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SUBJ/JTF-FA ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP97-011) REPORT AND EVALUATION

MR. NGUYEN MIEN, MR. LE VAN DONG, AND MR. HOANG DANG SAN//

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AMPN/REF IS OHP REPORT OF A 23 JAN 97 INTERVIEW WITH MR. TRAN SU.

RMKS/1. JTF-FA ANALYSTS HAVE CORRELATED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN

THIS REPORT WITH UNRESOLVED CASES 0077-1-01, 0121-1-01, 1139-1-01,

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AND RESOLVED CASES 0055-1-01, 0071-1-01, 0303-1-01 AND 0303-1-02.

2. SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW: ON 28 MAY 97, THE RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION

TEAM (RIT) CONDUCTED A GROUP ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW WITH MR.

NGUYEN MIEN, MR. LE VAN DONG, AND MR. HOANG DANG SAN AT THE HOA BINH

HOTEL IN DONG HOI TOWN, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THESE THREE WITNESSES

WERE OFFICERS IN THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE

MILITARY COMMAND POST, AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE WAR.

A. THE THREE RETIRED VETERANS DESCRIBED THE QUANG BINH

PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN

COORDINATING TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND RECORDING WARTIME EVENTS

IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. DURING OR AFTER THE WAR, EACH OF THE

THREE INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTED TO DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, OR

PUBLICATIONS SUMMARIZING WARTIME EVENTS IN QUANG BINH

PROVINCE. THEY DESCRIBED THESE PROJECTS AND GAVE THEIR

OPINIONS ON WHAT MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO THE DOCUMENTS.

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*Shea, J.P. 0077**Gray, H.E. 0121**Cooley, D.L. 1139**Palmgren, E.D.**Brown, R.M. 1945**Morrissey, R.D.**Caffarelli 1948**Stafford, R.D.**Shumaker 0055**Roark, W. 0071**Chesley, L. 0303**Johnson, S.R.*

B. THEY PROVIDED INFORMATION ON 14 SEPARATE INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE WITNESSES' KNOWLEDGE OF THESE INCIDENTS WERE EITHER BASED ON DIRECT PARTICIPATION AT THE CRASH SITES OR REPORTS FROM LOWER ECHELON UNITS. IN SOME OF THE INCIDENTS, QUANG BINH PROVINCE FORCES CAPTURED THE U.S. PILOTS, HELD THEM FOR A BRIEF TIME IN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN (THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE SEAT), THEN TURNED THEM OVER TO MILITARY REGION FOUR (MR4) AUTHORITIES. IN OTHER CASES, LOCAL FORCES BURIED THE DEAD U.S. PILOTS. MANY OF THE INCIDENTS INVOLVED NO GRAVES BEING DUG BECAUSE THE PILOTS' BODIES WERE DESTROYED IN THE CRASH.

C. TWO OF THE WITNESSES, BEGINNING IN 1972, HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A DOCUMENT CALLED "EIGHT YEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE WAR." THIS DOCUMENT IS A SUMMARY OF WAR EVENTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR UNTIL THE AIR WAR CONCLUDED IN 1972. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST MAINTAINED A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AND SENT COPIES TO MILITARY REGION 4 (MR4) AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN HANOI. THE WITNESSES DID NOT KNOW THE DISPOSITION OF THE COPIES SENT TO MR4 AND HANOI, AND SAID THAT PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATIONS AFTER THE WAR WOULD MAKE IT PROBLEMATIC TO LOCATE THE COPY ORIGINALLY MAINTAINED AT THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST.

3. BACKGROUND:

A. ON 23 JAN 97, MR. TRAN SU (TRAANF SWJ), FORMER COMMANDER OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY UNIT, IDENTIFIED MR. NGUYEN MIEN, MR. LE VAN DONG, AND MR. HOANG DANG SAN AS PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES, U.S. PILOT CAPTURE INCIDENTS, AND U.S. PILOT BURIALS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

B. BASED ON MR. TRAN SU'S STATEMENTS, IN APRIL 1996, A VNOSMP UNILATERAL INVESTIGATION TEAM MET MR. MIEN, MR. DONG, AND MR. SAN IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE THREE WITNESSES DURING THIS INVESTIGATION IS CONTAINED IN VNOSMP UNILATERAL REPORTS FOR CASES 1295, 1843, AND 1937. THE VNOSMP TURNED THESE REPORTS OVER TO JTF-FA DETACHMENT TWO, HANOI, ON 23 MAY 97.

C. ON THE EVENING OF 27 MAY 97, THE RIT HELD A WORKING MEETING WITH THE WITNESSES AND VNOSMP OFFICIALS AT THE HOA BINH HOTEL IN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE GROUP DECIDED THE BEST METHOD TO INTERVIEW THE WITNESSES WOULD BE A GROUP SESSION.

D. AT 0800 ON 27 MAY 97, THE JOINT RIT CONVENED THE GROUP INTERVIEW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HOA BINH HOTEL. THE WITNESSES SAID THEY HAD DISCUSSED WARTIME EVENTS RELATED TO U.S. AIRCRAFT AND PERSONNEL LOSSES AND WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EACH INCIDENT CHRONOLOGICALLY IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS THEY COULD REMEMBER. THE WITNESS GROUP NOMINATED MR. NGUYEN MIEN; WHO HAD SERVED LONGEST IN THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST, AS THE GROUP SPOKESMAN. ALL THREE WITNESSES OPENLY AGREED THAT MR. MIEN'S STATEMENTS REFLECTED

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THEIR PREVIOUS DISCUSSION OF WARTIME EVENTS. THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT EACH OF THEM WOULD ADD INFORMATION TO MR. MIEN'S STATEMENTS AS NECESSARY FOR CLARITY OR ACCURACY.

E. THE INTERVIEW BEGAN WITH EACH WITNESS PROVIDING HIS PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION. MR. MIEN, WITH FREQUENT INPUT FROM THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES, ANSWERED SOME GENERAL QUESTIONS FROM THE INTERVIEWER, THEN BEGAN CHRONOLOGICALLY DETAILING U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSS INCIDENTS. THE INTERVIEW CONCLUDED AT 1100 ON 28 MAY 97.

4. DETAILS OF INTERVIEW:

A. PARTICIPANTS:

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

- (A) CW4 CLYDE GREEN, RIT LEADER
- (B) MSGT MICHAEL B. NAJIM, ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER
- (C) MSGT RONALD D. WARD, RIT ANALYST/LINGUIST, INTERVIEWER
- (D) HM1 THOMAS J. REVAZ, TEAM MEDIC

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:

- (A) MR. PHAM TRUONG GIANG (PHAMJ TRWONGF GIANG), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE
- (B) MR. NGUYEN VAN HIEN (HIBENS), MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE
- (C) LTC NGUYEN CHI CHU (CHIS CHWF), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE

(3) QUANG BINH PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES:

- (A) MR. LE CONG TANG (LEE COONG TAWNGJ), QUANG BINH PROVINCE MIA TASK TEAM MEMBER
- (B) MR. NGO DINH KHUYNH (NGOO DINHF KHUYNH), QUANG BINH PROVINCE MIA TASK TEAM MEMBER

B. PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW: THE RIT'S OBJECTIVE IN INTERVIEWING MR. MIEN, MR. DONG, AND MR. SAN WAS TO OBTAIN

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SUBJ/JTF-FA ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM (OHP97-011) REPORT AND EVALUATION: INFORMATION ON UNACCOUNTED-FOR U.S. PILOTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' WARTIME POSITIONS IN THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT GAVE THEM A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON WARTIME EVENTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, PARTICULARLY U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES.

C. WITNESS INFORMATION:

(1) WITNESS ONE:

- (A) NAME: MR. NGUYEN MIEN (MIEENX)
- (B) AGE: 65 YOA
- (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: HUU LOC HAMLET (THOON HWUX LOOCJ), TAN NINH VILLAGE (XAX TAAN NINH), QUANG NINH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE

(D) WARTIME RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION: MR. MIEN JOINED THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) IN 1949 AND PARTICIPATED IN VIETNAM'S WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH. AFTER THE FRENCH WAR, HE WAS A MEMBER OF LOCAL DISTRICT FORCES IN QUANG

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BINH PROVINCE. FROM OCTOBER 1964 TO MARCH 1969, HE WAS AN OFFICER WITH THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT. IN MARCH 1969, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST STAFF DEPARTMENT. IN 1972, HE BECAME CHIEF OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. BEGINNING IN 1972, HE HELPED COMPILE A SUMMARY REPORT (TOONGR KEETS) CALLED "EIGHT YEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE WAR" (TAMS NAWM CHIEENS TRANH PHAS HOAIJ). IN 1975, HE TRANSFERRED TO A JOB AT MR4 HEADQUARTERS. HE RETIRED IN 1979 WITH THE RANK OF SENIOR CAPTAIN (DAIJ UYS).

(E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED VETERAN

(F) WITNESS RELIABILITY:

((1)) GOOD. WHEN THE RIT FIRST MET MR.

MIEN, HIS MANNER WAS RESERVED. HE TOLD THE JOINT TEAM HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BEST METHOD TO IMPART HIS WARTIME EXPERIENCES RELATED TO U.S. LOSSES TO THE TEAM. ONCE THE GROUP DISCUSSED THE MATTER, HE SEEMED TO RELAX AND FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THE PROCEEDINGS. DURING THE INTERVIEW, HE BECAME INCREASINGLY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT TRYING TO RECALL THE DETAILS OF EACH INCIDENT. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADMITTED WHEN HE COULD NOT REMEMBER CERTAIN INCIDENTS OR DETAILS AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO EMBELLISH HIS STATEMENTS.

((2)) POSSIBLY DUE TO HIS RELATIVE HEALTH AND YOUTH, THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES OBVIOUSLY CONSIDERED MR. MIEN TO BE THEIR UNOFFICIAL LEADER, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS THE LOWEST RANKING OF THE THREE. HE DID NOT AT ANY TIME, HOWEVER, IGNORE THE OTHER TWO WITNESSES' INPUTS.

(2) WITNESS TWO:

(A) NAME: MR. LE VAN DONG (LEE DOONG)

(B) AGE: 71 YOA

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: MAI HA HAMLET (THOON MAI HAJ), XUAN THUY VILLAGE (XAX XUAAN THUYR), LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

(D) WARTIME RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION: MR. DONG JOINED THE PAVN IN 1945 AND PARTICIPATED IN VIETNAM'S WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH. FROM 1965 TO JULY 1968, HE WAS CHIEF OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT. IN JULY 1968, TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER JOB OUTSIDE QUANG BINH PROVINCE. HE RETIRED IN 1985 WITH THE RANK OF SENIOR COLONEL (DAIJ TAS).

(E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED VETERAN

(F) WITNESS RELIABILITY: GOOD. MR. DONG MADE FREQUENT INPUTS DURING THE INTERVIEW FOR THE PERIOD WHEN HE WORKED AT THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (1965-1968). WHEN HE HAD AN INPUT, HE STOPPED MR. MIEN, THE GROUP SPOKESMAN, AND SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE INTERVIEWER. AS THE OLDEST OF THE THREE WITNESSES, HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT FRAIL, BUT HIS SPEECH WAS COMPLETELY COHERENT AND CLEAR.

(3) WITNESS THREE:

(A) NAME: MR. HOANG DANG SAN (HOANGF DAWNG SAN)

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(B) AGE: 67 YOA

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: MINH LE SUB-VILLAGE (LANGF MINH LEEJ), QUANG MINH VILLAGE (XAX QUANGR MINH), QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

(D) WARTIME RESIDENCE AND OCCUPATION: MR. SAN JOINED THE PAVN IN 1947 AND FOUGHT IN VIETNAM'S WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH. FROM 1966 TO 1969, HE WAS THE ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR HEAVY ARTILLERY AT MR4. IN 1970, HE BECAME CHIEF OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT. IN 1972, HE HELPED COMPILE THE "EIGHT YEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE WAR" REPORT WITH MR. MIEN. IN 1976, WHEN QUANG BINH PROVINCE BECAME A PART OF BINH TRI THIEN PROVINCE, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE BINH TRI THIEN PROVINCE MILITARY UNIT. IN 1977 AND 1978, AS A MEMBER OF THE PROVINCE MILITARY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, HE HELPED COMPILE A MILITARY HISTORY BOOK. HE RETIRED IN 1987 WITH THE RANK OF MAJOR (THIEEUS TAS).

(E) CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED VETERAN

(F) WITNESS RELIABILITY: GOOD. AS WITH MR. DONG, MR. SAN MADE INPUTS DIRECTLY TO THE INTERVIEWER AS NECESSARY. OF THE THREE WITNESSES, HE SEEMED THE MOST COMFORTABLE WITH THE PROCEEDINGS.

D. STATEMENT:

(1) THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (BAN TACS CHIEENS CUAR BOOJ CHIR HUY QUAN SWJ TINHR QUANGR BINHF) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING, EXECUTING, AND RECORDING ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS AND EVENTS IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. MILITARY FORCES OPERATING IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE INCLUDED MR4, GROUP 559, AIR FORCE, AND VOLUNTEER YOUTH FORCES AS WELL AS QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY FORCES.

(2) AS MEMBERS OF THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE WAR, MR. MIEN, MR. DONG, AND MR. SAN ALL MANAGED THE COMPILATION (TOONGR HOWPJ) OF WARTIME EVENTS INTO OPERATIONS LEDGERS (NHAATJ KYS TACS CHIEENS). BASED ON THE KNOWLEDGE THEY GAINED THROUGH COMPILING THESE LEDGERS, THE WITNESSES PROVIDED INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF U.S. AIRCRAFT

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(A) ON [REDACTED], ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY (AAA) FORCES SUBORDINATE TO THE 325TH AIR DEFENSE DIVISION SHOT DOWN A U.S. A-4D AIRCRAFT WHICH CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS OFF THE COAST OF NHAN TRACH (NHAAN TRACHJ) VILLAGE (48QXE6839), BO TRACH DISTRICT. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST SENT MR. MIEN TO NHAN TRACH VILLAGE TO RAISE THE AIRCRAFT AND RETRIEVE AND BURY THE PILOT'S BODY.

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VILLAGE MILITIA FORCES BROUGHT THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE TO SHORE, AND RETRIEVED THE PILOT'S BODY USING A SMALL BOAT AND A FISHING NET ON 12 FEB 65. THE MILITIA, WITH MR. MIEN PRESENT, BURIED THE BODY IN THE SAND ON THE BEACH IN NHAN TRACH VILLAGE. MR. MIEN REMEMBERED THE PILOT'S NAME WAS "EDWARD DICKSON." AFTER RETURNING TO DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN FROM NHAN TRACH DISTRICT, HE HEARD THAT SOMEONE HAD EXHUMED THE BODY.

(B) THE THREE WITNESSES REMEMBERED THE FIRST U.S. PILOT, "SHUMAKER," CAPTURED IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE ON 11 FEB 65. SINCE THEY KNEW THIS TO BE A RESOLVED CASE, THEY DID NOT PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS.

(C) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN APRIL 1965, UNSPECIFIED AAA FORCES SHOT DOWN A U.S. A-4D WHICH CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS OFF THE SHORE OF DUC TRACH (DWCS TRACHJ) VILLAGE (48QXE6248), BO TRACH DISTRICT, KILLING THE U.S. PILOT. MR. NGUYEN TIENG (TIEENG), CHIEF OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST ARTILLERY DEPARTMENT, TRAVELED FROM DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN TO DUC TRACH VILLAGE TO MANAGE THE PILOT'S BURIAL AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. (NOTE: THE RIT'S VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS SAID THEY HAD MET MR. TIENG UNILATERALLY IN THE PAST. HE LIVES IN NGHIA NINH (NGHIA NINH) VILLAGE, DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN.) AFTER PULLING THE BODY FROM THE WATER, DUC TRACH VILLAGE MILITIA BURIED THE CAUCASIAN PILOT BY A SAND DUNE NEAR THE BEACH. THEY DID NOT RAISE THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FROM THE WATER. THE DUC TRACH VILLAGE MILITIA COMMANDER AT THAT TIME WAS MR. (FAMILY NAME UNKNOWN) DON (DOON), AND MR. (FAMILY NAME UNKNOWN) QUANH (QUANH) WAS THE VILLAGE PARTY SECRETARY. AFTER THE INCIDENT, MR. MIEN TRAVELED TO DUC TRACH VILLAGE TO VIEW THE PILOT'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT, WHICH CONSISTED OF A PILOT'S SEAT, A PARACHUTE, AN IDENTIFICATION (ID) CARD, AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED EQUIPMENT. MR. MIEN DID NOT VIEW THE PILOT'S GRAVE OR HIS BODY. WHEN MR. MIEN AND MR. TIENG RETURNED TO DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN, THEY TURNED THE PILOT'S GEAR OVER TO THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST AND THE ID CARD OVER TO THE COMMAND POST POLITICAL SECTION.

(D) AT NIGHT ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN POSSIBLY APRIL 1965 (AFTER THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN PARA 4D(2)(B) ABOVE), LE NINH AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE (NOONG TRWONGF LEEJ NINH) (48QXE784015) SELF DEFENSE FORCES SHOT DOWN A U.S. AD-6 AIRCRAFT USING 12.7 MM AAA. (NOTE: THE VIETNAMESE USED THE EARLY U.S. NAVAL AIR DESIGNATOR "AD-6" TO DESCRIBE AN A-1 AIRCRAFT.) MR. NGUYEN THANG (THANGR) (NFI) PARTICIPATED IN THE SHOOTDOWN. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR THE CAM LY RESERVOIR (HOOF CAAMR LY) (48QXE755025) IN LE THUY DISTRICT. LE THUY DISTRICT MILITIA AUTHORITIES REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST, BUT THE PROVINCE DID NOT SEND ANYONE TO THE LOCAL AREA TO MANAGE THE INCIDENT. THE CRASH TOTALLY DESTROYED THE PILOT'S BODY, THEREFORE THERE WAS NO GRAVE.

(E) AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 ON AN UNRECALLED DATE

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IN APRIL OR MAY 1965 (AFTER THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN PARA 4D(2)(C) ABOVE), A LOCAL (NFI) 12.7 MM AAA UNIT SHOT DOWN A U.S. AD-6 IN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN (48QXE7331) NEAR THE OLD PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE HOUSE (TINH R UYR) (NFI). THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT THE SAME LOCATION WHERE IT HAD JUST DELIVERED ITS ORDNANCE; PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS TOTALLY DESTROYED THE AIRCRAFT AND THE PILOT'S BODY. AS FAR AS THE WITNESSES KNEW, THERE WAS NO GRAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

(F) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 1965, AN UNRECALLED TYPE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR THE DA MAI STREAM (KHE DAS MAIF), LESS THAN 15 KILOMETERS WEST OF DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN TOWARD THE PHU QUI (PHUS QUIS) AREA (48QXE615334) OF THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM (NOONG TRWONGF VIETJ TRUNG). MR. (FAMILY NAME UNKNOWN) PHINH (PHINH), A MEMBER OF THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST, TRAVELED TO THE CRASH SITE. MR. PHINH IS NOW DECEASED. MR. MIEN AND THE OTHER WITNESSES HEARD THE PILOT ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT DIED IN THE CRASH AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED, BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW THE GRAVE LOCATION OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED DETAILS. (NOTE: RIT ANALYSTS COULD NOT LOCATE THE DA MAI STREAM ON AVAILABLE MAPS. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE REPORTED THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY NO BODY OF WATER NAMED DA MAI. THE NAME DA MAI WAS A WARTIME DESIGNATOR FOR A STREAM SOMEWHERE BETWEEN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN AND THE PHU QUI AREA OF THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM. BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE AIRCRAFT IN THIS INCIDENT CRASHED IN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN OR ACROSS THE DISTRICT LINE IN BO TRACH DISTRICT.)

(G) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN EITHER 1965 OR 1966, MR. MIEN TRAVELED FROM DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN TO HUNG TRACH VILLAGE (XAX HWNG TRACHJ) (48QXE4446), BO TRACH DISTRICT, TO PICK UP TWO U.S. AVIATORS WHOSE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOMETIME AFTER THE CHANH HOA BRIDGE (CAAUF CHANHS HOAF) (48QXE645405) COLLAPSED IN 1965 OR 1966. ONE OF THE AVIATORS WAS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, THE OTHER WAS A FIRST LIEUTENANT. BOTH WERE CAUCASIAN. THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL, WHO WAS ABLE TO SPEAK SOME FRENCH, WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG. MR. MIEN ESCORTED THE TWO AVIATORS TO DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN, WHERE THE WOUNDED OFFICER RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HIS WOUNDS. THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST THEN SENT BOTH

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(H) AT NIGHT ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN MAY 1966, MILITIA FROM PHONG THUY VILLAGE (XAX PHONG THUYR) (48QXE8907), LE THUY DISTRICT, SHOT DOWN A U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT

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CRASHED NEAR THE VILLAGE COOPERATIVE. THE AIRCRAFT HAD ONLY PARTIALLY DELIVERED ITS ORDNANCE WHEN IT CRASHED, AND IT EXPLODED ON IMPACT. THE LOCAL MILITIA ONLY FOUND SMALL PIECES OF FLESH AT THE SITE. THOUGH MR. MIEN CAME TO THE SITE AFTER THE INCIDENT TO INSPECT THE WRECKAGE, HE DID NOT KNOW IF THERE WAS AN ASSOCIATED GRAVE. ALSO ON THE SCENE AT THE INCIDENT WAS THE LE THUY DISTRICT MILITIA COMMANDER, MR. TRAN HOANG (TRAAF HOANG). (NOTE: THE RIT'S VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS INDICATED JOINT TEAMS HAVE MET MR. HOANG BEFORE, BUT NEVER IN RELATION TO THIS INCIDENT.)//

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(I) IN EARLY AFTERNOON ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN APPROXIMATELY FEBRUARY 1967, UNSPECIFIED FORCES SHOT DOWN SHOT DOWN A U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM (NOONG TRWONGF VIEETJ TRUNG) IN BO TRACH DISTRICT. TWO U.S. AVIATORS PARACHUTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. ONE AVIATOR'S PARACHUTE DID NOT DEPLOY AND HE DIED WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND. VIET TRUNG STATE FARM SELF DEFENSE FORCES CAPTURED THE SECOND AVIATOR. MR. MIEN TRAVELED FROM DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN TO THE STATE FARM TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CAPTURED AVIATOR. WHEN HE ARRIVED, LOCAL AUTHORITIES REPORTED THAT THE DEAD PILOT WAS BURIED ON THE STATE FARM GROUNDS. MR. MIEN DID NOT KNOW THE EXACT GRAVE LOCATION, NOR DID HE VIEW THE PILOT'S BODY OR THE GRAVE. AS FAR AS THE WITNESSES KNEW, THERE WAS NO PILOT EQUIPMENT OR PERSONAL EFFECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEAD AVIATOR. MR. MIEN TOOK CHARGE OF THE CAPTURED AVIATOR, A CAUCASIAN FIRST LIEUTENANT, ALONG WITH HIS ID CARD, A PARACHUTE, AND SOME SURVIVAL GEAR. THE AVIATOR WAS AMBULATORY, BUT HAD BURNS ON ONE SIDE OF HIS FACE AND HEAD. MR. MIEN ESCORTED HIM TO THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST AT DONG HOI, WHERE

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HE STAYED FOR FOUR OR FIVE DAYS BEFORE SOMEONE (THE WITNESSES DID NOT REMEMBER WHO.) ESCORTED HIM TO MR4 HEADQUARTERS. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST SENT THE CAPTURED PILOT'S ID CARD TO MR4 WITH THE PILOT, AND KEPT THE REST OF THE ITEMS IN DONG HOI. THE WITNESSES DID NOT KNOW THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THESE ITEMS. THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM SELF DEFENSE FORCE COMMANDER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WAS MR. DIEN (DIEENF) (NFI); THE STATE FARM DIRECTOR WAS MR. TRUONG SO (TRWONGF SOO), A HOA NINH HAMLET (THOON HOAF NINH), QUANG HOA VILLAGE (XAX QUANGR HOAF), QUANG TRACH DISTRICT RESIDENT.

(J) AT APPROXIMATELY 0600 ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN 1966 OR 1967, QUANG BINH PROVINCE 9TH BATTALION (BN) AAA GUNNERS SHOT DOWN A U.S. RF-100 THAT WAS FLYING TOWARDS DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE COAST. THE AAA GUNS HIT THE AIRCRAFT AS IT WAS DIVING TOWARD A 9TH BN GUN EMPLACEMENT. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT BAU SAI (BAUF SAIJ) HAMLET (48QXE6626), IN WESTERN NGHIA NINH VILLAGE (XAX NGHIA NINH), DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN. THE PILOT EJECTED FROM THE AIRCRAFT, BUT HIS PARACHUTE DID NOT DEPLOY AND HE DIED PRESUMABLY WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND. MR. MIEN RECEIVED A REPORT THAT NGHIA NINH VILLAGE MILITIA MEMBERS BURIED THE PILOT. A CHEMICAL BRANCH OFFICER, ORIGINALLY FROM THANH HOA PROVINCE, WHOSE NAME THE WITNESSES COULD NOT REMEMBER, TRAVELED FROM DONG HOI TO INSPECT THE INCIDENT SITE. THE WITNESSES DID NOT KNOW THE GRAVE LOCATION, NOR COULD THEY PROVIDE THE NAMES OF ANY WARTIME NGHIA NINH PROVINCE MILITIA MEMBERS.

(K) AT NIGHT ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN MID-1968, GUNNERS POSSIBLY FROM THE 14TH, AKA NGUYEN VIET XUAN (NGUYEENX VIEETJ XUAAN), AAA BN SHOT DOWN A U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT IN XUAN DUC HAMLET (THOON XUAAN ZUCJ) (48QXE7515), XUAN NINH VILLAGE (XAX XUAAN NINH), QUANG NINH DISTRICT. MR. MIEN TRAVELED FROM DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN TO INSPECT THE SITE AND SAW THAT THE CRASH HAD TOTALLY DESTROYED THE AIRCRAFT AND THE PILOT'S BODY. ONLY PIECES OF WRECKAGE REMAINED. THERE WERE NO TRACES OF THE PILOT'S BODY, AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO BURIAL.

(L) AT NIGHT ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN APPROXIMATELY JUNE 1972, LE THUY DISTRICT MILITIA MEMBERS SHOT DOWN A U.S. F-111 AIRCRAFT USING SMALL CALIBER RIFLES. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN PHU THUY VILLAGE (XAX PHUS THUYR) (48QXE8600), LE THUYR DISTRICT. NONE OF THE WITNESSES WENT TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION, BUT MR. SAN RECEIVED A PILOT'S CHECKLIST AND TWO FLIGHT SUIT SLEEVES AT THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST AS EVIDENCE OF THE SHOOTDOWN. HE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT THE CRASH DESTROYED THE CREW MEMBERS' BODIES AND THERE WAS NO ASSOCIATED GRAVE. MR. SAN DID NOT KNOW WHAT EVENTUALLY HAPPENED TO THE PILOT'S CHECKLIST AND FLIGHT SUIT SLEEVES. THE WITNESSES SAID THE F-111 TYPE AIRCRAFT, WHICH THEY REFERRED TO AS "VARIABLE WING" (CANHS CUPJ CANHS XOEJ), FIRST APPEARED DURING MID-1972 (SEE EVALUATION BELOW, PARA 7L (3)). THEY SAID THEY

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KNEW OF NO SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING THE WRECKAGE. THEY SAID NO RUSSIAN OR OTHER FOREIGN PERSONNEL CAME TO EXAMINE WRECKAGE OF THE F-111'S SHOT DOWN IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

(M) ON AN UNRECALLED DATE IN APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 1972, PHU TRACH VILLAGE (XAX PHUS TRACHJ) MILITIA SHOT DOWN ANOTHER U.S. F-111. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED JUST OFF THE COAST OF HAI TRACH VILLAGE (XAX HAIR TRACHJ) (48QXE6051), BO TRACH DISTRICT. THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST DID NOT SEND ANYONE TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT, BUT THE WITNESSES SAID MR. HOANG MINH TA, FORMER BO TRACH DISTRICT UNIT COMMANDER, WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT. (NOTE: THE RIT'S VNOSMP COUNTERPARTS SAID JOINT TEAMS HAVE ALREADY INTERVIEWED MR. TA.)

(N) FINALLY, THE WITNESSES REMEMBERED THAT THEY RECEIVED A REPORT OF TWO CAPTURED F-105F AVIATORS IN NAM TRACH VILLAGE (XAX NAM TRACHJ) (48QXE6237), BO TRACH DISTRICT. THEY COULD NOT REMEMBER THE DATE, YEAR, OR ANY OTHER DETAILS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

(3) MR. MIEN AND MR. SAN CONTRIBUTED TO A 60-PLUS PAGE DOCUMENT TITLED "EIGHT YEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE WAR," A WRAP-UP SUMMARY OF EVENTS, TACTICS, AND STATISTICS FROM THE AIR WAR IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THEY SAID THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINED MATERIAL ON U.S. AIR LOSSES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST MAINTAINED A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT DURING THE WAR, AND SENT COPIES TO MR4 HEADQUARTERS AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (NFI) IN HANOI. THE WITNESSES SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE COPIES SENT TO MR4 AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. AS FOR THE COPY THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST MAINTAINED, THE WITNESSES SAID LOCATING THIS DOCUMENT WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC AS WELL. IN 1976,

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(4) IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERVIEWER'S QUESTIONS, THE WITNESSES SAID THEY NEVER SAW ANY AMERICANS DURING OR AFTER THE WAR OTHER THAN THE AVIATORS THEY DESCRIBED IN THE INTERVIEW. THEY NEVER HEARD OF ANY U.S. AVIATORS KILLED WHILE RESISTING CAPTURE. THEY DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER DEAD PILOTS OR ASSOCIATED REMAINS.

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5. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE
6. COMMENTS:

A. POTENTIAL LEADS:

(1) MR. MIEN AND MR. SAN HELPED COMPILE A WRAP-UP SUMMARY REPORT CALLED "EIGHT YEARS OF DESTRUCTIVE WAR," WHICH INCLUDED QUANG BINH PROVINCE WARTIME EVENTS, STATISTICS, AND TACTICS. MR. MIEN AND MR. SAN INDICATED THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND POST MAINTAINED A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT DURING THE WAR, SENT A COPY TO MR4 HEADQUARTERS, AND A COPY TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN HANOI. THIS DOCUMENT INCLUDED MATERIAL ON U.S. AIR LOSSES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, AND MIGHT PROVIDE ARCHIVAL LEADS ON UNACCOUNTED-FOR U.S. PERSONNEL (SEE PARA 4D(3) ABOVE). A FORMAL REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VNOSMP REGARDING OBTAINING A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT.

(2) MR. (FAMILY NAME UNKNOWN) DIEN (DIEENF), FORMER VIET TRUNG STATE FARM SELF DEFENSE FORCE COMMANDER, MAY KNOW OF AN EARLY 1967 F-4 SHOOTDOWN AND PILOT'S BURIAL AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM IN BO TRACH DISTRICT (SEE PARA 4D(2) (I) ABOVE). MR. DIEN'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. MR. DIEN IS BEING SUBMITTED AS A UNILATERAL WITNESS FOR A FUTURE INTERVIEW.

(3) MR. TRUONG SO (TRWONGF SOO), FORMER VIET TRUNG STATE FARM DIRECTOR, MAY KNOW OF AN EARLY 1967 F-4 SHOOTDOWN AND PILOT'S BURIAL AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM IN BO TRACH DISTRICT (SEE PARA 4D(2) (I) ABOVE). MR. SO LIVES IN HOA NINH HAMLET, QUANG HOA, QUANG TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. MR. SO IS BEING SUBMITTED AS A UNILATERAL WITNESS FOR A FUTURE INTERVIEW.

B. INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS: NONE

C. DET TWO COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE

7. EVALUATION:

A. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2) (A) REGARDING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A U.S. A-4D AIRCRAFT CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED SRT CASE [REDACTED], BASED ON EXACT DATE OF INCIDENT, LOCATION OF LOSS, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AND PILOT'S NAME. THIS INFORMATION IS VERY CONSISTENT WITH THAT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY MR. TRAN SU (REF A). (b)(3)

(1) [REDACTED] INVOLVED THE LOSS OF AN A-4E AIRCRAFT OVER WATER NEAR 48QXE7039. FRIENDLY UNITS IN THE AREA OBSERVED AN EJECTION FROM THE AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER, A DEPLOYED PARACHUTE WAS NOT SEEN. (b)(3)

(2) UPON THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN 1973, A NUMBER OF THEM REPORTED THAT THEY HAD SEEN MOVIES SHOWING [REDACTED]'S BODY BEING PULLED FROM THE WATER AND A GRAVE SITE WITH HIS MARKER. (b)(3)

B. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED PARA 4D(2) (B) REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF "SHUMAKER" CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0055-1-01, BASED ON EXACT DATE OF INCIDENT/CAPTURE, LOCATION OF INCIDENT AND PILOT'S NAME. CASE 0055 WAS CAPTURED NEAR 48QXE8024 ON 11 FEB 65, AND WAS RELEASED IN 1973.

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C. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(C) REGARDING AN APRIL 65 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN A-4D AIRCRAFT CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0071-1-01, BASED ON MONTH AND YEAR OF INCIDENT, AIRCRAFT TYPE, LOCATION OF LOSS, RACE OF PILOT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

(1) CASE 0071 INVOLVED THE 7 APR 65 LOSS OF AN A-4C AIRCRAFT OVER WATER NEAR 48QXE6350, DURING WHICH AN EJECTION WAS OBSERVED. THE PILOT WAS SEEN TO ENTER THE WATER IN HIS PARACHUTE, BUT WAS THEN SEEN FLOATING IN THE WATER FACE DOWN. REMAINS FROM CASE 0071 HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

(2) NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED IN APR 65 WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF DUC TRACH VILLAGE.

D. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(D) REGARDING AN APR 65 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN AD-6 (A-1) AIRCRAFT NEAR THE CAM LY RESERVOIR CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 0077-1-01, BASED ON APPROXIMATE DATE OF INCIDENT, AIRCRAFT TYPE, LOCATION OF LOSS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

(1) CASE 0077 INVOLVED THE 20 APR 65 LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT NEAR 48QXE8002, DURING WHICH THE PILOT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED IN APR 65 WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF THE CAM LY RESERVOIR.

E. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(E) REGARDING A 1965 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN AD-6 (A-1) AIRCRAFT IN DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 0121-1-01, BASED ON YEAR OF INCIDENT, APPROXIMATE TIME OF INCIDENT, AIRCRAFT TYPE, LOCATION OF LOSS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

(1) CASE 0121 INVOLVED THE 7 AUG 65 LOSS OF AN A-1H AIRCRAFT DURING A BOMBING RUN NEAR 48QXE7231. THE BOMB IMPACT WAS OBSERVED, FOLLOWED BY THE AIRCRAFT IMPACT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FEET FURTHER ALONG THE FLIGHT LINE, BOTH IN THE TARGET COMPLEX. THE PILOT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) NO OTHER A-1 AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED WITHIN 15 KILOMETERS OF DONG HOI PROVINCE TOWN AT ANY TIME DURING THE WAR.

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(3) ENTRY NUMBER 288 OF THE 84-PAGE MR4 TACTICAL LEDGER, ALSO TENTATIVELY CORRELATED WITH CASE 0121, INDICATES THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR THE QUANG BINH PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE HOUSE (TINH UYR) IN DONG HOI. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE INFORMATION IN PARA 4D(2)(E).

F. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(F) REGARDING THE 1965 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN UNRECALLED AIRCRAFT NEAR THE DA MAI STREAM POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 0143-1-01, BASED ON APPROXIMATE MONTH AND YEAR OF INCIDENT, LOCATION OF LOSS, GENERAL TYPE OF AIRCRAFT (JET) AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

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(1) CASE 0143 INVOLVED THE 13 SEP 65 LOSS OF AN A-4E AIRCRAFT NEAR 48QXE6133, DURING WHICH THE PILOT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) ENTRY NUMBER 340 OF THE 84-PAGE TACTICAL LEDGER INDICATES VIET TRUNG STATE FARM SELF DEFENSE MILITIA SHOT DOWN A U.S. F-105 (SIC) THAT CRASHED AT "DA MAI" IN BO TRACH DISTRICT. THIS ENTRY POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH THE INFORMATION IN PARA 4D(2)(F).

G. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(G) REGARDING TWO CAPTURED U.S. AVIATORS NEAR HUNG TRACH VILLAGE CORRELATES WITH RESOLVED CASE 0303, BASED ON YEAR OF INCIDENT, LOCATION OF LOSS/CAPTURE, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS, RACE OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED AND LIMITED DESCRIPTION OF ONE INDIVIDUAL (WOUNDED).

(1) CASE 0303 INVOLVED THE 16 APR 66 LOSS OF AN F-4C NEAR 48QXE3744, WITH TWO INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD. BOTH CREW MEMBERS PERFORMED A SUCCESSFUL EJECTION, AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED AND SENT TO MR4 HEADQUARTERS. ONE INDIVIDUAL (CASE 0303-1-02), A MAJOR, RECEIVED TREATMENT FOR WOUNDS SUSTAINED TO THE LEFT ARM AND LEFT LEG.

(2) BOTH CREW MEMBERS WERE RELEASED FROM VIETNAM IN 1973.

H. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(H) REGARDING THE MAY 66 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT NEAR THE PHONG THUY VILLAGE COOPERATIVE POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE 0828, BASED ON LOCATION AND AIRCRAFT TYPE.

(1) ONLY ONE LOSS (UNRESOLVED CASE 0335-0-01) OCCURRED IN MAY 1966 WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF PHONG THUY VILLAGE. HOWEVER, THE CRASH SITE OF THIS AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN LOCATED 8 KM WEST OF PHONG THUY VILLAGE.

(2) ONLY ONE OTHER LOSS (UNRESOLVED CASE 0546-0-01) OCCURRED WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF PHONG THUY VILLAGE IN 1966. ALTHOUGH CASE 0546 INVOLVED THE LOSS OF AN F-4C AIRCRAFT, THE ACTUAL LOSS LOCATION WAS OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. AFTER RECEIVING ENEMY GROUND FIRE, CASE 0546, WOUNDED, HEADED OUT TO SEA AND WAS KNOWN TO EJECT FROM THE AIRCRAFT.

(3) FIELD INVESTIGATION IN PHONG THUY VILLAGE OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT THE NIGHT CRASH OF A JET AIRCRAFT IN THE VILLAGE COOPERATIVE. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN CORRELATED WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 0828. ALTHOUGH CASE 0828 OCCURRED ON 5 SEP 67, THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE INFORMATION THE THREE SOURCES PROVIDED CORRELATE CLOSELY WITH THE RESULTS OF THE FIELD INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION, NO OTHER AIRCRAFT ARE KNOWN TO HAVE CRASHED IN PHONG THUY VILLAGE.

I. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(I) REGARDING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT AT THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH CASE 1327, BASED ON LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, TIME OF DAY, DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES AND FATES OF CREWMEMBERS INVOLVED.

(1) CASE 1327 INVOLVED THE LOSS OF AN RF-4C AIRCRAFT NEAR 48QXE5627 DURING THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF 23 SEP 68. ONE CREW MEMBER (CASE 1327-1-02) WAS CAPTURED AND LATER RELEASED.

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BASED ON EVIDENCE AND REMAINS RECOVERED AT THE CRASH SITE, THE OTHER CREW MEMBER (CASE 1327-1-01) DIED IN THE CRASH. POST-RELEASE INTERVIEW OF THE SURVIVING CREWMAN INDICATES THAT HE HAD SUFFERED FACIAL BURNS DURING EJECTION. SOURCES INTERVIEWED DURING A FIELD INVESTIGATION OF THIS INCIDENT ALSO NOTED THAT THE CAPTURED CREWMAN HAD BURNS TO THE FACE.

(2) ONE OTHER F-4 AIRCRAFT IS KNOWN TO HAVE CRASHED ON THE VIET TRUNG STATE FARM. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS MOST LIKELY THAT INVOLVED IN CASE 0838, A NIGHT INCIDENT IN WHICH BOTH CREWMEN PERISHED.

J. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(J) REGARDING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF AN RF-100 AIRCRAFT AT BAU SAI HAMLET IS TOO LIMITED TO CORRELATE WITH A SPECIFIC U.S. LOSS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. NO RF-100 AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF BAU SAI HAMLET DURING THE WAR. FURTHERMORE, OF THE EIGHT AIRCRAFT LOSSES WHICH OCCURRED WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS IN 1966 OR 1967, NONE CORRELATE WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS PROVIDED IN THIS REPORT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE A GARBLED VERSION OF INFORMATION A JOINT TEAM OBTAINED IN THE NGHIA NINH VILLAGE AREA CONCERNING AN F-105F LOSS IN WHICH BOTH PILOTS DIED, ONE OF WHOM DIED BECAUSE HIS PARACHUTE FAILED TO OPEN. THIS INFORMATION WAS CORRELATED WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 1295. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TOO MANY DISCREPANCIES IN THE PRESENT ACCOUNT TO PERMIT A FIRM CORRELATION WITH ANY CASE.

K. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(K) REGARDING THE MID-1968 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN F-4 AIRCRAFT IN XUAN DUC HAMLET POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH ONE OF TWO 1967 OPERATIONAL F-4 LOSSES WHICH ARE LISTED IN U.S. RECORDS AS HAVING OCCURRED IN XUAN NINH VILLAGE. NO JOINT TEAM HAS INVESTIGATED WARTIME EVENTS IN XUAN NINH VILLAGE, HOWEVER, SO THIS ACCOUNT HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED BY FIELD INVESTIGATION.

L. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(L) REGARDING THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A F-111 AIRCRAFT IN PHU THUY VILLAGE CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 1945, BASED ON YEAR OF INCIDENT, AIRCRAFT TYPE, AIRCRAFT MODEL DESCRIPTION, LOCATION OF LOSS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

(1) CASE 1945 INVOLVED THE 7 NOV 72 LOSS OF AN F-111A AIRCRAFT NEAR 48QXD8297, DURING WHICH BOTH CREW MEMBERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) NO OTHER F-111 LOSSES OCCURRED WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS OF PHU THUY VILLAGE DURING THE WAR.

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(3) ALTHOUGH THE F-111 AIRCRAFT FIRST FLEW IN DEC 64, THE F-111A MODEL WAS PLAGUED WITH ENGINE AND WEIGHT PROBLEMS, AND WAS TEMPORARILY REMOVED FROM SERVICE. FURTHER MODIFICATIONS AND TESTING IN EARLY 1967 CONVINCED THE AIR FORCE THAT THE F-111A WAS READY FOR COMBAT. IN SEP 72, F-111A'S WERE RETURNED TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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M. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(M) REGARDING THE NOV 72 SHOOTING DOWN OF AN F-111 AIRCRAFT JUST OFF THE COAST NEAR HAI TRACH VILLAGE CORRELATES WITH UNRESOLVED CASE 1948, BASED ON MONTH AND YEAR OF INCIDENT, AIRCRAFT TYPE, LOCATION OF LOSS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS (OVER-WATER LOSS).

(1) CASE 1948 INVOLVED THE 21 NOV 72 LOSS OF AN F-111A AIRCRAFT NEAR 48QXE6554. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT SEA, AND BOTH CREW MEMBERS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED IN THE AIRCRAFT.

(2) NO OTHER AIRCRAFT LOSSES OCCURRED IN NOV 72 WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS OF HAI TRACH VILLAGE. FURTHERMORE, NO OTHER F-111 LOSSES OCCURRED WITHIN TEN KILOMETERS OF THE VILLAGE AT ANY TIME DURING THE WAR.

N. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARA 4D(2)(N) REGARDING TWO CAPTURED F-105F AVIATORS IN NAM TRACH VILLAGE IS TOO LIMITED TO CORRELATE WITH A SPECIFIC U.S. LOSS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

(1) FOUR F-105 AVIATORS (RESOLVED CASES 0440-1-01, 0883-1-01, 1194-1-01 AND 1226-1-02) ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED WITHIN FIFTEEN KILOMETERS OF NAM TRACH VILLAGE DURING THE WAR. OF THESE CASES, ONLY 1226 INVOLVED AN F-105F AIRCRAFT.

(2) ONLY THREE F-105F INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, CASES 1226, 1295 AND 1553. AT LEAST ONE CREWMAN WAS KILLED IN EACH OF THESE INCIDENTS.

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