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NAME:

SUMMARY SELECTION RATIONALE

SCHRECKENGOST, Fred T., PFC, USMC
GREER, Robert L., PFC, USMC

OFFICIAL STATUS:

DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED
MISSING

CASE SUMMARY:

SEE ATTACHED

RATIONALE FOR SELECTION:

Both individuals were reported in the custody of VC forces by many sources subsequent to their disappearance on 7 June 1964. PFC Schreckengost was seen alive and in good health by both U.S. and Vietnamese sources on occasions as late as October 1974. No correlated reports of death have been received for either individual.

REFNO: 0031

7 Apr 76

CASE SUMMARY

1. PFC Robert L. Greer and PFC Fred T. Schreckengost departed the Marine Base at Da Nang, South Vietnam, in a nonduty status on 7 June 1964. Both men rented motorcycles and headed south on Highway #1, telling a third Marine (unidentified) who had been with them that they were going to the top of a nearby hill overlooking Da Nang Air Field to take pictures. This was the last sighting of either man by US personnel. (Ref 3)

2. On the afternoon of 7 June, residents of Le Son Village, Hoa District, in Quang Nam Province, grid coordinates (GC) AT 980 660, saw two Americans riding motorcycles near their village. On 8 June the villagers reported that the VC had told them they had captured two Americans near their village on the previous day. On 15 June, a Self Defense Corps Strike Force recovered the two motorbikes, (rented by PFC's Greer and Schreckengost), at (GC) BT 003 645 where the reported capture occurred. (Ref 2)

3. The Americans were displayed at the Hamlet of Binh Nam, (GC) AT 990 636, and Bich Tran, (GC) AT 986 630 on the evening of 8 June. On one occasion the VC announced that the Americans would be given five months of political training and then returned. (Ref 2)

4. A 16 June report stated that two Americans wearing black clothing similar to that worn by the VC were paraded through several villages in Dai Loc District. The VC stated that the two Marines would be taken to the mountains to attend a three month indoctrination course in Communist ideals, after which they would be released. The two Marines were moved to Dong Lam Mountain, (GC) AT 380 620, Hieu Duc District in Quang Nam Province. (Ref 4)

5. A 25 June report indicates that on 8 June the VC took two USMC personnel to Son Ga Mountain (GC) AT 870 626 Dai Loc District. When they reached Chau Bai Hamlet, (GC) AT 954 601, Tang Son village, Dien Boi District, the two

Marines attacked one of the VC guards and tried to escape. The VC allegedly shot and killed the two Marines and reportedly buried them in Chau Boi Hamlet. (Ref 5)

6. On 10-24 July 1964 there are reports concerning the proposed release of the two Marines for the purpose of collecting a reward offered by the South Vietnamese Government for their return. (Ref 6 thru 9)

7. On 28 July 1964 two US military personnel were reportedly being held by the VC at the Quang Nam VC Province Chief's camp (GC) 848 648. The two personnel were reportedly taken captive by the VC on 7 June 1964. (Ref 10)

8. From 19-31 August, and on 2 September (1964) three reports stated that PFC's Greer and Schreckengost were to be moved to Hanoi or had been moved to Hanoi. (Ref 11,12; &13)

9. On 9 April 1965 two POWs detained by the VC were seen in the vicinity of (GC) YC 700 950 after being captured. (Ref 14)

10. In January 1968 a source observed two Americans being detained in a hut in the vicinity of Hoa Da village, (GC) BT 010 694. The source identified the photo of PFC Schreckengost as one of the two Americans he observed. He also stated that both Americans spoke Vietnamese. (Ref 16)

11. In July 1967 or August 1968, a source reported that he observed two US Prisoners in Quang Tin Province. The prisoners were assigned to the Nam Son Rice Transportation Group and lived in the Regrouping Training School near Hill #159, Bay Hamlet, Ky Que village in Tam Ky District. The prisoners were allegedly captured near Ky Son Village on 23 April 1967. These men were called Mr. White and Mr. Black. The source was positive that the Caucasian individual was PFC Schreckengost. (Ref 19)

12. In June or July 1968, while infiltrating South Vietnam, a source reported that he observed two US POW's in Laos near Kontum Province. The source identified the photo of PFC Schreckengost as the caucasian that he observed. (Ref 21)

13. In October or November 1968 a source reported that he observed a caucasian American with 180 North Vietnamese Army and 10-15 Viet Cong personnel in the vicinity of (GC) AT 805 300. The NVA told the source that the American was a POW. The source identified the photo of PFC Schreckengost as the caucasian that he observed. (Ref 17)

14. In November 1968 a source stated that he observed two Americans in Can Son village, Cam Xuyh District, Ha Tien Province North Vietnam. The Americans were riding in a truck heading north toward Hanoi. The source identified the photo of PFC Schreckengost as one of the prisoners that he had observed. (Ref 20)

15. In December 1969 a source reported that while infiltrating into South Vietnam he observed two allied POW's on a trail in Laos. The source identified the photo of PFC Schreckengost as one of the men that he observed. (Ref 18)

16. On 10 October 1974 an American caucasian was seen with a VC element at Co Luy Ferry Landing located at (GC) BS 737 736, Quang Ngai Province, South Vietnam. Two informants reported that the American had been giving gifts to the children and talking with the villagers. A third informant reported that prior to October 1974, and during an engagement with the enemy forces in Co Luy area, he had heard English being shouted between two men; one Caucasian and one Negro. The association of these two men in Quang Ngai Province has been given the nickname of "The Salt and Pepper Team". All three informants separately selected the photo of PFC Schreckengost and indicated that he looked older. (Ref 22,23, & 24)

17. During the existence of JCRC, the hostile threat in the area precluded any visits to or ground inspections of the sites involved in this case. These individuals' names and identifying data were turned over to the Four-Party Joint Military Team with a request for any information available. No response was forthcoming. PFC Schreckengost is currently carried in the status of Dead, Body Not Recovered. PFC Greer is currently carried in the status of Missing.

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ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

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| 1. Robert L. Greer | 0031-0-01 |
| 2. Fred T. Schreckengost | 0031-0-02 |

5. Details of this case, together with information indicating enemy knowledge of the case, were turned over to the Four-Party Joint Military Team on 8 August 1973 with a request for any information which would assist in determining status and resolution. No response was forthcoming. The Two-Party Joint Military Commission was given details of this case. The collapse of the GVN in March-April 1975 prevented further investigation of this case.

NAME is currently carried in the status of Captured.

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SUMMARY SELECTION RATIONALE

NAMES: FRANCISCO, San D., 1Lt, USAF
NAME

OFFICIAL STATUS: FRANCISCO: MISSING
NAME

CASE SUMMARY: SEE ATTACHED

RATIONALE FOR SELECTION: Voice contact was made with 1Lt Francisco and NAME by the search and rescue aircraft. A Hanoi newspaper article describes the shooting down of a U.S. aircraft that correlates with this case by date, location, and type of aircraft. The article also states that the pilots of this aircraft were captured. No subsequent reports of death have been received for either individual.

20 Apr 76

CASE SUMMARY

1. On 25 November 1968 NAME aircraft commander, and 1Lt San D. Francisco, pilot, were the crew of an F4D, (#66-7523), on a reconnaissance-escort mission over North Vietnam. As the reconnaissance aircraft started his mission in the target area, he heard that his escort aircraft had been hit. He aborted his mission immediately, but did not see the escort aircraft crash. He did hear a steady beeper, and then scrambled search and rescue forces (SAR). The wreckage was located on the side of a hill at grid coordinates (GC) XE 270 185. When the SAR forces arrived, they attempted a pick-up at (GC) XE 272 186, but were driven off by small arms fire. Due to adverse weather conditions, the SAR effort was discontinued for the first day. The next morning a Forward Air Controller (FAC) was on station, but fog in the area hindered his search. As the fog dissipated the downed pilot's location was confirmed again. However, due to adverse weather SAR forces were not in the area at that time, which delayed the rescue attempt. When the SAR forces did arrive, radio contact was lost and could not be re-established. The parachute that had been visible the day before had disappeared. All efforts to re-establish contact with the crew failed. (Ref 1)

2. On 26 November 1968, The Peoples Army newspaper carried an article that congratulated the people of Quang Binh for shooting down an F4 on 25 November 1968, and that the pilots were captured alive (NFI). (Ref 2)

3. In May 1973 JCRC proposed that the US Delegate to the Four-Party Joint Military Team should suggest this site as a possible operation in North Vietnam. Hostile threat precluded any other actions to resolve this case during the existence of JCRC. Details of this case together with information indicating enemy knowledge of the case were turned over to the Four-Party Joint Military Team with a request for any information which would assist in determining status and resolution on 12 December 1973. No response was forthcoming. 1Lt Francisco is currently carried in the status of Missing. NAME is currently carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

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ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS

1. San D. Francisco 1329-0-01
2. NAME