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SUBJ: MR. BELL'S TESTIMONY TO SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
POW/MIA AFFAIRS

REF: A. DIR DDI-2430-8-76

- B. JCRC BKK 171308Z JUN 89

- C. JCRC BKK 230816Z JUN 89

- D. JCRC BKK 040642Z MAR 88 (REPORT T88-076)

- E. JCRC BKK 270253Z NOV 89

- F. JCRC BKK 290835Z JUN 89

- G. JCRC BKK 270246Z NOV 89

- H. JCRC BKK 081117Z DEC 89

- I. JCRC LIR REPORT HK83-028

- J. TELECON LTC HARVEY/MR. BELL, 13 NOV 91

1. DURING THE 6 NOVEMBER 1991 SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS HEARING, I WAS ASKED WHETHER I HAD ANY  
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AMERICANS WERE REMAINING IN VIETNAM  
SUBSEQUENT TO OPERATION HOMECOMING IN 1973. I REPLIED IN  
THE AFFIRMATIVE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. 5 US POW'S HELD IN COSVN SECURITY CAMP IN  
1974:

(1) DURING ITERATION 5 IN APRIL 1989 MY TEAM  
INVESTIGATED CASE NAME WE WERE GUIDED DEEP

INTO A LEECH INFESTED SWAMP WHERE A WITNESS POINTED OUT AN  
ALLEGED BURIAL LOCATION FOR A2C NAME THE MARSHY AREA  
WAS EXCAVATED BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND AND THERE WERE NO  
INDICATIONS THAT ANYONE WAS EVER DETAINED OR BURIED IN THE  
AREA POINTED OUT BY THE WITNESSES. US FILES INDICATED A2C  
NAME WAS AWOL AND DRIVING AN UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE WHEN HE  
WAS CAPTURED AND LED AWAY FROM THE ROAD WHILE CALM AND  
SMILING. ONE REPORT IN US FILES INDICATED SOURCES SAW  
NAME BEING INTERROGATED AND BELIEVED HE WAS TRANSFERRED  
TO MRLO HEADQUARTERS. THE NORMAL EVACUATION ROUTE FOR A2C  
NAME WOULD HAVE PLACED HIM IN A CAMP SUBORDINATE TO THE  
CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM(COSVN) ENEMY PROSELYTING  
OFFICE WHICH WAS LOCATED AT ALTERNATE LOCATIONS IN BOTH  
VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, IN THE BORDER AREA OF NORTHWESTERN  
TAY NINH PROVINCE. DIA AND JCRC CDD CORRELATED A REPORT TO  
A2C NAME WHICH INDICATED A RALLIER SAID HE HAD SEEN FIVE  
U.S. PRISONERS, INCLUDING A CAUCASIAN NAMED NAME BEING  
HELD IN A COSVN CAMP IN TAY NINH PROVINCE DURING EARLY 1974  
(REF A). THIS CAMP WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME CAMP WHERE  
A VIETNAMESE FEMALE NAMED THAN LE LINH WORKED AS AN  
INTERPRETER DURING THE WAR. THE REPORT WAS PASSED TO THE  
VIETNAMESE OFFICE FOR SEEKING MISSING PERSONNEL (VNOSMP) AS  
A REQUEST FOR FURTHER RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION DURING THE  
27-29 NOVEMBER 1989 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. DURING  
ITERATION EIGHT, MY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE NAME  
(REF B). THE TEAM WENT TO NORTHWESTERN TAY NINH PROVINCE  
WHERE WITNESSES CONFIRMED THE LOCATION OF THE CAMP  
CORRELATED TO CASE NAME LOCAL VILLAGERS REPORTED  
SIX REMAINS IN THE AREA OF THE CAMP BUT THE TEAM WAS NOT  
PERMITTED TO GO TO THE CAMP DUE TO THE ENTIRE AREA  
ALLEGEDLY BEING FLOODED (REF C). THE TEAM LATER LEARNED  
THAT THE REMAINS OF NAME WERE RETURNED PRIOR TO THE  
INVESTIGATION AND APPROVED FOR IDENTIFICATION ON 18 AUGUST  
1989.

2. THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP MENTIONED ABOVE WAS THE  
PLACE OF DETENTION FOR Names / Data  
NAME AND AT LEAST FOUR OTHERS (REF E) (NOTE: NO  
TIME OF DEATH FOR DT HAS BEEN DETERMINED AND THE REMAINS  
OF DT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RETURNED). THEREFORE, THIS MAY  
ACCOUNT FOR THE SIX REMAINS REPORTED BY VILLAGERS DURING  
1989 I.E., Names AND THE OTHER FOUR AMERICANS  
HELD WITH N DURING 1974. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO  
APPARENT REASON WHY Names WOULD BE HELD IN THE  
COSVN SECURITY CAMP RATHER THAN THE NORMAL ENEMY  
PROSELYTING CAMP, N WAS A CIVILIAN SECURITY ENGINEER  
AND COULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE BEEN DETAINED FOR LONG TERM  
EXPLOITATION IN THE SECURITY CAMP SINCE DUE TO HIS DUTY  
POSITION AND CIVILIAN STATUS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUSPECTED  
OF HAVING BEEN CIA. PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES THAT US  
POW'S IN THE REGULAR CAMP SYSTEM OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING

DEPARTMENT WHO WERE RELEASED DURING 1973 WERE HELD IN A CAMP DESIGNATED ALTERNATELY AS B20, TB20, AND TB21. THIS CAMP WAS MOVED PERIODICALLY AND IN 1973 WAS LOCATED IN KRATIE, CAMBODIA WHILE DESIGNATED TB21. BASED ON INFORMATION IN US CASE FILES, THE SECTION OF C53 CAMP WHERE US POW'S NOT IN THE REGULAR ENEMY PROSELYTING CAMP WERE HELD MAY HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS "B-17". THE US POW'S HELD IN KRATIE WERE MOVED TO LOC NINH WHERE THEY WERE RELEASED BY THE PRG DURING MARCH 1973. THE CAMP WHERE THE US POW'S WERE HELD HAD A "B" DESIGNATION INDICATING IT WAS SMALLER IN SIZE THAN THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP WHICH HAD A "C"

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 DESIGNATION (I.E. C53). COMMUNIST DISCIPLINARY PRISONERS WERE HELD IN C-53, THEREFORE, THE DEGREE OF INTERNAL SECURITY WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH HIGHER AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAMP WOULD HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO COSVN SECURITY PERSONNEL AND LOCALS RESIDING IN THE AREA OF THE CAMP WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS. INTERROGATORS IN THE C53 CAMP WOULD HAVE CONCENTRATED ON OBTAINING INFORMATION TO BE USED BY THE SPECIAL ACTION UNITS OR SECURITY ELEMENTS IN POPULATED AREAS (I.E. TERRORISM OR QHUMIT). THE RALLIER WHO REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF FIVE AMERICANS IN THE SECURITY CAMP IN 1974 AGREED TO EXAMINATION BY POLYGRAPH IN EARLY 1975 BUT FAILED TO RETURN FROM LEAVE. THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) WAS COLLAPSING AND, BEING A RALLIER SUBJECT TO EXECUTION, THE SOURCE WAS FEARFUL OF COMPROMISE DUE TO THE CHAOTIC SITUATION PRIOR TO THE IMPENDING COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM. GVN INTELLIGENCE INDICATED THERALLIER HAD ESTABLISHED A RECORD OF RELIABLE REPORTING OF VALUABLE INFORMATION REGARDING NON-PW SUBJECTS, AND THE USDAO PERSONNEL CONCLUDED HE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN PRESENT IN THE SECURITY CAMP BASED ON HIS PROVIDED CAMP SKETCH AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAMP, WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY OTHER REPORTING. THE RALLIER OFFERED TO LEAD A RESCUE TEAM TO THE CAMP AND FURTHER OFFERED TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY IN SAIGON AS HOSTAGES UNTIL THE MISSION WAS COMPLETED. THE RALLIER DID ASK FOR COMPENSATION FOR HIS WORK, BUT THIS WAS A NORMAL PRACTICE. (NOTE: I RECALL THAT DURING THE TIME I WORKED IN THE NATIONAL DEFECTOR CENTER THERE WAS A USG SPONSORED PROGRAM TO PAY COMPENSATION WITH THE AMOUNT DEPENDANT UPON THE RESULTS OF THE TACTICAL OPERATION CONDUCTED BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEFECTORS.) THE RALLIER MAINTAINED MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WHO WORKED IN THE NATIONAL INTERROGATION CENTER (NIC), THE COMBINED MILITARY INTERROGATION CENTER (CMIC), AND NATIONAL DEFECTOR CENTER (CHIEU HOI). THEY SAID THAT SOME IMPORTANT COMMUNIST PRISONERS WERE NOT RELEASED DURING THE 1973 PRISONER EXCHANGE BUT WERE APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO REFRAIN

FROM DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT. DURING MY TOUR WITH JCRC-LNO BANGKOK, I INTERVIEWED A REFUGEE WHO WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GVN CIO (REF D). HE REPORTED THAT DURING 1969, THREE US POW'S WERE EXCHANGED FOR A FEMALE COMMUNIST AGENT WHO WAS CAPTURED IN SAIGON. ACCORDING TO THE REFUGEE, THE FEMALE AGENT WAS THE WIFE OF MG THAN BACH DANG, THE FORMER POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE SAIGON-GIA DINH SUBREGION. AN ANALYSIS OF THIS REPORT BY JCRC-CDD INDICATED THAT THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN JCRC FILES CONCERNING SUCH AN EXCHANGE. I VAGUELY RECALL THAT THE VIET CONG MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MR. TRUONG NHU TANG, WHO WAS CAPTURED DURING 1968, WAS ALSO EXCHANGED DURING 1969. I BELIEVE SOME AGENCIES WITHIN THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS EXCHANGE. FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GVN CIO REPORTED THAT THE WIFE OF MG TRAN BACH DANG, MRS. TU(4)TRANG, WAS RECAPTURED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REINFILTRATE SAIGON JUST PRIOR TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE GVN. THEY ALSO REPORTED THAT THE HEAD OF THE VIET CONG INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES FOR COSVN, MR. NGUYEN CONG TAI, WHO WAS CAPTURED DURING 1969, ALONG WITH APPROXIMATELY 200 OTHER HIGH RANKING COMMUNIST PRISONERS WHO WERE NOT RELEASED DURING THE 1973 EXCHANGE OF POWS, WERE STILL BEING DETAINED IN SAIGON AT THE TIME OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE GVN. IF THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE THEN THE ACCOUNT RELATED BY THE RALLIER INDICATING THAT THE FIVE AMERICANS HELD IN THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP IN 1974 WERE TO BE EXCHANGED FOR HIGH RANKING VIET CONG PRISONERS MAY BE PLAUSIBLE. SINCE THE COMMUNISTS HAD PLANNED TO MOVE TOWARD A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN 1976, AND WERE COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY THE RAPID SURRENDER OF THE GVN IN APRIL 1975, I BELIEVE ANY SUCH PLANS THEY HAD FOR EXCHANGING PRISONERS WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN IN EFFECT DURING LATE 1974.

(3) DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE DT (REP B), OUR TEAM ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE THE REPORTED FEMALE INTERPRETER FOR THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP LISTED IN US CASE FILE AS THAN LE LINH. SENIOR CADRE OF THE MOI CURRENTLY PERFORMING PUBLIC SECURITY FUNCTIONS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO MEET WITH US TEAM MEMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWS DUE TO STATED SRV NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS. VNOSMP DID CONDUCT SOME UNILATERAL INTERVIEWS WHICH RESULTED IN INFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THAN LE LINH HAD FORMERLY WORKED FOR A PUBLIC SECURITY CADRE CALLED CAO DANG CHIEM AKA SAU (6) HOANG. I RECALL FROM REFUGEE INTERVIEWS DURING 1975 THAT CAO DANG CHIEM WAS ASSIGNED AS HEAD OF THE MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR ENDED IN 1975. SUBSEQUENTLY REFUGEE INTERVIEWS RESULTED IN INFORMATION INDICATING THAT CAO DANG CHIEM REMAINED THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UNTIL THE COUNTRY WAS REUNIFIED DURING 1976 AND HE THEN WAS APPOINTED AS THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE

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INTERIOR OF THE SRV WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOUTH VIETNAM AKA OFFICE "B". ACCORDING TO THE CADRE INTERVIEWED BY THE VNOSMP, MRS. TRAN LE LINH WAS REASSIGNED FROM THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP TO THE HO CHI MINH CITY PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICE DURING 1975. THESE SAME CADRE REPORTED THAT MRS. LINH WAS RESETTLED IN AUSTRALIA VIA THE ORDERLY DEPARTURE PROGRAM (ODP) SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1980'S. I UNDERSTAND THAT DIA ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE MRS. LINH IN AUSTRALIA FOR INTERVIEW BUT HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE RESULTS.

B. TWO US POWS HELD IN MEMOT CAMBODIA DURING 1974

(1) DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE NAME (REF F), OUR TEAM INITIALLY RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A WITNESS INDICATING THAT SSG NAME WAS CAPTURED FROM HIS HOME IN THU DUC AND HELD IN A SWAMP (YS037928). ACCORDING TO THE WITNESS, NAME WAS KILLED BY BOMBING BY US AIRCRAFT SHORTLY AFTER HIS CAPTURE AND VERY LIMITED REMAINS WERE RECOVERED AND REBURIED IN A DIFFERENT AREA OF THE SWAMP. INFORMATION IN US FILES INDICATED THAT SSG NAME WAS HELD IN A CAMP IN CAMBODIA (XT1026) DURING 1969. OTHER INFORMATION CONTAINED IN US FILES INDICATED THAT SSG NAME, AT ONE POINT, WAS HELD IN CAMBODIA IN THE SAME CAMP WITH NAME DURING A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION THE TEAM WENT TO BEN TRE TO INTERVIEW A FORMER CAMP CADRE IDENTIFIED AS LE QUANG HUY AKA TAM (8) HUY (REF G). MR. HUY SAID HE WAS IN CHARGE OF A CAMP IN MEMOT CAMBODIA WHERE NAME WAS HELD UNTIL SOMETIME DURING LATE 1972 OR EARLY 1973 WHEN TAN HUY QWAS TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DUTIES. MR. TAN HUY SAID HE LATER HEARD THAT N AND HIS FAMILY (WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN) ESCAPED FROM MEMOT AND DISAPPEARED. THE VNOSMP TEAM CHIEF, MR. NGO HOANG, LATER SAID HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT N WAS DEAD AND CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY HE WAS ALIVE AND WELL AND CURRENTLY RESIDING IN PHNOM PENH. DURING A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION (REF H) THE TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE VNOSMP TEAM CHIEF, MR. NGO HOANG, INDICATING THAT SSG NAME WAS IN FACT HELD IN A CAMP (NFI) IN CAMBODIA WHERE HE DIED DUE TO MALARIA. ACCORDING TO MR. HOANG, HE RECEIVED THIS REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LOWER RANKING CADRE WHO CURRENTLY WORKS IN AN OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY HQ IN HO CHI MINH CITY WHICH IS HEADED BY THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE COSVN SECURITY CAMP, MR. NGO HUANG NGHIA. THIS REPORT CONTRADICTED THE PREVIOUS REPORT INDICATING THAT SSG NAME WAS KILLED BY BOMBING WHILE STILL HELD NEAR THU DUC. IN A HOUSE NEAR THE ALLEGED DETENTION SITE OF NAME THE TEAM OBSERVED A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT WHICH INDICATED A CADRE NAMED "MA CHIN" WAS CITED FOR HAVING KILLED AN AMERICAN (NFI) ON 6 MAY 1973 (REF F). INFORMATION IN US CASE FILES INDICATED THAT BOTH

Names WERE INTERROGATED IN CAMBODIA BY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY. THIS REPORT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THREE JOURNALIST WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY DETAINED IN CAMBODIA JURING 1970 DATA. ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, MR. MICHAEL MORROW WAS ARRESTED IN DANANG DURING APRIL 1990 FOR UNAUTHORIZED CONTACTS WITH FORMER MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT. A PREVIOUSLY UNCORRELATED REPORT INDICATED THAT TWO AMERICANS CALLED Names WERE HELD IN MEMOT CAMBODIA CAMP DURING 1974. I BELIEVE THIS REPORT CORRELATES TO N

(2) DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE DT N INFORMATION IN US CASE FILES INDICATED THAT SSG N COMPLETED HIS TOUR OF DUTY IN VIETNAM, RETURNED TO THE US AND DIVORCED HIS WIFE, AND THEN RETURNED TO EXTEND HIS TOUR OF DUTY IN VIETNAM WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED AS A MILITARY POLICEMAN IN THE SAIGON AREA. SSG NAME REPORTEDLY LIVED WITH A VIETNAMESE FEMALE WHOSE FATHER WAS A COMMUNIST DEFECTOR. ONE WITNESS REPORTED THAT THE VIETNAMESE FEMALE WAS A "SECRET FOLLOWER OF THE REVOLUTION." A WITNESS ALSO REPORTED THAT SSG NAME HAD MET WITH MR. DAT, THE POLITICAL OFFICER OF THE THU DUC SPECIAL ACTION UNIT. US CASE FILES INDICATED MR. DAT WAS KIA DURING THE "TET" GENERAL OFFENSIVE AND SSG NAME WAS CAPTURED FROM HIS HOME ON THE NIGHT OF 8 SEPTEMBER 1968, WHICH INDICATES THAT HE WAS ALREADY ACQUAINTED WITH THE CADRE WHO NORMALLY WOULD ORDER HIS CAPTURE AT LEAST SEVEN MONTHS PRIOR TO BEING CAPTURED. THIS INDICATES THAT EITHER SSG NAME VISITED AN INSECURE AREA TO MEET MR. DAT OR THAT MR. DAT WAS REGISTERED AS A LEGAL IN THU DUC WHILE WORKING COVERTLY FOR THE VIET CONG.

(3) THE PRIMARY WITNESS IN THE INITIAL INVESTIGATION OF CASE DT WAS SR COL TU (4) TANG, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE SAIGON-GIA DINH SPECIAL ACTION UNIT. HE SAID HE WAS WITH SSG NAME WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN

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EARLY 1969. DURING THE WARTIME YEARS THE SAIGON-GIA DINH SPECIAL ACTION UNIT WAS WELL KNOWN FOR TERRORIST BOMBING INCIDENTS CONDUCTED IN THE SAIGON AREA. SINCE SSG NAME WAS A MILITARY POLICEMAN ASSIGNED TO THE AREA HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AN APPROPRIATE TARGET FOR SR COL TU TANG FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLOITING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE SAIGON AREA. ONE WITNESS IN THE CASE SAID SSG NAME VIETNAMESE FIANCEE HAD INTENDED TO JOIN HIM IN THE LIBERATED ZONE AFTER HE WAS EXPLOITED BY TU TANG.

C. DEATH OF ONE AMERICAN IN QUANG TRI DURING 1980

(1) IN MARCH 1983 I INTERVIEWED A REFUGEE IN HONG KONG WHO REPORTED HIS OBSERVATION OF THE BODY OF ONE

AMERICAN BENEATH THE HIEN LUONG BRIDGE (YD1880) IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE DURING APRIL 1980 (REF I). THE REFUGEE SAID SHE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE RACE DUE TO THE SWOLLEN CONDITION OF THE BODY. THE REFUGEE HEARD FROM VILLAGERS THAT THE BODY WAS THAT OF AN AMERICAN WHO WAS KILLED BY PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL WHO ATTEMPTED TO CAPTURE THE MAN THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE REFUGEE'S OBSERVATION OF THE BODY. (NOTE: THERE ARE OTHER LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS IN THE VINH LINH/DMZ AREA WHICH MAY ALSO CORRELATE TO A BLACK AMERICAN WHO WAS CAPTURED BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THEM MANUALLY).

(2) ON 14 AUGUST 1985 THE SRV REPATRIATED REMAINS LATER IDENTIFIED AS CASE NAME. A CILHI ANTHROPOLOGIST STATED HIS OPINION AS TO TIME OF DEATH AS NOT EARLIER THAN 1975 AND PROBABLY SEVERAL YEARS LATER. AT THE TIME OF THE REPATRIATION OF THE REMAINS OF FLT NAME THE VNOSMP PROVIDED INFORMATION INDICATING HE WAS CAPTURED IN CUA VIET DURING 1972. CUA VIET IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 14 KM SOUTHEAST OF THE HIEN LUONG BRIDGE WHERE THE REFUGEE SAW THE BODY OF THE AMERICAN IN APRIL 1980. CASE FILES INDICATE LT NAME AND ONE OTHER CREW MEMBER WERE SHOT DOWN IN AN F4J AIRCRAFT AT YD130601 ON 14 APRIL 1972. THE FAC REPORTED HE OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT IT'S BOMB RUN AND IMPACT. THE FAC OBSERVED NO EJECTION AND STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT IMPACTED AND EXPLODED WITH CANOPIES IN PLACE.

4. THREE AMERICANS OBSERVED IN HANOI FROM 1976 TO 1979

(1) AN SRV MORTICIAN FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OF THE MOD GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE DEFECTED TO THE US VIA HONG KONG DURING 1979. THIS MORTICIAN, WHO TESTIFIED BEFORE THE US CONGRESS, CLAIMED TO HAVE PROCESSED A NUMBER OF US REMAINS AT THE FORMER CAMP FOR US POWS LOCATED AT 17 LY NAM DE. SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS OF REPATRIATED REMAINS HAS CONFIRMED THE MORTICIAN'S CLAIM CONCERNING THE PROCESSING, AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY HAS CONFIRMED THAT A TAR PAPER FENCE WAS ERECTED INSIDE THE LA NAM DE FACILITY TO PROHIBIT OBSERVATION OF THE AREA WHERE THE MORTICIAN CLAIMED HIS WORK WAS DONE. THE MORTICIAN ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF US REMAINS, READY FOR PROCESSING, AT AN AIRFIELD IN CAN THO, SOUTH VIETNAM. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS TESTIMONY THE REMAINS OF NAME WHO DIED IN A PRISON CAMP NEXT TO THE AIRFIELD IN CAN THO DURING 1975 WERE RETURNED. THE MORTICIAN ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF ONE BLACK REMAINS IN SAIGON DURING 1976. SUBSEQUENT TO THIS TESTIMONY ONE BLACK REMAINS WAS RETURNED WITH INFORMATION INDICATING THE INDIVIDUAL DIED IN THE HOSPITAL DURING APRIL 1975. THE MORTICIAN ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF TWO OTHER REMAINS IN SAIGON. THESE REMAINS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF TWO US MARINES

WHO WERE KILLED DURING AN ARTILLERY ATTACK ON THE USDAO COMPOUND WHICH OCCURRED ON 28 APRIL 1975. THE MORTICIAN ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE RECOVERED THE RECENTLY DEAD BODY OF A B-52 CREW MEMBER FROM THE ROOF OF A BUILDING IN NGOC HA VILLAGE, HANOI CITY DURING DECEMBER 1972. A REFUGEE IN HONG KONG SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE RECOVERY OF THE B-52 CREW MEMBER'S BODY, WHICH MATCHES CLOSELY THE ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY THE MORTICIAN. THE REPORT CONCERNING THE B-52 CREW MEMBER CORRELATES TO NAME USAF, WHOSE REMAINS WERE RETURNED ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1977. DURING A TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI, MR. OTTO PRAGER, A TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOEING COMPANY IDENTIFIED THE AIRCRAFT TYPE FROM WRECKAGE IN NGOC HA, JCRC IDENTIFIED THE AIRCRAFT BASED ON TAIL NUMBER, AND MR. PRAGER IDENTIFIED THE CREW MEMBER NAME FROM THE SERIAL NUMBER OF THE EJECTION SEAT FOR THE NAVIGATOR POSITION OF THE SAME AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH THE VIETNAMESE CLAIMED THE REMAINS OF NAME WERE NOT REPATRIATED WITH THE REMAINING 23 DIED IN CAPTIVITY (DIC) PERSONNEL IN HANOI DUE TO A TECHNICALITY (I.E. DIED IN AIRCRASH RATHER THAN IN

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CAPTIVITY), I BELIEVE THIS WAS SIMPLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE BODY HAD NOT YET DECOMPOSED SUFFICIENTLY FOR NORMAL PROCESSING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE SRV QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT. THE ONLY POSSIBLE DISCREPANCY NOTED IN THE TESTIMONY OF THE MORTICIAN PERTAINS TO HIS RECOLLECTION OF WHY THE REMAINS OF NAME WERE NOT RETURNED WITH THE DIC'S. ACCORDING TO THE MORTICIAN, THE REMAINS OF A THAI PILOT SHOT DOWN IN QUANG BINH WERE HELD BACK. I DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND WHAT LED TO THIS OPINION ON THE PART OF THE MORTICIAN BUT DO RECALL THAT DURING AN INSPECTION TRIP TO THE 24 GRAVES OF THE DIC'S DURING 1973 A GRAVE WITH A MARKER INDICATING "THONG DI" (NOTE: COMMON THAI GIVEN NAME) WAS LISTED ON A SKETCH OF THE CEMETARY IN THE POSSESSION OF A PAVN ESCORT OFFICER AS CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS PRESENT NOTED THIS DISCREPANCY AND BECAME ENGAGED IN A LIVELY DEBATE (NOTE: DISTANT FROM THE US TEAM), WITH THE OFFICER HOLDING THE RECORDS. IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME CORRECTLY, ONE MONGOLOID REMAINS WAS RETURNED WITH THE DIC'S TO CILHI. THE INCIDENT AT VAN DIEN CEMETARY MAY HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE OR POSSIBLY A SKIT DESIGNED TO GAUGE THE DEGREE OF US INTEREST IN RECOVERING THE REMAINS OF THE THAI PILOT WHO THE VIETNAMESE PROBABLY BELIEVE WAS A MERCENARY OF THE CIA. IN ANY CASE, THE MORTICIAN WAS REPORTING TRUTHFULLY TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE. AFTER WATCHING THE TELEVISED HEARING WHERE THE MORTICIAN TESTIFIED I RECALLED HAVING SEEN A MAN DRESSED AS A MORTICIAN WITH A SIMILAR APPEARANCE AT THE VAN DIEN CEMETARY DURING 1973. IN 1981 I FORWARDED A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SAME MAN, TAKEN IN 1974, DURING THE DIC

REMAINS REPATRIATION, TO DIA AND AFTER EXAMINING THE PHOTO THEY WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THE MAN WAS IN FACT THE MORTICIAN WHO TESTIFIED.

(2) THE MORTICIAN CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED THREE MALE CAUCASIANS ENTERING AND LEAVING THE OFFICE OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN HANOI DURING THE PERIOD 1976 TO 1979. HE HEARD THE THREE MEN WERE AMERICAN PILOTS WHO COOPERATED WITH THE VIETNAMESE BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON WEAPONS SYSTEMS. HE ALSO PROVIDED A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE THREE TO A DIA DEBRIEFER. THE MORTICIAN SAID TWO OF THE MEN WERE BLOND-HAIRED AND ONE WAS DARK-HAIRED. HE DID NOT SEE THE DARK-HAIRED MAN AFTER 1976. HE HEARD FROM CADRE THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF OTHER AMERICANS WERE WORKING AS TECHNICIANS AT THE DA PHUC MIG FIGHTER BASE IN VINH PHU PROVINCE.

(3) THE MORTICIAN WAS POLYGRAPHED CONCERNING THE REMAINS HE CLAIMED TO HAVE PROCESSED AND INDICATED NO DECEPTION. HE WAS POLYGRAPHED CONCERNING THE THREE AMERICANS HE CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED AND INDICATED NO DECEPTION. MORE RECENTLY HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE ROBERT GARWOOD IN PERSON AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS ONE OF THE THREE AMERICANS HE SAW IN HANOI AFTER THE WAR.

2. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY IN COMPILING THIS REPORT. THE DELAY RESULTED FROM EXTENSIVE MANUAL RECORDS SEARCH IN A FILE SYSTEM WITH WHICH I AM NO LONGER FAMILIAR. I REALIZE MY OPINION CONCERNING THE 10 AMERICANS STATED ABOVE WILL NOT BE A POPULAR ONE, BUT AFTER HAVING CONSIDERED THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY AND BEING UNDER OATH, I FELT COMPELLED TO ANSWER AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE QUESTION POSED TO ME.

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SUBJ CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF MR BELL, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
REF JCRC LIAISON 170541 DEC 91, SUBJ TESTIMONY OF MR. BELL TO  
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

1. DIA/POW-MIA HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IN HIS DEPOSITION TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS, MR. BELL MAY HAVE NAMED SPECIFIC MIAS, NOT NAMED IN REF MESSAGE, WHO HE BELIEVES MIGHT BE CANDIDATES FOR THE TWO CAUCASIANS IDENTIFIED BY THE MORTICIAN AS LIVING FREELY IN HANOI DURING THE MID- AND LATE-1970S ALONG WITH ROBERT GARWOOD.

2. REQUEST MR. BELL CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT HE DID IDENTIFY ANY INDIVIDUALS IN HIS DEPOSITION WHO ARE NOT NAMED IN HIS MESSAGE AT REF IF HE DID NAME SPECIFIC PERSONS, REQUEST MR. BELL IDENTIFY THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND DESCRIBE THE RATIONALE HE GAVE CONGRESS FOR ASSOCIATING THESE MEN WITH THE REPORTING OF THE MORTICIAN.

3. FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE HEARD RUMORS OF THE TESTIMONY OF MR. BELL AND ARE UNDERSTANDABLY CONCERNED. DIA/POW-MIA HAS ALSO RECEIVED QUERIES FROM STATE ON THIS MATTER.

4. ALTHOUGH WE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE DEPOSITION OF THE TESTIMONY OF MR. BELL FROM CONGRESS, OUR REQUEST WAS DENIED.

5. POC IS ANALYST DATA

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SUBJ: DIA/POW-MIA ANALYSIS OF THE BASIS FOR MR BELLS TESTIMONY TO

SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

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SUBJ: INTERIM RESPONSE TO DIA/POW-MIA ANALYSIS OF MR.  
BELL'S TESTIMONY TO SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA  
AFFAIRS

REF: A. JCRC BKK 160527Z NOV 91

- B. DIA/POW-MIA 171255Z DEC 91

- C. DIA/POW-MIA 192023Z DEC 91

- D. JOINT STAFF WASHDC 202100Z DEC 91

- E. HQ JCRC MEMO 89-91, 23 DEC 91

1. REF A PROVIDED THE RATIONALE FOR MR. BELL'S  
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING HIS OPINION REGARDING US PERSONNEL WHO  
REMAINED IN VIETNAM SUBSEQUENT TO OPERATION HOMECOMING.  
REF B WAS DIA ANALYSIS OF REF A AND REQUESTED RESPONSE  
FROM HQ JCRC AND MR. BELL. REF C REQUESTED CONFIRMATION  
CONCERNING MR. BELL'S IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL  
CANDIDATES FOR TWO CAUCASIANS IDENTIFIED BY A VIETNAMESE  
MORTICIAN AS LIVING FREELY IN HANOI DURING THE MID-AND  
LATE- 1970'S ALONG WITH ROBERT GARWOOD AND THE RATIONALE  
FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION. REF D REQUESTED USCINCPAC TAKE  
THE DIA REQUESTS IN REF B FOR ACTION. REF E DIRECTED  
THAT MR. BELL PROVIDE A CONSOLIDATED RESPONSE TO JOINT  
STAFF WASHINGTON DC AND DIA. THE FOLLOWING INTERIM  
RESPONSE IS KEYED TO REF B.

2. REPORT OF FIVE US POW'S HELD IN CENTRAL OFFICE  
FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN) SECURITY CAMP IN 1974: IN PARA  
4 OF REF B, THE DIA ANALYST HAS REVIEWED THE INFORMATION  
CONTAINED IN MR. BELL'S REPORT AND CONCLUDED THAT A CAMP  
SUCH AS DESCRIBED BY SOURCE WHICH WAS  
SAID TO HAVE HELD FIVE US POW'S DURING 1974, DID EXIST.