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## RMKS/1. REFERENCES.

- A. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT FOR JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY 96-1C CONDUCTED FROM 1 TO 18 NOVEMBER 1995.
- B. REF B IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003 DURING JFA 95-1C.
- C. REF C IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003 DURING JFA 93-3C.
- D. REF D IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION DURING
- E. REF E IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION DURING JFA 92-3C.

# 2. SUMMARY OF EXCAVATION.

A. CASE 2003. FROM 28 OCTOBER TO 12 NOVEMBER 1995,

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ELEMENT 1 (RE1), WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE USS BRUNSWICK SALVAGE TEAM, EXCAVATED THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND, KAMPONG SOM PROVINCE, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC). THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 15 MAY 1975 LOSS OF A CH-53A HELICOPTER, RESULTING IN 13 UNACCOUNTED-FOR THE CRASH SITE IS AT GRID COORDINATE 48P TS INDIVIDUALS. RE1 ESTABLISHED INITIAL LAND PROJECT 96439 40716. BOUNDARIES OF APPROXIMATELY 10-METERS X 30-METERS. UNDERWATER PROJECT BOUNDARIES CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 12-METERS X 23-METERS AROUND THE HELICOPTER WRECKAGE. EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY 15 CUBIC METERS ON LAND; AND APPROXIMATELY 389-CUBIC METERS UNDERWATER. RE1 RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY 139 POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS, 9 POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH WITH APPARENT RESTORATIONS, AND 13 POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH WITHOUT APPARENT RESTORATIONS. ONE WITNESS PRESENTED REMAINS TO RE1 TO INCLUDE FOUR POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS AND ONE POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH. RE1 RECOVERED THE ONE U.S. QUARTER DATED 1966, FOLLOWING PERSONAL EFFECTS: ONE U.S. DIME DATED 1970, ONE PORTION OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CHAIN, ONE PORTION OF TOOTH BRUSH, AND ONE PORTION OF SHAVING RAZOR. THE TEAM RECOVERED PIECES OF RCRAFT, NONE OF WHICH IS EXCLUSIVE TO A CH-53A AIRCRAFT,

SEVERAL ITEMS OF LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THE MATERIAL IDENCE RE1 RECOVERED INCLUDES TEN STEEL HELMETS, TWO CANTEEN CUPS, A PORTION OF FLIGHT GLOVE, MISCELLANEOUS M-16 RIFLE SECTIONS, ONE PROBABLE PILOT'S CHECKLIST. ONE M17 CHEMICAL DEFENSE MASK WITH HEAD STRAP PIECE, AND ONE PROBABLE GUNNER'S BELT WITH CONNECTORS. THE CILHI TEAM LEADER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST, CLOSED THE SITE AT 1136 HOURS ON 12 NOVEMBER 1995. THROUGHOUT THE JOINT EXCAVATION, THE U.S. ELEMENT RECEIVED EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THEIR ROYAL CAMBODIAN COUNTERPARTS.

B. U.S. CONTINGENT:

(b)(6)

TEAM LEADER ANTHROPOLOGIST NCOIC DOCTOR LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL LINGUIST/ANALYST PHOTOGRAPHER MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST MORTUARY AFFAIRS SPECIALIST

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA (RGC) CONTINGENT: CHAIRMAN, KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, INTERPOL MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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REPRESENTATIVE

(b)(6)

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, COUNTERNARCOTICS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE

D. TANG ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE:

(b)(6)

COMMANDER, TANG ISLAND SECURITY

### 3. BACKGROUND.

A. ON THE MORNING OF 15 MAY 1975, A CH-53A HELICOPTER, (CALLSIGN: KNIFE 31) WAS INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OF THE CREW OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ, WHEN IT WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED NEAR THE SHORELINE OF TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. TWENTY-SIX PERSONNEL (4 USAF CREW MEMBERS, 20 USMC AND 2 NAVY PASSENGERS) WERE ONBOARD THE HELICOPTER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THIRTEEN PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED AT SEA BY SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) TEAMS. ANOTHER CH-53A, KNIFE 23, WAS DOWNED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE APPROXIMATELY 80 METERS NORTH OF KNIFE 31. NO ONE FROM THE CREW OF KNIFE 23 IS CARRIED AS MISSING. ONE MEMBER OF KNIFE 31 WAS SEEN TO MOVE INTO THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 23. ONE SAR EFFORT WAS ATTEMPTED THE VICINITY OF KNIFE 23 ON 15 MAY 1975 WITH NEGATIVE

JLTS. FURTHER SAR EFFORTS WERE NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO THE ....TILE ENVIRONMENT. THOSE NOT RESCUED ARE CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODIES NOT RECOVERED.

- B. BETWEEN 6 AND 14 DECEMBER 1992, DURING JFA 93-2C, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED ON TANG ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATIONS, THE TEAM RECOVERED FOUR INDIVIDUAL BONES, A LOWER JAW FRAGMENT WITH TWO TEETH, NUMEROUS PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, AND CREW EQUIPMENT. AN OFFSHORE RECOVERY WAS RULED OUT DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY.
- C. BETWEEN 9 AND 11 FEBRUARY 1993, DURING JFA 93-3C, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED A REPORT OF REMAINS IN A CAVE ON TANG ISLAND AND CONDUCTED AN UNDERWATER SURVEY OF CASE 2003. NO GRAVE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND INSIDE THE CAVE. AN UNDERWATER SURVEY OF THE WRECKAGE OF 2003 AND THE SURROUNDING AREA LOCATED NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE, PORTIONS OF A SURVIVAL VEST AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.
- D. ON 1 MAY 1995, DURING JFA 95-1C, A JOINT TEAM ELEMENT AND A UNITED STATES NAVY TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE CRASH SITE OF CASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND.
- E. ON 24 AUGUST 1995, A SMALL TEAM FROM JTF-FA DETACHMENT FOUR TRAVELED TO TANG ISLAND WITH ONE CAMBODIAN WITNESS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
- 4. PROJECT LOCATION.
  - A. TANG ISLAND.
    KAMPONG SOM PROVINCE.
    KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA.
  - B. GRID COORDINATE (b)(5); (b)(6)

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TRIMBLE TRIMPACK RECEIVER FOR THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES.

C. MAP: KAMPOT KAMPUCHEA, VIETNAM; EDITION 1501; SERIES NC 48-5; SCALE 1:250,000; HORIZONTAL DATUM: INDIAN DATUM 1960.

# 5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA.

- A. THIS SITE IS LOCATED ON TANG ISLAND APPROXIMATELY 27 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) SOUTH OF SIHANOUKVILLE, KOC. TANG ISLAND IS APPROXIMATELY 4.75 NM IN LENGTH (NORTH TO SOUTH), AND 2.5 NM EAST TO WEST. THE PRIMARY PROJECT AREA WAS LOCATED BY THE PRESENCE OF REMAINING WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31. THIS AREA IS APPROXIMATELY ONE METER UNDERWATER IN THE EASTERN BEACH. THE UPPER LAYER OF SEDIMENT CONSISTS OF FINE GRAINED FIRMLY PACKED SAND ON TOP OF A LOWER LOOSE CORAL LAYER.
- B. A SECONDARY AREA WAS LOCATED ON THE SHORE OF THE EASTERN BEACH, ADJACENT TO THE WEST OF THE PRIMARY AREA. THE BEACH GENTLY SLOPES TO THE WATERLINE AND IS APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 20 METERS WIDE. ABOVE THE WAVE BREAK THERE IS SPARSE GROUND VEGETATION PRIMARILY CONSISTING OF "THES WHICH EXTEND INTO THE TREELINE COMPRISED OF COCONUT MS AND CONIFEROUS TREES. THE UPPER LAYER OF STRATA ASSISTS OF A DARKER, HUMUS RANGING FROM ABOUT 5 TO 10

CENTIMETERS IN DEPTH. THE LOWER STRATA CONSISTS OF LIGHTER, YELLOW-ORANGE SAND WHERE THE WATER TABLE WAS ENCOUNTERED.

## FIELD METHOD.

- A. LAND EXCAVATION WAS CONDUCTED FROM 29 TO 31 OCTOBER 1995. SITE DATUM WAS PLACED AT GRID COORDINATE 48P TS 96439 40716 AND GRID NORTH WAS SET PARALLEL TO THE WATERLINE AT 332 DEGREES 15 MINUTES OFF OF MAGNETIC NORTH. THIS AREA WAS EXCAVATED USING THREE TRENCHES: TRENCH 1, APPROXIMATELY 50 CM WIDE, 17.5 M LONG, AND 50 CM DEEP, EXCEPT FOR A 3 M SECTION DUG TO 75 CM DEEP WHERE WATER TABLE WAS ENCOUNTERED; TRENCH 2, APPROXIMATELY 50 CM WIDE, 27 M LONG, AND 35 CM DEEP WHERE GROUND WATER WAS ENCOUNTERED; TRENCH 3 (DIAGONAL BETWEEN TRENCH 1 AND TRENCH 2) APPROXIMATELY 50 CM WIDE, 27.1 M LONG, AND 50 TO 35 CM DEEP. DUE TO NEGATIVE FINDINGS, NO FURTHER EXCAVATION ON LAND WAS NECESSARY.
- B. AN UNDERWATER SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED BY U.S. NAVY DIVERS ON 28 OCTOBER 1995. THE UNDERWATER RECOVERY BEGAN ON 30 OCTOBER 1995 WHEN THE U.S. NAVY SALVAGE TEAM PLACED FOUR COFFER DAM BOXES MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 2.5 M X 5M AT THE SOUTHEAST, NORTHWEST, NORTHEAST, AND SOUTHEAST CORNERS OF THE WRECKAGE AND LABELED BOXES 1, 2, 3, AND 4, RESPECTIVELY. THESE FOUR BOXES COMPRISE THE PRIMARY GRID WHICH MEASURED APPROXIMATELY 8M X 19M. AFTER THIS PRIMARY GRID WAS ESTABLISHED THE TEAM THEN ESTABLISHED, THE WORK AREA, WHICH INCLUDED PLACEMENT OF THE TWO WORK BOATS THAT WERE EQUIPPED

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WITH TWO JETTING PUMPS EACH AND THE WORK FLOAT EOUIPPED WITH THE REL NAVY DIVERS SUCTIONED THE FOUR SCREENING TABLES. SEDIMENT DIRECTLY INTO THE SCREENING TABLES CONSTRUCTED OF 1/4 INCH METAL SCREEN AND MONITORED BY CILHI TEAM MEMBERS AND THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST. EACH SCREENING TABLE HAD COLLECTION BAGS FOR REMAINS AND ARTIFACTS, AND BUCKETS FOR ORDNANCE AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE AREA WAS EXCAVATED TO DEPTHS RANGING FROM APPROXIMATELY 50 CM TO ONE AND A HALF METERS DEPENDING UPON WHEN THE CORAL LAYER WAS ENCOUNTERED. THE NAVY DIVERS SUCTIONED ALL SEDIMENT THAT WAS ABOVE. ADJACENT TO, AND WITHIN THE WRECKAGE IN ORDER TO COMPLETELY THE NAVY TEAM THEN CUT THE WRECKAGE EXPOSE THE WRECKAGE. INTO SECTIONS IN PLACE TO FACILITATE ITS REMOVAL ONTO THE BEACH WHERE IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INSPECTED FOR REMAINS AND AFTER THE TEAM COMPLETELY REMOVED THE WRECKAGE ARTIFACTS. THE EXPOSED SEDIMENT WAS THOROUGHLY SUCTIONED. BASED ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF WRECKAGE, REMAINS, AND ARTIFACTS, THE TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST IMPLEMENTED THE STRATEGY OF EXTENDING THE PRIMARY GRID AN APPROPRIATE DISTANCE IN ALL FOUR DIRECTIONS. IF REMAINS OR WRECKAGE WERE ENCOUNTERED, THE TEAM EXPANDED THE AREAS FURTHER TO STERILE CONDITIONS. RE1 PLACED FIVE ST PITS WHICH WERE POSITIONED TO THE NORTH OF THE PRIMARY D IN ORDER TO TEST FOR THE POSSIBLE TRANSPORT BY OCEAN RENT OF WRECKAGE DEBRIS.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS.

- A. RE1 EXCAVATED THE LAND AND UNDERWATER AREAS TO STERILE CONDITIONS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY 15 CUBIC METERS ON LAND AND APPROXIMATELY 389 CUBIC METERS UNDERWATER.
- B. THE TEAM RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY 139 POSSIBLE OSSEOUS ELEMENTS, SOME FRAGMENTED, A TOTAL OF 22 POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH, NINE WITH APPARENT RESTORATIONS, 13 WITHOUT APPARENT RESTORATIONS, MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL EFFECTS, AND THOUSANDS OF PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION MEDIA.
- C. THE TEAM RECEIVED FOUR POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS AND ONE POSSIBLE HUMAN TOOTH FROM WITNESS.

## 8. MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

- A. AIRCREW EQUIPMENT:
  - (1) TWO PORTIONS OF FLASHLIGHT.
  - (2) TWO SECTIONS OF LIFE PRESERVER STRAP.
  - (3) NUMEROUS UNKNOWN BUCKLES.
  - (4) SEVERAL PIECES OF UNKNOWN CLOTH MATERIAL.
  - (5) VARIOUS METAL WEB BELT PIECES.
  - (6) TWO SECTION OF WEBBING WITH HOOK.
  - (7) TWO SECTIONS OF POSSIBLE HELMET LINER.
  - (8) SEVERAL PIECES OF UNKNOWN FABRIC/MATERIAL.
  - (9) NUMEROUS UNKNOWN ZIPPER PULL TABS.

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(10) PROBABLE PILOT CHECKLIST.

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(11) NUMEROUS UNKNOWN SNAP ASSEMBLIES. (12) UNKNOWN WEBBING PORTION WITH SNAPS.

TWO POSSIBLE RAFT REPAIR PLUG PIECES.

ONE POSSIBLE SIGNAL MIRROR SECTION. (14)(15) TWO UNKNOWN METAL BRACKETS WITH WEBBING STRAPS. (16) SEVERAL POSSIBLE WEB BELT STRAP HOOKS. (17) SEVERAL PORTIONS OF FLAK VEST. ONE POSSIBLE LAP BELT BUCKLE. (18)(19) MISCELLANEOUS M-16 RIFLE AMMUNITION CLIP PORTIONS. (20)THREE SURVIVAL SHOVEL SECTIONS. TWO POSSIBLE COMMUNICATION CORD RELAY SWITCH. (21)ONE PROBABLE GUNNERS BELT WITH CONNECTORS. (22)ONE UNKNOWN D-RING. (23)ONE ALL PURPOSE CLIP. (24)SEVERAL PROBABLE SECTIONS OF PONCHO. (25) (26) ONE MESS KIT WITH FORK AND ONE PORTION OF MESS ONE LIFE PRESERVER CASE WITH CELL (RIGHT SIDE). (27)SEVERAL PORTIONS OF LIFE PRESERVER UNIT (LPU). NUMEROUS UNKNOWN WEBBING PIECES. ONE SMALL VINYL COVER. (30) (31) ONE PAIR OF PLIERS. (32) THREE PORTIONS OF POSSIBLE AIR MATTRESS. (33) ONE M-17 CHEMICAL DEFENSE MASK AND HEAD STRAP PIECE. (34) ONE HANDSET H-33F/PT. (35) MISCELLANEOUS M-16 RIFLE SECTIONS. (36) ONE PORTION LOWERING DEVICE WITH HARDWARE AND WEBBING SECTION. (37) ONE POSSIBLE LAP BELT WEBBING WITH BUCKLE. (38) ONE PORTION OF FLIGHT GLOVE. (39) MISCELLANEOUS UNKNOWN GROMMETS. (40) UNKNOWN BAG SHAPED MATERIAL WITH ZIPPER AND METAL BAR PIECE. (41) TWO UNKNOWN BLUE FABRIC PIECES. (42) ONE HEADSET OR HELMET EAR CUP CUSHION. (43) TWO CANTEEN CUPS. (44) ONE UNKNOWN LONG ZIPPER SECTION WITH UNIDENTIFIABLE ITEMS ATTACHED. (45) THREE POSSIBLE SECTIONS OF RAIN GEAR. (46) SEVERAL PIECES OF POSSIBLE PONCHO LINER. (47) MISCELLANEOUS UNKNOWN BUTTONS. (48) MULTIPLE POSSIBLE METAL STRAP END PIECES. ONE SECTION OF UNKNOWN WEBBING WITH D-RING. (49) (50) ONE UNKNOWN WEBBING SECTION WITH BUCKLE. (51) ONE POSSIBLE RIFLE CLEANING BORE PIECE. (52) TEN METAL HELMETS. (53) ONE PORTION OF METAL HELMET. 342/03:31Z 051745Z DEC 95 /10561/ 6 QHA 0023 /333 342/03:352 CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI

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- B. AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS:
- (1) DATA PLATE: "AXIVANE FAN", P/N 500702-5700, S/N 1A58778.
- (2) DATA PLATE: "MOTOR, AC", MFRS P/N 9420015, S/N ON 198.
  - (3) DATA PLATE: "ANTENNA AT-780/ARN, S/N 139B."
- (4) DATA PLATE: "AIRCRAFT MOD. CH-53C, MFR. CODE 78286, P/N 65200-05004-04, CONT. NO. N00019-69-C-062, S/N A-6-254".
  - C. MATERIAL EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHED AND LEFT AT THE SITE:
    - (1) UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.
    - (2) POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT INSULATION MATERIAL.
    - (3) TWO AIRCRAFT SEATS.
- 9. LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST COMMENTS: FIELD ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND AIR CREW RELATED ITEMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH A CH-53 SERIES HELICOPTER; HOWEVER, NO ITEMS WERE RECOVERED WHICH EXCLUSIVELY CORRELATE WITH CASE 2003.
- 10. ANALYST/LINGUIST COMMENTS.
- A. ON 27 OCTOBER 1995, RE1 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO SAW REMAINS IN THE CRASH SITE OF KNIFE 31.
  - (1) WITNESS ONE.
    - (A) NAME: (b)(6)
    - (B) AGE: 31 YOA.
    - (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: KAMPONG SOM PROVINCE.
    - (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: FISHERMAN.
    - (E) BACKGROUND: WITNESS WAS A GUARD ON TANG
- ISLAND FROM 1989 TO 1994.
- (F) STATEMENT: (D)(6) REPORTED THAT IN DECEMBER 1992, HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT WERE SCAVENGING ALUMINUM FROM THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31 AND DISCOVERED REMAINS. HE COLLECTED THE REMAINS AND TURNED THEM OVER TO HIS COMMANDER. THESE REMAINS WERE LATER TURNED OVER TO AN INVESTIGATION ELEMENT IN 1992.
- B. MR. MOK LED RE1 TEAM LEADER TO THE LOCATION WITHIN THE KNIFE 31 CRASH AREA WHERE HE FOUND THE REMAINS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS ORIENTED WITH THE TAIL TO THE BEACH AND THE NOSE TO SEA. THIS AREA WAS PART OF THE AREA LATER EXCAVATED.
- C. ON 29 OCTOBER 1995, RE1 INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO SAW REMAINS IN THE CRASH SITE OF KNIFE 31.
  - (1) WITNESS TWO.
    - (A) NAME: (b)(6)
    - (B) AGE: 34 YOA.
    - (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE: TANG ISLAND.
    - (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: COMMANDER OF
- SECURITY FORCES, TANG ISLAND.
- (E) BACKGROUND: WITNESS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO TANG ISLAND SINCE 1989.

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- (F) STATEMENT: [b](6) STATED HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT SCAVENGED ALUMINUM FROM THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31 AND KNIFE 23 FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS DURING THE END OF 1994. DURING THEIR SCAVENGING, THEY FOUND REMAINS WITHIN THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31. [b](6) STATED HE BELIEVED THE REMAINS TO BE AMERICAN BECAUSE OF THEIR SIZE. HE NOTED THE REMAINS WERE BLACK WHEN HE FIRST BROUGHT THEM OUT OF THE WATER, BUT TURNED WHITE AS THEY DRIED OUT.
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  D. FOLLOWING THE INTERVIEW, (b)(6) LED THE RE1 TEAM
  LEADER AND NAVY MASTER DIVER TO THE LOCATION WHERE HE FOUND
  THE REMAINS WITHIN THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31. HE LATER
  RETURNED TO HIS QUARTERS AND RETRIEVED THE REMAINS AND ONE
  TOOTH HIS TEAM FOUND AT THE SITE. HE TURNED THE REMAINS
  OVER TO THE RE1 TEAM LEADER.
- 11. EOD TECHNICIAN COMMENTS. THE TEAM EOD TECHNICIAN RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE FROM THE PROJECT AREA: ONE M72 LIGHT ANTI-TANK WARHEAD (LAW), ONE RUSSIAN ROCKET PROPELLED GRENADE (RPG), ONE M67 FRAGMENTATION GRENADE, EIGHT 60MM HIGH EXPLOSIVE (HE) MORTARS, ONE CHICOM RIFLE GRENADE, APPROXIMATELY 450 SMALL ARMS ORDNANCE (5.56MM AND 7.62MM ROUNDS), FIVE 81MM HE MORTARS (EMPTY), AND THREE 105MM HE PROJECTILES (EMPTY). ALL ORDNANCE WAS DESTROYED TO TOUCE THE HAZARDS TO LOCAL PERSONNEL ON THE ISLAND ON 18 'EMBER 1995.
- 12. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
- A. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER EXCAVATION OF THE CRASH AREA ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003.
  - B. THIS SITE WAS EXCAVATED TO STERILE CONDITIONS.
- C. ALL REMAINING WRECKAGE WAS REMOVED TO A CENTRAL LOCATION ON THE BEACH FOR FURTHER INSPECTION.
- D. RECOVERED WRECKAGE IS CONSISTENT WITH POST EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY WHICH DEPICTS CHARRED WRECKAGE.
- E. THE CONCENTRATION OF POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS WERE FOUND ADJACENT, UNDER AND INSIDE THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31.
- F. THE WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31 WAS HEAVILY SCAVENGED FOR METAL. BOTH ENGINES AND THE OUTER LAYER OF AIRCRAFT ALUMINUM TO INCLUDE ALL SUPPORT BEAMS WERE REMOVED. SIGNS OF PRYING AND CUTTING ARE APPARENT THROUGHOUT THE EXISTENT WRECKAGE. TWO PICK HEADS AND HEAVY LEVERAGING TIMBERS FOUND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE WRECKAGE ARE DIRECT SIGNS OF SCAVENGING EFFORTS.
- G. EARLIER, UNILATERAL TURNOVERS ALLEGED TO BE FROM THIS CRASH SITE, CONSISTING OF BOTH HUMAN REMAINS AND MATERIAL EFFECTS, FURTHER SUBSTANTIATES NUMEROUS SCAVENGING EFFORTS.
- H. THE DYNAMIC EFFECTS OF SHIFTING TIDAL CURRENTS, SPORADIC STORMS, AND CONSTANT WAVE ACTION INDICATES THAT MATERIAL EFFECTS AND HUMAN REMAINS COULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED

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## 13. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.

- A. EPISODES OF HEAVY METAL SCAVENGING AND STRONG TIDAL OCEAN CURRENTS OVER A TWENTY YEAR PERIOD MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE LIMITED HUMAN REMAINS RECOVERED.
- B. BOTH THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. NAVY SALVAGE TEAM AND THE ROYAL CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS RECOVERY MISSION.
- C. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. CONCUR WITH TEAM LEADER'S COMMENTS.//BT

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NARR/REF A IS THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT ON CAMBODIA CASE 2003 CONDUCTED DURING THE 33RD JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA). REF B IS THE LETTER FROM A FORMER PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) VETERAN WHO DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF TWO UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE.//

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 20 OCT 95, THE RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION TEAM (RIT) INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS IN BAI THOM VILLAGE, PHU QUOC ISLAND, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE IN RELATION TO CAMBODIA CASE THIS WITNESS RECOUNTED INFORMATION THAT OTHER INDIVIDUALS 2003. PROVIDED TO HIM CONCERNING SCAVENGING A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ON KOH TANG (ISLAND). THIS INDIVIDUAL AND HIS GROUP RECOVERED MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND REMAINS FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE WITNESS ALLOWED THE RIT TO EXAMINE FIVE MATERIAL EVIDENCE ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH A CH-53A HELICOPTER. ON 6 NOV 95, A RIT ELEMENT INTERVIEWED ANOTHER WITNESS IN HANOI FOR CASE 2003. THIS WITNESS PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION INFOR-MATION ON ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL FROM THIS CASE. SKETCHED A MAP OF THE CRASH SITE LOCATION ON KOH TANG (ISLAND) WHERE HE FOUND IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND REMAINS.

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2. BACKGROUND:

- A. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: ON 15 MAY 75, A CH-53A HELICOPTER CRASHED NEAR THE SHORELINE OF KOH TANG (ISLAND), CAMBODIA, WHILE ON A MISSION TO RESCUE THE CREW OF THE U.S. CONTAINER SHIP "MAYAGUEZ." TWENTY-SIX PERSONNEL (FOUR USAF CREW MEMBERS, 20 USMC AND TWO USN PASSENGERS) WERE ABOARD THE HELICOPTER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS RESCUED 13 PERSONNEL AT SEA, BUT THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PRECLUDED FURTHER EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE REMAINING PASSENGERS.
- B. INVESTIGATION RESULTS TO DATE: ON 18 JAN 95, DURING THE 33RD JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT TWO INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES: (b)(6)
- (b)(6) INDICATED HE POSSESSED HELICOPTER WRECKAGE AT HIS HOME ON PHU QUOC ISLAND. ON 19 SEP 95, DET 2 RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE VNOSMP IN WHICH THEY FORWARDED A LETTER CONCERNING CASE 2003 FROM A VIETNAMESE CITIZEN. THIS CITIZEN, (b)(6) STATED HE FOUND REMAINS AND IDENTIFICATION MEDIA ASSOCIATED WITH TWO UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE ON KOH TANG (ISLAND).
- C. PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION: DETERMINE THE PRECISE LOCATION OF THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. LOCATE AND EXAMINE MATERIAL EVIDENCE RETRIEVED FROM THE CRASH SITE

LOCATION.

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3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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A.	PART	CIPANTS:
	(1)	U.S. CONTINGENT:
		(A) (b)(6) TEAM LEADER
		(B) ANALYST/LINGUIST
		(C) , ANALYST/LINGUIST
		(D) SEARCH AND RECOVERY
		SPECIALIST
	(2)	VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:
	(2)	
		MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE
		(B) (b)(6) , VNOSMP TEAM
		MEMBER, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVE
	(3)	KIEN GIANG PROVINCE MIA TASK TEAM:
		(A) (b)(6) TEAM LEADER
		(B) (b)(6) , TEAM MEMBER
		(C) (b)(6) , TEAM MEMBER
	(4)	PHU QUOC ISLAND DISTRICT MIA TASK TEAM:
		(A) (b)(6) , TEAM LEADER
		(B) (b)(6) TEAM MEMBER
		(C) , TEAM MEMBER
		(D) (b)(6) TEAM MEMBER
		(E) TEAM MEMBER
		(F) (b)(6) , TEAM MEMBER
В.	TNVE	TIGATION: ON 19 OCT 95, THE RIT TRAVELED TO PHU QUOC
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ISLAND, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CAMBODIA CASE 2003. THE
RIT MET WITH THE PHU QUOC DISTRICT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND DISCUSSED THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE CASE.
C. WITNESS INTERVIEWS:
(1) WITNESS ONE: ON 20 OCT 95, THE RIT INTERVIEWED A
WITNESS AT THE HUONG BIEN (HWONG BIEENR) GUEST HOUSE (IN THE
VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (b)(5): (b)(6) IN BAI THOM
(BAIX THOWM) VILLAGE, PHU QUOC ISLAND, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE.
(A) NAME: (b)(6)
(B) AGE: 48 YOA

(C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME AT RESIDENCE: BAI THOM VILLAGE, PHU QUOC ISLAND, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, SINCE 1990. PREVIOUSLY RESIDED IN HA TINH PROVINCE.

(D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: BAI THOM VILLAGE PEOPLE'S

COMMITTEE MEMBER.

(E) STATEMENT:

(1) [b)(6) SAID HE NEVER VISITED THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ON KOH TANG ISLAND. HE SAID SIX OTHER INDIVIDUALS TRAVELED TO THE CRASH SITE LOCATION. HE NAMED [b)(6) YOUNGER BROTHER AND BOAT OWNER). (b)(6)

OF THE SIX-PERSON GROUP VISITED THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ON AT LEAST ONE OF TWO OCCASIONS.

- (2) THE GROUP FIRST VISITED KOH TANG ISLAND IN APRIL 1994 AND SPENT 22 DAYS THERE. (D)(6) DID NOT RECALL WHEN THE GROUP MADE THEIR SECOND TRIP, BUT HE SAID THEY REMAINED THERE FOR 25 DAYS. ON THEIR FIRST TRIP THEY BROUGHT BACK ONLY ALUMINUM. DURING THEIR SECOND TRIP THEY RECOVERED ALUMINUM, WRECKAGE, AND REMAINS.
- (3) THE GROUP TOLD (b)(6) THEY NOTICED A U.S. RECOVERY ELEMENT EXCAVATING AN AREA NEAR THEIR LOCATION. (b)(6)

  DID NOT KNOW HOW FAR THE U.S. RECOVERY ELEMENT WAS FROM THE WRECKAGE SITE THE VIETNAMESE GROUP HAD SCAVENGED. HE SAID (b)(6) COULD PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION. AT THE TIME OF THE RIT'S INTERVIEW WITH (b)(6) NO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WHO VISITED THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE WERE ON PHU QUOC ISLAND. ACCORDING TO (b)(6) AND WERE IN NHA BE (NHAF BEF) DISTRICT, HO CHI MINH CITY. HE SAID HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
- (2) WITNESS TWO: ON 7 NOV 95, A RIT ELEMENT INTERVIEWED A SECOND WITNESS AT 10 BIS HA HOI (BIS HAJ HOOIJ) STREET, HANOI.
  - (A) NAME: (b)(6)
  - (B) AGE: 48
- (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME AT RESIDENCE: RESIDENT OF NGHIEM XUYEN (NGHIEM XUYEN) VILLAGE, THUONG TIN DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE. LENGTH OF TIME UNKNOWN.
  - (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: UNEMPLOYED
  - (E) STATEMENT:
    - (1) (b)(6) SAID HE WAS AN OFFICER ASSIGNED TO

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THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S NAVAL REGION FIVE HEADQUARTERS IN CAMBODIA IN 1979. A DETACHMENT OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED ON KOH TANG (ISLAND) AT THAT TIME. THE UNIT WAS STATIONED ON THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND. DURING HIS TIME THERE, (D)(6)
DISCOVERED A UH-1 HELICOPTER THAT HAD CRASHED ON THE SHORE. HE SAID THE WRECKAGE OF A PCX PATROL BOAT WAS ALSO IN THE SAME AREA, JUST OFFSHORE.

- SCAVENGING THE OFFSHORE HELICOPTER SITE FOR METAL. (b)(6) SAID HE FIRST VISITED THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE LOCATION WITH SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE. ON ONE OF THEIR SCAVENGING TRIPS, THEY DISCOVERED SOME CLOTHES, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, IDENTIFICATION TAGS AND REMAINS. THEY ALSO FOUND A PARACHUTE. WHEN THEY FOUND THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, THEY READ IT AND RECOGNIZED IT AS BEING THAT OF AN AMERICAN. AFTER 1989, THEY INFORMED NAVAL REGION FIVE HEADQUARTERS AND TURNED OVER THE IDENTIFICATION TAGS. BEFORE TURNING THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA OVER, (b)(6) RECORDED ALL THE INFORMATION FROM THE IDENTIFICATION TAGS. HE DID NOT KNOW THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA. (NOTE: (b)(6) VAN DUONG TURNED THE REMAINS HE RECOVERED OVER TO A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 33RD JFA.)
- (3) b)(6) DID NOT RETURN TO THE ISLAND AFTER 1989 WHEN THE VIETNAMESE WITHDREW FROM CAMBODIA AND CAMBODIAN FORCES MOVED ONTO THE ISLAND. HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE NAMES OF THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO VISITED THE CRASH SITE EXCEPT (b)(6) WAS ASSIGNED TO COMPANY 6 (NFI) WHILE ON KOH TANG (ISLAND).
- (4) [b](6) SAID HE REMEMBERED HOW TO GET TO THE CRASH SITE LOCATION AND WAS WILLING TO GUIDE A JOINT TEAM THERE. (NOTE: WHEN ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE AREA SURROUNDING THE CRASH SITE, DREW A MAP OF THE AREA.) HE SAID THE CRASH SITE IS NEAR A SANDY BEACH WHERE, NOT FAR OFFSHORE, IS THE HULL OF A PCX PATROL BOAT. HE BELIEVED THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE SHOULD BE EASY TO SPOT FROM THE AIR AND FROM THE SEA, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUALS SCAVENGED PRACTICALLY ALL THE ALUMINUM. THE PRIMARY LANDMARKS NEAR THE CRASH SITE WERE A FEW SEA PINE TREES ON THE NORTHEASTERN SHORE OF KOH TANG (ISLAND).
- (5) (b)(6) SAID THAT SINCE THE HELICOPTER CRASHED SUCH A LONG TIME AGO, IT HAD SUNK INTO THE SAND AND WAS NO LONGER ON THE SURFACE OF THE SHORE. WHEN HIS UNIT FIRST DISCOVERED THE CRASH SITE, THEY OBSERVED CLOTHES, AN IDENTIFICATION CARD, IDENTIFICATION TAGS AND REMAINS. HE SAID THEY LEFT THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AT THE SITE BECAUSE THE SOLDIER WHO FOUND IT COULD NOT READ ENGLISH AND THREW IT AWAY. THEY LEFT THE REMAINS THEY FOUND AT THE SITE.

# 4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:

- A. (b)(6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING PIECES OF EVIDENCE TO THE TEAM FOR EXAMINATION:
  - (1) ITEM 1: FIBERGLASS WHIP ANTENNA WITH PARTIAL BASE,
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APPROXIMATELY 37 INCHES LONG.

- (2) ITEM 2: SILVER CYLINDRICAL OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 INCHES LONG AND APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 INCH IN DIAMETER WITH MULTI-COLORED WIRES AND A PROBABLE CIRCUIT BOARD ATTACHED TO IT. IMPRINTED WRITING: SYNCHRO RECEIVER 400 TYPE TRN-1-FS-4/A983, ROTOR, PAT. PEND., STATOR, 1 PHASE, 16 VOLT, 3 PHASE, 11.8 VOLTS, 10218-003, MM8, CLIFTON PRECISION PRODUCTS, DIVISION OF CLIFTON PRECISION PRODUCTS, INC. INSCRIPTION ALONG THE LENGTH; "MADE IN U.S.A."
- (3) ITEM 3: PROBABLE HELICOPTER ROTOR HEAD ASSEMBLY; SN 65102-11051-187, REV-AC, KE-186. ITEM'S LENGTH; 74 CENTIMETERS WITH A WIDTH OF 27 CENTIMETERS AT IT'S WIDEST POINT.
- (4) ITEM 4: PROBABLE HELICOPTER ROTOR HEAD ASSEMBLY; NO SERIAL NUMBER DISCERNIBLE. ITEM'S LENGTH; 74 CENTIMETERS, WIDTH OF 27 CENTIMETERS. (ITEM IS THE SAME TYPE OF COMPONENT IDENTIFIED IN PARA 4A(3).)

(5) ITEM 5: PROBABLE HELICOPTER ROTOR HEAD ASSEMBLY; SN 65102-11051-187, REV-A, RTE, A-34261KE-127. ITEM'S LENGTH; 126 CENTIMETERS, WIDTH 30 CENTIMETERS AT ITS WIDEST POINT.

- B. (b)(6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION: SANDOVAL, A.R., 458-96-4809A, USMC, S, ROM CATH. HE ALSO PROVIDED A HAND-SKETCHED MAP OF KOH TANG (ISLAND) DEPICTING THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE LOCATION.
- 5. SURVEY RESULTS: N/A
- 6. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE
- 7. AREA OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: THE TEAM DID NOT VISIT THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE LOCATION ON KOH TANG (ISLAND) IN CAMBODIA.
- 8. ANALYST COMMENTS:
  - A. CORRELATIONS:
- (1) THE ITEM DESCRIBED IN PARA 4A(3) IS A SLEEVE ASSEMBLY THAT GOES ON A ROTOR HEAD FOR A CH-53A MODEL HELICOPTER. THIS CORRELATES TO THE HELICOPTER TYPE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. NO OTHER HELICOPTER CRASHES OCCURRED IN THE KOH TANG (ISLAND) AREA.
- (2) THE IDENTIFICATION DATA WITNESS TWO PROVIDED CORRELATES TO ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL, "SANDOVAL", ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. WITNESS TWO PREVIOUSLY WROTE A LETTER PROVIDING INFORMATION REGARDING TWO UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE: "JACOUES" AND "SANDOVAL."
- B. POTENTIAL LEADS: IF NECESSARY, (b)(6) MAY BE ABLE TO LEAD A JOINT TEAM TO THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE HE DESCRIBED (SEE PARA 10C BELOW).
- C. WITNESS RELIABILITY: ASSESS THE WITNESSES' RELIABILITY AS GOOD. THEY ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER.
  - D. INTERVIEWER'S COMMENTS:
- (1) THE TEAM DID NOT TRAVEL TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION ON KOH TANG (ISLAND).
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- (2) THE FIELD ASSESSMENTS IN THIS REPORT DO NOT CONSTITUTE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.
- 9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: N/A
- 10. TEAM CHIEF'S COMMENTS:
- A. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION THE TEAM RECEIVED OUTSTANDING SUPPORT FROM THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, PHU QUOC DISTRICT AND HA TAY PROVINCE MIA TASK TEAMS.
- B. (D)(G) RECALLED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO HIM BY INDIVIDUALS WHO VISITED KOH TANG (ISLAND) AND RECOVERED HELICOPTER WRECKAGE AND REMAINS. (D)(G) ACCURATELY IDENTIFIED THE AREA OF THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE AND PROVIDED THE IDENTIFICATION MEDIA INFORMATION OF AN UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE RIT WILL FORWARD ALL PHOTOGRAPHS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE, IDENTIFICATION MEDIA INFORMATION AND THE SKETCH MAP OF THE CRASH SITE AREA TO HQ JTF-FA J-2 FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.
- C. THOUGH THE RIT'S INVESTIGATION PRODUCED FURTHER LEADS FOR CASE 2003 (SEE MR. SUONG'S STATEMENTS), A JOINT RECOVERY TEAM EXCAVATED AND CLOSED THE SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 DURING JFA 96-1C. UNLESS DEEMED NECESSARY, RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003.
- 11. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: N/A//

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SUBJ/JTF-FA REPORT VN95-036: PAVN VETERAN PROVIDES ID MEDIA DATA FOR CASE 2003//

RMKS/1. SUMMARY: ON 19 SEP 95, DET 2 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE VNOSMP IN WHICH THEY FORWARDED A LETTER FROM PAVN VETERAN (b)(6)

LIVES IN NGHIEM XUYEN VILLAGE, THUONG TIN DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE. IN HIS LETTER, (b)(6) STATED HE DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN NEAR THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER IN 1989. THE TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN DIED AS A RESULT OF AN "HU1A" HELICOPTER CRASH. (b)(6) ALSO FOUND TWO ID TAGS WITH THE REMAINS. THE INFORMATION RECORDED FROM THE ID TAGS CORRELATES WITH REFNOS 2003-0-06 AND 2003-0-09.

## 2. DETAILS:

A. LETTER SOURCE:

(1) NAME: (b)(6)

(2) AGE: 45 YOA

(3) CURRENT RESIDENCE: NGHIEM XUYEN VILLAGE (XAX NGHIEEM XUYEEN), THUONG TIN DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE

(4) CURRENT OCCUPATION: RETIRED

(5) SOURCE RELIABILITY: UNKNOWN

B. ON 19 SEP 95, DET 2 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE VNOSMP. ALONG
WITH THE VNOSMP'S COVER LETTER WAS A COPY OF A LETTER FROM A PEOPLE'S
ARMY OF VIETNAM VETERAN, (b)(6)

(1) THE VNOSMP'S COVER LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

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(BEGIN TRANSLATION)
VNOSMP

HANOI, 19 SEPTEMBER 1995 RESPECTFULLY TO: LTC TIMOTHY BOSSE, COMMANDER U.S. MIA OFFICE IN HANOI

THE PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION RECENTLY FORWARDED INFORMATION TO THE VNOSMP RELATED TO AMERICANS MISSING DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. IN A LETTER DATED 10 AUG 1995 SENT TO THE PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION,

VILLAGE, THUONG TIN DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE, REPORTED HE HAD INFORMATION ABOUT TWO SETS OF REMAINS WHICH ARE POSSIBLY THOSE OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN KILLED IN AN HU1A HELICOPTER ON THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER.

ACCORDING TO (6)(6) , THEY WERE THE REMAINS OF TWO SERVICEMEN WITH ID TAGS THAT SAID:

1. -SANDOVAL

A.R.

458.96.48.09A

USMC S

ROM CATH

JACQUES
 J.J.

524.84.79.25B

USMC

CHRISTIAN.

AFTER A PRELIMINARY CHECK, THE VNOSMP BELIEVES (b)(6)

INFORMATION MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 WHICH INCLUDES
13 INDIVIDUALS ON BOARD A CH53A HELICOPTER THAT CRASHED ON 15 MAY
1975.

THE VNOSMP IS PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. MIA OFFICE FOR VERIFICATION AND TO PLAN AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN THE FUTURE. WE ENCLOSED THE LETTER (6)(6) SENT TO THE PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION FOR THE U.S. MIA OFFICE TO RESEARCH.

PLEASE GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR PERMANENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SIGNED)

(b)(6)

(END TRANSLATION)

(2) (b)(6) LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

(BEGIN TRANSLATION)

RESPECTFULLY RELAYED BY: (b)(6) EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

17/8/95

(SIGNED)

RESPECTFULLY TO: CENTRAL AGENCY, PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION

NAME: (b)(6)

DATE OF BIRTH: OCT 1950

DATE OF ENLISTMENT: JUL 1968

RANK: CAPTAIN

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CURRENTLY RETIRED, (I) AM A MEMBER OF THE PAVN VETERANS CHAPTER OF NGHIEM XUYEN VILLAGE, THUONG TIN DISTRICT, HA TAY PROVINCE.

IN THE PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION NEWSPAPER ISSUE NUMBER 49, THERE WAS A PROPOSAL FROM COMRADE (b)(6)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION, ABOUT THE ISSUE OF MIA'S AND FINDING REMAINS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS. THEREFORE, I AM REPORTING I DISCOVERED TWO SETS OF REMAINS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS KILLED IN AN HU1A HELICOPTER THAT CRASHED ON THE BORDER NEAR

CAMBODIA.

1. SANDOVAL
A.R.
458.96.48.09 A
USMC S

ROM CATH
2. JACQUES
JJ
524.84.79.25.B
USMC.M.
CHRISTIAN.

IN 1989 I SAW THE REMAINS WERE STILL IN THAT LOCATION. BETWEEN THEN AND NOW I AM NOT SURE IF THEY HAVE BEEN FOUND YET! THEREFORE I AM REPORTING SO THE RESPONSIBLE VIETNAMESE AND AMERICAN SECTIONS KNOW. IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND YET, PLEASE INFORM ME SO THAT I CAN SHOW YOU THE SPECIFIC LOCATION.
ADDRESS: (b)(6)

PAVN VETERANS ORGANIZATION - NGHIEM XUYEN VILLAGE THUONG TIN DISTRICT HA TAY PROVINCE

10 AUG 1995 (SIGNED)

(b)(6)

(END TRANSLATION)

C. DET 2 WILL FORWARD COPIES OF THESE TO LETTERS TO HQ JTF-FA SEPARATELY.

3. COMMENTS:

A. THE INFORMATION (b)(6) RECORDED FROM THE IDENTIFICATION TAGS CORRELATES WITH REFNOS 2003-0-06 (SANDOVAL) AND 2003-0-09 (JACOUES).

B. CASE 2003 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF A CH-53A HELICOPTER OVER WATER NEAR THE SHORELINE OF KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA, ON 15 MAY 75. HOW-EVER, (b)(6) STATED IN HIS LETTER THAT HE SAW THE TWO SETS OF RE-MAINS NEAR THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER. INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION EXISTS AT THIS TIME TO ASSOCIATE THE TWO SETS OF REMAINS (b)(6) SAW WITH THE TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS. RECOMMEND A JOINT TEAM INTER-VIEW (b)(6) IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER. IF THE JOINT TEAM DEEMS TO BE A CREDIBLE WITNESS, RECOMMEND (b)(6) LEAD A JOINT TEAM TO THE LOCATION HE CLAIMS HE SAW AMERICAN REMAINS IN 1989.//BT

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B. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH DTG 251214Z OCT 91, SUBJ: SUMMARY OF JOINT U.S. CAMBODIAN POW-MIA OPERATIONS, 14-23 OCT

C. SECSTATE DTG 110349Z JAN 92, SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF TWO

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92, SUBJ: ID STATUS - TWO REMAINS TURNED OVER BY SOC ON 11 JAN 92

1. REF A IS A JTF-FA REPORT CONCERNING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO U.S. PERSONNEL LOST FROM THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. DET 2 RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A PAVN VETERAN FORWARDED BY THE VNOSMP. IN IT, [b)(6)

WROTE THAT HE DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN NEAR THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER IN 1989. THE TWO HAD DIED AS A RESULT OF THE CRASH OF AN HUIA HELICOPTER.

ALSO FOUND TWO ID TAGS WITH THE REMAINS. THEY WERE FOR [b)(6)

BEEN FOUND YET AND IS WILLING TO LEAD THE AMERICANS TO THE SITE.

2. BOTH SANDOVAL AND JACQUES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TANG ISLAND LOSSES AND NOT A HELICOPTER CRASH ALONG THE VIETNAMESE-CAMBODIAN BORDER. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN INTERESTING POINT REGARDING THIS REPORT THAT CERTAINLY BEARS FURTHER INVESTIGATION. IN OCTOBER 1991, A JOINT U.S./SOC TEAM CONDUCTED SURVEY AND RECOVERY

OPERATIONS ON TANG ISLAND. ON OCT 18, TEAM LEADER (b)(6)

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RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM CAMBODIAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER LONG VISALO INFORMING HIM THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD LEARNED FROM THE SRV THAT IT HAD IN ITS POSSESSION APPROXIMATELY 25 KILOGRAMS OF REMAINS AND TWO ID TAGS RECOVERED FROM TANG ON OCT 23, (b)(6) MET WITH VFM VISALO AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE SRV ONLY HAD 1.55 KILOGRAMS OF REMAINS AND TWO ID TAGS, AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR THE SRV TO TRANSFER THESE ITEMS TO PHNOM PENH. (SEE REF B FOR BACKGROUND)

- REFS C AND D PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENT CILHI ANALYSIS. THE TURNOVER OCCURRED ON JAN 11 92 AND CONSISTED OF TWO PACKAGES, EACH CONTAINING SKELETAL REMAINS AND AN ID TAG. THE TAGS WERE FOR (b)(6) CILHI ANALYSIS DETERMINED THE REMAINS FOR (b)(6) WERE MONGOLOID AND THOSE FOR (b)(6)
- IS IT MERE COINCIDENCE THAT THESE TWO NAMES FOR SERVICEMEN LOST OFF TANG ISLAND HAVE BEEN TURNED IN TWICE NOW, BOTH IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SRV? NOT ONLY DOES (b)(6) CLAIM NEED FOLLOW-UP, BUT ALSO THE 1992 TURNOVER. THE SRV SHOULD BE QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS AND ID TAGS WHICH THEY EVENTUALLY TURNED OVER TO THE SOC. DEPENDING UPON THEIR ANSWERS, A JOINT INVESTIGATION REQUEST COULD BE A POSSIBILITY.
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A. INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT CONCERNS WITNESS TESTIMONY PERTINENT TO CASES 1998, 2002, 2003 AND 2038.

B. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTIC CONCLUSIONS.

### 2. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 24 AUGUST 1995, WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE A REPORTED GRAVESITE ON TANG ISLAND, INQUIRIES WERE MADE BY TEAM MEMBERS AMONG GUARD FORCES STATIONED ON THE ISLAND. KOC MARINE GUARD FORCE MEMBERS INDICATED THAT THEY KNEW OF ONE FORMER GUARD FORCE MEMBER NAMED (D)(G) WHO THEY HAD HEARD HAD RECOVERED AN IDENTIFICATION TAG AND SOME OF THE REMAINS, INCLUDING A SKULL FROM THE WRECKAGE OF ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT. GUARDS ON THE ISLAND STATED THAT (D)(G) LIVED IN BAT TRANG COMMUNE, PREY NOP SUBDISTRICT, SIHANOUKVILLE. UPON RETURN TO KAMPONG SAOM, TEAM REQUESTED KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PURPORTED WITNESS. KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN TURN TASKED PROVINCIAL SECURITY FORCES WITH LOCATING THE INDIVIDUAL.

B. ON 25 AUGUST, TEAM AND COUNTERPARTS TRAVELED TO BAT
TRANG COMMUNE, AND WERE TOLD THAT ((b)(6)
WAS FISHING.
LATER THAT EVENING, (6)(6)
WENT TO TEAM SHOTEL FOR
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D. ACCORDING TO WITNESS, HE WAS TAKING A BATH IN THE SEA NEAR THE WRECK OF ONE OF THE HELICOPTERS WHEN HE NOTICED A SQUARISH CHUNK OF METAL, WHICH HE TRIED TO PRY UP. THE METAL BROKE AND HE FOUND A SILVER COLORED METAL PLATE, POSSIBLY SOME KIND OF IDENTIFICATION TAG, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN AN PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION TAG. ADDITIONALLY WHILE DIGGING IN THE SAND, HE FOUND SEVERAL SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ONE SHINBONE, A FRAGMENT OF COCCYX, TWO RIBS, A FRAGMENT OF COLCYX, TWO RIBS, A FRAGMENT OF COLLARBONE, AND ONE POSSIBLE SKULL FRAGMENT. (D)(6)

WAS NOT SURE OF THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS, HAVING GIVEN THEM TO OTHER SOLDIERS ON THE ISLAND. HE HEARD THAT THEY WERE SENT TO THE BATTALION COMMANDER, NAMED (D)(6)

WHO REPORTEDLY SENT THEM UP THE CHAIN. WITNESS STATED THAT THE BONES HAD COME FROM ON AND AROUND THE LEFT FRONT SEAT OF THE SOUTHE RNMOST OF THE TWO HELICOPTERS ON THE EASTERN BEACH. WITNESS DREW A MAP OF THE

HELICOPTERS ON THE EASTERN BEACH. WITNESS DREW A MAP OF THE AIRCRAFT IN WHICH THE ORIENTATION OF THE HELICOPTERS MATCHED A PICTURE TAKEN BY RECON AIRCRAFT IN 1975. WITNESS ALSO EXTRACTED A REVOLVER, IN GOOD CONDITION, AND A SMALL RADIO, WHICH HE STATED WAS MOSTLY RUSTED.

E. WITNESS SAID THAT THE TOP OF THE HELICOPTER, THE FRAME AND SKIN HAD BEEN REMOVED BY SCAVENGERS. WITNESS SAID THAT THE LOWER HALF OF THE HELICOPTER WAS INACCESSIBLE TO SCAVENGERS BEGAUSE OF THE SAND.

F. WITNESS STATED HE KEPT THE METAL PLATE, LATER GIVING THE PLATE TO TWO PEOPLE TO SELL, HE STATED THAT HE BELIEVED ONE OF THE TWO MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE, MR. LY SOVANN, BUT DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS, OR WHAT HAPPENED TO THE METAL PLATE.

3. ANALYSTS COMMENTS:

A. WITNESS DRAWING OF HELICOPTER ORIENTATION, INDICATES KNOWLEDGE OF AREA. CURRENTLY, VISIBLE PORTIONS OF HELICOPTER WRECKAGE GIVE NO CLUE TO THE ORIENTATION OF THE AIRCRAFT. BT #3060

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WITNESS SOUGHT NO COMPENSATION DURING OR AFTER THE INTERVIEW. IF NECESSARY, WITNESS IS WILLING TO TRAVEL TO TANG ISLAND IN NOVEMBER TO POINT OUT EXACT AREA OF WRECKAGE HE REMOVED REMAINS

DESCRIPTION OF REMAINS MATCHES REMAINS TURNED OVER TO CILHI FROM TANG ISLAND IN AUGUST 1991. 4. COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: IF THE WITNESS STATEMENTS ARE ACCURATE THERE WAS AS LATE AS 1991 A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE HELICOPTER (KNIFE 31) REMAINING BURIED WITH REMAINS AND EQUIPMENT INTACT. THIS IS REASSURING AS WE HAVE BEGUN PREPARATIONS TO RECOVER KNIFE 31 IN JFA 96-LC. BT #3060

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2. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 28 JULY 1995; TWO MEMBERS OF THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA POW/MIA COMMITTEE TRAVELED TO TAKED PROVINCE TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE TWO POSSIBLE WITNESSES FOR TANG ISLAND CASES NOTED IN PREVIOUS REPORTING. ONE WITNESS, PAYON WAS REFERENCED IN BOTH REF A AND REF B. (6)(6) WAS THE REFERENCED IN BOTH REF A AND KEP B. NORTH POW/MIA COMMITTER '87 CI TARINGHIAS COMMITTER MEMBERS OF THE POW/MIA COMMITTER MEMBERS YMAA SU TASKED THE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL POLICE COMMANDER WITH LOCATING THE WITNESSES, AND RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH ON 29 JULY. B. ON 18 AUGUST 95, KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE RECEIVED A

TELEGRAM, DATED 4 AUGUST, FROM THE TAKEO PROVINCE DEPUTY POLICE COMMANDER WITH INFORMATION THAT ONE OF THE WITNESSES, (b)( HAD BEEN LOCATED AND THAT THE OTHER WITNESS, (b)(6) (b)(6) WAS DECEASED.

C. AT THE REQUEST OF DETACHMENT FOUR, ON THE EVENING OF A LIGHT STATE OF THE KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE BEGAN TRAVEL TO TRAM KAK SUBDISTRICT TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY

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D. ON 14 AUGUST 1995, (b)(6) WAS INTERVIEWED BY DETACHMENT PERSONNEL. (6)(6) REPEATEDLY ASSURED KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DETACHMENT PERSONNEL THAT HE WAS CERTAIN HE COULD POINT OUT THE BURIAL SITE AS REPORTED TO HIM BY THE COMBATANTS. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, WITNESS WAS COOPERATIVE, TO THE POINT OF BRINGING CLOTHING TO THE INTERVIEW IN CASE OF AN IMMEDIATE TRIP TO TANG ISLAND.

E. ON 24 AUGUST 1995, TEAM CONSISTING OF (b)(6)
TEAM LEADER, (b)(6)
ANTHROPOLOGIST, (b)(6) CHHOUK, LINGUIST/ANALYSTS, (BYGS) MEDIC, AND YMYGS)
EOD, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL (b)(6) CHAIRMAN KOC POW/MIA
COMMITTEE, (b)(6) MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND (b)(6)
TRAVELED TO TANG ISL AND ON KOC FISHERIES PATROL BOAT. MARINE FORCES POSTED ON TANG ISLAND CLAIMED TO HAVE NO WARNING OF TEAMS ARRIVAL ON ISLAND; HOWEVER, AFTER BEING REASSURED CONCERNING THE NATURE OF THE MISSION, KOC MARINES ALLOWED THE

F. DESPITE REPEATED ASSURANCES BY (b)(6) THAT HE WOULD SHOW THE TEAM THE EXACT SPOT WHERE THE REMAINS WERE BURIED, UPON ARRIVAL AT TANG ISLAND, HE ALMOST IMMEDIATE STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE BURIAL SITE WAS. (b)(6) (b)(6) SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN LOCATING THE SITE AND REPEATEDLY

STATED THAT HE "DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING" G. AT THE ISLAND, IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO HIS EARLIER TESTIMONY, (151/6) STATED THAT HE HAD NOT ARRIVED ON THE ISLAND IN 1975, BUT THAT HE HAD INSTEAD ARRIVED ON THE ISLAND IN 1978. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE STATED THAT HE HAD DEPARTED THE ISLAND IN 1977. (b)(6) SAID THAT THINGS HAD CHANGED; SPECIFICALLY STATING THAT THE CLEARING DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO THE EASTERN BEACH HAD BEEN ALL JUNGLE DURING HIS STAY ON THE ISLAND. ((ANALYST COMMENT: THE CLEARING, ABOUT TWO FOOTBALL FIELDS IN SIZE, WITH SOME GRASSES AND SOME CHARRED STUMPS OF BT #3058

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TREES, RESULTED FROM ORDNANCE USED DURING THE EXTRACTION OF U.S. MARINES FROM THE ISLAND, DURING THE INCIDENT, IN 1975.)). QUESTIONS BY ANALYSTS AND KOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE INCREASINGLY ANSWERED WITH "I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING" DURING THE COURSE OF THE INTERVIEW. WITNESS THEN STATED THAT THE KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT NEVER SHOWED HIM THE BURIAL SITE. WITNESS ADDITIONALLY CONTRADICTED EARLIER INTERVIEWS BY STATING THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF AN AMERICAN ALIVE ON THE ISLAND FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT.

H. WITNESS WAS ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AROUND THE AREA TO TRY TO REGAIN HIS ORIENTATION. WITNESS WAS NOT COOPERATIVE, BUT DID RESIGNEDLY AGREE TO THE ATTEMPT. WITNESS LOOKED AROUND FOR TEN MINUTES BEFORE GIVING UP. ADDITIONAL ATTEMPTS TO ENCOURAGE WITNESS FINALLY RESULTED IN THE WITNESS POINTING TO A SMALL NATURAL DEPRESSION IN THE MIDDLE OF A SMALL TRAIL, BETWEEN TWO LARGE BOULDERS, ABOUT 3 METERS BY 2 METERS. AREA WAS ABOUT 10 METERS UP THE TRAIL FROM THE NORTH END OF THE BEACH. AFTER DESIGNATING THE AREA AS "POSSIBLY THE PLACE". WITNESS IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE AREA AND SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THE RESULTS OF THE TEST PIT. WITNESS STATED THAT HE DID NOT NOW OF ANYONE KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING THE INCIDENT OR THE REPORTED BURIAL SITE.

# 3. TEST PIT:

A. AREA AND METHODS: TEAM EXCAVATED ENTIRE AREA INDICATED BY WITNESS (48P TS 95003 40013). TEST PIT AREA WAS LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF TRAIL. SOIL WAS REDDISH BROWN SAND. ALL SOIL WAS SIFTED THROUGH STANDARD 1/4 INCH WIRE MESH. AT ALL TIMES, TEST PIT WAS CONDUCTED UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST. AREA WAS DUG 20 CM IN DEPTH TO BEDROCK.

B. TEST PIT RESULTS: NOTHING CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN REMAINS WAS FOUND. NO LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OR PERSONAL EFFECTS OF ANY KIND WERE UNCOVERED DURING THE TEST PIT. NO MAN MADE ARTIFACTS OF ANY KIND WERE FOUND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TEST PIT.

4. ANALYST COMMENTS: WITNESS TESTIMONY CHANGED SHARPLY ON TANG ISLAND. PREVIOUSLY, WITNESS TESTIMONY HAD BEEN CONSISTENT AND ASSURED. WITNESS TESTIMONY BECAME INCONSISTENT AND ILLOGICAL. WITNESS TESTIMONY BECAME INCONSISTENT AND ILLOGICAL. WITNESS DID NOT APPEAR CONFUSED, BUT INSISTED HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE INCIDENT OR THE BURIAL SITE. DESPITE TWO HOURS OF TIME IN WHICH TO ORIENT HIMSELF, ON A BEACH AREA WITH SEVERAL OBVIOUS REFERENCE POINTS. WITNESS WAS UNABLE TO PINPOINT LOCATION OF REPORTED BURIAL SITE. WITNESS INDICATED AREA WHICH WAS FAR TOO SMALL TO BURY THE REPORTED

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TWENTY-SEVEN BODIES. WITNESS ALSO SHOWED NO INTEREST IN THE
RESULTS OF THE TEST PIT. WITNESS INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION OF ANY BURIAL SITE, DESPITE EARLIER
TESTIMONY. MR. MOL MON HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE THE SAME
INDIVIDUAL REPORTED IN REFUGEE REPORT OF 1988 (REF A.) AND WALK
IN REPORT OF 1994 (REF B.), THE OTHER POSSIBLE WITNESS, 150/6)

CHANTORN, FROM REF A. IS REPORTEDLY DECEASED. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UPCOMING RECOVERY EFFORT OF HELICOPTER, DETACHMENT FOUR IS NOT AWARE OF ANY OTHER LEADS FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES ON TANG ISLAND. BT #3058

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B. ON 10 AUGUST, KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM, DATED 4 AUGUST, FROM THE TAKEO PROVINCE DEPUTY POLICE COMMANDER WITH INFORMATION THAT ONE OF THE WITNESSES, (151/6)

(b)(6) (b)(6) REPORTED DECEASED.

AT THE REQUEST OF DETACHMENT FOUR, ON THE EVENING OF 11 AUGUST 1995, THREE MEMBERS OF THE KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE BEGAN TRAVEL TO TRAM KAK SUBDISTRICT TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THE LIVING WITNESS.

D. ON 12 AUGUST 1995, THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH AND REPORTED THAT THEY HAD CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF (b)(6) AND ESTABLISHED THAT HE HAD BEEN STATIONED ON TANG TSLAND. ACCORDING TO THE PAYON (b)(6) HE WAS A KHMER ROUGE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MEMBER, AND HE ARKIVED ON TANG ISLAND ABOUT JULY OR AUGUST OF 1975, TO INSTALL

RUEHPFA 2162 SECTION Ø1 OF Ø2 RADAR-SIGHTED GUNS ON THE ISLAND ((ANALYST COMMENT: DATE OF INCIDENT 15 MAY 1975)). THE WITNESS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT HE KNEW ALL ABOUT THE BATTLE ON THE ISLAND, HAVING LEARNED IT FROM KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS WHO WERE ON THE ISLAND AT THE TIME. THE WITNESS TOLD KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT HE KNEW OF ONE HELICOPTER WHICH CRASHED VERY CLOSE TO THE BEACH, AND THAT POSSIBLY FOUR OTHER HELICOPTERS HAD CRASHED FARTHER OUT. HE SAID THAT THE SOLDIERS TOLD HIM THAT THERE WERE 27 AMERICANS KILLED IN THE FIGHTING AND THEY WERE BURIED ABOUT 50 METERS FROM THE BATTLE SITE. WITNESS KNEW THE NAME OF THE SHIP INVOLVED IN THE INCTUENT, THE S.S. MAYAGUEZ. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, (b)(6) STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF ANY PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACT AS ADDITIONAL WITNESSES CONCERNING THE TANG ISLAND CASES; (b)( STATED THAT SOME WERE STILL WITH THE KHMER ROUGE AND SOME WERE DECEASED.

E. ACCORDING TO THE KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, HE WAS INITIALLY HESITANT TO DISCUSS THE INCIDENT, BUT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXPLAINED

THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE

POW/MIA MISSION TO HIM. COMMITTEE MEMBERS STATED THAT (6)(6) WAS UNCERTAIN CONCERNING DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT, BUT COMMITTEE MEMBER INTERVIEWING BELIEVES THAT, IF TRANSPORTED TO TANG ISLAND, (6) WOULD BE ABLE TO LOCATE SPECIFIC SITES FOR THE SEARCH TEAM. A FOLLOW-UP INTERVIEW WITH (6)(6) HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

3. ANALYST COMMENTS:

A. (b)(6)

IS REFERENCED IN REF A AS A "KHMER ROUGE CADRE", WHO ORDERED THE EXECUTION OF ONE AMERICAN FOUND ON THE TANG ISLAND ABOUT FIVE DAYS AFTER THE FIGHTING HAD ENDED, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN HIS HESITANCY TO ASSIST IN LOCATING OTHER WITNESSES. WHEN WITNESS IS CONVINCED OF POW/MIA MISSION MOTIVES, HE MAY BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH INFORMATION. CONCERNING THE REPORTED NUMBER OF AMERICAN LOSSES ON THE ISLAND, 27, BY (6) COUNT, VICE 18 KILLED OR MISSING; A LARGE AMOUNT OF ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED DURING THE BATTLE, INCLUDING NAVAL ARTILLERY AND ONE 15,000 POUND BOMB. IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THERE WERE ANY NUMBER OF RT #2162



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SUBJECT: /DETACHMENT FOUR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT CB 95-03//

UNRECOGNIZABLE BODIES IN THE AREA. DUE TO THE EXTREMELY RAPID BUILD UP OF DEFENSES ON THE ISLAND, THE KHMER ROUGE MAY NOT HAVE HAD AN ACCURATE ROSTER OF KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS ON THE ISLAND.

B. RECOMMEND LEAD BE FOLLOWED ON-SITE IMMEDIATELY. FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS "BONE TRADERS" ARE COGNIZANT OF JTF-FA INTEREST CONCERNING TANG TSLAND: JTF-FA PERSONNEL HAVE MADE THREE TRIPS TO KAMPONG SAOM TO COORDINATE THE TANG ISLAND INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY MISSION. KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA TAKEO PROVINCIAL SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE USED TO LOCATE (b)(6) REF B INDICATES THAT VALVEY NAME IS KNOWN TO PERSONS WITH STRICTLY MONETARY INTERESTS IN THE REMAINS. REF C INDICATES THAT CIVILIAN PERSONNEL HAVE READY ACCESS TO TANG ISLAND, DESPITE OR PERHAPS EVEN WITH THE COMPLICITY OF, KOC MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE ISLAND.

C. AS A MINIMUM AN ANTHROPOLOGIST DESIRED TO ACCOMPANY WITNESS AND DETACHMENT PERSONNEL TO BURTAL SITE. PERHAPS CILHI PERSONNEL MAY BE AVAILABLE DURING THE ONGOING REDEPLOYMENT OF LAOTIAN JFA. FOR CILHI PERSONNEL ESTIMATE A MINIMUM OF FIVE DAYS AND NO MORE THAN 10 DAYS IN COUNTRY FOR TRAVEL AND SURVEY OF SITE. US DEMINERS IN COUNTRY HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUPPORTING DETACHMENT FOUR IF EOD SUPPORT NEEDED ON SHORT NOTICE. IF SURVEY DETERMINES THAT A RECOVERY IS WARRANTED A KOC POW/MIA COMMITTEE CONTROLLED SECURITY ELEMENT WILL BE PLACED ON SITE.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: CONCUR. 4.

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SUMMARY: ON 12 JULY 95, TWO CAMBODIAN NATIONALS APPROACHED DETACHMENT FOUR WITH FRAGMENTS FROM POSSIBLE AMERICAN REMAINS REPORTEDLY FOUND ON TANG ISLAND. CAMBODIAN NATIONALS PROVIDED NO SPECIFIC IDENTIFICATION DATA. ON 26 JULY 1995, A PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST REVIEWED THE REMAINS, AND DETERMINED THEM TO BE OF NO FORENSIC VALUE.

WITNESS ONE (WL) ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
A. NAME: (b)(6)

B. ADDRESS: VIAL MEAS VILLAGE, REAL RENH COMMUNE,

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C. DPOB: 1951, REAL RENH VILLAGE, PREY NOP DISTRICT, SIHANOUKVILLE

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D. OCCUPATION: FARMER, WOODCUTTER
E. NATIONALITY: CAMBODIAN

F. RELIGION: BUDDHIST

G. LANGUAGE SPOKEN: KHMER

WITNESS TWO (W2) ADMINISTRATIVE DATA A. NAME: (b)(6)

B. ADDRESS: VIAL MEAS VILLAGE, REAL RENH COMMUNE, PREY NOP DISTRICT, SIHANOUKVILLE

C. DPOB: 740910, VIAL MEAS VILLAGE, REAL RENH COMMUNE,

PREY NOP DISTRICT, SIHANOUKVILLE

D. OCCUPATION: FARMER

E. NATIONALITY: CAMBODIAN

F. RELIGION: BUDDHIST

G. LANGUAGE SPOKEN: KHMER, LIMITED ENGLISH

H. DATE OF INFORMATION: 950712

H. DATE OF INTERVIEW: 950712

I. INTERVIEWER: SSG GAMACHE

- MATERIAL EVIDENCE: WITNESSES PRESENTED DETACHMENT WITH A SMALL CLEAR CELLOPHANE BAG CONTAINING ELEVEN SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS. FRAGMENTS ARE VERY WEATHERED AND FRAGILE. THE LARGEST FRAGMENT MEASURES 37MM BY 12MM BY 2MM. FRAGMENTS ARE EXTREMELY FRAGTLE AND MEASUREMENTS COULD NOT BE MADE OF REMAINING FRAGMENTS WITHOUT INCURRING FURTHER BREAKAGE.
- ANTHROPOLOGIST COMMENTS: TEN SMALL LONG BONE FRAGMENTS, ONE DISTAL FOOT PHALANX AND BONE DUST WERE EXAMINED. THE VERY SMALL AND WEATHERED LONG BONE FRAGMENTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE HUMAN. THE DISTAL FOOT PHALANX IS HUMAN, NO OTHER BIOLOGICAL DETERMINATIONS CAN BE MADE. THE FRAGMENTS ARE OF NO FORENSIC VALUE. BT

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## RMKS/1. REFERENCES:

- A. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC) DURING THE 95-1C JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) FROM 1 APR 95 TO 5 MAY 95.
- B. REF B IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003 IN MARCH 1992.
- C. REF C IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003 IN DECEMBER 1992.
- D. REF D IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003 IN FEBRUARY 1993.
- E. REF E IS THE 1:250,000 SCALE MAP SHEET COVERING THE AREA OF INVESTIGATION.
- F. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS BASED ON FIELD ANALYSIS ALONE AND IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE FINAL ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

- A. FROM 30 APR 95 THROUGH 2 MAY 95, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT AND NITED STATES NAVY SALVAGE TEAM CONDUCTED SURVEY OF CRASH SITE OF ASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND, KOH KONG PROVINCE, KOC. CASE 2003 NVOLVES THE 15 MAY 75 LOSS OF A CH-53A HELICOPTER DURING THE ARINE ASSAULT ON THE ISLAND. THIRTEEN INDIVIDUALS ARE UNACCOUNTED OR IN THE INCIDENT. ON 30 APRIL 95, TEAM TRAVELLED TO IHANOUKVILLE (KAMPONG SAOM CITY) AND CONTACTED CAMBODIAN FISHERY PERSONNEL TO ARRANGE FOR LAUNCH OF VESSEL TO TANG SLAND.
- B. ON 1 MAY 95, TEAM TRAVELLED TO TANG ISLAND, CONDUCTED ALVAGE SURVEY AND RETURNED TO SIHANOUKVILLE. ON 2 MAY 95, TEAM ETURNED TO PHNOM PENH.
  - C. RECOMMENDATION: EXCAVATE.

# DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

- A. PURPOSE: TO DETERMINE BEST METHOD QF RECOVERY OF SITE 2003.
- B. ON 1 APR 95, THE JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY EAM (IRT) ARRIVED IN BUNG LUNG (GRID 48PYA147194), RATANAKIRI ROVINCE, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC) TO BEGIN JOINT FIELD OPERATIONS N CAMBODIA.
  - C. TEAM COMPOSITION:

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		ASSISTANT MISSION CDR/CASUALTY
		RESOLUTION SPECIALIST
		SECURITY ELEMENT CDR
		IRT CDR
		ANALYST/VIETNAMESE LINGUIST
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- D. ON 30 APR 95, THE TECHNICAL UNDERWATER RECOVERY/SURVEY TEAM, ACCOMPANIED BY CAMBODIAN MARINE REPRESENTATIVE, (b)(6)

  DEPARTED PHNOM PENH AND TRAVELLED TO SIHANOUKVILLE (GRID (b)(6) ), KOC. UPON ARRIVAL IN SIHANOUKVILLE, TEAM CONTACTED THE DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, (b)(6) , AND CONFIRMED THAT A FISHERIES DEPARTMENT PATROL BOAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR TRAVEL TO SITE ON TANG ISLAND.
- E. ON 1 MAY 95, TEAM TRAVELLED TO TANG ISLAND (GRID 48PTS960400) VIA DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES PATROL BOAT. ON ARRIVAL AT TANG ISLAND, TEAM CONTACTED THE COMMANDER OF ISLAND/BORDER DEFENSE FORCES ON TANG ISLAND, (DOC). WITH PERMISSION OF CAPT CHEA CHAI, TEAM BEGAN SALVAGE SURVEY OF AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING EXPOSED ROTOR HEAD (GRID 48PTS9653840737). LOCATION OF ROTOR HEAD DETERMINED UTILIZING A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) TRACKING A MINIMUM OF FOUR SATELLITES TO RECEIVE THE SITE COORDINATES. AFTER COMPLETING SITE SURVEY, TEAM RETURNED TO SIHANOUKVILLE.
  - F. ON 2 MAY 95, TEAM RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH.
- 4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:
  - A. ARTIFACTS: NONE B. REMAINS: NONE
- 5. SITE SURVEY RESULTS: SITE SURVEY DIVER INPUT FOR THE INSPECTION OF CH-53 (KNIFE 31) WRECKAGE. ONE 01 MAY 1995, WRECKAGE LOCATED AT COORDINATES 10-18' 53.9" N, 103-08'30.3" E ON THE NE SIDE OF KOH TANG ISLAND. SITE CONSISTED OF MAIN ROTOR IN 2 FT OF WATER AT LOW TIDE, 80 FT FROM WATER LINE ON BEACH. AT HIGH TIDE ROTOR WAS IN 4 FT OF WATER, 150 FT FROM THE WATER LINE. THE ROTOR LAY AT A 60 DEGREE ANGLE FROM UPRIGHT, ONE BLADE EXPOSED BUT SHEERED OFF, ANOTHER BLADE EXTENDING INTO THE SAND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT. ADDITIONAL WRECKAGE IS BURIED AT LEAST ONE FOOT BENEATH THE FINE SAND BOTTOM AND APPEARS NOT TO BE INTACT. FOUR CONSECUTIVE AIRCRAFT FRAME RIBS (ONE FOOT SEPARATION) WITH ATTACHED FUSELAGE WERE PARTIALLY UNCOVERED AT A DISTANCE OF 10 FEET FROM THE ROTOR HEAD. THE DEPTH OF WATER WOULD PERMIT A SALVAGE SHIP TO ANCHOR WITHIN 500 YARDS OF THE SITE, AND PERMIT SHIPS BOATS TO ANCHOR WITHIN 100 FEET OF ROTOR HEAD AT ANY TIDE. RECOVERY EFFORTS WILL REQUIRE REMOVAL OF SAND IN VICINITY OF DISCOVERED FUSELAGE AND SIFTING FOR REMAINS, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS.

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RECOVERY PLAN TO BE PROMULGATED VIA SEPCOR. NO HAZARDS WERE FOUND.

- 5. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE
- 1. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE
- 3. ANALYST COMMENTS: NONE.
- ). SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: INTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS.
- .O. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:
  - A. WITNESS RELIABILITY: N/A.
  - B. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSIONS: N/A.
  - C. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: HOST GOVERNMENT
- SUPPORT DURING THIS INVESTIGATION WAS EXCELLENT.

  D. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH SURVEY
  DIVER'S COMMENTS.
- E. MISSION COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDATION TO EXCAVATE THIS SITE.
- 1. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: EXCAVATE.//

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RMKS/1. REF A IS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT U.S./SRV ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM DURING THE 33RD JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) FROM 5 JAN 95 TO 25 JAN 95.//

2. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: DURING THE 33RD JFA, IE2 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM INTERVIEWING PERSONS IN THE HO CHI MINH CITY AREA. ON 18 JANUARY 1995, TWO VIETNAMESE MEN PRESENTED THEMSELVES AT THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IN HO CHI MINH CITY WITH HUMAN REMAINS, MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION WHICH MAY CORRELATE TO CASE 2003. ONE OF THESE MEN CLAIMS HE RECOVERED THESE REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM A CRASH SITE ON KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. HE ALSO CLAIMS TO HOLD ADDITIONAL MATERIAL EVIDENCE AT HIS HOME ON PHU QUOC ISLAND. HE IS WILLING TO LEAD A JOINT TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE. A U.S. ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED THESE REMAINS. THEY ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE VNOSMP AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT JOINT FORENSIC REVIEW.

RECOMMENDATION: REINVESTIGATE.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION.

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ON 7 JANUARY 1995, THE JOINT U.S./SRV INVESTIGATION TEAM ARRIVED IN HO CHI MINH CITY TO BEGIN THE 33RD JFA. TEAM COMPOSITION. (1)U.S. CONTINGENT. (b)(6)TEAM LEADER ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER ANALYST ANALYST/LINGUIST ANALYST/LINGUIST ANALYST/LINGUIST ANALYST/LINGUIST SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST. TEAM MEDIC EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIAN (2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT. (b)(6)MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/ TEAM LEADER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ON 18 JANUARY 1995, SEVERAL VIETNAMESE CITIZENS CAME TO THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE IN HO CHI MINH CITY WITH REMAINS ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS. (b)(6) VNOSMP HO CHI MINH CITY REPRESENTATIVE, HAD INVITED THESE PEOPLE TO RETURN TO THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE ON THIS DAY SO A U.S. ANTHROPOLOGIST COULD EXAMINE THE REMAINS THEY HAD. (b)(6)

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM ANALYST/LINGUIST, WAS PRESENT TO TRANSLATE FOR THE ANTHROPOLOGIST. WITNESS 1. THE TEAM MET (b)(6) (b)(6)(b)(6) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (1) NAME: (b)(6) (2) AGE: 23 YOA. CURRENT RESIDENCE: BAI THOM (BAIX THOOM) HAMLET, (3) BAI THOM (BAIX THOOM) VILLAGE, PHU QUOC (PHUS QUOOCS) ISLAND, KIEN GIANG (KIEEN GIANG) PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: SAME AS ABOVE. CURRENT OCCUPATION: FISHERMAN. (5) WITNESS RELIABILITY: FAIR. DURING THE INTERVIEW, APPEARED TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WITHOUT HESITATION. HE WILLINGLY AGREED TO LEAD A JOINT TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE. (7) BACKGROUND INFORMATION: NONE. IN APRIL 1994, WITNESS 1, [h)(6) (8) STATEMENT. NOW VISITING DA NANG CITY, AND TWO OTHERS TRAVELED BY BOAT TO KOH TANG ISLAND. THERE, THEY DISCOVERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE IN THE WATER NEAR THE BEACH. (b)(6) SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT TYPE OF /039 039/01:222 /10730/ 2 QHA 0004 081804Z FEB 95 CSN: KOCADDIN 039/01:222 CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI V9533011J.30

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AT THE TIME, THE WATER WAS ONLY ABOUT WAIST HELICOPTER THIS WAS. THEY USED A ROTOR BLADE FROM THE HELICOPTER TO DIG AROUND DEEP. THE WRECKAGE AND WERE ABLE TO RECOVER SOME HUMAN REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE. THEY MADE A SECOND TRIP SOMETIME IN MAY 1994 AND RECOVERED ADDITIONAL ITEMS. THEY BELIEVED THE REMAINS MAY POSSIBLY BE AMERICAN, SO THEY BROUGHT THEM TO (6)(6) BECAUSE □ BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS THE VILLAGE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE. (b)(6) NEVER ASKED FOR ANY COMPENSATION AND SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO LEAD A TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE.

- (b)(6) ACCOMPANIED (b)(6) WITNESS 2. TO THE E. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
  - (1)NAME: (b)(6)
  - (2)AGE: 48 YOA.
- CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME AT RESIDENCE: (3) BAI THOM (BAIX THOOM) HAMLET, BAI THOM (BAIX THOOM) VILLAGE, PHU QUOC (PHUS QUOCS) ISLAND, KIEN GIANG (KIEEN GIANG) PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT.
  - RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: SAME AS ABOVE. (4)
- (5)CURRENT OCCUPATION: MEMBER OF THE BAI THOM VILLAGE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE.
  - OCCUPATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT: UNKNOWN. (6)
  - UNABLE TO DETERMINE. (7) WITNESS RELIABILITY:
  - BACKGROUND INFORMATION: NONE. (8)
- (9)STATEMENT. (b)(6) PROVIDED NO ADDITIONAL DETAILS. HE CLAIMS HE DID NOT VISIT THE CRASH SITE AND ONLY ACCOMPANIED (b)(6) TO HO CHI MINH CITY BECAUSE HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BAI THOM VILLAGE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, HE SAID TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE (b)(6) ACCOUNT IS ACCURATE.
- MATERIAL EVIDENCE. 4.
  - MATERIAL EVIDENCE RETAINED BY JTF-FA:
- (1) U.S. ISSUE HELMET LINER WITH GALVESTON, TEXAS WRITTEN INSIDE.
  - (2) BENT ZIPPO LIGHTER.
  - (3) ONE HALF OF A U.S. ISSUE MESS KIT.
  - В. MATERIAL EVIDENCE PHOTOGRAPHED AND LEFT IN PLACE: N/A.
  - REMAINS:
    - (1)ONE CRANIUM.
    - (2)ONE HUMAN CANINE TOOTH WITHOUT RESTORATIONS.
    - TWO PORTIONS OF A RIGHT HUMERUS. (3)
    - SHAFT OF A LEFT HUMERUS. SHAFT OF A LEFT RADIUS. (4)
    - (5)
    - SHAFT OF A LEFT TIBIA. (6)
    - (7)ONE UNDIFFERENTIATED LONG BONE.
    - (8)TWO PROBABLE VERTEBRAL FRAGMENTS.
    - (9) ONE RIB.
    - (10) TWO NON-HUMAN BONES.
- 5. SURVEY RESULTS: NONE.

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- 6. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE.
- AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED. NONE.
- ANALYST COMMENTS.
- A. THE INFORMATION (b)(6) PROVIDED POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CAMBODIAN CASE 2003. THIS CASE INVOLVES THE 15 MAY 1972 LOSS OF A CH-53A HELICOPTER AND 13 U.S. SERVICEMEN WHILE ON A RESCUE MISSION NEAR KOH TANG ISLAND. HIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO THIS CASE BY LOCATION AND TYPE OF AIRCRAFT (HELICOPTER) ONLY.
- B. THERE ARE ONLY TWO HELICOPTER LOSSES NEAR KOH TANG ISLAND, CASES 2002 AND 2003. HOWEVER, CASE 2002 INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL AFTER THE HELICOPTER HE WAS IN CRASHED IN THE WATER OFF THE COAST OF THE ISLAND. THE HELICOPTER LOST IN CASE 2003 CRASHED NEAR THE SHORE AND THEREFORE MORE LIKELY CORRELATES TO ACCOUNT.
- C. THE HELMET LINER HAD "GALVESTON, TEXAS" WRITTEN ON THE INSIDE. THIS HELMET MAY OR MAY NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 2003-0-06. THIS U.S. MARINE WAS THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL IN THIS INCIDENT WITH A HOME STATE LISTED AS TEXAS. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE ANOTHER U.S. SERVICEMAN IN THIS INCIDENT WOULD HAVE WRITTEN "GALVESTON, TEXAS" FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL REASONS.
- 9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY COMMENTS: NONE.
- 10. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS:
  - A. WITNESS RELIABILITY.
- (1) (b)(6) APPEARED TO PROVIDE HIS INFORMATION IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. THE ANALYST/LINGUIST DID NOT FEEL HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO MISGUIDE THE TEAM.
  - (2) WE COULD NOT DETERMINE (b)(6) RELIABILITY.
  - B. ANALYTICAL CONCLUSION.
- (1) THE INFORMATION [b)(6) PROVIDED POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CASE 2003. AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS IS A POTENTIAL LEAD FOR THIS UNRESOLVED CASE. A JOINT TEAM SHOULD VISIT MR. DUONG'S HOUSE WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY IS HOLDING ADDITIONAL WRECKAGE FROM THIS CRASH SITE.
- (2) THE REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE (b)(6)
  PROVIDED TO THE JOINT TEAM WILL BE FORWARDED TO HANOI AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT FORENSIC REVIEW.
  - (3) CONCUR WITH ANALYST COMMENTS.
  - C. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.
- 11. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS. REINVESTIGATE//

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ANALYSIS OF MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATEW WITH REFNO

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NARR/REF A IS A DETAILED ROPAT OF INVESTIGATION AND REF B IS A DETAILED ROPAT OF SURVEY TO ROPAT.

RMKS/1. ON L - 14 DEC 72 (REF A GERMANE) AND 7 - 11 FEB 73 (REF B GERMANE), A JOINT US/CAMBODIAN TEAM CONDUCTED SURVEYS OF A SUSPECTED CH-53A CRASH SITE AT GRID COORDINATES (b)(5);(b)(6)

KAMPONG SAOM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.

2. THE TEAM RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REPORTED IN REF A:
(NOTE: ? INDICATE ILLEGIBLE ALPHA-NUMERIC CHARACTER)
- 22 INCH DIAMETER FIBERGLASS PLATE WITH DATA PLATE:
SHIELD PROTECTIVE, AIRCRAFT, FOR USE ON CH-53 TYPE AIRCRAFT
SPECIFICATION MIL-S-6451A STOCK NUMBER ????

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CONTRACT NUMBER NOW L3-D15D DATE OF MFG ???? L57DD-5DDDD-D41 SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT U.S. ON THE REVERSE OF THE PLATE: 7D-1627

- ONE UNDERARM LIFE PRESERVER
- ONE PIECE OF SMOKE MASK
- ONE PIECE OF FLAK JACKET
- ONE MK-13 DAY/NIGHT FLARE WITH: NOD104-738327 LOT# 4-KC-0873
- AIRCRAFT SHEET METAL WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA: 0.5-M NO. 2515 FG 621-70 AINT.PER. IL-L 19538 P.727-71
- AIRCRAFT SHEET METAL WITH: 150
- ACTIVATION LANYARD
- ACTUATOR ELECTRO-MECHANICAL WITH:
  TYPE: SYSTEM, VOLTS: 28 HC, AMPS 0.? MODEL 103, LOAD:50#
  SERIAL: A1211, MFG DATE: 12/70, DUTY CYCLE: INTERMITTENT
  CUSTOMER NO: L5403-02627 ORDER NO: 101
  NASH CONTROLS A SUBSIDIARY OF SIMMONS PRECISION CALDW???
  MADE IN THE U.S.A
- ELECTRONIC COMPONENT WITH: DE 1500, DE 1501, DE1506A
- PIECE OF FIBERGLASS WITH: E 65302 12003
- PIECE OF AN M-16
- ELECTRICAL COMPONENT WITH: AB, 1046949 TYPE J PAT 2.269136, MADE IN U.S.A
- PIECE OF SURVIVAL VEST
- 3. THE TEAM PHOTOGRAPHED AND RECORDED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REPORTED IN REF B:
- A. PART NUMBERS OBTAINED FROM KNIFE 23 ROTOR AND SHAFT
  - -65105-11018-006
  - -?5104-11043-?
  - -65102-11051-187 REV-AC
  - -65102-11064-087 ASSY REV
  - -65103-11001-102 REV-P
    - A 21016 S/N: F 57 PFLO
  - -4-11043-102 5104-11043
  - -VP-4167-7
- B. PART NUMBERS OBTAINED FROM ROTOR BLADE ATTACHMENT HOLDER FROM KNIFE 31
  - -65150-00045-103 REV-Y BB 65M4896
- C. PART NUMBERS OBTAINED FROM LARGE PIECES OF FUSELAGE
  - -P-67-819 PCPSS9
  - -MAR & 1922 65
- 4. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES: ALL AIRCRAFT PARTS RECOVERED ARE CONSISTENT WITH A CH-53 HELICOPTER ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS CAN BE DETERMINED. ALL PERSONAL FLIGHT EQUIPMENT RECOVERED ARE TYPES USED BY CH-53 AIRCREW.
- 5. JTF-FA COMMENTS: IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED IF ANY OF THE

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FLIGHT EQUIPMENT RECOVERED WAS IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH.
THEREFORE, NO DETERMINATION WHETHER AIRCREW MEMBERS REMAINS AT
THE SITE CAN BE MADE. THE RECOVERED ITEMS ARE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

· EDDS ON TO REFNO A CORRELATION TO REFNO 2003.

L. FOR AFMPC, BUBERS AND CMC: THIS INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A COPY OF REF A WAS PROVIDED ON 29 DEC 92. A COPY OF REF B WAS PROVIDED ON 25 FEB 93.

7. EVAL/GJM//

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DIA PASS TO DOD POW/MIA CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION OFFICE UNCLASSIFIED 92 SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY: CASE 2003 CVANDEGEER, GAUSE, MANNING, GARCIA, TURNER, SANDOVAL, RIVENBURGH, MAXWELL, JACQUES, COPENHAVER, BOYD, BLESSING, BENEDETT), INCIDENT LOCATION GRID 48PTS965488, TANG ISLAND, KAMPONG SAOM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.

- 1. REF: KOPORD 071923Z JAN 93, POW-MIA OPS IN CAMBODIA 193-3/C]) MAPS USED: 1:250,808 SERIES 1581 NC48-85.
- 2. SUMMARY OF SURVEY: FROM BS TO 11 FEB 93, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN SURVEY ELEMENT (SE) SURVEYED CASE 2003. PERSONNEL FROM JTFFA: CILHI: AND A FOUR MAN U.S. NAVY SALVAGE DIVING TEAM, CONDUCTED AN UNDERWATER SURVEY OF CH-53 WRECKAGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AT TANG ISLAND CAMBODIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO EVALUATE THE SITE AND DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A RECOVERY EFFORT. A VISUAL SEARCH OF THE SITE COMBINED WITH A METAL-DETECTOR SURVEY OF THE AREA REVEALED THE POTENTIAL RECOVERY AREA TO MEASURE APPROXIMATELY 188-X-188 METERS. THE AREA UNDER WATER MEASURES APPROXIMATELY 188-X-88 NETERS. THE WATER DEPTH AVERAGES LESS THAN 5 FEET, ITEMS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, PERSONAL EFFECTS

EXPENDED AMMUNITION, AND ONE (1) ITEM OF UNEXPLODED ORDINANCE (UXO) WERE LOCATED AND TURNED OVER TO SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS FOR ANALYSIS. EXCAVATION OF THE METAL OBJECTS LOCATED WITH THE METAL DETECTOR REVEALED WRECKAGE AT A RELATIVELY UNIFORM DEPTH OF 38-58 CENTIMETERS BELOW GROUND SURFACE. BASED ON ANALYSIS OF THE WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS RECOVERED DURING THE SURVEY, RECOMMEND THIS SITE BE CONSIDERED FOR RECOVERY BY AN UNDERWATER RECOVERY TEAM. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS CASE ON THE PART OF JTF-FA EXCEPT IN SUPPORT OF AN UNDERWATER RECOVERY OPERATION.

		O 11 FEB 93, A JOINT ) SURVEYED CASE 2003. THE
J.S. TEAM CONSISTED O		
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0)(6)		TANG ISLAND NAVAL FORCES
COMMANDER, (b)(6)	LED THE	CAMBODIAN TEAM,

A. SURVEY OPERATIONS:

(1) 9 FEB 93: TEAM CONDUCTED AN UNDERWATER SEARCH OF A 280 METER BY 58 METER AREA. THE SEARCH AREA STARTED AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE COVE (GRID (b)(5); (b)(6) SOUTHWARD FOR 200 METERS (GRID EXTENDED SO METERS TO SEA FROM THE SHORELINE. THIS AREA INCLUDED THE TWO CH-53 ROTOR MASTS IDENTIFIED DURING PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS. TEAM RECOVERED NUMEROUS ITEMS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. MOST ITEMS RECOVERED WERE LOCATED TOWARDS THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE SEARCH AREA AMONGST ROCK FORMATIONS. ALL ITEMS RECOVERED WERE EXAMINED AND CATALOGED BY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. METHOD OF SEARCH WAS WADING (SKIRMISH LINE, UTILIZING METAL DETECTORS) AND SVIMMING MASK AND SNORKEL). A LINE MARKED IN 18 METER INCREMENTS AND 188 METERS IN LENGTH WAS STRETCHED ALONG THE SHORE. ANOTHER LINE, MARKED IN 18 METER INCREMENTS RAN PERPENDICULAR TO THE SHORE LINE. THIS PROVIDED A MOVABLE GRID SYSTEM THEREBY ENSURING TOTAL AREA COVERAGE DURING THE SEARCH. EXCAVATION OF THE NETAL OBJECTS LOCATED WITH THE METAL DETECTOR REVEALED WRECKAGE AT A RELATIVELY UNIFORM DEPTH OF 38-50 CENTIMETERS BELOW GROUND SURFACE. THE EFFECTIVE RANGE OF THE METAL DETECTOR USED IS APPROXIMATELY 38 CENTIMETERS, SO THE POSSIBILITY THAT WRECKAGE IS BURIED AT DEEPER DEPTHS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WITH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING THE SURVEY. 12) 18 FEB 83: TEAM COMMENCED SEARCH OF THE ROCK AND CORAL AREA COMPRISING THE NORTHERN END OF THE BEACH (AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 158 METERS BY 188 METERS). THE SEARCH OF THESE AREAS WAS SLOW DUE TO THE WAST AMOUNTS OF DEAD CORAL AND SHELL.

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY: CASE 2003 (VANDEGEER, GAUSE, THE SEARCH METHOD WAS VADING AND SVIMMING; BOTH WITH MASK AND SNORKEL. DIVERS USED PROBES TO RAKE AND DIG IN THE CORAL AND SHELL. THE SEARCH WAS METICULOUS AND INCLUDED PROBING UNDER ROCK OVERHANGS. ALL RECOVERED MATERIAL WAS ANALYZED AND CATALOGED BY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. DURING THE SEARCH, ONE UNEXPLODED 48 MM GRENADE WAS IDENTIFIED. THE GRENADE HAD NOT BEEN FIRED. THE GRENADE HAD A HOLE IN THE CASING, MOST LIKELY CAUSED BY CORROSION, WHICH ALLOWED MOST OF THE PROPELLANT CHARGE TO BE WASHED OUT. THE GRENADE WAS LEFT IN PLACE AFTER ANALYSIS BY EOD TECHNICIANS. TEAM PROBED THE AREAS AROUND BOTH ROTOR MASTS USING METAL BARS. METAL TO METAL CONTACT WAS MADE AT BOTH ROTOR HEADS BETWEEN 6 INCHES AND 2.5 FEET UNDER THE SAND. DIVERS WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE CONTACTS AS METAL BY DIGGING DOWN THE PROBE AND FEELING BOTH JAGGED AND SMOOTH METALLIC SURFACES.

(3) 11 FEB 93: TEAM COMPLETED SEARCH OF NORTHERN END OF THE SEARCH AREA. THIS AREA IS SEAWARD OF WHERE MOST OF THE SURFACE WRECKAGE WAS LOCATED ON PREVIOUS DAYS. SEARCH WAS AGAIN SLOW DUE TO THE VAST AMOUNTS OF DEAD CORAL, SHELL, AND ROCKS. ONLY A FEW ITEMS OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THIS AREA. ALL ITEMS WERE ANALYZED AND CATALOGED BY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS. TEAM CONDUCTED A BEACH SURVEY AROUND THE ROTOR MASTS TO DETERMINE TIDAL INFORMATION, DEPTHS, AND DISTANCES FOR USE IN DEVELOPING A DETAILED SALVAGE PLAN.

B. INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS: ON LO FEB 93, A JOINT US/CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INVESTIGATED CASE 2803. PERVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS OF CASE 2003 INDICATED THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLEGED GRAVE SITES IN A CAVE ON TANG ISLAND, UPON ARRIVAL AT TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL INFORMED IE OF A CAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED. IE WAS LED TO THE CAVE BY THE TANG ISLAND NAVAL FORCES COMMANCER, OFT NOUN SAMBO. THE CAVE

WAS LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND, ISRID (D)(5): (b)(5); (b)(6) THE CAVE IS APPROXIMATELY 3X3 METERS AND 15M DEEP, CUT OUT OF A ROCKY HILLSIDE. SUBSEQUENT SEARCHES OF BOTH THE OUTSIDE AND THE INSIDE OF THE CAVE (THE CAVE OR BEING ALMOST ENTIRELY ROCK): REVEALED NO INDICATION OF ICASIBLE GRAVE LOCATIONS. INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH THE NAVAL FORCES AT THE SITE PROVED TO BE NEGATIVE. NONE OF THE NAVAL FORCE PERSONNEL HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. REMAINS OR ALLEGED GRAVE SITES ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. REMAINS.

- 4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:
- A. MECHANICAL PART WITH GITS C48-80-3786 STAMPED ON AN ATTACHED RING. (?? - POSSIBLY 08 OR 08)
- B. MK-13 MOD B DAY/NIGHT FLARE WITH NBB184-73C8327 LOTH 4-KC-0873 STAMPED ON IT.
- C. NUMBERS OBTAINED OFF OF KNIFE 23 ROTOR AND SHAFT COMPONENTS.
- 1. 65185-11918-086
- 2. 65182-11851-187 REV-AC
- 3, 65102 11064-087 ASSY REVY
- 4. 65103 11001-102 REV-P A 21016 (ETCHED ON) POSSIBLY A SERIAL # F 57 PFLO
- 5. 4-11843-182 5104-11043
- 6. VP-4167-7
- D. DATA OBTAINED FROM ROTOR BLADE ATTACHMENT HOLDER OFF WRECKAGE OF KNIFE 31, TAIL # 925.

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E. AIRCRAFT SHEET METAL WITH FOLLOWING DATA:

A. 5-M

NO. 7515

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- F. AIRCRAFT SHEET METAL WITH THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS 150
- G. ACTIVATION LANYARD
- H. ACTUATOR ELECTRO-MECHANICAL WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A PLATE.

TYPE: SYSTEM, VOLTS: 28 HC; AMPS: 0.7, MODEL: C103, LOAD: 50%, SERIAL: A1211, MFG DATE: 12/70, DUTY CYCLE: INTERMITTENT: DUTY CYCLE: INTERMITTENT, CUSTOMER NO: 65483-82627, ORDER#: -101, NASH CONTROLS, INC A SUBSIDIARY OF SIMMONS PRECISION CALDW???. MADE IN THE USA

- I. ELECTRONIC COMPONENT WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA ON A CIRCUIT BOARD: DE 1588, DE 1581, DE 1586A.
- J. PIECE OF FIBER GLASS WITH E 65302 12003.
- K. SMALL PORTION OF M-16
- L. ELECTRICAL COMPONENT (POSSIBLY A RADIO) ONE OF ITS COMPONENTS HAD THE FOLLOWING STAMPED ON IT: AB: 1846945, TYPE J. PAT 2.269136: MADE IN USA.
- M. PORTION OF SURVIVAL VEST.
- N. PORTION OF PROTECTIVE ARMOR FOR SEAT
- B. PORTION OF AIRCRAFT NOSE STRUCTURE WITH THE FOLLOWING DATA: MAR 8 1977 (POSSIBLY 71), 65777 01012-101, 77777 77777-103.
- 5. RECOVERY OPERATION RESULTS: N/A
- 6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS:
- A. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE CILHI OIC AND CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST THAT A RECOVERY OPERATION SHOULD BE MOUNTED IN THIS CASE. SUCH A RECOVERY OPERATION IS BEYOND THE ORGANIC CAPABILITIES OF JTF-FA AND CITHE AND WOULD REQUIRE SUTSIDE SUPPORT.

- B. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE CALHI GAL AND CLAH ANTHROPOLOGIST THAT A RECOVERY EFFORT COULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 TO 3 WEEKS WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AND SUIT FILE
- (1) CILHI: OIC OR SENIOR NCOIC

ANTEROPOLOGIST

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGI. THRETAINED

ON SHORT-TERM CONTRACT)

(2) JTFFA: OIC

LINGUIST

EOD TECHNICIAN

LIFE-SUPPORT TECHNICIAL

CHS3 CREW CHIEF OR FUNCTIONAL-AREA EXPERT

(3) OUTSIDE SUPPORT: SALVAGE VESSEL

7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGE: NONE

SALVAGE DIVERS

EXCAVATION EQUIPMENT UNDERWATER FOR TECHNICIAN

- 8. AREAS OF CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED: NONE
- 9. ANALYST COMMENTS: ALL AREAS OF CASE FILE HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. CONTINUED INVESTIGATION OF CASE NOT RECOMMENDED. CONCUR WITH RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS.

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY: CASE 2003 (VANDEGEER, GAUSE,

- 18. SPECIALIST COMMENTS:
- A. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALISTS COMMENTS:
- (1) THE PREVIOUS RETURN OF A WEATHERED-BUT OTHERWISE WELL PRESERVED--HUMAN MANDIBLE IDENTIFIED AS THE REMAINS OF AN INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS REFNO ATTESTS TO THE SURVIVABILITY OF HUMAN REMAINS FROM THIS INCIDENT.

  (2) THE PRESENCE OF WRECKAGE, PASSENGER EFFECTS, AND CREWRELATED LIFE-SUPPORT MATERIALS IN THE DEBRIS FIELD LOCATED BETWEEN THE VISIBLE ROTOR SHAFTS AND THE SHORELINE SUGGESTS THAT THE DRIFT PATTERN IS CONDUCIVE TO THE RETENTION OF CASE-
- RELATED MATERIALS WITHIN THE AREA IDENTIFIED FOR RECOVERY.

  (3) RECOVERY WILL REQUIRE UNGERWATER ARCHAEOLOGICAL EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE OUTSIDE OF THE IN-HOUSE CAPABILITIES OF JIFFA AND CILHI.
- (4) IT IS THE OPINION OF THE CILHI OIC AND CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST THAT THE SITE IS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR RECOVERY. NO ADDITIONAL WORK SHORT OF A COMPLETE RECOVERY OF THE AREA IS WARRANTED.
- (5) THE RECOVERY TEAM CAN OPERATE AND LIVE ON THE SALVAGE VESSEL THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR HELICOPTER SUPPORT AND HOUSING IN PHNOM PENH AND REDUCING THE WORK HOURS LOST IN DAILY TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE RECOVERY AREA.
- B. WRECKAGE ANALYSIS COMMENTS: MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES, A SMALL PIECE OF FIBERGLASS. THE TIE DOWN STRAP. A SMALL PORTION OF AN M-16, AND A SMALL PORTION OF MATERIAL ON THE SURVIVAL VEST WERE BURNT OR SHOWED EVIDENCE OF BURNING THUS CORRELATING WITH CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING KNIFE 31, AIRCRAFT \$25.
- C. DIVER COMMENTS:
- (1) SURVEY INDICATES A STRONG PROBABILITY THAT BOTH CH-53 HELICOPTERS REMAIN RELATIVELY INTACT BENEATH THE TWO ROTOR MASTS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, TAKEN SHORT! # AFTER THE INCIDENT, INDICATE

THAT THE SOUTHERN MOST HELICOPTER (BELIEVED TO BE KNIFE 3),
TAIL # 925) BROKE UP ON IMPACT. BELIEVE ONLY THE STRUCTURAL
MEMBERS OF THIS AIRCRAFT REMAIN RELATIVELY INTACT. THE
HELICOPTER FUSELAGES ARE 1 STED IN 6 INCHES TO 2.5 FEET OF
SAND. ITEMS OF AIRCRAFT W.ECKAGE, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, AND
PERSONAL EFFECTS WERE 1834FED THROUGHOUT THE SEARCH AREA,
PREDOMINANTLY IN THE AREA NORTH OF THE 2 ROTOR MASTS.

(2) THERE ARE FOUR (4) VIABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CONDUCTING AN
EXCAVATION OF THIS NATURE:

- USN SALVAGE SHIP (USN MANNED)
- USNS T-ATE (MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND CIVIL SERVICE)
  WITH MOBILE DIVING AND SALVAGE UNIT (MDSU-1) EMBARKED
- LAND SUPPORTED OPERATIONS USING MDSU-1 FOR THE IN WATER PHASE
  - CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR

RECOMMEND USING THE USN SALVAGE SHIP TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION. THESE SHIPS PROVIDE ORGANIC SUPPORT, EQUIPMENT, AND MANPOWER. TWO (2) SUCH SHIPS ARE PERMANENTLY HOMEPORTED IN SASEBO, JAPAN AND OPCON TO COMSEVENTHELEET AND COMMANDER LOGISTICS GROUP WESTERN PACIFIC (SINGAPORE).

- USN CONSIDERATIONS FOR WHEN TO CONDUCT SUCH AN OPERATION ARE SHIP AVAILABILITY AND WEATHER: CALM SEAS: AS EXISTED DURING THE SURVEY: ARE REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION. CONDITIONS DURING SURVEY WERE EXCELLENT: SEAS 8 1 FOOT: WINDS LESS THAN 15 KTS, WATER DISIBILITY EXCELLENT.
- (4) RECOMMEND A MEDICAL OFFICER AND A USN MASTER EOD TECHNICIAN BE ASSIGNED TO THE SHIP'S CREW. ALTHOUGH VERY LITTLE DIVING IS EXPECTED, SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD PROVIDE

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY: CASE 2003 (VANDEGEER, GAUSE, VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR A DIVING MEDICAL OFFICER. THE MASTER EOD TECHNICIAN WILL BE CRITICAL TO CONDUCTING A SAFE OPERATION.

- (5) THE MATTER OF UXO MUST BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN THE OPORD AND THOROUGHLY BRIEFED TO THE SHIP'S COMMANDING OFFICER BY AN EXPERIENCED EXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS.
- (6) HYDROGRAPHIC IMPORMATION (DEPTHS AND BOTTOM CONDITIONS) ARE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SHIP CAN ANCHOR IN THE VICINITY OF THE WORK SITE. IF UNABLE TO ANCHOR, AVAILABLE MANPOWER AT THE WORK SITE WILL BE REDUCED.
- (7) BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET SALVAGE SHIPS
  - CLASS: ATS-1 (USS BEAUFORT, ATS-2/USS BRUNSWICK, ATS-
    - SIZE: 282 FT LONG, 50 FT BEAM, 17 FT DRAFT
    - FUEL: ON BOARD STORAGE FOR SUFFICIENT FUEL
    - FRESH WATER: ON BOARD CAPABILITY TO PRODUCE POTABLE

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- FOOD: SELF SUFFICIENT
- EQUIPMENT: 2, 35 FOOT WORK BOATS CLANDING CRAFT STYLE), RUBBER BOATS (ZODIAC STYLE), SCUBA AND SURFACE SUPPLIED DIVING EQUIPMENT, RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER, SALVAGE MACHINERY PUMPS, COMPRESSORS, GENERATORS, WELDING MACHINES, ETC), 28 TON AND 18 TON CRANES, HELICOPTER DECK (HOVER/DAY ONLY; NO REFUEL CAPABILITY)
- DECK AREA: LARGE DECK AREA WHICH WILL SUPPORT BERTHING VANS AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT STORAGE.
- CREW: NORMALLY EIGHT (8) OFFICERS AND 185 ENLISTED PERSONNEL
- (8) THE BASIC SALVAGE PLAN FOR SUCH AN OPERATION WOULD INVOLVE THE USE OF 35 FOOT WORK BOATS WITH MINIMUM 258 GPM PUMPS PROVIDING DISCHARGE FOR THE WATER JETS (DREDGES). EXCAVATION WILL REQUIRE CONSTRUCTION OF COFFER DAMS. WATER JET DISCHARGE WOULD BE INTO A BOX SCREEN. THE SHIP WOULD ANCHOR AS CLOSE TO

SITE AS SAFELY POSSIBLE. MALTIPLE COFFER DAMS WILL ALLOW MORE THAN ONE SITE TO BE EXCAVATED AT A TIME. THE SHIP WOULD PROVIDE SEETHING, MISSING, BOAT COMMUNICATIONS, MACHINE, CARPENTE: NO PERMIR SUPPORT.

- C, EXPLAINE ORDINANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIANS COMMENTS: THE HAZARD FROM UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE NUXO) ON TANG ISLAND IS NO RIGHER THAN INLAND CAMBODIA.
- (1) WHILE ON TANG ISLAND WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED SEVERAL PIECES OF UXO, FOUR 81MM MORTARS, HIGH EXPLOSIVE (NE) U.S., AND ONE 46MM GRENADE) HE U.S. ALTHOUGH ALL FOUR MORTARS STILL HAD SAFETY PINS INSTALLED, THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED MORE HAZARDOUS AS THEY HAVE BEEN SEVERELY WEATHERED AND THE EXPLOSIVE FILLER IS LIKELY UNSTABLE.
- (2) RECOMMEND AT LEAST ONE MANY EOD TECHNICIAN, BECAUSE TWO OF THE MORTARS ROUNDS AND THE GRENADE ARE UNDER WATER. IN ADDITION, RECOMMEND AT LEAST ON ARMY OR MARINE EOD TECHNICIAN, AS THESE TWO SERVICES WORK WITH THESE TYPES OF ORBINANCE MORE OFTER AND WOULD BE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THEM.
- (3) A FULL SCALE RECOVERY OF THE AREA IN THE WATER WOULD BE NO MORE HAZARDOUS THAN A RECOVERY ON LAND. CAMBODIA IS HAZARDOUS, WEATHER IT BE SHOTS FIRED, MINES OR UXO AND THE SAME PRECAUTIONS TAKEN ON OTHER RECOVERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THIS ONE. A NAVY EOD TECHNICIAN WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO THIS RECOVERIES SUCCESS AS THEY WILL HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE UNDER WATER.
- 11. TEAM COMMANDER COMMENTS: OVER THE COURSE OF THREE DAYS: A TEAM OF DIVERS WORKING WITH CILHI DIC AND ANTHROPOLOGIST CONDUCTED A DETAILED SURVEY OF THE AREA SURROUNDING CASE 2003. BELIEVE SURVEY RESULTS INDICATE A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT REMAINS ARE PRESENT IN THE AREA, BURIED IN 30 TO 50 CM OF SAND ON THE OCEAN FLOOR. STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS SITE WARRANTS A

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY: CASE 2803 (VANDEGEER, GAUSE, RECOVERY OPERATION; HOWEVER, SUCH AN OPERATION APPEARS TO BE BEYOND THE ORGANIC CAPABILITIES OF JTF-FA AND CILHI. RECOMMEND THIS SITE FOR RECOVERY. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE PART OF JTF-FA IN THIS CASE EXCEPT IN SUPPORT OF AN UNDERWATER RECOVERY OPERATION.

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- 1. REF: (OPORD 841983Z NOV 92, POV-MIA OPS IN CAMBODIA [93-2/C1) MAPS USED: 1:250,800 SERIES 1501 NC48-85.
- 2. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:
- A. BETWEEN 6 AND 14 DEC 92, A JOINT US/CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INVESTIGATED CASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATIONS, IE RECOVERED FOUR INDIVIDUAL BONES AND A JAN FRAGMENT WITH TWO TEETH WHICH ARE SUSPECTED TO BE HUMAN REMAINS. DESPITE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS, IE WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION USEFUL IN CASE RESOLUTION. B. ON 06 DEC 92, A JOINT US/CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INITIATED INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003.

THE U.S. TEAM CONSISTED OF: (b)(6) (b)(6)(b)(6) VICE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY, LED THE CAMBODIAN TEAM. IE DEPARTED POCHENTONG 0900, ARR

KAMPONG SAOM 8950 TO PICK UP SECURITY PERSONNEL. IE DEPARTED KAMPONG SAOM 1805 (G) AND ARRIVED TANG ISLAND (48PTS96263516) 1825 (G). C. FOLLOWING A BRIEF MEETING WITH MILITARY OFFICIALS, TEAM DEPARTED TS96263516 AND MOVED ON FOOT TO VIC TS964408. ON ARRIVAL, TEAM OBSERVED TWO ROTOR HEADS PROTRUDING FROM SHALLOW WATER APPROXIMATELY 20 NETERS OFF SHORE. A PHYSICAL SEARCH OF THE AREA AROUND THE ROTOR HEADS REVEALED NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF REMAINS. A SUB-SURFACE SEARCH OF A SMALL BAY NORTH OF HELICOPTER WRECKAGE REVEALED NUMEROUS PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. ALL PARTS WERE ENCRUSTED WITH CORAL AND BARNACLES. TEAM ALSO RECOVERED ONE ARM BONE AND ONE FEMUR. THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET OF WATER. FIELD AWALYSIS BY CILHI TECHNICIANS INDICATES A STRONG POSSIBILITY THE REMAINS ARE NON-MONGOLOID BASED ON SIZE. TEAM ALSO DUG THREE TEST PITS BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JTF-FA, J2. ALL TEST PITS WERE DUG VIC. TS964408 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IE DEPARTED TANG ISLAND 1524 (G), MADE A BRIEF STOP IN KAMPONG SAON, AND ARRIVED POCHENTONG 1636 (C). D. ON 7 DEC 92, IE DEPARTED POCHENTONG 0840 (G). IE ARRIVED KAMPONG SAOM, KAMPOT PROVINCE 8927 (G). IE ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE INDIVIDUALS IN KAMPONG SAOM WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF MISSING AMERICANS FROM TANG ISLAND OR WHO HAD BEEN WITNESSES TO THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. IE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SECOND HAND KNOWLEDGE OF FIVE ALLEGED AMERICAN GRAVES IN A RUBBER PLANTATION NEAR KAMPONG SAOM. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SAME MAN PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION TEAMS HAD INTERVIEWED IN MARCH 1992. HE COULD PROVIDE NO FURTHER INFORMATION NOR COULD HE RECALL THE PRECISE LOCATION OF ANY OF THE 5 ALLEGED AMERICAN GRAVES, REPORTING THAT HE HAD NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN AN' GRAVES. IE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE AN'ONE ELSE

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION: CASE 2003 AT TANG ISLAND. IE DEPARTED KAMPONG SAOM 1127 (G) AND ARRIVED TANG ISLAND 1148 (G). ON ARRIVAL, IE CONTINUED TO INVESTIGATE THE AREAS VIC. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HELICOPTER CRASH SITES. IE WAS ABLE TO RECOVER ONE FRAGMENT OF A JAW BONE WHICH CONTAINED TWO TEETH. TEST PITS IN THE SAME AREA YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. IE CONDUCTED ONE FINAL SKIRMISH SEARCH OF THE BEACH VIC. TS954408. DURING THE SKIRMISH SEARCH, TEAM LOCATED TWO BONE FRACMENTS. FIELD ANALYSIS BY CILHI TECHNICIANS INDICATES THAT THE REMAINS ARE HUMAN, RACE UNKNOWN. IE DEPARTED TANG ISLAND 1542 (G), STOPPED BRIEFLY IN KAMPONG SAON TO DROP OFF SECURITY PERSONNEL, THEN CONTINUED TO POCHENTONG, ARRIVING 1653 (G).

E. ON 14 DEC 92, IE DEPARTED POCHENTONG 0816 (G) AND ARRIVED CITY OF KAMPONG SAOM 8915 (G) TO PICK UP SECURITY OFFICIALS. IE DEPARTED KAMPONG SAOM 0938 (G) AND ARRIVED TANG ISLAND 8945 (G). ON ARRIVAL, IE CONDUCTED DETAILED SEARCHES OF THE BEACH AND WATER AROUND THE PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED CH-53 MAIN ROTOR ASSEMBLIES ON THE EASTERN BEACH OF TANG ISLAND. IE LOCATED ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE IN THE WATER AND FOUND TWO NUMBERS, BELIEVED TO BE PART NUMBERS, ON ONE OF THE ROTOR ASSEMBLIES ALONG THE EASTERN BEACH. IE WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY SERIAL NUMBERED PARTS. IE DID NOT LOCATE ANY REMAINS. IE DEPARTED TANG ISLAND 1439 (G): STOPPED BRIEFLY IN KAMPONG SAOM TO DROP OFF SECURITY PERSONNEL, AND DEPARTED KAMPONG SAOM 1458 (G).

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

A. ON 86 DEC 92, IE INITIATED INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2803 IN KAMPONG SAOM CITY. UPON COMPLETING

NEGOTIATIONS IE, ACCOMPANIED BY PROVINCE OFFICIALS, PROCEEDED TO TANG ISLAND, ON ARRIVAL IE INTERVIEWED NUMEROUS CAMBODIAN NAVY PERSONNEL IONLY RESIDENTS OF TANG ISLAND) WHO WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE AN'S ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 2003. UPON COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS IE MOVED TO INCIDENT

- B. ON ARRIVAL, TEAM OBSERVED TWO ROTOR HEADS STICKING OUT OF THE WATER APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS OFF SHORE. A PHYSICAL SEARCH OF THE AREA AROUND THE ROTOR HEADS REVEALED NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF REMAINS. A SUB-SURFACE SEARCH OF A SMALL BAY NORTH OF HELICOPTER WRECKAGE REVEALED NUMEROUS PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. DURING THE SUB-SURFACE SEARCH FOR WRECKAGE, TEAM ALSO RECOVERED ONE ARM BONE AND ONE FEMUR. THE REMAINS WERE RECOVERED IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET OF WATER. FIELD ANALYSIS BY CILHI TECHNICIANS INDICATES A STRONG POSSIBILITY THE REMAINS ARE NON-MONGOLOID BASED ON
- C. DURING INVESTIGATION OF REFUGEE REPORT 188-286 IE LOCATED AN AREA ALONG THE EASTERN SHORE OF TANG ISLAND THAT RESEMBLED THAT OF THE REFUGEE REPORT. SOIL CONDITION AT THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE IS MOSTLY SAND WITH CLAY AND SMALL ROCK CONTENT. TERRAIN IS FLAT, VEGETATION IS INTERMITTENTLY CHOKED WITH DENSE FOLIAGE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED A 188 PERCENT SKIRMISH SEARCH AND DUG THREE TEST PITS, IN X IM X 25CM, IN X IM X 40CM, IM X IM X 70CM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. ON 07 DEC 92, IE AGAIN PROCEEDED TO KAMPONG SAOM CITY, (b)(6)

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(b)(6) (INTERVIEWED DURING THE MARCH INVESTIGATION). (b)(6)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING EVENTS ON TANG ISLAND. IE
ACCOMPANIED BY PROVINCE OFFICIALS CANVASED THE
KAMPONG SAOM WATER FRONT IN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE
ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WHO MAY HAVE FREQUENTED THE
ISLAND WHILE FISHING OR DELIVERING FOOD. IE MET WITH
NO SUCCESS ON THE WATERFRONT. IE PROCEEDED TO TANG
ISLAND.

- E. ON ARRIVAL AT TANG ISLAND IE CONTINUED TO INVESTIGATE REMAINING REFUGEE REPORTS. IE CONDUCTED SKIRMISH SEARCH OF SHORELINE ASSOCIATED WITH LIR 6 0/4 8549 92 AND INVESTIGATED REFUGEE REPORTS 785-144, 188-868. WITHOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF A LIVE WITNESS IE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE ALLEGED GRAVE LOCATIONS BASED ON REFUGEE REPORTS. IE CONDUCTED ONE FINAL SKIRMISH OF THE NORTHERN END OF THE BEACH. DURING THE SKIRMISH SEARCH, TEAM LOCATED TWO BONE FRAGMENTS. FIELD ANALYSIS BY CILHI TECHNICIANS INDICATES THAT THE REMAINS ARE HUMAN, RACE UNKNOWN.
- F. IE MOVED TO THE WESTERN BEACH IN SEARCH OF A CAVE WHICH PREVIOUS WITNESS STATEMENTS INDICATED MAY CONTAIN REMAINS. IE LOCATED A CAVE AT TS96284158; HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO REMAINS IN THE CAVE NOR WAS THERE ANY INDICATION THAT GRAVES HAD BEEN DUG INSIDE THE CAVE. THE CAVE WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE KHMER ROUGE FROM 1975-1979, BUT WAS NOT COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE VIETNAMESE INVASION. LOCAL WITNESSES STATED THAT THE CAVE WAS MADE TO HIDE BOATS. THERE IS A SECOND SUCH CAVE ON THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND, CAVE DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATELY SM WIDE X 5M DEEP X LOMLONG. CUT FROM SOLID ROCK.
- G. (b)(6) PRESENTED IE WITH A PARTIAL JAW BONE CONTAINING TWO TEETH, (b)(6) KNEW NOTHING OF ALLEGED GRAVE SITES, ONLY THE LOCATION WHERE HE

ALLEGEDLY FOUND THE BONE ON THE GROUND. TEST PITS IN THE SAME AREA YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

H. ON 14 DEC 92. IE RETURNED TO TAME ISLAND. IE CONDUCTED A SKIRMISH LINE SEARCH, IN THE WATER OFF THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN BEACH, CRID COORD TS96496869. SEARCH AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 288 METERS BY 68 METERS WITH WATER DEPTH FROM BEACH FRONT TO 1.5 METERS. SEARCH YIELDED NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR REMAINS.

#### 4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE:

A. 22 INCH DIAMETER FIBERGLASS PLATE WITH DATA PLATE:

(1) SHIELD, PROTECTIVE, AIRCRAFT
FOR USE ON CH-53 TYPE AIRCRAFT
SPECIFICATION MIL-S-6451A
STOCK NO 2777
CONTRACT NO NOW 63-8150
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65700-50000-641
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(2) ON REVERSE OF PLATE: 78-1627

- B. PART NUMBERS FROM THE MAIN ROTUR ASSY: 65105-11018-006 5104-11043-?
- C. PART NUMBER FROM SUBMERGED AIRFRAME: 2-67-81? 7C77SS?
- D. ONE UNDERARM LIFE PRESERVER
- E. ONE PIECE OF SMOKE MASK
- F. ONE PIECE OF FLAK JACKET
- 5. RECOVERY OPERATION RESULTS: N/A

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- 6. RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: RECOMMEND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF CASE 2003, UNLESS ADDITIONAL PERTINENT WITNESS INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE.
- 7. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGE: NONE
- 8. AREAS OF CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED:
- 9. ANALYST COMMENTS: ALL AREAS OF CASE FILE HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED. WITHOUT FURTHER WITNESS INFORMATION, CONTINUED INVESTIGATION OF CASE NOT RECOMMENDED.
- 10. SPECIALIST COMMENTS:
- A. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALISTS COMMENTS: THE TEAM DISCOVERED 2 UNEXPLODED 81MM MORTAR ROUNDS IN THE AREA. CONSIDERING THE NEGATIVE RESULTS OF THE TEST PITS AND NO FIRST HAND WITNESSES OR DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THE SITE, RECOMMEND NO FURTHER SEARCH OF AREA BE CONDUCTED.
- B. WRECKAGE ANALYSIS COMMENTS: MAJORITY OF REMAINING WRECKAGE IS SUBMERGED IN SHALLOW WATER. NUMEROUS SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ASHORE BY HUMAN MEANS. PART NUMBERS OBSERVED CONFIRM AIRCRAFT AS A CH-53A ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC SERIAL NUMBER CAN BE DETERMINED.
- 11. TEAM COMMANDER COMMENTS: BELIEVE INVESTIGATION ELEMENT HAS REACHED A TERMINATION POINT IN THIS CASE. ALTHOUGH APPARENT HUMAN REMAINS WERE RECOVERED DURING SKIRMISH SEARCHES OF THE EASTERN BEACH, A FULL SCALE

RECOVERY APPEARS TO BE BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF A STANDARD RECOVERY TEAM. BELIEVE FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON TANG ISLAND WOULD PROVE FRUITLESS. THE ONLY REMAINING AVENUE FOR CASE RESOLUTION IS ARCHIVAL RESEARCH OF KHMER ROUGE AND/OR VIETNAMESE RECORDS REFERENCE ACTIONS ON TANG ISLAND.

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- 1. SUMMARY: A JOINT U.S.-CAMBUDIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY (IRT) CURRENTLY IS CONDUCTING A RECOVERY OF ISOLATED GRAVES AT 480V1625261 (REFNO 1626) AND HAS COMPLETED AN INVESTIGATION OF REPORTS OF AN ISOLATED GRAVE ON KOH TANG, ASSOCIATED WITH THE 1975 MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.
- 2. ON 20 FEB THE TRT ADVANCE PARTY AT POCHENTONG ATRPORT, PHNOM PENH BY USAF 3-130, FOLLOWED BY THE AVIATION ELEMENT ON 26 FEB AND THE MAIN BODY ON 27 FEB. AFTER COMPLETEING FINAL PREPARATIONS AT REFNO 1626, VIC SLA KU DISTRICT, KOMPONG SPDE PROVINCE ON 29 FEB.

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- 3. FROM 29 FEB THE IRT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A RECOVERY OF THE ALLEGED GRAVE SITES ASSICIATED WITH REFNO 1626. THE SITE IS IN A STREAM BED, UNDER THO TO THREE FEET OF MATER. TO PREPARE THE SITE, THREE DAMS WERE CONSTRUCTED AND THE MATER BETWEEN THE MAS REVICED DAVISTREAM. AFTER THE WATER WAS REVOLUTED FROM THE SITE A GRID SYSTEM WAS ESTABLISHED OVER A 72 X 38 METER AREA TO DELINEATE THE FOCUS OF THE EXCAVATION. THE NATURE OF THE SITE, AND UNEXPECTED RAINS DELAYED COMPLETION OF THE SITE PREPARATION UNTIL 2 MAR. DN 3 MAR THE TEAM BEGAN TO EXCAVATE TEST PITS IN POOL 2 (THE SOUTHERNMOST POOL, DOWNSTREAM OF THE ALLEGED GRAVE SITE). DY 4 MAR, NO REMAINS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM THE SITE.
- 4. ON 3 MAR THE INVESTIGATION ELEMENT CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT THAT THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS WERE BURIED IN A CAVE IN THE NIRTHWESTERN PENINSULA IF KIH TANG. THE TEAM BEGAN THE INVESTIGATION BY INTERVIEWING KOH TANG MILITARY OFFICIALS ABOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT OR OF ANY CAVE ON THE PENINSULA. ALTHOUGH THE INTERVIEWS FAILED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE CAVES, THE CAMP COMMANDER TURNED OVER TWO LONG BONES TO THE ELEMENT LEADER. THE TEAM THEN DREANIZED A SEARCH PARTY AND THE ENTIRE NW PENINSULA WAS SEARCHEU FOR A CAVE. ALTHOUGH THE SEARCH PROVED NEGATIVE THE TEAM FOUND ANOTHER \_ONG BONE ON THE BEACH. THE THREE LONG BONES WILL BE RETURNED IN USACILHI FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.
- 5. THE TEAM HAS NOT YET CONDUCTED THE SURVEY OF REFNO 1836. ALTHOUGH THE CAMBODIANS HAVE AGREED TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY AND POSSIBLE GRAVE RECOVERY AFTER THE EXCAVATION OF 1626, THE TEAM IS ATTEMPTING TO SAIN CONCURRENCE TO CONDUCT THE ACTIVITY CONCURRENTLY WITH THE EXCAVATION OF 1626.
- 6. MEDICAL. THE IRT HAS EXPERIENCED NO MAJOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS DURING THE OPERATION. THE FEAM PHYSICIAN CONDUCTED MEDCAPS AT PO TOM UN 1 AND 4 WAR. DURING THE MEDCAP OVER 150 VILLAGERS, MOSTLY CHILDREN, WERE TREATED FOR VARIOUS MINOR AILMENTS AND INJURIES.
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS. THE JOINT TEAM IS MAINTAINING COMMUNICATIONS WITH CUTFFA DET ONE DURING THE OPERATION BY HE RADID, TELEPHONE, AND FAX. FIELD TEAMS AND THE AVIATION ELEMENT ARE COMMUNICATING BY HE RADIO. COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY GOOD THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.
- 8. EOD. DURING THE EXCAVATION OF REFNO 1626 A PRACTICE BIMM MORTAR ROUND WAS FOUND. THE TEAM EDD TECHNICIAN DETERMINED THE

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ROUND WAS SAFE AND NORK CONTINUED AT THE SITE.

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HAVE EXHIBITED HAS BEEN DUTSTANDING. THE JOINT TEAM WAS ALLOWED TO SPLIT INTO TWO ELEMENTS AND CONDUCT DERATIONS IN GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTINCT AREAS IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE OUR TIME AND ASSETS.

DN 4 MAR CHIEF OF MISSION THINING, В. COVOUCTED AN (b)(6) INSPECTION OF THE RECOVERY SITE. THE VISIT WENT VERY WELL. THE CAMBODIAN DELEGATION WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED WHEN THEY WERE INFORMED THAT THE TEAM PHYSICIAN WAS PROVIDING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR THE LOCAL VILLAGERS. DURING THE VISIT, MG NOUN SARETH INFORMED THE CHIEF OF MISSION THAT THE AUTHORITIES IN KOMPONG SOM HAD AMERICAN REMAINS FROM KOH TANG AND THAT CHEA SOCHEAT WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINS TO BE TURNED OVER THE THE AMERICAN TEAM. SARETH ALSO SAID THAT THE AUTHORITIES KNEW THE LOCATION OF THREE AMERICAN GRAVES IN A KOMPONG SOM RUBBER PLANTATION, ADDING THAT THE GRAVES WERE THOSE OF AMERICANS KILLED ON ADM TANG. SARETH MAS INFORMED THAT THE AMERICANS HAD AN ANTHROPOLOGIST WHO COULD EVALUATE THE REMAINS AND THAT THE TEAM WAS PREPARED TO SEND AN ELEMENT TO KOMPONG SUM TU EXCAVATE THE ALLEGED AMERICAN GRAVES. TAINING JNQUOTE (b)(6) BT

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SUBJ: ID STATUS - TWO REMAINS TURNED OVER BY SOC ON 11 JAN 92

- THIS MSG PROVIDES THE PARENT SERVICE AND ALCON WITH THE ID STATUS DF THE TWO REMAINS TURNED OVER BY THE STATE OF CAMBODIA ON 11 JAN 92 WHICH THE CAMBODIAN AUTHORITIES BELIEVED WERE THOSE OF US SERVICEMEN KILLED DURING THE SS MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT ON KOH TANG (TANG ISLAND) IN 1975. TWO NAMES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMAINS BY ID TAGS, AND THE NAMES ARE THOSE OF TWO USMC PERSONNEL UNACCOUNTED FOR AS A RESULT OF THE SS MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. THE REMAINS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE HEAD OF THE US MISSION IN CAMBODIA IN A BRIEF CEREMONY AT POCHENTONG AIRPORT ON 11 JAN 92, AND WERE RECEIVED AT CILHI ON 17 JAN 92.
- 2. TWO DISCRETE PACKAGES, EACH CONTAINING SKELETAL REMAINS AND AN ID TAG, WERE IN ONE BOX. TWO PROCESSING NUMBERS, CILHI 0005-92 AND CILHI 0006-92, WERE ASSIGNED TO THE REMAINS IN THE TWO PACKAGES FOR CONTROL AND REPORTING PURPOSES. THE RESULTS OF THE CILHI ANALYSIS OF BOTH REMAINS FOLLOWS.
- 3. CILHI 0005-92. DNE ID TAG: "SANDOVAL, A.R., 458 96 48 09 A USMC S ROM CATHE (SANDOVAL IS REFNO 2003-0-06). THE SKELETAL REMAINS CONSIST SOLELY OF EIGHT PIECES OF NONHUMAN BONE, RANGING. IN SIZE FROM 1X1 CENTIMETERS TO 3X8 CENTIMETERS. THERE WAS NO HUMAN MATERIAL IN THE PACKAGE.
- 4. CILHI 0006-92. ONE ID TAG: "JACQUES J. J. 524 84 79 25 B USMC M

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5. REGRETTABLY, BOTH NAME: ASSOCIATIONS WITH THESE REMAINS HAVE BEEN CLEARLY NULLIFIED AND THE NOK OF THESE TWO MARINES MAY BE SO NOTIFIED. CILHI WILL MAINTAIN THE ID TAGS FOR SANDOVAL: AND JACQUES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FILES UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.//

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SUBJ: SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT U.S. - CAMBODIAN PON-MIA
OPERATIONS, 14-23 OCT.

1. (U) SUMMARY: FROM 14 TO 23 OCT, A JOINT U.S. CAMBODIAN SURVEY TEAM (JST) CUNDUCTED A SURVEY OF REFNO
2003 (48PTS966415) AND ATTEMPTED A RECOVERY OF ALLEGED
GRAVE SITES ON TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. UPON COMPLETION
OF ACTIVITIES ON TANG ISLAND THE TEAM RECOVERED TO
PHNOM PENH, WHERE THEY SURVEYED ALLEGED GRAVE SITES
ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1626 (48PVT625261) FROM 21 TO 23
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AND WITH THE RECENTLY-FORMED MIA COMMITTEE. THE TEAM CUR MAS THEN GIVEN A LIST OF THE MIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS. INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE LISTED BELOW.

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AT 1500G, 11 OCT THE ADVANCE PARTY WET WITH (b)(6) AS A PRELUDE TO THE MEETING WITH VICE VIVISTER (b)(6) THIS MEETING WAS PREDOMINANTLY A PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING WITH (b)(6) FOCUSING ADVANCE PARTY MET NITH (b)(6) AFTER INITI AFTER INITIAL INTRODUCTIONS, MOYE FOLD HIM THAT THE U.S. APPRECIATED THE STATE OF CAMBODIA'S COOPERATION ON THIS ISSUE AND LUDKED FORWARD TO CONDUCTING THE OPERATION. THEN EXPLAINED THAT CAMBODIA UNDERSTOOD THE MIA PROBLEM AND WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD TO QUICKLY SOLVE THE MIA PROBLEM. HE ADDED THAT THE POL POT REGIME HAD KILLED OVER 3 MILLION CAMBODIANS, AND IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND THE REMAINS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN BECAUSE THEIR REMAINS WERE INTERMINGLED WITH CAMBODIAN REMAINS. (b)(6) SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOUD THE DIFFICULTIES, BUT THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO INVESTIGATE ANY INFURMATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE RESOLUTION OF JUR PON-MIA CASES. (b)(6) ALSO SAID THAT MEATHER PROBLEMS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WOULD HAMPER DUR MOYE AGAIN ASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. TEAM ACTIVITIES. INDERSTUDD THIS AND MERE PREPARED TO ADJUST THEIR ACTIVITIES IF WEATHER BECAME AN IMPEDIMENT TO OPERATIONS. THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH (b)(6) WISHING THE TEAM A SUCCESSFUL MISSION.

AT 1500G, 12 OCT, THE TEAM MET WITH ITS

CAMBODIAN COUNTERPARTS. DURING THE MEETING, DETAILS OF,
THE ACTIVITIES WERE DISCUSSED, INCLUDING THE SEQUENCE
OF EVENTS, MISSION EXPENSES, AND U.S. COMMUNICATION
PLANS. THE TEAM ALSO AGREED TO A 0800 DEPARTURE FOR

(b)(6) AFTER THE MEETING, (b)(6) AND (b)(6)

WERE TAKEN TO THE CAMBODIAN AVIATION OFFICES,
WHERE A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED FOR HELICOPTER SERVICE
DURING THE RANG ISLAND PHASE OF THE OPERATION.

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5. (U) AT 123UG, 13 OCT THE MAIN BODY ARRIVED AT POCHENTUNG AIRPORT. WHILE IN PHNOM PENH THE TEAM MAS BILLETED AT THE CAMBODIANA HOTEL.

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AT 0800G, 14 DCT THE JST DEPARTED PHNOM PENH

FOR (b)(6)

ARRIVING AT 0930G. AFTER MAKING

BILLETING ARRANGEMENTS, THE TEAM ENGAGED IN MEETINGS

WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. LATER THAT DAY, THE TEAM

INTERVIEWED (b)(6)

AN ALLEGED WITNESS TO THE

BURIALS ON TANG ISLAND, WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION

CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF TWO AMERICANS AND THE CAPTURE

OF ANOTHER WHO HAS LATER KILLED AND BURRED. (b)(6)

DID NOT WITNESS ANY OF THE BURIALS, AND PROVIDED ONLY

HEARSAY AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE GRAVES.

FRJM 15 TO 17 OCT THE JST CONDUCTED SURVEYS OF REFNOS 1998, 2003, AND 2038, ON RANG ISLAND, CAMBUDIA. AT 0800 15 JCT, THE TEAM DEPARTED KUMPUNG SOM AND ARRIVED RANG ISLAND AT 0845. AFTER MEETING WITH LOCAL MILITARY OFFICIALS, THE TEAM WAS TAKEN TO THE SITE OF THE GROUND ACTION DV RANG ISLAND VIC 18965415. (b)(6) (b)(6) SHUWED THE TEAM THE AREA WHERE THE KHMER ROUGE BULDIERS HAD ALLEGEDLY BURRED THE BODIES. THE AREA WAS APPROXIMATELY 200 x 300 METERS, AND CONTAINED 17 COCONUT TREES AND A NUMBER OF DEAD COCONUT TREE STUMPS. ALTHOUGH MR. HENG HAD STATED THE BODIES WERE BURRED JADER A COCONUT TREE, 10-15 METERS FROM THE BEACH, HE COULD NUT 3HOW THE TEAM THE EXACT BURIAL SITE, SAYING LATER THAT THE GRAVES COULD BE UNDER ANY OF THE COCONUT TREES. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN INTENSIVE SURVEY OF THE AREA. DURING THE SURVEY THE TEAM CLEARED AROUND ALL CUCONUT TREES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING LOCATIONS WHERE EVIDENCE INDICATED A TREE MAY HAVE DICE STOUD. THE TEAM DUG FOUR TEST PITS, DNE COMPLETELY SURROUNDING THE CUCUNUT TREE NEAREST THE MRECKAGE OF REFNO 2013 (TS POSHIS) AND THREE MORE IN AREAS WHERE LINEAR DEPRESSIONS INDICATED POSSIBLE GRAVE SITES. DURING THE EXCAVATION OF THE TEST PITS DALY SMALL FRAGMENTS OF PUSSIBLE BONE-LIKE MATERIAL WERE FOUND.

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SURVEYED. THIS SITE IS IN 3 FEET OF CLEAR AND JSUALLY CALM WATER, 55 METERS FROM THE BEACH, THE SITE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SCAVENGED, WITH ONLY THE MAIN ROTOR ASSEMBLY AND OTHER JNIDENTIFIABLE WRECKAGE VISIBLE. OTHER PIECES OF THE WRECKAGE ARE COVERED BY SAND. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WAS FOUND DURING THE SURVEY.

THE TEAM ALSO CONDUCTED FOR A SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF REFNOS 1998, 2002, AND 2038. WAJ MOYE WAS TAKEN TO THE AREA WHERE (b)(6) INDICATED AN AMERICAN HAD BEEN CAPTURED SOMETIME AFTER THE AMERICAN ASSAULT.

(b)(6) RELATED HOW THE AMERICAN HAS CAPTURED, BLUDGEONED, AND BURIED. AGAIN, (b)(6) COULD NOT DIRECT THE TEAM TO THE BURIAL SITE, SAYING HE HAS SCARED AND PAN AWAY AFTER THE AMERICAN HAS HIT. DURING THE INTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE NORTHWESTERN PENINSULA OF THE ISLAND NO FURTHER EVIDENCE WAS FOUND PERTAINING TO REFNOS 1998, 2002, 2003, OR 2038. AFTER REMAINING DVERNIGHT IN KOMPONG SOM, THE TEAM DEPARTED, ARRIVING PHNOM PENH 0930G 18 OCT.

APPROACHED (b)(6) DN 18 DCT (b)(6) WITH A MESSAGE FROM (b)(6) STARING THAT THE MF4 HAD LEARNED THAT 25 KGS OF REMAINS AND TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS FROM RANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA, MERE IN SRV HANDS, AND THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING MOYE'S MEETING WITH VISALD ON 23 DCT. AFTER DISCUSSING THE MESSAGE, (b)(6) (D)(6) UN (SOC MFA) DEPARTED PHODY PENH TO MAKE ADVANCE PREPARATION IN KANDAL PROVINCE FOR SURVEYING REFNO 1836. DURING THE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS IT WAS FOUND THAT THE SITE WAS TNACCESSIBLE BY ROAD AND THE TEAM WOULD HAVE TO LEASE 4 SOAT. (6)(6) THEN TRIED TO LEASE A RIVER BOAT FROM THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, A HEATED EXCHANGE BETWEEN BUNTHENS AND A INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL ARDSE CONCERNING THE BOAT CHARGE, \$2000 A DAY. (6)(6) THEY ASKED (b)(6) IF A DECISION ON LEASING THE BOATS COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER (b)(6) WAS APPRISED OF THE SITUATION. (b)(6) CONCURRED. AFTER HIS CONSULTATIONS (b)(6) RETURNED AND INFORMED (b)(6) WITH (b)(6) MAS VERY UPSET, AND HAD CALLED HIS THAT BT

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ON TOURTIAL 0458 DOT 91 DELIVER DURING FIRST DUTY HOUR SUBJ: SUMMARY REPORT OF JOINT U.S. - CAMBODIAN PON-MIA OPERATIONS, 14-23 DOT. COUNTERPART IN THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND LODGED 4 CUMPLAINT. (b)(6) THEN ASKED THAT THE SURVEY BE DELAYED UNTIL HIS MINISTRY COULD RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM. (COMMENT: THE SURVEY WAS SUBSEQUENTLY POSTPONED UNTIL THE NEXT ROUND OF JOINT ACTIVITY.) FROM THIS POINT THERE WAS OPEN HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND MFA REPRESENTATIVES. DURING THE SUBSEQUENT SURVEY OF REFNO 1626 IN TAKED PROVINCE, (b)(6) IGNORED INTERIOR MINISTRY INSTRUCTIONS AND ALLOWED THE TEAM TO CONTINUE THE SURVEY INTO KOMPONG SPEU PROVINCE, MHERE THE GRAVE SITE IS LOCATED.

FROM 21 TO 22 OCT THE TEAM SURVEYED REFNO 1626. THE TEAM WAS LED TO THE ALLEGED GRAVE SITE (VT625261) BY (b)(6) A PRODUCER FOR NBC NEWS. THE THAM HAS THEN INTRODUCED TO (b)(6) CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY THE VIER GONG TO DIG FIVE GRAVES. (b)(6) REPORTED THAT THE FIVE JOURNALISTS WERE KILLED BY THE VIER CONG AND BURIED IN THE FIVE GRAVES HE DUG. THE TEAM THEN SURVEYED THE BURIAL SITE, WHICH IS UNDER 2-7 FT OF WATER IN A SWIFTLY-MOVING INTERMITTENT STREAM. THE ALLEGED LOCATION OF THE GRAVES IS IN AN AREA 10 X 10 METERS, 50 METERS FROM A LONG LINEAR DIKE WHICH RUNS EAST TO MEST. LOCAL VILLAGERS SAID THE MATER MILL BE AT ITS LONEST POINT IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, BUT THE SITE IS NEVER ENTIRELY FREE OF WATER. AFTER COMPLETING THE SURVEY THE TEAM REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN TAKED AND DEPARTED 0830G THE FULLOWING DAY FOR PHNOM PENH.

(b)(6) FOR ABOUT 15 MINITES TO RECAP THE JOINT POW-MIA

ACTIVITIES JUST CONCLUDED. DURING THE MEETING (b)(6)

CLARIFIED THE MESSAGE DELIVERED TO MAJ (b)(6)

OCT CONCERNING THE U.S. REMAINS RECOVERED ON TANG
ISLAND BY THE VIETNAMESE. (b)(6)

SAID THERE WERE

1.55 KGS OF REMAINS, NOT 25 KGS AS FIRST REPORTED. (b)(6)

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(b)(6) STATED THAT IT WILL TAKE TWO WEEKS TO TRANSFER THE REMAINS FROM THE SRV TO PHNOM PENH. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY TO ARRANGE A TRANSFER UP THE REMAINS AFTER THEY ARE IN SOC CUSTODY.

13. (U) COMMUNICATIONS. THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION COMMUNICATIONS WERE EXCELLENT. DURING PERIODS WHERE THE TEAM HAS BASED DUT OF PHNOM PENH, COMMUNICATIONS LINKS TO HAWAIT WERE AVAILABLE BY BOTH TELEPHONE AND FAX. WHILE IN KOMPONG SOM THE TEAM RELAYED REPORTS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK BY HF RADIO. THE SOC HAD NO OBJECTION TO THE USE OF HF RADIOS.

14. (U) EDD. DURING THE TANG ISLAND SURVEYS THE TEAM LOCATED NUMEROUS SMALL APMS CASINGS AND ONE U.S. FRAGMENTATION GRENADE.

15. (U) DTHER CONSIDERATIONS: A. (U) THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION THE COOPERATION OF THE MFA, THE APPARENT LEAD AGENCY FOR THE CAMBODIANS, HAS DUTSTANDING. DESPITE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND MFA, MFA TEAM MEMBERS DID WHATEVER THEY COULD TO ENSURE 4 SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. B. (b)(6) DF NBC NEWS, NAS MOST HELPFUL AND COOPERATIVE IN THE SURVEY OF REFNJ 1626. HE PRESENCE DURING ANY ATTEMPTED RECOVERY OF THE SITE NOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. C. (U) ROAD CONDITIONS ARE QUITE POUR. DURING THE SURVEY OF REFNO 1626 IT TOOK FOUR HOURS TO TRAVEL A 30 KM STRETCH OF ROUTE 2. DETEN THE TEAM HAD TO PUSH THE VEHICLES THROUGH POOR SECTIONS OF THE ROAD. DECL: DADR BT

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