INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1626, ONLY ONE CAN BE IDENTIFIED
GIVEN THE PRESENT MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS.

B. THE REMAINS BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 1786 WERE
REPPATRIATED AT VIENTIANE, LAOS. IN ONE UNELABELED BOX ON 25 MARCH
1992. THIS WAS A UNILATERAL RECOVERY, AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF
THE REMAINS INDICATES SEVERELY FRAGMENTED SKELETAL PORTIONS WHICH ARE
NONDIAgnOSTIC AS TO RACE, SEX, OR AGE. NO DENTAL PORTIONS ARE
INCLUDED WITH THE ACCESSION, AND NO IDENTIFICATION WILL BE POSSIBLE.

C. REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THREE REFNOs WERE ANALYZED BY A JOINT
UNITED STATES-SOVIET UNION FORENSIC TEAM AND
SELECTED FOR REPPATRIATION TO THE U.S. THESE REMAINS WERE REPPATRIATED
ON 27 MARCH 1992 AT NO 1 BAI AIRPORT, HANOI IN THREE BOXES. BOX 1 IS
ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0017 AND CONSISTS OF AT LEAST TWO INDIVIDUALS.
IDENTITY IS INCOMPLETE, AND ONE IDENTIFICATION WILL BE POSSIBLE GIVEN
THE PRESENT MEDICAL AND DENTAL RECORDS. BOX 2 WAS ASSOCIATED WITH
REFNO 0135 AND THE REMAINS ARE SEVERELY FRAGMENTED. DENTITION IS
PRESENT WHICH WILL LEAD TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF ONE INDIVIDUAL. BOX
3 WAS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0124 AND CONTAINS REMAINS WHICH ARE
SEVERELY FRAGMENTED AND ARE NONDIAgnOSTIC AS TO RACE, SEX, AND AGE.
ALTHOUGH NO IDENTIFICATION IS LIKELY, THIS REFNO CANNOT BE EXCLUDED.
END NOTE.

6. THE CILNI REPORT IS PRELIMINARY, FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF CASE 0017
(CRAN, PUCKETT, MCKINNEY) (U)

1. (U) SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 10 MAR 1992, VNOSIP
DIRECTOR, MR. RO HAI DECH, INFORMED DETACHMENT 2, JOINT
TASK FORCE - WALLACE AIRPORT (JTFPA) THAT THREE
REMAINS, BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0017, WERE
IN THE CUSTODY OF THE KONOM PROVINCE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE. ON 16 MARCH A JOINT US/SOUTHVIET TEAM ATTEMPTED TO
REACH KONOM BY HELICOPTER BUT WERE FORCED TO STAND BY DUE TO BAD WEATHER. IN DANGM CITY. THE JOINT TEAM
REACHED KONOM ON 17 MARCH, TOOK CUSTODY OF THE REMAINS,
AND RETURNED TO HANOI ON 18 MARCH. THE REMAINS WERE
EXAMINED BY A JOINT US/SOUTHVIET FORENSIC TEAM AT DET 2 ON 21
MARCH 1992. THE REMAINS ARE SCHEDULED FOR REPPATRIATION

2. (U) DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION:

A. (U) DET 2 JOINT US/SOUTHVIET TEAM COMPRISED OF THE DET 2

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Puckett, H. P.
Mckinney, N. B.
CHIEF (MR. G. H. BELL), THE SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST (MR. BAGG), WHOSE DIRECTOR (MR. HO XUAN DO), HR. OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE (MR. PHAM TUNG) AND M.O.D. REPRESENTATIVE (MR. DUONG VAN HANG) DEPARTED BY HELICOPTER FROM HANOI ON 3 NOVEMBER 1991. THE TEAM WAS FORCED TO RETURN IN DAMN AND CONTINUE THE TRIP TO KOMTOM ON 17 MARCH 1992.

B. (a) AFTER ARRIVING IN KOMTOM TOWN, THE JOINT TEAM MET WITH OFFICIALS FROM THE PROVINCE PEOPLE’S COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE VICE CHAIRMAN MR. NGUYEN THANH CAO AND MAI THONG ANH DO (NOTED), THE PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE. MR. CAO WELDED THE JOINT TEAM TO KOMTOM. THE JOINT TEAM INTRODUCED TEAM MEMBERS AND EXPLAINED THE TEAM’S MISSION. MR. CAO INFORMED THE TEAM THAT AUTHORITIES IN KOMTOM FORMULATED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REMAINS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN HANOI DURING LATE DECEMBER 1991 AND AGAIN DURING MARCH 1992. MR. CAO SAID THE PEOPLE OF KOMTOM HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO IN TRYING TO REBUILD THEIR PROVINCE BUT THEY ARE, NEVERTHELESS, DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP FIND MISSING AMERICANS DUE TO THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE MIA ISSUE. MR. CAO EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE TWO SIDES WILL MEET AGAIN IN KOMTOM BECAUSE IN BELIEVES THERE ARE MORE REMAINS TO BE RECOVERED IN KOMTOM IN THE FUTURE. MR. CAO SAID HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT HUMANITARIANISM IS A TWO-WAY STREET AND THE PEOPLE OF KOMTOM ARE HELPFUL IN RECEIVING AND ASSISTING FROM THE US IN ORDER TO REBUILD THEIR PROVINCE AFTER A DEVASTATING WAR. MR. CAO SAID IT WOULD BE VERY BENEFICIAL IF KOMTOM RECEIVES ASSISTANCE BECAUSE THE AREA IS VERY POOR AND INHABITED PRIMARILY BY ETHNIC MINORITIES. MR. CAOExpressedAPPRECIATION FOR THE WAY KOMTOM AND THE PEOPLE OF KOMTOM ARE WORKING TOGETHER IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE HUMANITARIAN NEEDS OF VIETNAM.


D. (a) MAJ. DO SAID THAT AFTER THE PATROL REPORTED THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH SITE, HE INSTRUCTED THE PATROL TO LOCATE AND SECURE THE SITE. THE PATROL TRAVELLED TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS FROM DAK B’LO, WHICH IS LOCATED ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE 14, TO THE CRASH SITE WHICH IS LOCATED NEXT TO A STREAM RED ON THE...
4. (U) SURVEY RESULTS: SURVEY NOT YET CONDUCTED

5. (U) RECOMMENDED FUTURE ACTIONS: REQUEST THE VOHSP COORDINATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES IN KON TUM PROVINCE AND ARRANGE FOR A JOINT US/VIET TEAM TO SURVEY THE SITE IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ASSESS THE POTENTIAL FOR JOINT EXCAVATION. FURTHER REQUEST THAT THE SURVEY TEAM BE AFFORDED ACCESS TO WITNESSES RESIDING IN DAU PHO VILLAGE, DAU CLAY DISTRICT.

6. (U) PERTINENT LOCATION OR DATA CHANGES: NONE AT THIS TIME.


8. (U) ANALYST'S COMMENTS:


- B. (U) ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL WEAPON SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE KEFO 0017 CREW MEMBERS ARE NOT CARRIED IN US CASE FILES, THE 45 CAL PISTOL AND SURVIVAL RIFLE ARE

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CONSISTENT WITH EARLY VIETNAMESE WEAPONS ISSUED TO FLIGHT CREWS. THE CLOTH CHEST USBAG CLOTH OF THE NORTHERN PHILIPPINES MAY INDICATE THAT THE KEFO 0017 CREW WAS IN THE STATUS OF A US UNIT OR PERSONNEL. OTHER ITEMS EXAMINED, SUCH AS THE BLACK LEATHER BOOTS, SEA-WACS SERIES BLOOD CLOT, AND SURVIVAL MANUAL ARE ALSO CONSISTENT WITH EARLY VIETNAMESE FLIGHT CREW EQUIPMENT.

- C. (U) THE METAL IDENTIFICATION TAGS ARE CORRELATED TO CAPT. POURCELL AND 1 LT. MCKINLEY BY NAME, SERIAL NUMBER, AND BLOOD TYPE. THE SEARS CREDIT CARD IS CORRELATED TO SGT. CRUZ BY NAME. THE MILITARY ID CARD AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARD ARE CORRELATED TO SGT. CRUZ BY NAME, BRANCH OF SERVICE, SERIAL NUMBER, AND DATE OF BIRTH. THE DAMAGED WRAF BASE ACCESS PASS CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO A US CREW MEMBER. LIMITED INFORMATION OBSERVED ON THE WRAF CARD APPARENTLY INDICATES THE WEARER'S DATE OF

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BIRTH AS DECEMBER 1934, HEIGHT 1.67M, HAIR - BLACK, EYES - BROWN. BASED ON THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THE CARD PROBABLY CORRELATES TO THE FOURTH, UNIDENTIFIED CREW MEMBER, WHO WAS VIETNAMESE.

9. (U) SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST'S COMMENTS: ALL OF THE REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CLEANED AND STORED FOR A RELATIVELY LONG PERIOD OF TIME. BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE STILL FUNCTIONAL. LOCAL OFFICIALS IN KON TUM AS WELL AS THE VOHSP WERE VERY HELPFUL IN FACILITATING ACCESS TO THE REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PHOTOGRAPHING AND SUBSEQUENT JOINT FORENSIC EXAMINATION.

10. (U) TEAM CHIEF'S COMMENTS:

- A. (U) THE MANNER IN WHICH THE JOINT TEAM WAS RECEIVED IN KON TUM WAS UNUSUALLY CORDIAL. DURING INITIAL DISCUSSIONS, LOCAL OFFICIALS MADE REPEATED REFERENCE TO THE NECESSITY OF BOTH SIDES PUTTING THE WAR IN THE PAST AND LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE. ALTHOUGH THE US TEAM CONTINUED DEPRESSED HAND-HELD OF BEING CONFRONTED WITH RESIDUALIZED PERSONNEL SEEKING PAYMENT, THIS POSSIBLY REFLECTS THE CONCERN OF A PERSONAL EFFECTS BRIEFING BEING A WAY TO OFFER PAYMENT FOR THE REMAINS HAS NOTED.

- B. (U) COMMENTS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE REASONS FOR BRIEFING THE REMAINS TO THE LOCAL TO CENTRAL LEVEL, ARE PROBABLY INTENDED AS BEING CONCERNED WITH SIMILAR CLAIMS MADE BY THE WRAF IN RESPONSE TO THEIR PERCEPTION OF CRITICISM FROM THE US SIDE CONCERNING CIVILIAN AND STORAGE. ATTEMPTS BY THE US SIDE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CRASH SITES IN SITU SUBSEQUENT TO DISCOVERY WERE POLENTIALLY REFLECTIVE OF THE PROVINCE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE MG. MC, WHO EMPHASIZED THE NEECESSITY OF QUICKLY SECURING ALL REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS ONCE THEIR REMAINS BECOME KNOWN TO LOCAL VILLAGE.

- C. (U) THE TEAM CHIEF TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE VISIT TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR LEADS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PRIORITIES CASE INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED IN KON TUM. THE PROVINCE VICE CHAIRMAN, MR. NONG TOCH CHAO, INDICATED HE WOULD USE EFFORTS TOWARD THE CASES IN HIS AREA AND THAT HIS PROVINCE TASK TEAM WOULD CONTACT THE M.F.A. IN HANOI AS SOON AS THEY HAVE DEVELOPED FURTHER INFORMATION OR HAVE OBTAINED CUSTODY OF AMERICAN REMAINS.

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D. (C) THE US TEAM CONTINGENT REQUESTED ACCESS TO WITNESSES INVOLVED IN THE DISCOVERY OF, AND SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS BUT THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION INDICATED SUCH INTERVIEWS WOULD HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED AT A LATER DATE BECAUSE NO PRIOR PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN MADE.

E. (C) THE US TEAM CONTINGENT RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORT RECEIVED DURING INTERVIEW 12 INDICATING THAT TWO AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED IN DAK ROONG, DAK GAY DISTRICT DURING 1963. THE PROVINCE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE, MAJ THONG ANH DUC, SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THE WITNESS, OR A WITNESS, WHO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION, BUT HE WOULD WORK WITH THE PROVINCE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE AND ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. DECL.: OADR

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SUBJECT: VIETNAM REPATRIATION CEREMONY

1. SUMMARY: AT 1330 HOURS 27 MAR 92, REPATRIATION CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED AT NOI BAI AIRCRAFT, HANOI, VIETNAM WHERE THREE WOODEN BOXES CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT:

- BOX 1: PARTIAL REMAINS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO:
  - CHLOE, FURCELL AND MCINTYRE (0017)
  - BOX 2: PARTIAL REMAINS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO:
  - BRANCH AND JERNELL (0135)
  - BOX 3: BONE FRAGMENTS ALLEGEDLY FROM REF 0124
  AND METAL ITEMS AND VARIOUS PERSONAL EFFECTS ALLEGEDLY PERTAINING TO

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- DEPARTED UTPHAP, THAILAND: 211120 MAR 92
- ARRIVED HANOI, VI: 271330 MAR 92
- KEPAK CEREMONY: 271340-1630 MAR 92
- DEPARTED HANOI, VI: 271645 MAR 92
- DEPARTED UTPHAP, THAILAND: 271810 MAR 92
- SCHEDULED TO DEPART UTPHAP: 300630 MAR 92

3. DETAILS OF THE KEPAK CEREMONY: THE REPAT CEREMONY

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