOUTHEAST OF THE ORIGINALLY CLEARED 18 X 34-METER AREA.

C. THE TEAM GRIDDED A 16 X 32-METER AREA AND A 16 X 28-METER AREA INTO FOUR BY FOUR-METER GRIDS USING A POCKET TRANSIT. RE1 ADDED A FOUR BY SIX-METER UNIT SOUTHEAST OF THE MAIN GRID AND TWO TEST PITS AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN IN THE ALLUVIAL PLAIN TO THE PROJECT AREA. THE DATUM ESTABLISHED DURING THE 46TH JFA WAS ALSO UTILIZED FOR THIS JFA.

D. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE SITE USING PICKAXES, SHOVELS, HOES, TROWELS, WHISK BROOMS, AND BUCKETS. THE TEAM SCREENED ALL EXCAVATED SOIL FROM THE SITE THROUGH QUARTER-INCH (1/4?) WIRE MESH. U.S. TEAM MEMBERS EXAMINED THE CONTENTS OF EACH SCREEN. THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST INSPECTED ALL MATERIALS BELIEVED TO BE REMAINS. THE LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN (LST) EXAMINED ALL RECOVERED AIRCRAFT MATERIALS, AND RETAINED FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS ALL LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND SIGNIFICANT AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.

E. THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED THE SITE PRIOR TO, DURING, AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXCAVATION.

7. ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS.

A. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE SKELETAL REMAINS FROM THE PROJECT AREA:

- (1) ONE POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENT.
- (2) ONE POSSIBLE NON-HUMAN BONE FRAGMENT.

B. THE TEAM ALSO RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM THE PROJECT AREA:

- (1) FOUR LINKS OF A POSSIBLE WHITE METAL WATCH BAND WITH "SPEIDEL PAT 2,689,450" PRINTED ON EACH LINK.
- (2) TWO LINKS OF A POSSIBLE WHITE METAL WATCH BAND WITH "SPEIDEL PAT 2,689,450" PRINTED ON EACH LINK.
- (3) ONE LINK OF A POSSIBLE WHITE METAL WATCH BAND WITH "SPEIDEL PAT 2,689,450" PRINTED ON THE LINK.
- (4) ONE WHITE METAL LINK OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN.

8. MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

A. AIRCREW EQUIPMENT:

- (1) TWO BOOT SOLE PIECES.
- (2) SEVERAL PIECES OF POSSIBLE FLIGHT SUIT/SURVIVAL VEST MATERIAL.
- (3) SMALL STRAP AND BUCKLE ASSEMBLY.
- (4) PARACHUTE HARNESS WEBBING MATERIAL.
- (5) POSSIBLE HELMET/FLIGHT BAG ZIPPER TEETH AND PULL TAB.
- (6) POSSIBLE LIFE PRESERVER UNIT (LPU) INFLATOR ASSEMBLY PIECE.
- (7) SEVERAL LPU FABRIC PIECES.
- (8) TWO SLIDE FASTENER (ZIPPER) PULL TABS; MARKED ?CONMAR?.
- (9) THREE PIECES OF PROBABLE I.D. TAG CHAIN.
- (10) SEVEN COMPLETE .38 CALIBER BULLETS.

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- (11) THREE .38 CALIBER SHELL CASING.
- (12) SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED METAL PIECES.
- (13) SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED CLOTH PIECES.

B. AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS:

- (1) DATA PLATE: MARKED; AIRCRAFT MODEL AD-6, PART NO. QP40567, CONT. NO. OAS 52 080, SERIAL NO. (UNREADABLE).

9. LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN (LST) COMMENTS. FIELD ANALYSIS OF THE LIFE SUPPORT MATERIAL RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE INDICATE ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS IN THE AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF IMPACT. THE RECOVERED DATA PLATE IDENTIFIES THE AIRCRAFT AS AN AD-6/A1-H WHICH IS THE TYPE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN CASE 0095.

10. ANALYST/LINGUIST COMMENTS. NONE.

11. EOD TECHNICIAN COMMENTS. ORDNANCE FOUND ON SITE INCLUDE 27 20MM ROUNDS. THE TEAM ALSO RECOVERED FRAGMENTS FROM A 500 POUND BOMB. TEAM MEMBERS REMOVED FROM THE SITE AND BURIED THE 20MM ROUNDS.

12. ANTHROPOLOGIST CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. RE1 RECOVERED TWO POSSIBLE BONE FRAGMENTS FROM THE PROJECT AREA.

B. A DATA PLATE RECOVERED DURING THE 46TH JFA EXCLUSIVELY IDENTIFIED THE AIRCRAFT AS THE CASE 0095 AIRCRAFT.

C. DURING THE 46TH JFA, A RECOVERY TEAM EXCAVATED THE IMPACT AREA (CRATER). DURING THAT EXCAVATION, THE TEAM RECOVERED LIFE SUPPORT MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT LOCATE HUMAN REMAINS. THE DEBRIS FIELD IS SCATTERED ACROSS THE EASTERN FACE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND APPEARS TO EXTEND SOUTHEAST. FRAGMENTS OF 500 LB BOMBS FOUND AT THE SITE AND WITNESS TESTIMONY AS TO HEAVY SCAVENGING OF THE SITE MAY ACCOUNT IN PART FOR THE LARGE DEBRIS FIELD. ALSO, NUMEROUS RUNOFF STREAMS ACTIVE DURING TIMES OF RAINFALL ARE PRESENT ACROSS THE DEBRIS FIELD EXTENDING FROM ABOVE THE CRATER AREA TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN.

D. RE1 EXCAVATED ALL UNITS TO CULTURALLY STERILE SOIL. THE SURFACE SOIL (A HORIZON) CONSISTS OF A MEDIUM BROWN COLORED CLAY/SILT WHICH IS MIXED WITH SMALL ROCK AND BOULDERS. BELOW THIS LEVEL IS A DARKER BROWN CLAY, OR IN SOME CASES BEDROCK. SURFACE SOIL CONSISTENCY AT THE BASE OF THE HILL (TP1 AND TP2) IS COMPOSED OF SAND AND SILT MIXED WITH MEDIUM SIZED ROCKS. BELOW THIS LEVEL IS DARK BROWN SILTY CLAY. THE TEAM RECOVERED ALL REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND AIRCRAFT MATERIALS FROM THE SURFACE OR FROM WITHIN THE FIRST LEVEL (A HORIZON) OF SOIL.

E. EVIDENCE OF A LARGE EXPLOSION, SCAVENGING, AND NATURAL EROSION DUE TO RAIN HAS SEVERELY ALTERED SITE INTEGRITY AND MAY BE A CAUSATIVE FACTOR FOR THE PAUCITY OF REMAINS RECOVERED. THE TEAM RECOVERED SMALL AMOUNTS OF AIRCRAFT MATERIAL, LIFE SUPPORT GEAR, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FROM THE EXCAVATED UNITS. NO LARGE PIECES OF THE AIRCRAFT WERE RECOVERED DURING THIS OR THE 46TH JFA.

F. THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST CLOSED THE SITE 22 AUGUST 1997.

13. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.

A. CONCUR WITH THE ANTHROPOLOGIST, LST, AND ANALYST COMMENTS.

B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION: THE U.S. ELEMENT RECEIVED EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THE CENTRAL, PROVINCIAL, AND DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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14. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NONE//
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