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Repatriation and Family Affairs Division

Mr. Gary Antuano

Dear Mr. Antuano:

Enclosed are copies of the most recent documents provided by the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting (JTF-FA) that relate to your brother, Sergeant Gregory A. Antuano.

This information is being sent to you in keeping with our policy of providing all information we obtain that relates to your loved one. If we can further assist you, please call

Sincerely,

Suzanne Walker

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Chief, Repatriation and Family

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SUBJ/DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1762 CONDUCTED DURING THE 29TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY//
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## NARR/REFERENCES.

- A. REF A IS THE DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION (DRI) OF CASE 1762 CONDUCTED DURING THE AN INDEPENDENT RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATION.
  - B. REF B IS THE DRI OF CASE 1762 CONDUCTED DURING JFA 94-1C.
- C. REF C IS THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REPORT OF CASE 1762 CONDUCTED DURING 02-1C.
- D. MAP DATA: NAME: SNUOL; SHEET: 6233 II; SERIES: L7016; EDITION: 2-TPC.
- E. MAP DATA: NAME: MEAK SAY; SHEET: 6333 III-II; SERIES: L7016; EDITION: 1-AMS.//

#### RMKS/1. SUMMARY.

A. CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: ON 24 JULY 1971 THE THREE MAN

CREW OF AN OH-6A HELICOPTER WAS ON A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN CAMBODIA WHEN THE HELICOPTER WAS DOWNED BY ENEMY FIRE. WHEN RESCUERS ARRIVED AT THE CRASH SITE, THEY FOUND THE PILOT OUTSIDE THE AIRCRAFT AND TWO CREWMEMBERS STILL STRAPPED IN THEIR SEATS INSIDE OF THE WRECKAGE. BOTH WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE HELICOPTER AND AT THAT TIME THE DOOR GUNNER WAS STILL ALIVE. THE OBSERVER WAS BELIEVED TO BE DEAD. A SHORT TIME LATER THE DOOR GUNNER STOPPED BREATHING. THE MEDIC CHECKED BOTH PERSONS SEVERAL TIMES AND TOLD OTHER RESCUERS THAT THEY WERE DEAD. AS ENEMY SOLDIERS BEGAN MOVING INTO THE AREA, SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) AIRCRAFT EVACUATED THE PILOT AND THE RESCUE TEAM. DUE TO ENEMY PRESENCE, NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO EXTRACT THE TWO DEAD CREWMEMBERS, AND THEIR BODIES WERE LEFT LYING NEAR THE DOWNED HELICOPTER. FOLLOWING DAY SEVERAL SAR AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO THE CRASH LOCATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE TWO DEAD FINDING THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN STRIPPED AND MOVED SEVERAL FEET. PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE CREW SUCH AS THEIR HELMETS, WEAPONS AND THE AIRCRAFT'S RADIO ALSO HAD BEEN REMOVED. THE TWO CREWMEMBER'S BODIES WERE ALSO REMOVED. AN AERIAL SEARCH OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA REVEALED NO EVIDENCE OF A FRESH GRAVESITE. TWO CREW MEMBERS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR.

- B. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 30 JANUARY 2003, DURING THE 29TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY (JFA) (03-1C) IN THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC), THE INVESTIGATION TEAM (IT) INVESTIGATED CASE 1762 IN SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE, KOC. THE IT INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES, WHO PROVIDED NO NEW INFORMATION REGARDING CASE 1762. THE IT RE-INTERVIEWED TWO FIRSTHAND WITNESSES, WHO OBSERVED A BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1762. THE WITNESSES LED THE IT TO THE CRASH SITE. THE IT SURVEYED THE SITE AND RECOVERED POSSIBLE LIFE SUPPORT ITEMS AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE.
- C. REMAINS/PERSONAL EFFECTS: THE IT DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WHILE INVESTIGATING CASE 1762.

## 2. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION.

## A. PURPOSE:

- (1) AT PE THNOU VILLAGE (48P XU 587 327), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MR. VIN PENG AND MR. HAL NAN AND IN CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE (XU 590 325), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE. ATTEMPT TO GAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURPORTED DISTURBANCE OF THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE LOCATION NEAR THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE (XU 6954 3607), LOCATED NORTHEAST OF ROUTE 13. ASCERTAIN THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER POSSIBLE GRAVESITES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.D., BELOW.)
- (2) LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MR. PREMN GNIN. ATTEMPT TO GAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURPORTED DISTURBANCE OF THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE LOCATION NEAR THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE (XU 6954 3607), LOCATED NORTHEAST OF ROUTE 13. ASCERTAIN THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER POSSIBLE GRAVESITES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)
- (3) INVESTIGATE AT CHEUNG KHALY (AKA CHEUNG KHLU), KHUM PE THNOM (POSSIBLY KHUM 2 THNU) SUB-DISTRICT, LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 13 AT XU 590 328. ALL VILLAGES ALONG ROUTE 13 FROM CHEUNG KHLAY TO THE SRV BORDER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1762. PHUM PRAVEANH (XU 60 35) IS A SPECIFIC VILLAGE TO BE VISITED ALONG ROUTE 13. THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE INVESTIGATED: (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)
  - ((A)) WHO WAS BURIED AT THE ALLEGED BURIAL LOCATION,

WHEN AND BY WHOM? WHEN AND BY WHOM WAS THE GRAVE FIRST DISTURBED? WAS ANYTHING RECOVERED OR REMOVED FROM THE SITE? IF YES, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MATERIAL RECOVERED? WAS THE SITE SCAVENGED MORE THAN ONCE? (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)

((B)) WERE REMAINS TRADERS KNOWN TO HAVE SCAVENGED IN THE AREA AT ANY TIME? IF YES, ARE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS STILL IN THE LOCAL AREA? INTERVIEW ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IDENTIFIED. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)

((C)) WERE ANY OFFICIAL UNILATERAL EFFORTS (EITHER PROVINCIAL OR NATIONAL) UNDERTAKEN TO RECOVER REMAINS IN THE AREA BY THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO U.S. PARTICIPATION IN JOINT RECOVERY INVESTIGATIONS IN 1992-1993? IF YES, DETERMINE TIMEFRAME, AND GROUP PARTICIPATION AND AFFILIATION. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)

- ((D)) DID THE VIETNAMESE CONDUCT ANY REMAINS RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA? IF YES, DETERMINE THE TIMEFRAME, GOALS, AND RESULTS. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E.)
- (4) ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE UNITS THAT OPERATED IN THE AREA DURING THE SUMMER OF 1971. (ACCOMPLISHED; SEE PARA 2.E., BELOW.)
- B. ON 27 JANUARY 2003, THE IT ARRIVED IN KRACHEH PROVINCE TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION THE INVESTIGATION OF SIXTEEN CASES AND SIX UNCORRELATED REPORTS.
  - C. TEAM COMPOSITION:
- (1) U.S. CONTINGENT: MAJ //NAME REDACTED// TEAM LEADER ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER SFC //NAME REDACTED// LTJG //NAME REDACTED// ANALYST CW2 //NAME REDACTED// ANALYST SSG //NAME REDACTED// ANALYST SSG //NAME REDACTED// LINGUIST SSGT //NAME REDACTED// STONY BEACH DEBRIEFER TEAM MEDIC HMC //NAME REDACTED//

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(2) CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT: COL CHUM SOYAT

TEAM LEADER

(3) KRACHEH PROVINCE CONTINGENT:

LTC SUEN SIENG HAK

D. ON 30 JANUARY 2003, THE IT TRAVELED TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS (XU 552 344), SNUOL TOWN, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE TO DISCUSS THE INVESTIGATION PLAN FOR CASE 1762. THE KOC CONTINGENT APPROVED THE INVESTIGATION PLAN AND INFORMED THE

TEAM THAT FOUR WITNESSES WERE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON 30 JANUARY 2003. THE REMAINING ONE WITNESS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AT THE CRASH SITE ON 31 JANUARY.

- E. ON 30 JANUARY 2003, THE IT FLEW TO SNUOL DISTRICT TOWN (XU 55 35), KRACHEH PROVINCE AND INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
  - (1) WITNESS ONE:
    - (A) WITNESS NAME: MR. KHEN PIN.
    - (B) AGE: 55 YEARS OF AGE (YOA).
- (C) CURRENT RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: LOMUT VILLAGE, POEY THNU COMMUNE (XU 587 327), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT.
- (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: TEACHER AT CHEUNG PHLU SCHOOL.
- (E) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: LOMUT VILLAGE, POEY THNU COMMUNE (XU 587 327), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
- (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF INCIDENT: TEACHER AT CHEUNG PHLU SCHOOL.
- (G) BACKGROUND: PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED DURING JFA 02-1C (REF C).

(H) STATEMENT: DURING 1971 RAINY SEASON, MR. KHEN PIN VISITED THE CRASH SITE OF AN AIRCRAFT THAT WAS SHOT DOWN BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE. MR. PIN FREQUENTED THE AREA TO HUNT AND FISH AND HE CAME UPON THE WRECKAGE OF A HELICOPTER AND OBSERVED SIGNS OF A FRESH GRAVESITE NEAR A TRAIL USED BY LOCAL VILLAGERS AND VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST FORCES. (NOTE: THIS TRAIL HAD BEEN EXPANDED AND BULLDOZED BY THE LOCAL LOGGERS IN 1998 OR 1999.) THE FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS RELATIVELY INTACT AND THE TAIL WAS BURNT. THE CRASH SITE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRAIL. THE GRAVE SITE WAS LOCATED 50 METERS EAST OF THE CRASH SITE ALONG THE ROAD. MR. PIN SCAVENGED THE AIRCRAFT FOR METAL BUT TOOK NOTHING ELSE FROM THE HELICOPTER. IN 1987 OR 1988 LOCAL INTEREST IN ACQUIRING REMAINS TO SELL WAS HIGH. HE RECALLED MR. DUONG PUM (DECEASED), A FORMER CO-WORKER AT CHEUNG PHLU SCHOOL, EXCAVATED THE GRAVE SITE TO OBTAIN BONES SOMETIME BETWEEN 1992 AND 1993 DUE TO RUMORS OF LARGE REWARDS. MR. PIN CLAIMED HE WAS NOT WITH MR. PUM, BUT DID PROVIDE HIM A MAP OF THE SITE AND POTENTIAL GRAVE. MR. PUM RETURNED TO SHOW A SET OF LONG BONES, A SKULL, AN IDENTIFICATION (ID) TAG AND A PONCHO LINER TO MR. PIN. MR. PIN NOTED THERE WERE NO SMALL BONES CONTAINED IN THE ITEMS MR. PUM EXHUMED AND HE FELT THERE MIGHT BE SMALL BONES REMAINING AT THE CRASH SITE. MR. PUM WAS UNABLE TO SELL THE REMAINS AND SUBSEQUENTLY REBURIED THEM. MR. PUM DIED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT A FEW MONTHS LATER IN 1979. MR. PIM DOES NOT KNOW WHERE MR. PUM REBURIED THE REMAINS. MR. PIN RECOMMENDED THE IT SPEAK WITH TWO OF MR. PUM'S SONS, MR. PUM PIA AND MR. PUM PHEAP OF SNUOL VILLAGE CONCERNING KNOWLEDGE OF REMAINS. MR. PIN WAS WILLING TO GUIDE THE TEAM TO THE SITE WHERE HE SAW THE CRASH SITE AND GRAVESITE. MR. PIN STATED CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATORS CAME TO THE AREA QUESTIONING RESIDENTS ABOUT CRASH SITES. MR. PIN DOES NOT KNOW THE SPECIFIC VIETNAMESE UNITS OPERATING IN THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE. HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER CRASH SITES OR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

- (2) WITNESS TWO:
  - (A) WITNESS NAME: MR. PREMN GNIN.
  - (B) AGE: 61 YOA.
- (C) RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE (XU 590 325), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE; SINCE 1970.
- (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: TEACHER AT CHEUNG PHLU SCHOOL.
- (E) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: LOMUT VILLAGE, POEY THNU COMMUNE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
  - (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF THE INCIDENT: FARMER.
- (G) BACKGROUND: PREVIOUSLY INTERVIEWED DURING JFA 94-1C (REF B).

(H) STATEMENT: SOMETIME IN 1970, MR. PREM GNIN CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN THE WRECKAGE OF A COBRA HELICOPTER. (NOTE: MR. PREMN USED THE WORD COBRA DURING THE INTERVIEW. WHEN ASKED WHY HE CALLED IT A COBRA, MR. PREMN CLAIMED THAT IS WHAT THE OTHER VILLAGERS CALLED THE HELICOPTER.) MR. PREMN CLAIMED TO HAVE LAST TRAVELED TO THE SITE IN 1987 WITH MR. HAL NAN AND MR. KHEN VIN. DURING THIS TRIP, MR. PREMN NOTICED MOST OF THE WRECKAGE HAD BEEN REMOVED WITH ONLY SMALL FRAGMENTS OF WRECKAGE REMAINING. THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT WAS LOCATED IN THE UPPER TREE LINE. MR. PREMN DID NOT RECALL ANY CAMBODIAN OR VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL VISITING THE CRASH SITE PRIOR TO 1992. MR. PREMN WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHICH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST FORCES WERE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE. HE HAS NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER CRASH SITES OR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

- (3) WITNESS THREE:
  - (A) WITNESS NAME: MR. VIN PENG (AKA PUONG VIN).
  - (B) AGE: 53 YOA.
- (C) RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE (XU 590 325), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT.
- (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: FARMER. VILLAGE SECURITY CHIEF FROM 1979 TO 1986.
- (E) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
  - (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF THE INCIDENT: FARMER.
- (G) STATEMENT: MR. VIN PENG CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED THE CRASH SITE IN 1986 OR 1987 WITH HAL NON. MR. VIN WAS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE ANY AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AT THE SITE AND ASCERTAINED HE HAD NOT BEEN BACK TO THE SITE IN OVER TEN YEARS. THE VILLAGERS HAD ALL DISCUSSED THIS SITE AND MANY HAD THE SAME DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE. MR. VIN DID NOT FEEL HE COULD LEAD THE IT TO THE SITE. HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SHOWN THE SITE TO ANY AMERICAN IT NOR DID HE RECALL ANY CAMBODIAN OR VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL VISITING THE CRASH SITE. MR. VIN WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT VIETAMESE COMMUNISTC FORCES WERE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE BUT NUMBERED OVER 10,000 PERSONNEL. HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER CRASH SITES OR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
  - (4) WITNESS FOUR:
    - (A) WITNESS NAME: MR. PUM PHEAP.
    - (B) AGE: 38 YOA.
- (C) RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE (XU 590 325), SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT.
- (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: POLICEMAN IN POEY THNU COMMUNE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
- (E) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
  - (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF THE INCIDENT: CHILD.
- (G) BACKGROUND: MR. DUONG PUM IS WITNESS'S FATHER. MR. DUONG PUM DIED BEFORE IT COULD BE ASCERTAINED WHAT HE DID WITH REMAINS EXHUMED FROM THE CRASH SITE.
- (H) STATEMENT: MR. PUM PHEAP, THE OLDEST OF MR. PUM'S CHILDREN, CLAIMED TO HAVE NEVER TRAVELED TO THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE AREA WITH HIS FATHER. HE HAD NOT LIVED WITH HIS FATHER SINCE 1982 AND HAD NO INFORMATION ON DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN HIS FATHER'S POSSESSION. HIS FATHER NEVER MENTIONED THE REMAINS OR RE-BURIAL OF THOSE REMAINS. MR. PUM PHEAP DID PROVIDE AN ID TAG THAT HE CLAIMS WAS IN HIS FATHER'S POCKET AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH. (NOTE: THE ID MEDIA COULD NOT BE CORRELATED WITH ANY KNOWN UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL OR CASUALTY OF THE WAR). HE HAD NO OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER CRASH SITES OR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE ID TAG PROVIDED BY MR. PUM PHEAP CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
  - ((1)) NAME: VASQUEZ, JUSTO F.
  - ((2)) SOCIAL: 52769773.
  - ((3)) BLOOD TYPE: O POS.
  - ((4)) RELIGION: CATHOLIC.
- F. ON 31 JANUARY 2003, THE IT TRAVELED TO 1762 CRASH SITE (XU 6954 3607) IN SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE TO CONDUCT THE RE-INTERVIEW OF ONE WITNESS AND TO SURVEY THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. THE WITNESS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
  - (1) WITNESS FIVE:
    - (A) WITNESS NAME: MR. HAL NON.

- (B) AGE: 66 YOA.
- (C) RESIDENCE AND LENGTH OF TIME THERE: LOMUT VILLAGE (XU 562 348), POEY THNU COMMUNE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE; LIFELONG RESIDENT.
  - (D) CURRENT OCCUPATION: FARMER.
- (E) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF INCIDENT: LOMUT VILLAGE, POEY THNU COMMUNE, SNUOL DISTRICT, KRACHEH PROVINCE.
  - (F) OCCUPATION AT TIME OF THE INCIDENT: FARMER.
  - (G) BACKGROUND: MR. NON LED THE TEAM TO THE

SUSPECTED CRASH SITE DURING JFA 94-1C (REF B).

- (H) STATEMENT: MR. HAL NON HAD NO NEW INFORMATION TO ADD TO HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BUT WAS ADAMANT THAT HE COULD POINT THE BURIAL SITE OUT TO THE IT. MR. NON HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS FROM THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. FOLLOWING HIS INTERVIEW MR. NON LED THE IT TO THE CRASH SITE AND BURIAL SITE WITHOUT HESITATION.
- (2) THE TEAM FOLLOWED THE WITNESSES TO A CRASH SITE (XU 69721 36011) AND CONDUCTED A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE AREA. THE IT RECOVERED NUMEROUS PIECES OF MISCELLANEOUS AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE CONSISTENT WITH A HELICOPTER. A NOMEX GLOVE PORTION PAD WAS ALSO RECOVERED AT THE SITE. THE TEAM THEN FOLLOWED THE WITNESSES TO A SITE IDENTIFIED AS THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE (XU 69745 36043). A DETAILED SEARCH AND TEST PIT YIELDED NUMEROUS PIECES OF MISCELLANEOUS AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, UNIDENTIFIED FABRIC MATERIAL, AND AN EXPENDED .45 CAL. ROUND CASING (REMINGTON ARMS 1966).

## 3. MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

- A. RETAINED BY JTF-FA:
  - (1) LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT:
    - (A) PARTIAL NOMEX GLOVE.
    - (B) FLIGHT HELMET VISOR FRAGMENT.
    - (C) UNIDENTIFIED MATERIAL.
    - (D) HARNESS STRAP.
    - (E) M-16 MAGAZINE.
  - (2) AIRCRAFT RELATED ITEMS:
- (A) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: #369A3004 NG REV 1 DAY 63.
  - (B) FRAGMENT OF 2.75 INCH ROCKET.
  - B. PHOTOGRAPHED AND LEFT IN PLACE: NONE.
  - C. REMAINS: NONE.
- 4. SITE SURVEY RESULTS.
  - A. AREA DATA:
    - (1) PROVINCE: KRACHEH.
    - (2) DISTRICT: SNUOL.
    - (3) VILLAGE: CHEUNG KLAY VILLAGE (XU 590 325).
- (4) VICINITY GPS GRID COORDINATES: 48P XU 69798 36074. THE IT OBTAINED THE COORDINATE USING A MAGELLEN MERIDIAN MARINE GLOBAL POSITIONING SATELLITE (GPS) RECEIVER, TRACKING SEVEN SATELLITES, USING THE INDIAN THAILAND DATUM.
  - (5) VICINITY MAP GRID COORDINATES: 48P XU 697 360.
- (6) ELEVATION: TWO METERS (DETERMINED USING A MAGELLEN MERIDIAN MARINE GPS RECEIVER, TRACKING SEVEN SATELLITES, USING THE INDIAN THAILAND DATUM.)
  - B. MAP DATA:
    - (1) MAP NAME: SNUOL.
    - (2) MAP SHEET: 6233-II.
    - (3) MAP SERIES: L7016.
    - (4) MAP EDITION: 2-TPC.
    - (5) MAP DATUM: INDIAN DATUM 1960.
  - C. SITE ACCESSIBILITY: SITE ACCESSIBLE BY HELICOPTER.

- D. SITE DESCRIPTION:
  - (1) TYPE OF SITE: BURIAL SITE.
  - (2) DIMENSIONS: FIVE X FIVE METERS.
- (3) SIGNIFICANT FEATURES: THE AREA IS PREDOMINATELY LOW ALTITUDE HILLS SCATTERED WITH LOW FLAT AREAS OF MARSHLAND AND WET GROUND.
- (A) DISTANCE TO THE NEAREST ROAD: 50 METERS TO WIDENED LOGGING TRAILS.
  - (B) NEAREST POPULATED AREA:
    - ((1)) NAME: SNUOL VILLAGE.
    - ((2)) DISTANCE FROM SITE: 18 KILOMETERS.
    - ((3)) ESTIMATED AVAILABLE LABORERS: 100.
  - (C) SITE SENSITIVITY: N/A.
- (D) MAJOR TERRAIN FEATURES: EXCEPT FOR THE EDGES OF THE HILLS.
  - E. LANDING ZONE RECOMMENDATION:
    - (1) LOCATION: 48P XU 69547 36007.
    - (2) DISTANCE TO SITE: ON SITE.
    - (3) DISTANCE TO BASE CAMP: 60 KILOMETERS TO KRACHEH.
    - (4) CONSIDERATIONS: SEASONAL FLOODING/SITE REMOTENESS.
  - F. BASE CAMP RECOMMENDATION:
    - (1) LOCATION: KRACHEH PROVINCIAL TOWN.
    - (2) DISTANCE TO SITE: 60 KILOMETERS.
    - (3) WATER SOURCE: BOTTLED WATER.
    - (4) HOTEL AVAILABILITY: TWO HOTELS AVAILABLE IN KRACHEH

TOWN.

- G. REMAINS FOUND AT SITE: NONE.
- H. ESTIMATED EXCAVATION REQUIREMENTS:
  - (1) NUMBER OF DAYS: TEN DAYS.
  - (2) NUMBER OF WORKERS: 25.
    - (3) SPECIAL EQUIPMENT: NONE.
- I. WATER SOURCE: STOENG CHREY MEANG RIVER.
  - (1) DISTANCE FROM SITE: TWO KM.
  - (2) WET SCREENING SUPPORTABLE: NO.
- J. TERRAIN AND WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS:
- (1) EFFECT OF WEATHER: SITE IS LOCATED OFF A FAIR WEATHER LOOSE SURFACE ROAD (ROUTE MARKER 1311) IN HEAVILY WOODED/JUNGLE TERRAIN. THE ROAD IS SEASONAL AND COULD BE SUBJECT TO FLOODING. ACCESSIBILITY IS LIMITED TO THE MAIN LOGGING ROAD INTO THE AREA IN ADDITION TO SMALL FOOT TRAILS.
  - (2) SLOPE: NONE.
- (3) VEGETATION: DENSE JUNGLE BRUSHWOOD, SWAMPS, OPEN GROUND AND LAND SUBJECT TO FLOODING DURING THE RAINY SEASON (JULY-DECEMBER).
  - (4) SOIL: LOAM MIXED WITH CLAY.
- (5) LOCAL OFFICIALS INFORMED THE JOINT TEAM THAT THE BEST TIME TO EXCAVATE THE SITE IS DURING THE DRY SEASON.
  - K. SAFETY:
    - (1) EOD HAZARD: NONE.
    - (2) TERRAIN: NONE.
    - (3) WILDLIFE: VARIOUS INSECTS.
- 5. PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES. NONE.
- 6. ANALYST COMMENTS.
- A. UPON ARRIVAL TO THE CASE 1762 CRASH SITE, ALL WITNESSES IMMEDIATELY POINTED TO THE CRASH SITE LOCATION AND ALLEGED BURIAL SITE. IT IS LIKELY MR. PIN PARTICIPATED IN THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS BASED ON HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIFORMS AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE BODY IN THE GRAVE. DURING THE RE-INTERVIEW, MR. NON DESCRIBED THE BURIAL IN DETAIL, NOTING THAT THE BODIES WERE

BURIED WITH THEIR HEADS TO THE WEST AND THAT THE BODIES WERE WRAPPED IN PONCHOS. HE ALSO PROVIDED A DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIFORMS AND THE NUMBER OF BONES RECOVERED AT THE SITE, AS IF HE HAD PERFORMED THE RECOVERY HIMSELF. WHEN ASKED SEVERAL TIMES, MR. NON DENIED PARTICIPATION IN THE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS OR LEADING MR. PUM TO THE SITE. HE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONNEL EFFECTS FROM THE CRASH SITE OR BURIAL SITE. OTHER CASE 1762 WITNESSES APPEAR TO BE SECONDHAND WITNESS TO THE GRAVESITE AND WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE LITTLE INFORMATION. ITEMS RECOVERED FROM THE CRASH SITE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS FOR CASE 1762.

- B. MR. KHEN PIN AND MR. HAL NON LAST VISITED THE SITE IN NOVEMBER OF 2002. SINCE THE TIME OF THE CRASH AND THE LAST AMERICAN INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA, LOGGING COMPANIES HAVE CUT ROADS INTO THE AREA AND HAVE CLEARED MOST OF THE LARGE TREES. THE ROAD ONCE USED BY THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE WAR IS NOW A LOGGING ROAD AND THE BURIAL LOCATION HAS BEEN PARTIALLY COVERED BY DIRT FROM TRUCK TRAFFIC.
- C. THE ID MEDIA PRESENTED BY MR. PUM PHEAP DID NOT CORRELATE TO ANY CASUALTY OF THE WAR.
- D. LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST COMMENTS: NO LSA PRESENT DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. FURTHER ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL EVIDENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT JTF-FA.
- 7. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.
  - A. CONCUR WITH ANALYST COMMENTS IN PARAGRAPH 6.B.
- B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT. EXCELLENT AT ALL LEVELS. OFFICIALS WORKED HARD TO ENSURE THE IT COULD ACCESS THIS REMOTE SITE WITHOUT A LOSS OF INVESTIGATION TIME.
- 8. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NONE.//

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