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## Summary of Case

San Dewayne Francisco

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# FRANCISCO, SAN DEWAYNE

## WASHINGTON, Burbank

Name: San DeWayne Francisco  
Rank/Branch: O2/US Air Force  
Unit:  
  
Date of Birth: 29 February 1944  
Home City of Record: Burbank WA  
Date of Loss: 25 November 1968  
Country of Loss: North Vietnam  
Loss Coordinates: 172000N 1061200E (XE270185)  
Status (in 1973): Missing In Action  
Category: 2  
Acft/Vehicle/Ground: F4D  
Other Personnel in Incident: Joseph C. Morrison (MIA)



### REMARKS:

**SYNOPSIS:** 1LT. San D. Francisco and Maj. Joseph C. Morrison were flying an F4D aircraft on a combat mission in North Vietnam when it was shot down November 25, 1968. Both officers safely ejected from the plane and established radio contact on the ground with recovery forces. Their parachutes were spotted within 700 meters of a North Vietnamese encampment.

Contact with Francisco was lost within a half hour. Morrison evaded successfully throughout the night, and re-established radio contact on the following day. Recovery was prevented, primarily by weather, and voice and beeper contact was lost.

Cryptographic intelligence later revealed that both men had been captured alive by the AAA Regiment that shot them down and were identified by name. It was further revealed that the two were being transferred to the Regiment Command and Control Authority, the 367th Division, operating near the Vinh area, where they would have been interrogated and sent north. Instead, the two were apparently sent south to what is called the "POW pick and shovel brigade."

Both Morrison and Francisco were placed in Prisoner of War Status and expected to be released in 1973 when 591 Americans were freed from North Vietnamese prisons. However, neither man was released.

A later coordination of records showed that Francisco and Morrison were both listed as Missing (not Prisoner) by Defense Intelligence Agency and the Air Force, while the JCRC (Thailand) carried both Francisco and Morrison as Prisoner (not missing). JCRC was ordered to "delete any references pertaining to PW status" in Francisco's case. No order was issued at that time to change Morrison's status. The reasons behind the order are unclear.

Over a thousand reports of Americans alive in the hands of the Vietnamese have been received by the U.S. since the end of the war. Many government officials state that they believe Americans are currently being held against their will in Southeast Asia. The question is, who are they, and how will we bring them home? Are Morrison and Francisco among them?

*San D. Francisco was promoted to the rank of Major and Joseph C. Morrison to the rank of Colonel during the period they were maintained Prisoner of War.*

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