

CASE: 0550

300902Z APR 96. <7> CDR JTF-FA 251715Z SEP 97. <8> CDR JTF-FA 010802Z APR 98. <9>  
CDR JTF-FA 010822Z APR 98. <10> CDR JTF-FA 010802Z APR 98.

== NEGOTIATIONS ==

28 February 1986

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON MICHAEL T. NEWELL WAS PASSED DURING THE 13-16 AUG 86  
JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

04 October 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 0550-0-01 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT  
DURING THE 29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING.

== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ==

15 April 1998

CHANGE CRASH SITE LOCATION FROM WG 227 799 TO VG 889 937 BASED ON CORRELATION OF  
AN F-8 CRASH SITE IN THONG THU VILLAGE, QUE PHONG DISTRICT, NGHE AN PROVINCE TO REFNO  
0550. (REF 9)

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

03 December 1993

ON 27 OCT 93, AN ELEMENT OF IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 0550 IN KE LAN HAMLET, XUAN CHINH  
VILLAGE, NHU XUAN DISTRICT, THANH HOA PROVINCE. DURING THEIR PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION,  
VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CASE.  
IE2 SURVEYED THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR CASE 0550 BUT DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS, PERSONAL  
EFFECTS, OR EVIDENCE OF A PLANE CRASH. LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION  
ON U.S. LOSSES. (REF 5)

17 November 1997

DURING THE 47TH JFA, IE1 COULD NOT INVESTIGATE CASE 0550 DUE TO VNOSMP SECURITY CONCERNS.  
IE1 DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. (REF 7)

== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ==

02 May 1996

ON 15 MAY 95, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED "REPORT OF AMERICANS MISSING DURING  
THE WAR IN THANH HOA." LINE ENTRY 5 CORRELATES TO CASE 0550-0-01 BASED ON NAME,  
RANK, BRANCH OF SERVICE, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE OF INCIDENT AND LOCATION OF LOSS. (REF  
6)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 29 April 1998

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0635-0-01 (ACCNO 0782) Status: (F) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED  
Name: GOVAN, ROBERT ALLEN Date Status Assigned: 06 Mar 1978

Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit \_\_\_\_\_ (b)(5)  
Service U.S. AIR FORCE | Sex Male | Blood type O+  
Grade 04 | Hair BLONDE | Complexion FAIR  
SSAN \_\_\_\_\_ | Eyes HAZEL | Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL  
Serial No 003036636 | Height 72 in/ 1.83 mtrs | Weapon No K646042  
Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ | Weight 193 lb/ 87.49 kg | Duty Pos PILOT  
Home State DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | Religion PROTESTANT | PW Camp \$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

SITE TYPE: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXD021785  
LAT/LONG: 165921N/1060805E  
COUNTRY: LAOS  
REGION: 3  
PROVINCE: SAVANNAKHET  
(formerly): VIENTIANE  
DISTRICT: VILIBOURI  
MISSION DATE: 01 Apr 1967  
CATEGORY: 2-SITE NOT VISITED  
LOCAL ANALYSIS: NEAR POPULATED AREA

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

FOLDERS PASSED: Jun 92  
INVESTIGATIONS: Feb 93, Sep 97, Jan 98  
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SITE IDENTIFIED: Feb 93  
VESSEY: THREE  
CASE TYPE: CRASH SITE  
SURVIVABILITY: (4) PROBABLY IN THE OF AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF CRASH

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

VEHICLE TYPE: T28D SERIAL: 1559  
CRASH TYPE: ENEMY ACTION ENGINE TYPE: R182056S  
CALL SIGN: ZORRO 42 1 SERIAL: 519706  
YEAR: 49 2 SERIAL: \$

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 29 April 1998

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0635-0-02 (ACCNO 1196)  
Name: WILLIAMS, DAVID RICHARD

Status: (F) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status Assigned: 01 Mar 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	----- (b)(5)
Service	U.S. AIR FORCE	Sex	Male	Blood type	A+
Grade	O4	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	-----	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000030523	Height	66 in/ 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	K673839
Birth Date	-----	Weight	133 lb/ 60.29 kg	Duty Pos	INSTPILOT
Home State	TENNESSEE	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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CASE: 0635

== CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS ==

23 July 1975

(U) ON 01 APR 67, MAJ ROBERT A. GOVAN, PILOT, AND MAJ DAVID R. WILLIAMS, INSTRUCTOR PILOT, WERE ABOARD A T28D (#491559) AIRCRAFT WHICH DEPARTED NAKHON PHANOM AIR BASE ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER LAOS. AFTER JOINING THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) AT AN INTERDICTION POINT, THE FAC SIGHTED TWO TRUCKS GOING SOUTH ON ROUTE 911. THE FAC DROPPED A FLARE TO MARK THE TARGET, BUT MORE LIGHT WAS NEEDED BECAUSE THE TRUCKS SIGHTED WERE NO LONGER VISABLE. AT THIS TIME MAJ GOVAN DESCENDED TO AN ALTITUDE BELOW THE FAC AND ESTIMATED TO BE ONE TO TWO THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN.

(U) AT THAT TIME, ANOTHER TRUCK WAS SEEN HEADING NORTH AND MAJ GOVAN DROPPED TWO FLARES, BUT THEY WERE OFF TARGET, AS THEY BURNED OUT, MAJ GOVAN'S AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED BY THE FAC ROLLING OUT ON A NORTHEAST HEADING. THE FAC DROPPED ANOTHER FLARE AND THEN OBSERVED NUMEROUS FLASHES WHICH APPEARED TO BE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE, ABOUT SIX SECONDS LATER THE FAC OBSERVED A LARGE FIREBALL ON THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 029 773, FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THE FAC WAS UNABLE TO MAKE RADIO CONTACT WITH THE CREW OF THE T28.

(U) SAR EFFORTS WERE INITIATED, AND DURING THE SEARCH NO BEEPER SIGNALS WERE HEARD AND NO PARACHUTES OR SIGNS OF LIFE WERE OBSERVED. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED AT 1300 HOURS, 2 APRIL 67, DUE TO ENEMY ACTIVITY. (REF 1 & 2)

(U) DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. MAJ GOVAN AND MAJ WILLIAMS ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED.

== REFERENCES ==

23 July 1975

REFERENCES: <1> (U) 634TH CSG NKP-020810Z APR 67. <2> (U) RPT, 56TH AIR COMMANDO WING, AF FORM 484 W/STMTS, 08 APR 67. <3> DETAILED RPT OF SURVEY, CASE 0635, 300721Z MAR 93. <4> CDR JTF-FA 100912Z FEB 94. <5> CDR JTF-FA011721Z AUG 96. <6> CDR JTF-FA 261703Z NOV 97. <7> CDR JTF-FA 131715Z MAR 98.

== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ==

23 July 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: ROBERT A. GOVAN 0635-0-01, AND DAVID R. WILLIAMS 0635-0-02.

== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ==

18 August 1975

(U) INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM XD012765 TO XD029773 BASED ON AF FORM 484, 56 AIR COMMANDO WING, 8 APR 67.

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

17 May 1993

(U) ON 8 MARCH 1993, A JOINT U.S./LAO INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AND SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATE (GC) XD02077854, VILIBOURI DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO VILLAGERS AT BAN HOUAI DANG, GC XD030786. ONE VILLAGER, WHO HAD FOUND THE CRASH SITE, REPORTEDLY REMOVED A BURNED WATCH AND THREE COINS FROM THE CHARRED COCKPIT AREA, BUT DID NOT RECALL SEEING ANY REMAINS. HE ALSO SAID THE WINGS AND TAIL WERE SEPARATED FROM THE COCKPIT AREA. BOTH VILLAGERS INTERVIEWED REPORTED THEY HAD SEEN SOME CHARRED BONE FRAGMENTS IN THE AREA WHILE SALVAGING ALUMINUM, BUT HAD NOT REMOVED THEM. A SURVEY OF THE SITE YIELDED ONLY SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS, WHICH INCLUDED A GREEN SHIRT BUTTON, SEAT HARNESS BUCKLE, AND A PIECE OF BURNED PLASTIC. AT THE VILLAGE,

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THE TEAM WAS GIVEN AN ENGINE DATA PLATE THE VILLAGERS HAD REMOVED FROM THE WRECKAGE WHICH POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES THIS AS THE CRASH SITE FOR THIS CASE. THE SITE IS RECOMMENDED FOR RECOVERY. (REF 3)

09 August 1996

FROM 14 JUN THROUGH 04 JUL 96, DURING JFA 96-4L, RECOVERY ELEMENT THREE (RE3) EXCAVATED AN AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0635 IN VILABOULI DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF 148 SQUARE METERS, YIELDING 290 BONE FRAGMENTS, ONE TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATION, PERSONAL EFFECTS, LIFE-SUPPORT AND AIRCREW-RELATED MATERIAL, AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WHICH POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO A T-28 AIRCRAFT. (REF 5)

30 December 1997

ON 25 AND 26 OCT 97, THE INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) CONDUCTED A JOINT INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0635 IN PHONSAVAN, PEK DISTRICT, XIANGKHOANG PROVINCE, LPDR. THE IE INTERVIEWED THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDED NO INFORMATION WHICH CORRELATES TO CASE 0635. (REF 6)

14 April 1998

ON 08 FEB 98 DURING JFA 98-2L, THE INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INVESTIGATED CASE 0635 IN VILABOULI DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LPDR. THE TEAM FLEW TO BAN HOUAY DANG AND INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE EXCAVATED CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0635, AND NEW INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN UNCORRELATED CRASH SITE. THE TEAM FLEW TO THE EXCAVATED SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0635 WHERE THE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED THE AREAS WHERE THEY SAW REMAINS WHEN THEY FOUND THE SITE IN 1973-74. THE AREA IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESSES EXTENDED BEYOND THE AREA EXCAVATED DURING JFA 96-4L. THE TEAM RETURNED TO BAN HOUAY DANG AND PICKED-UP THE TWO ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WHO HAD INFORMATION ABOUT AN UNCORRELATED CRASH SITE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0635. AT THE LZ FOR THE UNCORRELATED CRASH SITE, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED THE WITNESS WHO TOLD THE JFA 96-4L RECOVERY TEAM ABOUT THE ALLEGED MOVEMENT OF REMAINS AT THE CASE 0635 CRASH SITE. THE WITNESS CORRECTED HIS EARLIER STATEMENT SAYING THE REMAINS MAY HAVE BEEN MOVED ASIDE TO RETRIEVE SCRAP METAL, BUT THEY WERE NOT MOVED TO ANOTHER AREA. THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0635 REVEALED ADDITIONAL AREAS AT THE CRASH SITE WHICH WARRANT EXCAVATION. (REF 7)

== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ==

05 August 1994

PAGE 15 LINE 42 OF "GROUP 559 RECORD OF AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN" POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO THE REFNO 0635 (GOVAN & WILLIAMS) INCIDENT, AN UNRESOLVED CASE. CORRELATION IS BASED ON INCIDENT DATE. (REF 4)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 29 April 1998

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0722-0-01 (ACCNO 6655)  
Name: ROBINSON, LEWIS MERRITT

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status Assigned: 05 Jun 1967

Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN  
Service U.S. AIR FORCE | Sex Male  
Grade O5 | Hair BLACK  
SSAN | Eyes BROWN  
Serial No 000064455 | Height 70 in/ 1.78 mtrs  
Birth Date | Weight 170 lb/ 77.06 kg  
Home State MICHIGAN | Religion OTHER

| Blood Chit #  
| Blood type A  
| Complexion #  
| Weapon #  
| Weapon No #  
| Duty Pos PILOT  
| PW Camp \$

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YEAR: 52 2 SERIAL:

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