SOURCE DATA: REFNO 0342: On 18 May 1966, and Alc William J. Moore were crew members aboard a C-123B aircraft on a flare-drop mission over South Vietnam. At 0508 hours, friendly ground troops reported that the aircraft had crashed in flames in the vicinity of BR 476454. This area was under full-scale attack by a large concentration of enemy forces and other aircraft in the area had reported receiving heavy ground fire. An Army helicopter reported that the wreckage was scattered and badly charred. During inspection of the wreckage, the remains of three crewmen were recovered; however, the remains of Almen Wall and Moore were not located. Both individuals are currently carried in the status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

REFNO 1513 On 2 December 1966, CW2 Martin D. Vanden Eykel II, CW2 William C. Dunlap, SPS Michael H. Shanley and SPS William D. Sanderlin were crew members in the second UH1B gunship in a flight of two on a night ground support mission in South Vietnam. CW2 Vanden Eykel radioed the flight leader that he was experiencing vertigo. Later, the flight leader radioed CW2 Vanden Eykel to make a 180 degree turn and to leave the area. CW2 Vanden Eykel's acknowledgement was his last radio transmission. This was in the vicinity BR 7585...

Search efforts, which were negative, began on 2 December and continued until 6 December 1969. All four crew members are carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Bodies Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The alleged discovery of remains in the An Khe area, BR 4744, correlates to the loss location of REFNO 0342. The Kim Son area, BR 7390, another of the alleged discovery sites, is in the same vicinity of the REFNO 1513 loss incident. Furthermore, information relayed by source is consistent with other reporting on this incident. REFNO 0501 also occurred in this area, but cannot be correlated because the individual involved in the incident was swept away in a stream which flows away from the Kim Son area.

The only incident in the JCRC Data Base occurring in the Tan Quan District of Binh Dinh Province is that of REFNO 0513. This incident involved Bruce A. Graening, a U.S. Army E-3, who was captured by the enemy on 11 March 1967 and escaped on 18 March 1967. Therefore, a correlation cannot be made to this case. JCRC files indicate no F-5 crash sites are located in either Pleiku or Kontum Province. The final location given is too general, (north of Pleiku Kontum in Binh Dinh), to effect a correlation to cases in JCRC files. The individuals named by source are not accounted for personnel. Remains provided by source were forwarded to CILHI on 20 May 1985. This report will be reevaluated upon analysis of remains by CILHI, if necessary.

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