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SUBJ/TRANSLATION OF ADVANCE WORK REPORT CONCERNING LAOS REFNOS 0668, 1245, 1444 AND LAOS LKA REFNO 0984 OBTAINED DURING JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY 19-4VN (136TH JFA) IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

COMMENTS IN THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

1. SUMMARY: DURING JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) 19-4VN (136TH JFA), A VIETNAM OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONS (VNOSMP) TEAM PERFORMED ADVANCE WORK (AW) CONCERNING LAOS REFNO 0668. THE VNOSMP TEAM LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED NINE VETERANS OF THE 98TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT (REGT)

OBTAINING INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATING WITH LAOS REFNO 0668, 1245, 1488, AND LAOS LAST KNOWN ALIVE (LKA) REFNO 0984.

A. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCOVERY OF A PLANE CRASH AND THE BODY OF A DECEASED U.S. PILOT NORTHEAST OF THE PHI HA INTERSECTION IN LAOS POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668 BASED ON GENERAL LOCATION AND TIMEFRAME.

B. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT NORTH OF BAN DONG VILLAGE ((BANR DOONG)) ON ROUTE 9 IN SOUTHERN LAOS DURING THE 1969 RAINY SEASON POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS REFNO 1488 BASED ON LOCATION AND TIMEFRAME.

C. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE 1968 DEATH AND BURIAL OF A U.S. SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER NEAR THE BORDER OF SAMOUY DISTRICT, SALAVAN PROVINCE, LAOS THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS LKA REFNO 0984 BASED ON LOCATION, GENERAL TIMEFRAME AND GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS.

D. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY OF A U.S. PILOT POSSIBLY IN SA THAY DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ SA THAAYF)), KONTUM PROVINCE NEAR THE NEAR THE BO Y ((BOWF Y)) BORDER CROSSING. THIS INFORMATION DOES NOT CORRELATE TO A KNOWN LOSS.

E. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN U.S. AIRCRAFT IN A FORMATION OF TWO, THAT CRASHED ON A HILLSIDE NEAR THE EAST BANK OF THE XOU RIVER NEAR THE LAOS-VIETNAM BORDER POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO LAOS REFNO 1245 BASED ON LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE VNOSMP AW REPORT FOR LAOS REFNO 0668. TRANSLATOR/ANALYST INTERNAL COMMENTS ARE ENCLOSED WITHIN DOUBLE PARENTHESES. ALL GRID COORDINATES (GC), UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ARE CITED USING THE INDIA-THAILAND 1960 DATUM.

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THE RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION TEAM ((RIT)) - 136TH JFA ((19-4VN))

ADVANCE WORK INVESTIGATION RESULTS FOR LAOS REFNO 0668, ATTEPEU PROVINCE

1. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. ON 4 MAY 1967, (b)(3) 50 USC 3161 Note Sec 1082 P.L. 102-190 WAS FLYING THE LEAD A-1E AIRCRAFT IN A TWO-AIRCRAFT FORMATION ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER LAOS. THE WINGMAN SAW AIR DEFENSE FIRE HIT (b)(3) 50 USC 3161 Note Sec 1082 P.L. 102-190 AIRCRAFT DURING A NAPALM BOMB DELIVERY RUN, AND THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED IN THE AIR. THE WINGMAN DID NOT OBSERVE A PARACHUTE NOR DID HE HEAR AN ELECTRONIC BEEPER SIGNAL. (b)(3) 50 USC 3161 Note Sec 1082 P.L. 102-190 IS REMAINS UNACCOUNTED FOR.

2. INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS JFA. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VETERANS OF THE 2ND COMPANY ((CO)), 2ND BATTALION ((BN)), 98TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT ((REGT)).

3. INVESTIGATION RESULTS FOR THIS JFA. DURING THE 136TH JFA ((19-4VN)), THE VNOSMP TEAM INTERVIEWED NINE VETERANS OF THE 98TH REGT FOR INFORMATION ON LAOS REFNO 0668, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. AMONG THE VETERANS INTERVIEWED, FIVE PROVIDED INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668 OR THAT WAS MIA-RELATED.

1) (b) (6) BORN IN 1942. ADDRESS: BEN SUB-HAMLET ((XOMS BEENS)), DONG HAMLET ((THOON DOONG)), KIM NO VILLAGE ((XAX KIM NOOX)), DONG ANH DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ DOONG ANH)), HANOI. PHONE: (b) (6) IS STILL IN GOOD HEALTH AND OF SOUND MIND. HE ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE IN 1963. FROM 1964-1975, HE SERVED WITH THE 2ND CO, 1ST BN, 98TH REGT AND OPERATED IN ATTEPEU PROVINCE, AT THE PHI HA THREE-WAY JUNCTION ((NGAX BA PHI HAF)), AT THE INDOCHINESE TRI-BORDER ((NGAX BA DOONG ZWONG)), AND IN SE KA MANG ((SEE KA MANGS; THE KAMAN RIVER)).

(b) (6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE 1967 RAINY SEASON (AROUND MAY OR JUNE), (b) (6), WHO AT THAT TIME WAS POLITICAL OFFICER OF THE 2ND CO, 1ST BN, 98TH REGT, ALONG WITH TWO OTHERS IN HIS UNIT, WENT INTO THE FOREST TO CONDUCT SURVEYS TO FIND ROUTES TO CLEAR. IN THE FOREST, (b) (6) SAW AN AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE AND A NUMBER OF BROKEN PIECES AROUND THE AIRCRAFT. (b) (6) WENT TO THE CRASH SITE AND SAW THE DECEASED, DECOMPOSED BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT STILL LYING IN THE AIRCRAFT. THE BODY WAS EMITTING A FOUL ODOR. THE PILOT

WAS STILL WEARING A WATCH AND WAS STILL IN HIS CLOTHES. HE AND THE OTHERS WENT THERE ONLY TO TAKE A LOOK, AND AFTERWARD, CONTINUED TO GO CONDUCT THEIR SURVEY. THEY DID NOT BURY THE PILOT. THE CRASH SITE IS ON A MOUNTAIN IN ATTEPEU PROVINCE, LAOS, ABOUT ONE KILOMETER FROM THE NA VA ROAD ((DWONGF NA VA)) (TRAVELLING FROM FORD 16 ((NGAAMF 16)) TO UPPER LAOS). (TRAVELLING NORTH TO SOUTH TO THE PHI HA THREE-WAY JUNCTION, A ROAD TURNS WEST TO CAMBODIA. FROM THE PHI HA THREE-WAY JUNCTION, GO ALONG THE ROAD HEADING WEST FOR ABOUT 14 KILOMETERS TO FORD 16. THE NA VA ROAD INTERSECTS FORD 16. FROM FORD 16, GO ALONG THE NA VA ROAD TOWARDS UPPER LAOS FOR ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS. AFTERWARD, TURN RIGHT INTO A FOREST FOR ABOUT ONE KILOMETER AND YOU WILL COME TO THE LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT CRASH AND THE DECEASED PILOT.) (b) (6) STILL RECALLS THE LOCATION AND CAN DRAW A DIAGRAM OF THE AIRCRAFT CRASH LOCATION. IF HE HAD A WARTIME MILITARY MAP, HE COULD POINT OUT THE AIRCRAFT CRASH LOCATION. HE DOES NOT RECALL THE OTHER TWO PEOPLE WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM. HE RECALLS ONLY THAT ONE WAS FROM THANH HOA PROVINCE, AND ONE WAS FROM NAM DINH PROVINCE. THE INFORMATION THAT (b) (6) PROVIDED MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668.

2) (b) (6) BORN IN 1942. ADDRESS: DONG TAY HAMLET ((THOON DOONG TAAY)), VAN NOI VILLAGE ((XAX VAAN NOOIJ)), DONG ANH DISTRICT, HANOI. PHONE: (b) (6) IS STILL IN GOOD HEALTH AND OF SOUND MIND. HE ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE IN 1963. FROM 1964-1968, HE SERVED WITH THE 98TH REGT AND OPERATED IN ATTEPEU PROVINCE. FROM JULY 1968 TO 1971, HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE 75TH CO, BINH TRAM 41 ((BT41)). IN 1971, HE RETURNED TO THE NORTH. (b) (6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: DURING THE 1969 RAINY SEASON, GROUP 559 AIR DEFENSE FORCES SHOT DOWN A U.S. AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED ABOUT 150 METERS FROM (b) (6) UNIT (75TH CO, BT41) LOCATION. THE AIRCRAFT CRASH LOCATION WAS NORTH OF BAN DONG VILLAGE ((BANR DOONG)) - ROUTE 9 IN SOUTHERN LAOS, ABOUT 1.5 KILOMETERS NORTH OF ROUTE 9. (b) (6) WAS THE (b) (6) AND HE, ALONG WITH UNIT PERSONNEL, WENT TO THE AIRCRAFT CRASH SITE. THEY SAW THE

REMAINING ONE-THIRD OF THE AIRCRAFT (AIRCRAFT TYPE UNKNOWN) AND THE DECEASED BODY ON AN AMERICAN PILOT, WITH ONLY THE PORTION FROM THE ABDOMEN TO THE HEAD REMAINING. (THE LOCATION OF THE LOWER HALF OF THE BODY WAS UNKNOWN.) THE AMERICAN PILOT HAD BROWN SKIN, AND HE HAD CRASHED ABOUT TWO DAYS PRIOR. THE BODY HAD NOT YET DECOMPOSED.

(b) (6) DIRECTED AND WATCHED UNIT PERSONNEL PLACE DIRT ON THE PILOT'S BODY BECAUSE IT WAS POLLUTING THE AREA WHERE HIS FORCES WERE STATIONED. THE UNIT PERSONNEL UTILIZED PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE TO RAKE THE DIRT AND COVER THE PILOT. THEY DID NOT DIG A HOLE TO BURY HIM. THE BURIAL LOCATION WAS IN A FIELD THAT LOCAL INHABITANTS USED TO PLANT RICE AND CORN, BUT NOW, THE LOCALS HAVE ABANDONED THE AREA, AND IT IS NO LONGER USED TO FARM, BUT VEGETATION STILL EXISTS. THE AREA IS IN NORTHERN BAN DONG VILLAGE - ROUTE 9 OF SE PON DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ SEE POON)). (b) (6) MADE A VERY GOOD IMPRESSION FOR THIS INCIDENT, PROVIDING HIS INFORMATION VERY PRECISELY AND IN GREAT DETAIL. IF HE TRAVELED TO THE SITE NOW, HE WOULD REMEMBER THE BURIAL LOCATION OF THIS AMERICAN PILOT'S BODY.

3) (b) (6) BORN IN 1943. ADDRESS: (b) (6) PHO MOI DISTRICT TOWN ((THIJ TRAANS PHOOS MOWIS)), QUE VO ((QUEES VOX)), BAC NINH PROVINCE. PHONE: (b) (6) ENTERED THE MILITARY IN 1965 AND SERVED WITH THE 5TH CO, 4TH BN, 98TH REGT. IN 1966, HE MOVED TO THE 279TH REGT (THE RANG DONG ((RANGJ DOONG)) REGT), AND TRAINED AS A NURSE AND SERVED WITH BT4 AND BT8. IN 1967, HE SERVED WITH MEDICAL TREATMENT TEAM 2 OF BT36. HE PARTICIPATED IN BUILDING HOSPITAL 68 OF BT34 IN BAN MEO HAMLET ((BANR MEOF)), A TUC VILLAGE ((XAX A TUCS)), HUONG HOA DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ HWONGS HOAS)). IN 1971, HE WAS WOUNDED AND LOST A LEG AND WENT TO THE NORTH TO CONVALESCE. (b) (6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. AROUND JULY OR AUGUST 1968 IN BAN MEO HAMLET, A TUC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, (b) (6) WAS SERVING AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE NURSE FOR HOSPITAL 68 STATIONED IN BAN MEO HAMLET. AT THAT TIME, THE HOSPITAL'S GUARD PLATOON RECEIVED ORDERS TO GO HUNT FOR AMERICAN SPECIAL FORCES WHO PARACHUTED INTO AN AREA NEAR THE HOSPITAL.

DURING THE SEARCH, THE GUARD TEAM IMMEDIATELY WENT TO AN AREA NEAR THE HOSPITAL AND DISCOVERED ONE BLACK SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER. (b) (6)

(b) (6) FROM NAM HA PROVINCE, IS THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED AND THEN SHOT TO DEATH THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, AND AFTERWARD, BURIED HIM IN A YAM HOLE (A LARGE, DEEP HOLE THAT COMES UP TO ONE'S NECK) OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS IN THE HOSPITAL'S AREA B. AT THAT TIME, THE (b) (6) OF HOSPITAL 68 WAS (b) (6) THE HOSPITAL'S (b) (6)

(b) (6) AND THE POLITICAL OFFICER WAS (b) (6)

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4) (b) (6) BORN IN 1940. ADDRESS: TAM NONG HAMLET ((THOON TAM NOONG)), HUNG DAO VILLAGE ((XAX HWNG DAOJ)), TIEN LU DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ TIEN LWX)), HUNG YEN PROVINCE. PHONE: (b) (6)

(b) (6) ENTERED THE MILITARY IN 1964 AND SERVED WITH THE 98TH REGT. FROM 1964-1975, HE WAS A RECONNAISSANCE SOLDIER WITH THE 98TH REGT. (b) (6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. IN 1966, WHILE MOVING ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION, (b) (6) AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS FROM HIS UNIT (ALL DECEASED) CAME ACROSS THE DECEASED BODY OF A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN PILOT IN A STATE OF DECOMPOSITION. HIS PARACHUTE WAS STILL HANGING FROM A TREE. THE AIRCRAFT WAS POSSIBLY SHOT DOWN AND THE PILOT EJECTED. THE PILOT'S BODY WAS STILL IN-TACT. AFTERWARD, (b) (6) COLLECTED ITEMS FROM THIS AMERICAN PILOT, INCLUDING A NET, LATER USED TO FISH, A NUMBER OF DOLLARS, AND A GOLD RING, WHICH HE TURNED OVER TO BT9. LATER, (b) (6) PLACED LEAVES OVER THE DEAD BODY AND DEPARTED. THE LOCATION WAS IN BAN NUA ((BANR NWA; NUA VILLAGE)) (POSSIBLY IN SA THAY DISTRICT, KONTUM PROVINCE) NEAR THE INDOCHINESE TRI-BORDER NEAR THE BO Y BORDER CROSSING.

5) (b) (6) BORN IN 1943. ADDRESS: TAY HAMLET ((THOON TAA Y)), CANH THUY VILLAGE ((XAX CANHR THUYJ)), YEN DUNG DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ YEEN ZUNGX)), BAC GIANG PROVINCE. PHONE: (b) (6) (b) (6) ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE IN 1964. IN 1970, HE SERVED WITH THE 95TH BN, BT50 AND OPERATED IN STUNG TRENG PROVINCE UNTIL 1974, WHEN HE RETURNED TO

THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS. (b) (6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING MIA-RELATED INFORMATION. JUST BEFORE THE 1967 RAINY SEASON (AROUND MAY), (b) (6) UNIT HAD FINISHED BUILDING ROADS IN BU GIA MAP ((BUF GIA MAAPJ)) AND RETREATED. UPON ARRIVING TO THE EAST BANK OF THE SE SU RIVER ((SOONG SEE SUJ; XOU RIVER)) IN ATTEPEU PROVINCE, LAOS, TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT ENTERED THE AREA AND DROPPED NAPALM BOMBS. AN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY ((AAA)) UNIT OF BT37 SHOT DOWN ONE OF THESE TWO AIRCRAFT. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN ATTACK DIVE, THE 14.5MM ARTILLERY UNIT, POSITIONED ON THE PEAK OF A HIGH HILL, HIT THE AIRCRAFT. (AT THE FOOT OF THIS HILL WAS ROUTE C4, RUNNING FROM THE PHI HA THREE-WAY JUNCTION INTO CAMBODIA AND LAOS.) THE U.S. HAD AIRCRAFT CONDUCT ATTACKS AND DROP NAPALM TO BLOCK THIS ROUTE. (THE BO PHIENG SLOPE ((ZOOCS BOO PHIEENG)) WAS TOWARDS THE NORTHEAST.) THE AIRCRAFT EXPLODED, FORMING A LONG STREAK THAT CRASHED IN A FORESTED AREA FAR FROM (b) (6) LOCATION AND THE 14.5MM ARTILLERY POSITION. ACCORDING TO (b) (6), THE PILOT WAS PROBABLY BLASTED TO PIECES ALONG WITH THE AIRCRAFT BECAUSE HE DID NOT SEE A PARACHUTE EMERGE FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND THE EXPLOSION WAS VERY LARGE.

B. VETERANS WHO WERE INTERVIEWED BUT HAD NO MIA-RELATED INFORMATION.

1) (b) (6) BORN IN 1943. ADDRESS: SUB HAMLET BINH MINH ((XOMS BINHF MINH)), YEN TRUONG HAMLET ((THOON YEEN TRWONGF)), TRUONG YEN VILLAGE ((XAX TRWONGF YEEN)), CHUONG MY DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ CHWONG MYX)), HANOI. (b) (6) ENTERED THE MILITARY IN 1964 AND FROM 1964 1969, SERVED WITH THE 7TH CO, 3RD BN, 98TH REGT. HIS AREAS OF OPERATION INCLUDED SE PON, SOUTHERN LAOS, THE INDOCHINESE TRI-BORDER AREA, AND PHUOC LONG PROVINCE ((NOW PART OF BINH PHUOC PROVINCE)).

(b) (6) HAD NO INFORMATION ON LAOS REFNO 0668 OR OTHER MIA RELATED INFORMATION.

2) (b) (6) BORN IN 1945. ADDRESS: DOAN KET SUB-HAMLET ((XOMS DOANF KEETS)), YEN TRUONG HAMLET, TRUONG YEN VILLAGE, CHUONG MY DISTRICT, HANOI. (b) (6) ENTERED THE MILITARY IN 1964 AND FROM 1964-1969, HE SERVED WITH THE 4TH CO, 2ND BN, 98TH REGT AND

OPERATED AT THE PHI HA THREE-WAY JUNCTION AND IN THE INDOCHINESE TRI-BORDER AREA. FROM 1969-1973, HE SERVED WITH THE BT37 HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT. AT THE TIME OF THE LAOS REFNO 0668 INCIDENT, (b) (6) WAS OPERATING IN THE ATTEPEU PROVINCE AREA, BUT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668. ACCORDING TO (b) (6), THE 2ND BN, 98TH REGT HAD ONLY THE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH COMPANIES. THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD COMPANIES WERE ATTACHED TO THE 1ST BN AND OPERATED IN THE OUTER LYING AREAS.

3) (b) (6) BORN IN 1942. ADDRESS: TIEN TRUONG HAMLET ((THOON TIEEN TRWONGJ)), THUY XUAN TIEN VILLAGE ((XAX THUYR XUAAN TIEEN)), CHUONG MY DISTRICT, HANOI. (b) (6) ENTERED THE MILITARY IN 1964 AND FROM 1964-1974, SERVED WITH THE 4TH CO, 2ND BN, 98TH REGT, OPERATING ALONG ROUTE 9 IN SOUTHERN LAOS, AND IN SALAVAN, SAVANNAKHET, AND KONTUM PROVINCES. HE WAS AN ENGINEERING SOLDIER WHO CLEARED ROADS.

4) (b) (6) BORN IN 1948. ADDRESS: DO HA HAMLET ((THOON ZO HAJ)), TIEN PHONG VILLAGE ((XAX TIEENF PHONG)), ME LINH DISTRICT ((HUYEENJ MEE LINH)), HANOI. FROM 1967-1968, HE SERVED WITH THE 4TH REGT, DIV 320B OF THE B3 FRONT. FROM 1968-1969, HE WAS WITH THE 98TH REGT AND OPERATED IN SALAVAN PROVINCE AND IN THE PLAIN OF JARS. FROM 1970-1973, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE FIGHTING AT THE QUANG TRI CITADEL.

4. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. COMMENTS.

1) THE VNOSMP TEAM ACCOMPLISHED THE INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS, INTERVIEWING NINE VETERANS OF THE 98TH REGT. AMONG THE VETERANS INTERVIEWED, (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668.

2) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY (b) (6) (b) (6) IS MIA-RELATED, SO IT NEEDS TO BE ANALYZED AND ASSESSED TO SEE IF IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH ANY UNRESOLVED MIA INCIDENTS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1) RECOMMEND THE RIT JOINTLY INTERVIEW (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(ADDRESSES LISTED ABOVE).

2) RECOMMEND THE VNOSMP AW TEAM CONTINUE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW VETERANS OF THE 98TH REGT, BT42 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING LAOS REFNO 0668 AND OTHER MIA-RELATED INFORMATION.

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5. DPAA ANALYST COMMENTS:

A. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCOVERY OF A PLANE CRASH AND THE BODY OF A DECEASED U.S. PILOT NORTHEAST OF THE PHI HA INTERSECTION IN LAOS POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS REFNO 0668 BASED ON GENERAL LOCATION AND TIMEFRAME. SEVERAL VETERANS FROM (b) (6) UNIT, THE 98TH REGT, HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATING WITH THIS INCIDENT IN THE PAST. RECOMMEND A JOINT INTERVIEW OF (b) (6).

B. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTDOWN OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT NORTH OF BAN DONG VILLAGE ((BANR DOONG)) ON ROUTE 9 IN SOUTHERN LAOS DURING THE 1969 RAINY SEASON POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS REFNO 1488 BASED ON LOCATION AND TIMEFRAME. SEPTEMBER FALLS NEAR THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON FOR THIS AREA. RECOMMEND A JOINT INTERVIEW OF

(b) (6)

C. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE 1968 DEATH AND BURIAL OF A U.S. SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIER NEAR THE BORDER OF SAMOUY DISTRICT, SALAVAN PROVINCE, LAOS THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH LAOS LKA REFNO 0984 BASED ON LOCATION, GENERAL TIMEFRAME AND GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. ALTHOUGH (b) (6) CLAIMED THE U.S. SOLDIER WAS BLACK, THIS IS THE ONLY U.S. SPECIAL FORCES LOSS IN THE AREA. RECOMMEND A JOINT INTERVIEW OF (b) (6).

D. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCOVER OF THE BODY OF A U.S. PILOT IN NUA VILLAGE POSSIBLY IN SA THAY DISTRICT, KONTUM PROVINCE NEAR THE NEAR THE BO Y BORDER CROSSING WITH LAOS. THERE WERE NO U.S. LOSSES DURING THIS TIMEFRAME NEAR THE BO Y BORDER CROSSING. HOWEVER, BECAUSE (b) (6) WAS NOT SURE OF HIS LOCATION AND THERE IS AN UNRESOLVED AIR INCIDENT IN SA THAY DISTRICT, KON TUM PROVINCE (REFNO 0177) PRIOR TO HIS DISCOVERY OF THE BODY, RECOMMEND A JOINT INTERVIEW OF (b) (6).

E. (b) (6) PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN U.S. AIRCRAFT IN A FORMATION OF TWO, THAT CRASHED ON A HILLSIDE NEAR THE EAST BANK OF THE XOU RIVER NEAR THE LAOS-VIETNAM BORDER POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO LAOS REFNO 1245 BASED ON LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS. THE CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS OF THIS INCIDENT ARE VERY SIMILAR TO (b) (6) INFORMATION. THE XOU RIVER CROSSES FROM LAOS INTO VIETNAM AT THE LOSS LOCATION OF THIS INCIDENT. RECOMMEND A JOINT INTERVIEW OF (b) (6)

F. AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THE VNOSMP AW TEAM CONTINUE SEARCHING FOR VETERANS OF THE 98TH INDEPENDENT REGT.//

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