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Termination of Missing Status by a finding ogf Death

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MR: 11 Apr 78

SUBJECT: Captain San D. Francisco, 535-38-5087FV

ISSUE: Termination of Missing Status by a Finding of Death

SUMMARY:

a. Capt Francisco was the pilot of an F-4D aircraft on an escort mission over NVN when he was reported missing in action on 25 Nov 68. He was continued in that status at the expiration of the initial 12-month period of absence. A resume of the facts and circumstances is contained in attachment 1 to the basic letter.

b. Capt Francisco's name was passed to the other side for an accounting in Apr 73, May 73, Jun 74 and Apr 75. In Sep 77, the State Dept passed a summary to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Hanoi.

c. The status of the other crew member, Col Joseph C. Morrison, was changed to KIA (555) 26 Oct 73.

SOURCE MATERIAL:

a. SMR 1402, filed in DPMCB2.

b. JCRC and DIA queried and no new casualty information uncovered.

NOK: Mrs. Francisco (wife) signed a Disclosure of Decision form on 28 Mar 78 waiving her right to attend a review hearing. There has been limited contact with the parents; however, we do not anticipate any objection from them. They are not receiving governmental financial benefits.

PROMOTION STATUS: Held the grade of first lieutenant at the time he was reported MIA. He was promoted to his present grade in 1969. He has been selected for promotion to major and assigned selection sequence number 2554. Projected promotion month is O/A Jun 78.

USSDP ACCOUNT: As of 31 Dec 77 - \$38,306.70

RECOMMENDATION: That the finding of death be approved.

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2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, USC, Colonel Morrison and Captain Francisco were continued in a missing status at the expiration of the initial 12-month period of absence.

3. On 6 November 1970, in a letter to Mrs. Cora Weiss of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, Mr. Tran Trong Quat, a member of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People whose official standing in the North Vietnamese government has been acknowledged by the US Department of State, stated Colonel Morrison had never been captured in North Vietnam. On 10 December 1970, Captain Francisco's wife and parents received telegrams from Olaf Palme, Prime Minister of Sweden, stating that Captain Francisco had never been captured by the North Vietnamese.

4. No official accounting for Captain Francisco was ever received from the North Vietnamese government or its allies, and his name never appeared in the prisoner communication channels which proved to be reliable. In addition, no further information pertaining to him has ever been obtained from any other source.



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13 February 1969

BULLETIN No. 20,602

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CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS

SUBJ: (U) US Pilots Captured in North Vietnam.

(U) Items 1-2: Two issues of "Quân Đội Nhân Dân" ((People's Army)) Newspaper, No 2696 and 2698, published in Hanoi on 24 and 26 Nov 68, provides news coverage on the war in SVN, AA activities in NVN, editorials, and international news. Following are noteworthy articles:

- Letter of Commendation, dtd 23 Nov 68, issued by the NVA High Command, awarded to the Nguyễn Việt Xuân Arty Bn, which, at 1317 hours, on 23 Nov 68, shot down a US recon aircraft, type RF-4C, in Quảng Bình Prov and captured the pilot. *Cuth. Rubin down 13*

- A news item which discloses that two other aircraft were shot down on 25 Nov 68, and the pilots captured. The first was an "A-3J" shot down in Nghệ An Prov, at 1030 hrs, and the second was a "F-4C" shot down in Quảng Bình Prov at 1230 hrs. *Man*

- A editorial which calls for the strengthening of the relationship between the two countries. *sub 40v down 126*

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

USAFMPC (AFFMPC)
RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS 78148

12 NOV 1969

SUBJECT: Continuance of Missing in Action Status Beyond Twelve Months - Case #345

TO: AFFMPC

1. Personnel Involved: Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10, Title 37, USC, a full review has been made of the facts and circumstances set forth herein to determine whether the missing in action status of the following named personnel may reasonably be continued after a year's absence or terminated by a presumptive finding of death:

Major	Joseph C. Morrison	405-30-2438 FR	Aircraft Commander
Captain	San D. Francisco	535-38-5087 FV	Pilot

2. Circumstances: The personnel listed above comprised the crew of an F-4D aircraft which departed Udorn Airfield, Thailand, at 1156 hours, 25 November 1968, acting as escort for an RF-4C on a photographic reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. At approximately 1245 hours, a message stating, "We've been hit" was received from Major Morrison and Captain Francisco's aircraft. At this time their aircraft was about 28 miles west-southwest of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam. The crew members of the reconnaissance aircraft, unable to make visual contact since they were positioned in front of the damaged aircraft, broke off their run, climbed to a higher altitude, and alerted search and rescue forces. Beeper signals were heard; however, no parachutes were observed, nor was voice contact established.

3. Search Efforts: En route to the area, a forward air controller (FAC) heard Major Morrison reply to a radio request for his call sign, and as he neared the area, received a radio transmission from Major Morrison stating he was all right. The reconnaissance aircraft returned to base, and the FAC became the commander of the search and rescue effort. Major Morrison and his parachute were observed near the burning wreckage within 700 yards of an enemy encampment. Several people and a number of trucks were seen in the immediate vicinity. When Major Morrison was asked if he had made contact with Captain Francisco, he stated that he had not heard from him, but he should have gotten out. Attempts were made to establish voice contact with Captain Francisco and two transmissions were received in reply, but since they were extremely garbled, and their location could not be pinpointed, it was impossible to determine their origin. Other aircraft arrived in the area to assist in suppression of enemy fire and rescue operations. Heavy ground fire continued throughout the search. Due to darkness and the hostility in the area, the search was suspended. At first light the following day, the search was resumed and voice contact was established with Major Morrison

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pronoun "he." The translation of pilot in the singular is then correct. The captured pilot equates to M. J. Ruhling, USAF (returnee). This shot down is also referred to in Reference C, beginning "On 25 November, the High Command sent a telegram of commendation to the Nguyen Viet Xu battalion for having, together with the military and people of Quang Binh, downed on the spot an American reconnaissance jet and captured its pilot(s)..."

3. The second PW item in Reference A is a news story and pertains to two U.S. aircraft downed on 25 Nov 68. The first aircraft equates to an RA5C (A3J) downed over Nghe An Province on 25 Nov 68. The pilot, E. A. Stamm, USN(DIC) was captured but was seriously burned and died in a hospital in Hanoi on 24 Jan 69. His crewmember, R. C. Thum, USN (KIA/BNR) was killed in the crash. (Diplomatic sources in Paris were given verbal confirmation by DRV representatives that Thum was killed in the incident). The second aircraft relates to the loss of S. D. Francisco and J. C. Morrison (both USAF MIAs), downed in an F4D over Quang Binh Province on 25 Nov 68 at 1245L.

4. The news item in Reference A, the extract translation in Reference B and the article from Nhan Dan provided in Reference C (all concerning two losses on 25 Nov 68) will be considered jointly. In this particular case, it is impossible to determine whether the expression for pilot is used in the singular or the plural. The translation in Reference B, "shot down two US aircraft and captured their pilots on 25 Nov 68" is entirely accurate. It should read "shot down two US aircraft and captured their pilot(s)." Due to the difficulty in determining whether the Vietnamese expression of "pilot(s)" is singular or plural, two interpretations are possible:

- (a) Only one pilot, Stamm, was captured.
- (b) Two pilots, S. D. Francisco from the F4 and Stamm from the RA5C were captured.

(1) Voice contact with Morrison was maintained until the morning 26 Nov, thus precluding the possibility that he was captured on 25 November, as stated in the article. Additionally, the article was published on 26 November and undoubtedly written before the fate of Morrison would have been determined.

(2) Voice contact was established with Francisco on the ground; however, the communication was extremely garbled. Besides the possibility of capture, various events could have occurred after the initial voice contact (e.g., continued evasion, death from serious injury, or killed in a firefight with captors).

5. In summary, the shootdown on 23 Nov 68 equates to the loss of an USAF RF-4C and the capture of M. J. Ruhling USAF (returnee). The shootdowns on 25 Nov 68 relate to the loss of an USAF F4D and a USN RA5C. It cannot be determined if the article refers to the capture of only one pilot (E. A. Stamm, USN, DIC) or to two pilots (Stamm and S. D. Francisco USAF, MIA).

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* Based on the article, the fate of Ruhling's frontseater, B. G. Cuthbert USAF(MIA) cannot be determined. Ruhling saw Cuthbert, apparently alive descending in his chute but never made radio contact or saw him thereafter. He speculates, based on his own experience, that Cuthbert may have been killed by his captors.

at which time he stated he was all right; however, a rescue could not be effected due to the dense cloud coverage. When the weather had cleared sufficiently to attempt a recovery, voice contact could not be established. Since search efforts were again hampered by deteriorating weather and no further contact was made, the search was terminated at 1130 hours, on 26 November 1968.

4. Supplemental Information: A Hanoi radio broadcast on 26 November 1968, stated an A-3J and an F-4C aircraft were shot down over North Vietnam on 25 November 1968. The report claimed the F-4C aircraft was downed over Quang Binh Province and its pilots captured. A similar report appeared in an article in a North Vietnamese newspaper, Nhan Dan, on 26 November 1968. Although no names were mentioned, the date, similar type of aircraft, and location coincide with the incident involving Major Morrison and Captain Francisco. In addition to their aircraft, one Navy aircraft was lost over North Vietnam on that date. To date, no further information has been received which would clarify their status.

5. Discussion: An examination of the available information compels the conclusion that a reasonable possibility exists for the continued survival of Major Morrison and Captain Francisco. This conclusion is supported by the recorded evidence which establishes that, although the aircraft was not under observation at the time and no parachutes were observed, beeper signals were heard and radio contact was made with Major Morrison after reaching the ground. It is therefore possible that Captain Francisco was also able to reach the ground, and for unknown reasons was unable to make his presence known. The incident occurred over a heavily populated area and it is logical to assume that they could not have evaded capture for any length of time. The absence of a report establishing their status as prisoners is no indication that such is not the case since the North Vietnamese and their agencies reject any obligation under the Geneva Convention to report the names of our personnel in their custody. Until new evidence is produced or other events occur which overcome this possibility, it is reasonable to assume that they may still be alive and any change in their status on this date may be premature and beyond the safe calculated risk of error.

6. RECOMMENDATION: Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 555, Title 37, USC, and following the mandatory review of all available information on this date, it is recommended that official casualty reports be issued stating that Major Joseph C. Morrison, 405-30-2438 FR, and

DEFENSE INFORMATION REPORT EVALUATION				INSTRUCTIONS: To be completed by Typewriter or Ball Point Pen			
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Ref A) IR 6 028 1956 69, COMUSMACV, 14 Feb 69.							
Ref B) IR 6 028 2026 69, COMUSMACV, 19 Feb 69.							
Ref C) Translation (copy of original article attached) of article from 26 Nov 68 issue of <u>Nhan Dan</u> .							
1. Ref A forwards a summary of information from two issues of the North Vietnamese publication <u>Quan Dai Nhan Dan</u> published in Hanoi on 24 and 26 November 1968. Two of the articles pertain to U.S. aircraft losses. Reference B forwards extract translations of articles pertaining to U.S. aircraft losses over North Vietnam from the same issues of <u>Quan Dai Nhan Dan</u> . Reference C is a translation of an article from the 26 November 68 issue of <u>Nhan Dan</u> relating to the same aircraft downings which are the subject of References A and B.							
2. The first PW item in Reference A concerns the shootdown of an RF-4C in Quang Binh Province on 23 Nov 68 at 1317L. An extract translation is provided in Reference B. The information equates to the loss of a USAF/RF4C over Quang Binh Province on 23 November 1968 at 1310L. The article states that the pilot ejected and was captured as soon as he set foot on the ground. In many cases, due to the way the Vietnamese referred to captured American pilots as "pirate pilots," it is impossible to determine whether the expression is used in the singular or plural. In this case, the expression is qualified later in the sentence by the							
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U.S. SENATE

Photos may verify death of MIA's co-pilot

Family hoping to end uncertainty surrounding San Francisco's fate

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

The fate of Air Force Maj. San
Dwayne Francisco of Burbank
remains unknown today, even as
newly discovered photographs
appear to confirm his co-pilot
was killed on a mission over
North Vietnam 24 years ago.

Until now—though both pilots
had been officially declared
dead—the only certainty was
they were
missing.

"There's
nothing con-
clusive at all
on my dad,"
Tod Francisco,
28, of Seat-
tle, said
Thursday.

A sister in
Kennewick,
Becky Fran-
cisco, and one
in California, Teri Francisco-
Farrell, remain hopeful their
brother somehow survived and
is still alive. Both feel some
sense of relief that new informa-
tion is coming out nearly a quar-
ter of a century after he
parachuted into the jungle and
disappeared.

Tod said he and his mother,
Kay Francisco of Seattle, were
shown photographs a month ago
by Pentagon officials of his fa-
ther's crash site. There also
were photos of some possessions

belonging to his father. They
were laid out with possessions of
Lt. Col Joseph Morrison who
ejected with Francisco when
their F4D jet fighter was hit on
Nov. 25, 1968.

The United States recently ac-
quired new photographs that
may provide information about
the 2,666 servicemen still unac-
counted for Southeast Asia. One
purportedly shows the body of
Morrison, with his nametag
clearly visible, according to The
Associated Press.

"They had my dad's driver's li-
cense, his (military) base card,
everything he would have in his
wallet," Francisco said. He has
no way of knowing if his father
had placed the wallet in the
plane and it was found in the
wreckage, or if it was taken from
him on the ground, Francisco
added. There was no picture of
his father, said Francisco, who
was 4 when his father was shot
down.

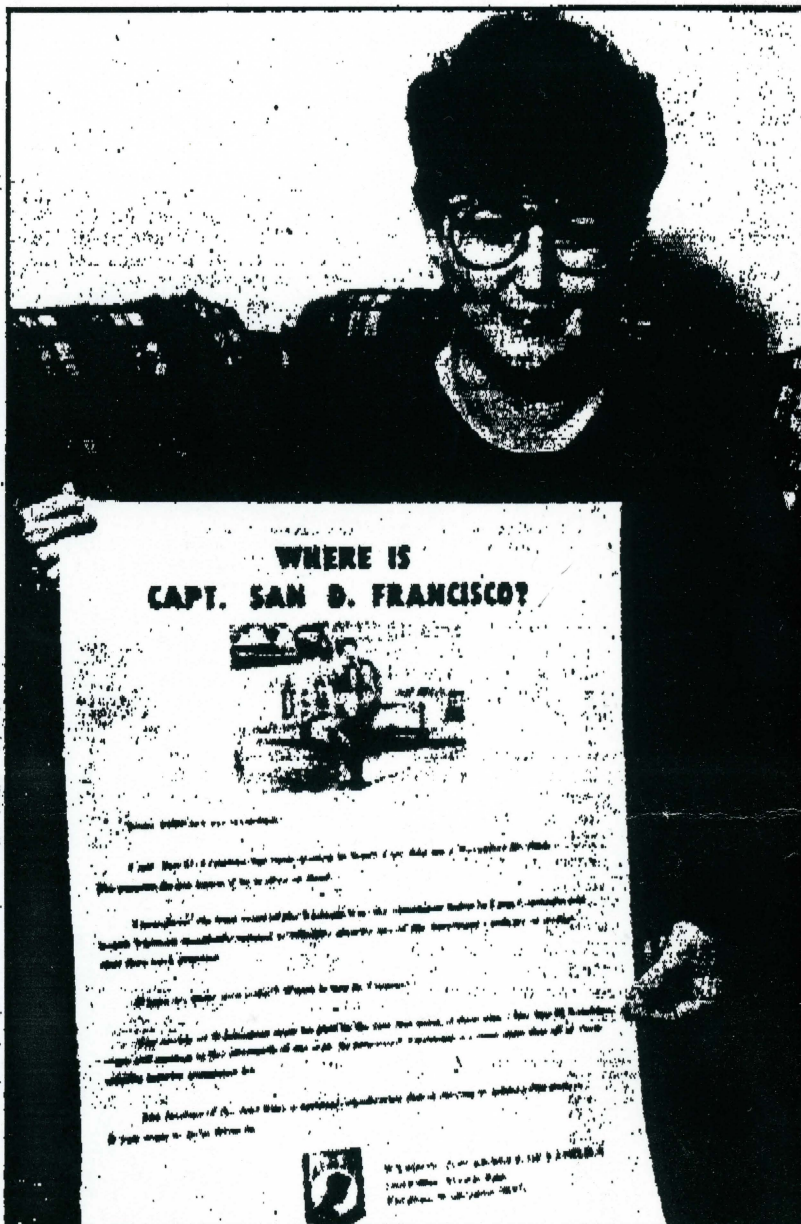
The photos also showed one
helmet, one pistol belt and two
pistols, he said. Although pilots
carried a pistol as part of sur-
vival gear, it was not unusual for
some pilots to slip a second pis-
tol in a side pocket of their flight
suit, Francisco said. Accord-
ingly, he can't conclude one gun
came from his father and one
from Morrison, Francisco said.

Morrison was a major and
Francisco a 24-year-old Air
Force lieutenant when their

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San Francisco



Herald/Bob Bray

Becky Francisco, Kennewick, holds a poster with a picture of her missing brother, Air Force Maj. San Dwayne Francisco of Burbank. The fate of her brother is unknown but newly discovered photographs appear to confirm Francisco's co-pilot was killed when their plane was shot down over North Vietnam 24 years ago.

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Deaths/C3

Horoscope/C11

Movies/E7

Opinion/A6

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plane was hit while escorting a photo plane on a reconnaissance mission during Thanksgiving week 1968. Both men parachuted from the stricken plane and landed apart. Ground contact was made with both men by rescue forces.

Francisco-Farrell, now living in Arroyo Grande, Calif., said by telephone Thursday her brother was heard from for about 30 minutes and Morrison for about 24 hours.

Tod Francisco said the two pilots apparently never joined each other on the ground.

"They had radio contact with them both the first day and on the second day they had radio contact with Morrison and he hadn't seen my father at that time," Tod said.

Both pilots were at first declared missing in action and they were promoted in rank through the years. They later were declared dead by the U.S. government, although their bodies were not found.

The first hint of that for the families came a month ago, Tod Fran-

cisco said.

"About a month ago we were told there was more information," he said. "They said they were going to meet with the Morrison family first and then they came up and met with me and my mom."

That's when they saw photos of his father's possessions and learned more about Morrison. Morrison's family now lives in Arizona, Tod said.

He believes those photos came from the same source that provided the thousands of photographs recently acquired by the U.S., Tod said. He doesn't know if the additional photographs contain any more information about his father. Neither he nor his mother have been contacted since last month, he said.

His mother, Kay, a high school sweetheart of San Francisco at Kennewick High School, never remarried after he was shot down. San graduated in 1962 from Kennewick High and later was a standout athlete at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg where he received his Air Force commission through ROTC.

San's parents, Harry and Esther, both died in the 1980s still believing their son was alive. They were members of the National League of Families POW-MIA.

Francisco-Farrell holds on to "dim hope" her brother is still alive somewhere in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

"That little dim hope is still there," she said Thursday.

Francisco-Farrell said she has been following all information being reported about POWs and MIAs. Wednesday night she heard a CNN report on her brother's plane, but it provided few details.

"I heard the date and I knew that was San's plane," she said. "My heart went immediately to my stomach."

The report did not name either pilot.

After a semi-sleepless night, she was up at 4 a.m. Thursday, switched on CNN and heard more about Morrison being identified.

"They said they didn't have information on the pilot (Maj. Francisco) and did not name him," Francisco-Farrell said.

Becky Francisco said she was awakened by her sister at 4:30 a.m. Thursday to get the news reported on CNN. She has heard nothing since, she said.

Meanwhile, Francisco-Farrell sent a letter by fax Thursday to Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, asking to be notified of any information developing about her brother.



DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-



22 DEC 1992

U-1525/PW

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
550 C Street West, Suite 15
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4717

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unclassified Message for Release to NOK

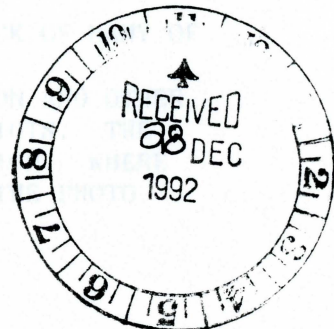
1. Enclosed is a DIA/DOF-3 message, DTG 041420Z Nov 92 that may correlate to the following Air Force personnel: 1st Lt Lee Aaron Adams, Maj Marvin Nelson Lindsey, Maj Joseph C. Morrison, Capt John W. Seuell, 1st LT San Dewayne Francisco, Capt Frederick M. Mellor, Capt William A. Ott, Lt Col Dean Andrew Pogreba, and 1st LT Donald William Bruch, Jr.

2. Should PW receive follow-on information regarding the above individuals we will forward it accordingly.

3. POC for this action is John H. Glover, (703) 908-2860.

Enclosure a/s

CHARLES F. TROWBRIDGE, JR.
Deputy Director
Special Office for Prisoners
of War and Missing in Action





DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340



22 DEC 1992

U-1525/PW

TO: Headquarters
Air Force Military Personnel Center
ATTN: Mr. George Atkinson
550 C Street West, Suite 15
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4717

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unclassified Message for Release to NOK

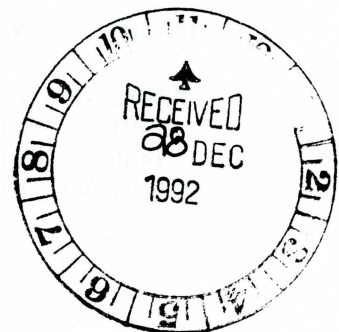
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 TO RUHQHQ/CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//J2//
 INFO RUHQHQB/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3//
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CONTROLS

SECTION 01 OF 03

SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 016 9032 92

/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/

BODY

COUNTRY: (U) VIETNAM (VM)
 SUBJECT: IIR 6 016 9032 92//PHOTOGRAPHS OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR,
 WAR CASUALTIES AND U.S. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FROM THE VIETNAM WAR -
 CORRECTED REPORT (U)

 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: (U) 640000-740000.
 REQ: (U) D-VOP-2430-38-90; D-VOP-2430-05-90.
 SOURCE:

SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS 45 VOLUMES OF PHOTOGRAPHS
 BOUND IN LOOSE LEAF NOTEBOOK FORMAT. MOST PHOTOGRAPHS ARE
 ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. PRISONERS HELD CAPTIVE AS A RESULT OF THE
 VIETNAM WAR. SOME PHOTOS DEPICT U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO WERE DETAINED
 IN VIETNAMESE POW CAMPS AND LATER RELEASED DURING "OPERATION
 HOMECOMING," WHILE OTHERS SHED LIGHT ON THE STATUS OF PERSONNEL WHO
 ARE EITHER LISTED IN THE CATEGORY OF MISSING IN ACTION (XX) OR
 KILLED IN ACTION, BODY NOT RECOVERED (BB).

TEXT: 1. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE
 ORGANIZED IN 45 THREE RING NOTEBOOK BINDERS. ON THE BACK OF MANY OF
 THE PHOTOGRAPHS IS WHAT APPEARS TO BE A DESCRIPTION

DATING THE PHOTOGRAPH AND GIVING THE LOCATION AND OTHER
 PERTINENT DATA CONCERNING THE SCENE OR INCIDENT IT DEPICTS. THE
 WRITING APPEARS TO GIVE THE DATE OF INCIDENT AND LOCATION. WHERE
 APPROPRIATE, THE SERVICEMAN'S NAME IS ALSO WRITTEN ON THE PHOTO.
 (FIELD COMMENT:

OF THE ANNOTATIONS.)

2. REVIEW OF NOTEBOOK BINDERS REVEALED NINE (9) SEPARATE SETS OF CASUALTY PHOTOS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BACK OF RESPECTIVE PHOTOS. THESE INSCRIPTIONS WERE COMPARED AGAINST THE DIA PW/MIA DATA BASE AND, IF VALID, MAY CORRESPOND TO PERSONNEL LISTED IN THE DIA PW/MIA CATEGORIES OF EITHER XX (MISSING IN ACTION) OR BB (KILLED IN ACTION, BODY NOT RECOVERED). READ AS FOLLOWS: NAME/RANK/SERVICE/REFNO/CATEGORY/PHOTO BINDER NUMBER

ADAMS, LEE A 1LT USAF 0307 BB 7312

LINDNSEY, MARVIN MAJ USAF 0105 XX 7269

MORRISON, JOSEPH C MAJ USAF 1329 XX 7288 NOTE 1

SEUELL, JOHN CPT USAF 1870 XX 7288 NOTE 2

3. ANOTHER SET OF PHOTO NOTEBOOKS YIELDED PHOTOCOPIES OF ID CARDS THAT CORRESPOND TO EIGHT (8) MIA CASES:

FRANCISCO, SAN D LT USAF 1329 XX 7288 NOTE 1

MELLOR, FREDRIC M CPT USAF 0124 XX 7269

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4. NOTEBOOK BINDER 7278 YIELDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ITEM	INSCRIBED DATE /	BINDER
HAT	29 MAR 66	7278 NOTE 4
REVOLVER	19 OCT 65	7278 NOTE 4

5. REVIEW OF SEVERAL NOTEBOOK BINDERS YIELDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AIRCRAFT CRASH SCENES OR PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS: (NOTE 5).

READ AS FOLLS:

AIRCRAFT /	SERIAL NO' /	INSCRIBED DATE /	BINDER
A-1H	134517	3 MAR 65	7269
F-105D	-----	4 APR 65	7269 NOTE 6
C-123	315587	3 FEB 66	7312
C-123	315587	3 FEB 66	7312
A-1H	SIDE NO 413	5 MAR 66	7312
RF-101	-----	7 MAR 66	7312
RF-101	-----	7 MAY 66	7312
C-130	-----	31 MAY 66	7312
A-1H	-----	14 OCT 66	7284
RF-4C	-----	17 JAN 67	7289
F-4B	-----	4 FEB 67	7289
A-6A	-----	24 MAR 67	7289
A-1E	-----	21 JUN 67	7274
A-4E	-----	25 OCT 67	7289
F-4D	-----	11 MAR 68	7289

F-4B	-----	19 AUG 69	7288	NOTE 7
UH-1	-----	22 MAR 71	7270	
A-6A	-----	30 DEC 71	7288	
AC-130	032-58	29 MAR 72	7308	NOTE 8
B052	-----	19 DEC 72	7276	NOTE 9

NOTE 1: BINDER 7269 DEPICTS CASUALTY PHOTO ANNOTATED AS ASSOCIATED WITH AS WELL AS ID CARD, FLIGHT GEAR (INCLUDING TORSO HARNESS ON WHICH HIS NAME TAG IS SHOWN) AND CRASH SCENE. ANOTHER PHOTO IN BINDER 7269 SHOWS AN F-8 ID PLATE FOR PART NO' CVI-5720020-9. DOI ON REVERSE IS THE SAME AS REFNO 0088. BINDER 7288 DEPICTS SEVERAL PHOTOS ASSOC WITH REF 1329. MAJ MORRISON'S ID CARD AS WELL AS LT FRANCISCO'S ARE SHOWN IN ONE. ANOTHER PHOTO PURPORTEDLY DEPICTS VIETNAMESE CADRE RETRIEVING WRECKAGE ASSOC WITH THEIR F-4D FROM THE WATER. STILL, ANOTHER PHOTO SHOWS PERSONAL EFFECTS ANNOTATED AS ASSOC WITH BOTH CREWMEN INCLUDING A FLIGHT HELMET, A CAP ON WHICH IS INSCRIBED 555TH TES "TRIPLE NICKEL," AND TWO REVOLVERS. THE PHOTO PURPORTED TO BE OF AND PHOTOS ASSOC WITH THE AIRCRAFT CRASH SCENE AS WELL AS ASSORTED PERSONAL EFFECTS ARE ALSO PORTRAYED IN THIS BINDER.

NOTE 2: A SECOND SOURCE PROVIDED THE SAME PHOTO. ON THE BACK OF THIS PHOTO ARE VIETNAMESE INSCRIPTIONS THAT HAVE SAME LOSS DATE. BINDER 7288 ALSO CONTAINS PHOTOS OF FLIGHT GEAR, A REVOLVER AND VARIOUS PERSONAL EFFECTS THAT ARE ANNOTATED WITH THE SAME LOSS DATE AS WELL'

NOTE 3: BINDER 7289 ALSO CONTAINS PHOTO NOTED WITH SAME LOSS DATE AS THAT PURPORTED TO BE OF BINDER 7309 CONTAINS PHOTOS OF CRASH SCENE.

NOTE 4: ON BACK OF THE PHOTO IS THE INCIDENT DATE, THE ANNOTATION "F105" AND THE NAME "BRUCH." A CLOSEUP OF A NUMBER STENCILED INSIDE THE HAT APPEARS TO READ "44G506S." A PHOTOCOPY OF ONE PAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT 10-DAY INSPECTION FORM IS ALSO INCLUDED. SIGN OFF DATES COVER THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1966. (COMMENT

BINDER 7312 DEPICTS AIRCRAFT PURPORTEDLY ASSOC WITH 1LT BRUCH'S REFNO AS WELL AS A REVOLVER, THE LAST THREE DIGITS OF THE SERIAL, READING..2273' THE PHOTO OF A REVOLVER IN BINDER 7278 SHOWS THE GUNS SER NO. 79251...SV, ALSO INSCRIBED ON BACK IS THE APPARENT LOSS DATE (19 OCT 65)'

NOTE 5: A NUMBER OF THE INCIDENT DATES ANNOTATED ON THE BACK OF THESE PHOTOS ARE COINCIDENT WITH LOSS DATES OF UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL.

NOTE 6: BINDER 7269 HOLDS SEVERAL PHOTOS THAT ARE INSCRIBED ON BACK AS PERTAINING TO AN F-105D PURPORTED TO BE SHOT DOWN ON 4 APR 65. ONE PHOTO SHOWS A HELMET ADORNED WITH TWO SETS OF FOUR DIAMONDS ARRAYED IN DIAMOND FORMATION. THE NUMBER THREE IS ALSO VISIBLE. ANOTHER PHOTO SHOWS AN ID PLATE FOR F-105D PART NO. 57W26000-20-2' ANOTHER PHOTO SHOWS AN EJECTION SEAT THAT APPEARS SOMEWHAT INTACT.

NOTE 7: PHOTO DEPICTS A SURVIVAL KIT CONTAINER WITH PARTIALLY OBSCURED SERIAL NO'; 5.'55-21000-11.

NOTE 8: BINDER 7308 CONTAINS NUMEROUS PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION PLATES. THE AC-130 ID PLATE RELATES TO PART NO. 20-

23001-309, SER 032-58.

NOTE 9: BINDER 7276 ALSO INCLUDES A CASUALTY PHOTO WHICH IS INSCRIBED WITH THE SAME LOSS DATE AND B-52. BINDER 7284 CONTAINS A PHOTO OF A SMALL SECTION OF FUSELAGE ON WHICH IS ATTACHED AN ID PLATE FOR A B-52. THE ID/SER NO. IS PARTIALLY OBSCURED WITH THE LAST SEVEN DIGITS VISIBLE, '...4034-19'. THE INCIDENT DATE (19-12-1972) APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PAINTED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE COMPONENT AFTER THE INCIDENT.

5. PHOTOGRAPHIC TITLING LOG.

THIS TITLING LOG IS LIMITED TO A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENTS OF EACH BINDER. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF BINDER CONTENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

NOTEBOOK NO.	DESCRIPTION
7268	AIRCRAFT CRASH, SHOOTDOWN AND CAPTURE SCENES, WRECKAGE, AND ID CARDS
7269	ID CARDS, CASUALTY PHOTOS, ACFT WRECKAGE
7270	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS, SHOOTDOWN, AND ID CARDS (INCLUDES SEVERAL PROBABLE UH-1 HELOS, ONE DTD 1 MAY 92 WITH FOUR CASUALTIES VISIBLE. HELO SIDE NO. IS 032)
7271	ID CARDS
7272	FLIGHT SUITS
7273	FLIGHT HELMETS
7274	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/CRASH SCENES
7275	FLIGHT HELMETS
7276	CASUALTY PHOTO, ACFT WRECKAGE, AND SHOOTDOWN SCENES
7277	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
7278	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/CRASH SCENES AND MEMORABILIA (INCLUDES B-52 ASSOC PHOTO ANNOTATED 12 DEC 72 OF A PARACHUTE, SER NO. 12620)
7279	AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS/FLIGHT GEAR
7280	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
7281	ID CARDS
7282	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
7283	MEMORABILIA (POCKET KNIVES, REVOLVERS, ETC)
7284	AIRCRAFT CRASH SCENES, COMPONENTS, ID CARDS, ETC
7285	PHOTOS OF LIVE POWS IN PRISON CAMPS
7286	ID CARDS
7287	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
7288	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, CASUALTY PHOTOS AND ID CARDS
7289	AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, CASUALTY PHOTOS AND ID CARDS. (INCLUDES CASUALTY PHOTO IN WHICH CREWMAN IS STILL IN HIS TORSO HARNESS AND A HELMET ON WHICH AN EMBLEM OF THE AMERICAN FLAG, A HEART AND A PARTIALLY OBSCURED FLAG ARE VISIBLE. THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTIONS ARE NOTED ON BACK OF THE PHOTO: "28-2-68" AND "A6-A."

7290 SERIALIZED ACFT COMPONENTS AND FLIGHT GEAR
 7291 AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS SURVIVAL AND FLIGHT GEAR
 7292 HELMETS, TORSO HARNESS AND SURVIVAL KIT CONTAINERS
 7296 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
 7292 FLIGHT HELMETS
 7293 SERIALIZED AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS
 7294 POW CAPTURE AND ACFT WRECKAGE (INCLUDES USAF
 ACFT BUNO 60093)
 7295 LIVE POW PRISON CAMP SCENES
 7296 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, CASUALTY PHOTOS, ID CARDS,
 7297 SERIALIZED ACFT COMPONENTS (INCLUDES PHOTO OF
 POSS WING SECTION. INSCRIBED DATE IS 4 JUL 69. COLLINS
 LOGO IS CLEARLY VISIBLE ALONG WITH A SER NO. 4722 K.
 286 OR 4782 K' 286).
 7298 PHOTOS OF LIVE POWS IN PRISON CAMPS
 7299 PHOTOS OF LIVE POWS IN PRISON CAMPS
 7300 FLIGHT HELMETS
 7301 CASUALTY PHOTOS OF PERSONNEL WHOSE REMAINS HAVE
 BEEN REPATRIATED TO THE UNITED STATES.
 7302 LIVE POW PRISON CAMP SCENES
 7303 AIRCRAFT CRASH SCENES, COMPONENTS, ETC.
 7304 POW CAMP SCENES
 7305 LIVE POW CLOSEUPS
 7306 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS AND SHOOTDOWN SCENES
 7307 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND CRASH SCENES
 7308 SERIALIZED ACFT COMPONENTS (INCLUDES PHOTO OF
 AERO 20A EJECTOR RACK SERIAL BB 527, PART NO'
 5445840-509 PURPORTEDLY ASSOC WITH AN A-4; THE
 INSCRIBED DOI IS THAT OF REFNO 0103).
 7309 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/CRASH SCENES
 7310 ID CARDS
 7311 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/COMPONENTS
 7312 AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE/CRASH SCENES (INCLUDES USAF ACFT
 BUNO 60093 AND ONE CASUALTY PHOTO)

COMMENTS:

1. FIELD COMMENT.

2' MANY OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE MOST CERTAINLY DUPLICATES
 OF PHOTOS PROVIDED IN PREVIOUS IIR (SITE IIRS 6 012 90001-90006-
 90015-90027-92). RO INCLUDED THESE OBVIOUS DUPLICATES WITH THIS
 IIR FOR FEAR OF "CULLING" A USEFUL PHOTO BY MISTAKE. RATHER TEN
 TOO MANY THAT ONE LEFT OUT'

3' DESK COMMENTS: THE ASSOCIATION OF PHOTOS ENCLOSED IN
 THIS IIR TO UNRESOLVED PW/MIA CASES IS BASED SOLELY UPON A
 PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THESE PHOTOS FOR IIR DISSEMINATION'
 CORRELATIONS WERE BASED UPON INSCRIPTIONS ON THE BACK OF
 RESPECTIVE PHOTOS. THE ACCURACY

CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED THROUGH ANALYTICAL REVIEW'

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//COMSOBJ: (U) 521//.

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PROJ: (U) 6999-10.

INSTR: (U) US NO.

PREP: (U) RIVERS'

ENCL: (U) TO FOLLOW: 1 ENCLOSURE.

PHOTOGRAPHY: WAR CASUALTIES/CRASH SITES/MEMORABILIA, VM WAR (U),
45 ALBUMS OF 5X7 PHOTOS, B/W

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