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APPROXIMATELY 406 SQUARE METERS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST CLOSED SITE 1998A ON 29 MARCH 1999 AND SUSPENDED OPERATIONS AT 1998B ON 4 APRIL 1999 DUE TO THE NEED FOR SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT FOR EXCAVATING A WET SITE. RE1 RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AT SITE 1998A AND SITE 1998B. RE1 RECOVERED POSSIBLE MATERIAL EVIDENCE AT SITE 1998A. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST RECOMMENDS FURTHER EXCAVATION OF SITE 1998B.

B. TEAM COMPOSITION:

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ANTHROPOLOGIST
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TEAM LEADER/MINISTRY OF
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INTERIOR

3. BACKGROUND.

A. ON 15 MAY 1975, A THREE MAN USMC MACHINE GUN TEAM WAS TAKING PART IN A MISSION ON KOH (CAMBODIAN WORD FOR ISLAND) TANG (ISLAND), CAMBODIA, TO RESCUE THE CREW OF THE U.S. CONTAINER SHIP MAYAGUEZ. AFTER ALL FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE ISLAND IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE THREE MARINES WERE MISSING. DUE TO THE HOSTILE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND, NO SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE MISSING MEN.

B. ON 9 AND 10 MARCH 1999, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS CONCERNING TWO AMERICANS, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1998, WHO WERE BURIED ON THE KOC MAINLAND IN THE VICINITY OF SIHANOUKVILLE, AT 48P US 362 754 (SITE 1998A) AND AT US 354 742 (SITE 1998B), RESPECTIVELY (REF B).

4. PROJECT LOCATIONS.

A. VICINITY OF VICINITY OF SIHANOUKVILLE, KAMPONG SOM DISTRICT. KOH KONG PROVINCE. KOC.

B. GRID COORDINATES: THE SITE 1998A PROJECT LOCATION IS AT 48P US 36210 75379 AND THE SITE 1998B PROJECT LOCATION IS AT 48P US 35360 74192, AS DETERMINED BY A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) RECEIVER TRACKING FIVE SATELLITES ON THE INDIAN SPECIAL DATUM.

C. MAP: NAME: KOMPONG SAOM; SHEET: 5730-III;

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EDITION: 3-DMA; SERIES: L7016; SCALE: 1:50,000; HORIZONTAL
DATUM: WORLD GEODETIC SYSTEM 1984.

5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA:

A. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITE 1998A IS LOCATED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE VICTORYSIDE HOTEL IN SIHANOUKVILLE, KOH KONG PROVINCE, KOC. THE HOTEL GROUNDS ARE SLOPING FROM AN ADJACENT ASPHALT ROAD ON THE EAST SIDE TO KAMPONG SOM BAY ON THE WEST SIDE. THE SLOPE IS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY DEGREES. THE PROJECT AREA IS GENERALLY LOCATED IN THAT PART OF THE HOTEL GROUNDS WHICH IS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH SIDE BY A BROAD SIDEWALK LEADING FROM THE ROAD TO THE FRONT DOORS, ON THE EAST SIDE BY THE ROAD, ON THE SOUTH SIDE BY A LINE OF COCONUT TREES, AND ON THE WEST SIDE BY A STONE RETAINING WALL RUNNING IN A STRAIGHT LINE PARALLEL TO THE KAMPONG SOM BAY SHORELINE. THE HOTEL GROUNDS EXHIBITED A DEGREE OF NEGLECT WHEN THE PROJECT WAS BEGUN AND THERE WERE NO GUESTS IN RESIDENCE AT THE HOTEL AT THAT TIME. THE VEGETATION IN THE PROJECT AREA INCLUDED A LARGE HARDWOOD TREE, COCONUT TREES, AND TALL GRASSES. THE TERRAIN IS RELATIVELY FLAT, SHOWING SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY IMPROVED BY GRADING, BUT SLOPES TOWARDS THE SHORELINE. THE SOIL WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA IS PREDOMINANTLY A SANDY CLAY.

B. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITE 1998B IS LOCATED ON THE BEACH IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE KOH POS RESTAURANT. THE PROJECT AREA LIES BELOW THE HIGH TIDE LINE AMONGST SEVERAL LARGE BOULDERS. THERE IS NO SOIL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, ONLY BEACH SAND. THE PROJECT AREA IS LARGELY REMOVED FROM THE PRIMARY LOCUS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY ON THE BEACH: HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY USED AS A NATURAL LATRINE AREA BY BEACHGOERS OVER THE YEARS.

6. FIELD METHODS.

A. THE TEAM EXCAVATED TWO SITES (1998A AND 1998B) IN RESPONSE TO WITNESS STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SERVICE PERSONNEL. THE SITE 1998A WAS ALLEGEDLY A BURIAL LOCATION ON LAND. SITE 1998B WAS A BURIAL LOCATION IN THE LITTORAL ZONE ON A BEACH. THE TEAM USED A STANDARD SET OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODS TO CONDUCT RECOVERY OPERATIONS ON SITE 1998A. THE RECOVERY METHODS EMPLOYED AT THE AQUATIC SITE 1998B ARE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6C.

B. SITE 1998A. THE TEAM EMPLOYED A SET OF STANDARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS TO LOCATE AND EXCAVATE THE REPORTED HUMAN BURIAL AT SITE 1998A THAT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STEPS. THE TEAM ESTABLISHED A GRID TO FACILITATE SPATIAL CONTROL DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXCAVATION. THE TEAM SYSTEMATICALLY STRIPPED THE SOIL WITHIN THE EXCAVATION

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UNIT AWAY TO A DEPTH OF TWENTY CENTIMETERS USING SHARPENED SHOVELS. THE TEAM PROCESSED ALL EXCAVATED SOIL THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE TEAM CUT CLEAN THE EXCAVATION FLOOR WITH TROWELS, SPRAYED IT WITH WATER, AND THEN PHOTOGRAPHED IT. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED AND RECORDED ALL EVIDENCES OF PRIOR DISTURBANCE OF THE SUBSOIL, SUCH AS PIT FEATURES. THE TEAM EXCAVATED ALL PIT FEATURES WITH SHOVELS AND TROWELS AND SCREENED ALL FEATURE-FILL THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED ALL MATERIALS RECOVERED DURING THE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. THE TEAM RETAINED MATERIALS THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO THE CASE.

C. SITE 1998B. THE TEAM EMPLOYED METHODS IN THE RECOVERY OPERATION AT SITE 1998B THAT PERMITTED THE RECOVERY OF MATERIALS SUSPENDED IN WET SAND. THE TEAM SHOVELED OUT APPROXIMATELY FOUR CUBIC METERS OF SAND AND PROCESSED IT THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE TEAM NEXT USED A WATER PUMP WITH A REDUCED DISCHARGE HOSE TO WASH MUCH OF THE SAND REMAINING IN THE PROJECT AREA INTO A CUSTOM DESIGNED SCREEN THAT WAS PLACED AT THE END OF THE INLET THROUGH WHICH SEA WATER DISCHARGED FROM THE PROJECT AREA. THE TEAM PROCESSED APPROXIMATELY TEN CUBIC METERS OF SAND IN THIS MANNER. THE TEAM ATTEMPTED AT THE END OF THE JFA TO CONSTRUCT A DREDGE SYSTEM THAT WOULD ALLOW THE REMAINING SAND TO BE SUCTIONED OUT OF THE PROJECT AREA AND INTO A ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREEN. THE DREDGE SYSTEM FAILED DUE TO THE LACK OF AN APPROPRIATELY LARGE DIAMETER DREDGE. THE TEAM RETAINED ALL MATERIALS THAT RELATED TO CASE 1998B.

7. ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS:

A. THE TEAM RECORDED OBSERVATIONS AND COLLECTED MATERIALS DURING THE EXCAVATION OF THE TWO SITES. THESE RESULTS ARE DETAILED BELOW FOR THE RESPECTIVE SITES.

B. SITE 1998A. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF THREE HUNDRED AND SIX SQUARE METERS DURING RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT SITE 1998A. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST DUG THREE 50X50 CENTIMETER TEST PITS ACROSS THE PROJECT AREA TO EVALUATE THE WITNESS TESTIMONY THAT THE HOTEL GROUNDS (INCLUDING THE PROJECT AREA) HAD BEEN GRADED BY A BULLDOZER AT LEAST TWICE SINCE 1975. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST DETERMINED THAT SOIL HAD BEEN STRIPPED OFF OF THE UPPER PART OF THE PROJECT AREA AND PUSHED DOWNSLOPE TO A STONE RETAINING WALL. THE TEAM INITIALLY EXCAVATED A 6X6 SQUARE METER EXCAVATION BLOCK THAT ENCOMPASSED THE LOCATION INDICATED BY THE WITNESS AS THE PLACE WHERE HE BURIED AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN IN 1975. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED A SINGLE PIT FEATURE IN THE EXCAVATION FLOOR WHICH CORRESPONDS NEARLY EXACTLY IN TERMS OF SIZE, SHAPE, AND ORIENTATION TO THE WITNESS DESCRIPTION OF THE BURIAL PIT HE DUG IN 1975. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE PIT FEATURE AND FOUND IT TO BE SHALLOW AND EMPTY. THE

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ANTHROPOLOGIST INTERPRETED THIS FINDING TO BE THE RESULT OF THE GRADING ACTIVITY HAVING STRIPPED OUT THE BURIAL AND SPREAD THE REMAINS ACROSS THE SITE TOWARDS THE STONE RETAINING WALL. THE TEAM NEXT EMPLOYED A BACKHOE TO EXCAVATE OUT AN 18X13 METER EXCAVATION BLOCK. THE TEAM PROCESSED APPROXIMATELY NINETY-TWO CUBIC METERS OF SOIL THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED NUMEROUS ANIMAL REMAINS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS THAT WERE RECOVERED DURING THE RECOVERY OPERATION. THE ANIMAL REMAINS AND POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS WERE HIGHLY FRAGMENTED AND OF SMALL SIZE. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST MEASURED THE SOIL PH AND FOUND IT TO BE APPROXIMATELY 5.5. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST NOTED THAT THE ACIDITY OF THE SOIL APPEARED TO CREATE AN UNFAVORABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR BONE PRESERVATION. THE TEAM RECOVERED ONE POSSIBLE SET OF WIRE HANDCUFFS THAT COULD POSSIBLY RELATE TO CASE 1998. THE TEAM RETAINED THE POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND THE WIRE ARTIFACT.

C. SITE 1998B. THE TEAM EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS OF SAND DURING THE RECOVERY OPERATION AT SITE 1998B. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED SEVERAL ANIMAL REMAINS AND SOME POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS. THE TEAM RECOVERED NO OTHER MATERIALS THAT APPEAR TO RELATE TO CASE 1998.

MATERIAL EVIDENCE.

A. THE TEAM RETAINED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS AND A POSSIBLE SET OF WIRE HANDCUFFS FROM SITE 1998A.

B. THE TEAM RETAINED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS FROM SITE 1998B.

9. LIFE SUPPORT ANALYST COMMENTS: N/A.

10. ANALYST/LINGUIST COMMENTS. MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM SITE 1998A CORRESPONDS TO WIRE LIGATURES AND HEAVY-DUTY WIRE HANDCUFFS RECOVERED DURING 98-1C OPERATIONS IN SIHANOUKVILLE IN AN AREA WHICH WORKERS HAD IDENTIFIED AS A KILLING FIELD.

11. EOD TECHNICIAN COMMENTS: NONE.

12. ANTHROPOLOGIST CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST WILL OFFER COMMENTS FOR THE TWO SITES BELOW.

B. THE SITE 1998A WAS EXCAVATED IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENTS (REF B) OF A WITNESS (MR. SON) WHO WAS FORMERLY A SOLDIER WITH THE KHMER ROUGE. MR. SON ALLEGEDLY BURIED AN AMERICAN IN A SHALLOW BURIAL PIT ON THE GROUNDS OF THE VICTORYSIDE HOTEL IN MAY, 1975. THE WITNESS DESCRIBED THE BURIAL PIT AS BEING ONE AND ONE-HALF METERS LONG, ONE-HALF METER WIDE, AND ONE-HALF METER DEEP. THE WITNESS PLACED A WOODEN STAKE IN THE PRECISE LOCATION HE BELIEVED TO BE THE

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BURIAL LOCATION. THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE PROJECT AREA WAS GRADED AT LEAST TWICE SINCE 1975. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE AREA INDICATED BY THE WITNESS AS THE LOCATION OF THE BURIAL PIT. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED A SINGLE PIT FEATURE IN THE EXCAVATION FLOOR, APPROXIMATELY TEN CENTIMETERS FROM THE WITNESS STAKE MARKER, WHICH WAS ONE AND ONE-HALF METERS LONG AND 0.7 METERS WIDE. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE PIT FEATURE AND FOUND IT TO BE ONLY SEVEN CENTIMETERS DEEP AND EMPTY. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST FOUND DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE SITE AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT THE HOTEL GROUNDS HAD BEEN GRADED. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST INTERPRETED THE FINDINGS TO INDICATE THAT THE AMERICANS REMAINS HAD BEEN BULLDOZED AND SPREAD ACROSS THE PROJECT AREA. ALL OF THE PROJECT AREA WHICH COULD BE DISTURBED WAS EXCAVATED AND SCREENED IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER WHATEVER HUMAN REMAINS WERE PRESENT. THE OBVIOUS DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE BULLDOZER COUPLED WITH SOIL CONDITIONS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO BONE PRESERVATION MOST LIKELY ACCOUNT FOR THE SPARSE REMAINS RECOVERED. FURTHER WORK AT SITE 1998A IS NOT RECOMMENDED.

C. SITE 1998B WAS EXCAVATED IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENTS OF THE SAME WITNESS (MR. SON) DISCUSSED ABOVE FOR SITE 1998A. THE WITNESS STATED THAT HE PLACED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN ON THE SAND AMONGST A SET OF LARGE BOULDERS IN MAY 1975. HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE THE REMAINS OVER THE COURSE OF A MONTH FOLLOWING THE DEPOSITION OF THE BODY AT THAT LOCATION AND NOTED THAT THE REMAINS HAD NOT BEEN REMOVED BY TIDAL ACTION. THE TEAM EXCAVATED, THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS, SITE 1998B. POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS WERE RECOVERED. DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF EXCAVATING A SITE WITHIN THE LITTORAL ZONE OF A BEACH, THE SITE WAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL A RECOVERY OPERATION CAN BE STAGED WHICH IS PREPARED FOR EXCAVATION OF A WET SITE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A DREDGE SYSTEM BE USED THAT WILL ALLOW THE SAND MATRIX TO BE SUCTIONED OUT FROM AROUND THE ROCKS AND PUSHED OUT TO A SCREEN.

13. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.

A. CONCLUSIONS: CONCUR WITH TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST'S COMMENTS.

B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: EXCELLENT
AT ALL LEVELS.

14. DETACHMENT COMMANDERS COMMENTS. NONE.//
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HEREIN DESIGNATED 2003, 2003B, AND 2003C. RE1 EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY 450 SQUARE METERS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST CLOSED SITE 2003B ON 19 MARCH 1999, SITE 2003C ON 22 MARCH 1999 AND SITE 2003 ON 1 APRIL 1999. RE1 OBTAINED NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS DURING THE EXCAVATION OF THE THREE SITES. A MILITARY TYPE PONCHO WAS RECOVERED FROM SITE 2003C THAT IS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST RECOMMENDS FURTHER EXCAVATION OF SITE 2003 IN THE EVENT THAT NEW WITNESS TESTIMONY IS AVAILABLE. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST RECOMMENDS NO FURTHER EXCAVATION AT SITE 2003B AND SITE 2003C.

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SPC SCOTT W. RICHARDSON	TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER
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COL SOKHAN	TEAM MEMBER/MINISTRY OF
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3. BACKGROUND.

A. ON 15 MAY 1975, A CH-53A HELICOPTER CRASHED NEAR THE SHORELINE OF KOH (CAMBODIAN WORD FOR ISLAND) TANG, CAMBODIA, WHILE PART OF A MISSION TO RESCUE THE CREW OF THE U.S. CONTAINER SHIP "MAYAGUEZ." TWENTY-SIX PERSONNEL (FOUR USAF CREWMEMBERS, 20 USMC AND TWO USN PASSENGERS) WERE ABOARD THE HELICOPTER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM RESCUED 13 PERSONNEL AT SEA, BUT THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PRECLUDED FURTHER EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE REMAINING THIRTEEN CREWMEMBERS AND PASSENGERS.

B. FROM 14 TO 23 OCTOBER 1991, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM CONDUCTED AN INTERVIEW WITH ALLEGED WITNESSES CONCERNING CASE 2003. THE TEAM FOUND SMALL FRAGMENTS OF POSSIBLE BONE-LIKE MATERIAL. THE TEAM ALSO SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS (REF B).

C. ON 11 JANUARY 1992, OFFICIALS OF THE STATE OF CAMBODIA UNILATERALLY TURNED OVER REMAINS AND TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 (REF C).

D. ON 3 MARCH 1992, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM CONDUCTED

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AN INVESTIGATION OF A REPORT THAT THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS WERE BURIED IN A CAVE ON THE NORTHWESTERN PENINSULA OF KOH TANG. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MILITARY OFFICIALS BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION. THE TEAM RECEIVED REMAINS FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER AND RECOVERED REMAINS ON THE BEACH (REF D).

E. BETWEEN 6 AND 14 DECEMBER 1992, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATIONS THE TEAM RECOVERED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS (REF E).

F. FROM 9 TO 11 FEBRUARY 1993, DURING JFA 93-3C, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE OF THE CASE 2003 HELICOPTER. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN UNDERWATER SURVEY OF CH-53 WRECKAGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA AT TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY WAS TO EVALUATE THE SITE AND DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF A RECOVERY EFFORT. THE TEAM RECOVERED NUMEROUS PIECES OF AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE, LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THIS SITE FOR RECOVERY (REF F).

G. ANALYSIS OF ALL RECOVERED AIRCRAFT PARTS RECOVERED DURING JFA 93-3C DETERMINED THE PARTS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH A CH-53 HELICOPTER, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS COULD BE DETERMINED (REF G).

H. ON 18 JANUARY 1995, DURING THE 33RD JFA IN THE SRV, THE TEAM RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM INTERVIEWING PERSONS IN THE HO CHI MINH CITY AREA. ON 18 JANUARY 1995, TWO VIETNAMESE MEN PRESENTED THEMSELVES AT THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE WITH HUMAN REMAINS, MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION WHICH MAY CORRELATE TO CASE 2003. ONE OF THE MEN CLAIMED HE RECOVERED THESE REMAINS AND MATERIAL EVIDENCE FROM A CRASH SITE ON TANG ISLAND. HE ALSO CLAIMED TO HOLD ADDITIONAL MATERIAL EVIDENCE AT HIS HOME. HE WAS WILLING TO LEAD THE TEAM TO THE CRASH SITE (REF H).

I. FROM 30 APRIL THROUGH 2 MAY 1995 DURING JFA 95-1C, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A U.S. NAVY SALVAGE TEAM, A TEAM CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF THE CASE 2003 CRASH SITE. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA, WHICH YIELDED NO EVIDENCE OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OR HUMAN REMAINS. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE SITE FOR EXCAVATION (REF I).

J. ON 24 AUGUST 1995 A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ALLEGED WITNESS WHO CLAIMED HE COULD PINPOINT THE BURIAL SITE AS REPORTED TO HIM BY THE COMBATANTS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE ENTIRE AREA INDICATED BY THE WITNESS, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS, LIFE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OR PERSONAL EFFECTS (REF J).

K. ON 20 OCTOBER 1995, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS CONCERNING CASE 2003. THIS WITNESS RECOUNTED INFORMATION THAT OTHER INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED TO HIM CONCERNING SCAVENGING A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ON KOH TANG. THIS INDIVIDUAL AND HIS GROUP RECOVERED MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND REMAINS

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FROM THE CRASH SITE. THE WITNESS ALLOWED THE TEAM TO EXAMINE FIVE MATERIAL EVIDENCE ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH A CH-53A HELICOPTER. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A SECOND WITNESS WHO PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION ON ONE UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL FROM THIS CASE. HE ALSO SKETCHED A MAP OF THE CRASH SITE LOCATION WHERE HE FOUND IDENTIFICATION MEDIA, MATERIAL EVIDENCE AND REMAINS (REF K).

L. FROM 28 OCTOBER TO 12 NOVEMBER 1995 DURING JFA 96-1C, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE USS BRUNSWICK SALVAGE TEAM, EXCAVATED THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003: THE TEAM RECOVERED REMAINS, VARIOUS PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE. A WITNESS PRESENTED POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS TO THE TEAM. THE TEAM CLOSED THE SITE OF 12 NOVEMBER 1995 (REF L).

M. FROM 21 TO 27 APRIL 1996, A JOINT U.S./K.O.C. TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED REMAINS AND BURIAL LOCATIONS OF AMERICANS ON TANG ISLAND. ONE WITNESS POINTED OUT TWO POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES OF AMERICANS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND. ANOTHER WITNESS POINTED OUT ANOTHER POSSIBLE BURIAL SITE ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND. THE TEAM DUG TEST PITS AT ALL REPORTED BURIAL LOCATIONS, BUT DID NOT RECOVER ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS (REF M).

N. ON 1 NOVEMBER 1996, A DETACHMENT FOUR ANALYST-LINGUIST INTERVIEWED A ROYAL CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES CAPTAIN. THE WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION ON REMAINS POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003. THE WITNESS STATED HE FOUND THE REMAINS ON TANG ISLAND IN 1989 AND TURNED THEM OVER TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. THE WITNESS ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REMAINS HE FOUND IN THE SAME AREA AND TURNED OVER TO A JOINT TEAM IN NOVEMBER 1995. THE INTERVIEWER DID NOT RECEIVE OR RECOVER ANY REMAINS DURING THE INTERVIEW (REF O).

O. FROM 12 JANUARY THROUGH 14 FEBRUARY 1998, DURING, JFA 98-1C, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 2003 ON KOH TANG. ON 2 FEBRUARY 1998, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A WITNESS WHO ALLEGED HE BURIED TWO AMERICAN REMAINS A FEW DAYS AFTER THE 15 MAY 1975 FIGHTING ON KOH TANG. ON 6 FEBRUARY 1998, THE TEAM SURVEYED THE ALLEGED GRAVESITE IN THE VICINITY OF TS 944 397. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR MATERIAL EVIDENCE. THE TEAM RECOMMENDED THE SITE FOR EXCAVATION (REF P).

P. ON 9 AND 10 MARCH 1999, A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO ALLEGED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BURIAL OF TWO AMERICANS ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 ON KOH TANG, ON LAND IMMEDIATELY INLAND FROM THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE. THE BURIAL SITES WERE ALLEGED TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF TS 944 397 (SITE 2003). THE JOINT TEAM ALSO INTERVIEWED ONE OF THE WITNESSES CONCERNING TWO AMERICANS, POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH ANOTHER KOH TANG CASE, BURIED ON THE MAINLAND IN THE VICINITY OF SIHANOUKVILLE, AT US 362 754 (SITE 1998A) AND AT US 354 742

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(SITE 1998B), RESPECTIVELY (REF Q).

Q. ON 14 MARCH 1999 A TRILATERAL KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA, SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AND US TEAM INTERVIEWED A VIETNAMESE WITNESS WHO WAS STATIONED ON KOH TANG FROM APRIL 1982 TO FEBRUARY 1986 AS PART OF A VIETNAMESE OCCUPATION FORCE. THE WITNESS ALLEGED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICAN REMAINS THAT WERE REMOVED FROM THE HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 AND BURIED IN TWO LOCATIONS ON KOH TANG ISLAND IN THE VICINITY OF TS 965 396 (SITE 2003B) AND TS 962 392 (SITE 2003C), RESPECTIVELY (REF R).

4. PROJECT LOCATIONS.

A. VICINITY OF KOH TANG, KOH KONG PROVINCE, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (SITES 2003, 2003B, 2003C).

B. GRID COORDINATES: THE SITE 2003 PROJECT AREA IS AT 48P TS 964 397; THE SITE 2003B PROJECT AREA IS AT 48P TS 965 395; AND THE SITE 2003C PROJECT AREA IS AT 48P TS 962 391, AS DETERMINED BY A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) RECEIVER TRACKING FOUR SATELLITES ON THE INDIAN SPECIAL DATUM.

C. MAP: NAME: KAMPOT, KAMPUCHEA, VIETNAM; SHEET:
NC48-5; EDITION: 4; SERIES: 1501 AIR; SCALE: 1:250,000;
HORIZONTAL DATUM: INDIAN DATUM, 1960.

5. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AREA.

A. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITE 2003 IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS INLAND FROM THE POINT OF HIGH TIDE, IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE LOCATION OF THE HELICOPTER CRASH (KNIFE 31) ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003. THE VEGETATION WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA INCLUDED LARGE HARDWOOD TREES SPACED INTERMITTENTLY THROUGHOUT, LARGE COCONUT TREES, AND THICK UNDERBRUSH. THE SOIL WITHIN THE AREA IS POORLY DEVELOPED, CONSISTING MAINLY OF BEACH SAND WITH MODEST -O AND -A HORIZONS. THE TERRAIN IS GENERALLY FLAT, WITH A DROP IN ELEVATION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE METER WHERE THE BEACH SLOPES DOWN TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

B. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITE 2003B IS LOCATED IN A COCONUT TREE GROVE APPROXIMATELY FIFTY METERS INLAND FROM THE BEACH, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS SOUTH AND EAST OF SITE 2003. THE PROJECT AREA IS IN THE YARD OF A FORMER VIETNAMESE BARRACKS HOUSE. THE AREA WAS OVERGROWN WITH TALL GRASSES AND OTHER SECONDARY GROWTH WHEN THE PROJECT WAS BEGUN. THE SOIL IN THE PROJECT AREA IS POORLY DEVELOPED WITHIN BEACH SAND. THE BARRACKS HOUSE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED SINCE 1989 WHEN THE VIETNAMESE WITHDREW FROM KOH TANG, BUT THE FOUNDATION, WHICH IS THE EARTHEN PLATFORM TYPE, WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE. THE TERRAIN IN THE PROJECT AREA WAS GENERALLY FLAT. A LARGE FRESHWATER POND WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FORTY METERS FROM THE FORMER BARRACKS HOUSE.

C. THE PROJECT AREA ASSOCIATED WITH SITE 2003C IS LOCATED NEAR THE TOP OF A MODEST HILL APPROXIMATELY 400 METERS WEST OF

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SITE 2003B. THE PROJECT AREA WAS OVERGROWN WITH SMALL HARDWOOD TREES, COCONUT TREES, DENSE SCRUB VEGETATION, AND GRASSES WHEN THE PROJECT WAS BEGUN. THE SOIL IN THE PROJECT AREA WAS A SANDY CLAY AND INCLUDED NUMEROUS ROCKS OF VARYING SIZES AS A NATURAL INCLUSION. THE FOUNDATION (PLATFORM TYPE) OF A FORMER VIETNAMESE COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROJECT AREA ONCE THE VEGETATION WAS CLEARED AWAY.

6. FIELD METHODS.

A. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THREE SITES (2003, 2003B, AND 2003C) IN RESPONSE TO WITNESS STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SERVICE PERSONNEL. THE THREE SITES, 2003, 2003B, AND 2003C, WERE ALLEGEDLY BURIAL LOCATIONS ON LAND.

B. THE TEAM EMPLOYED A SET OF STANDARD ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD METHODS TO LOCATE AND EXCAVATE REPORTED HUMAN BURIALS IN SITES 2003, 2003B, AND 2003C THAT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING STEPS. THE TEAM ESTABLISHED A GRID TO FACILITATE SPATIAL CONTROL DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXCAVATION. THE TEAM SYSTEMATICALLY STRIPPED THE SOIL WITHIN THE EXCAVATION UNIT AWAY TO A DEPTH OF TWENTY CENTIMETERS USING SHARPENED SHOVELS. THE TEAM PROCESSED ALL EXCAVATED SOIL THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE TEAM CUT CLEAN THE EXCAVATION FLOOR WITH TROWELS, SPRAYED IT WITH WATER, AND THEN PHOTOGRAPHED IT.

THE ANTHROPOLOGIST OBSERVED AND RECORDED ALL EVIDENCES OF PRIOR DISTURBANCE OF THE SUBSOIL, SUCH AS PIT FEATURES. THE TEAM EXCAVATED ALL PIT FEATURES WITH SHOVELS AND TROWELS AND SCREENED ALL FEATURE FILL THROUGH ONE-QUARTER INCH SCREENS. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST EXAMINED ALL MATERIALS RECOVERED DURING THE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. THE TEAM RETAINED MATERIALS THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO THE CASE.

7. ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS:

A. THE TEAM DID NOT RECOVER ANY HUMAN REMAINS FROM THE THREE EXCAVATION SITES. THE TEAM RECORDED OBSERVATIONS AND COLLECTED MATERIALS DURING THE EXCAVATION OF THE THREE SITES. THESE RESULTS ARE DETAILED BELOW FOR THE RESPECTIVE SITES.

B. SITE 2003. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A TOTAL OF 234 SQUARE METERS DURING THE RECOVERY OPERATION AT SITE 2003. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE AS A RESULT OF THESE EXCAVATIONS A NUMBER OF DISTURBANCES IN THE PROJECT AREA. THE MOST NOTABLE DISTURBANCE IN THE PROJECT AREA IS A SERIES OF VIETNAMESE TRENCHWORKS THAT WIND IN A CURVILINEAR FASHION THROUGH THE PROJECT AREA. THE VIETNAMESE TRENCHWORKS ARE OBSERVABLE BOTH ABOVE GROUND, AS LINEAR DEPRESSIONS, AND BELOW GROUND, AS DARK LINEAR STAINS ON THE EXCAVATION FLOOR. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST ALSO OBSERVED ONE FEATURE THAT APPEARS TO BE AFFILIATED WITH A DOMESTIC STRUCTURE THAT PREDATES THE KHMER ROUGE OCCUPATION OF THE ISLAND, AND NUMEROUS FORMER TREE ROOT SYSTEMS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE VIETNAMESE TRENCHES IN SEVERAL

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OF WORK TO FOLLOW IS TO CONDUCT FURTHER ANALYTICAL WORK WITH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE STATIONED ON KOH TANG IN THE 1980'S TO DETERMINE IF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL EXHUMED THE AMERICAN REMAINS BURIED OUTSIDE OF THE BARRACKS HOUSE.

D. SITE 2003C WAS EXCAVATED IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS FROM A VIETNAMESE WITNESS, THE SAME AS REPORTED ABOVE FOR SITE 2003B. THE WITNESS SAID THE REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN WERE RECOVERED FROM A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE AND BURIED IN THE YARD OF A VIETNAMESE COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING. THE WITNESS STATED THAT THE REMAINS WERE WRAPPED IN A PLASTIC PONCHO AND BURIED IN A PIT IN THE YARD OFF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE BUILDING. THE WITNESS SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED THE BUILDING FOUNDATION IN AN AREA OF DENSE UNDERGROWTH AND POINTED OUT THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE BURIAL PIT. THE TEAM EXCAVATED A LARGE EXCAVATION AREA OFF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE BUILDING FOUNDATION. THE ANTHROPOLOGIST NOTED SEVERAL PIT FEATURES. THE TEAM EXCAVATED THE FEATURES AND FOUND THEM TO BE LARGELY EMPTY. THE LACK OF HUMAN REMAINS IN THE PROJECT AREA CAN BE EXPLAINED WITH THE SAME PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATIONS OFFERED ABOVE FOR SITE 2003B. THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS APPLY TO SITE 2003C. FURTHER ANALYTICAL WORK WITH THE VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS FROM KOH TANG APPEARS TO HOLD THE GREATEST PROMISE FOR RESOLVING THIS CASE.

13. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS:

A. CONCLUSIONS: CONCUR WITH TEAM ANTHROPOLOGIST'S COMMENTS.

B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: EXCELLENT AT ALL LEVELS.

14. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS: NONE.//
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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-01 (ACCNO \$)
Name: VANDEGEER, RICHARDStatus: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 02 Aug 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	U.S. AIR FORCE	Sex	Male	Blood type	\$
Grade	O1	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	\$
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	\$
Serial No	\$	Height	\$ in/ 0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	\$
Birth Date	11 Jan 1948	Weight	\$ lb/ 0.00 kg	Duty Pos	CO PILOT
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

SITE TYPE:	WATER SITE
UTM:	48PTS965400
LAT/LONG:	101830N/1030829E
COUNTRY:	CAMBODIA
REGION:	\$
PROVINCE:	KOH KONG
(formerly):	TAKEO
DISTRICT:	KOH TANG
MISSION DATE:	15 May 1975
CATEGORY:	3-SITE LOCATION UNKNOWN
LOCAL ANALYSIS:	NEAR POPULATED AREA

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JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

FOLDERS PASSED: Aug 91
INVESTIGATIONS: Dec 92, Jan 93, Feb 92, Apr 95, Apr 96
SURVEYS: Oct 91, Jan 93, Feb 92
EXCAVATIONS: Oct 91
VESSEY: THREE
CASE TYPE: CRASH SITE
SURVIVABILITY: (4) PROBABLY IN THE OF AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF CRASH

VEHICLE DATA

VEHICLE TYPE:	CH53A	SERIAL:	925
CRASH TYPE:	ENEMY ACTION	ENGINE TYPE:	T64
CALL SIGN:	KNIFE 31	1 SERIAL:	\$
YEAR:	\$	2 SERIAL:	\$

SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY

= ITEM HAS BEEN RESEARCHED BUT DATA CANNOT BE OBTAINED.
\$ = ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE
@ OR BLANK = DATA FOR ITEM IS UNKNOWN OR NOT AVAILABLE.

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-02 (ACCNO \$)
Name: GAUSE, BERNARD JR (NMN)

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. NAVY	Sex	Male	Blood type	A-
Grade	E6	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	66 in/ 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	11 Nov 1940	Weight	140 lb/ 63.46 kg	Duty Pos	MEDIC
Home State	ALABAMA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-03 (ACCNO \$)
Name: MANNING, RONALD JAMES

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. NAVY	Sex	Male	Blood type	A-
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	71 in/ 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	09 May 1954	Weight	182 lb/ 82.50 kg	Duty Pos	MEDIC
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-04 (ACCNO \$)
Name: GARCIA, ANDRES

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	71 in/ 1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	27 Oct 1954	Weight	147 lb/ 66.64 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	NEW MEXICO	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-05 (ACCNO \$)
Name: TURNER, KELTON RENA

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	68 in/ 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	15 Jul 1956	Weight	168 lb/ 76.15 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-06 (ACCNO \$)
Name: SANDOVAL, ANTONIO RAMOS

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	66 in/ 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	04 Mar 1956	Weight	110 lb/ 49.86 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-07 (ACCNO \$)
Name: RIVENBURGH, RICHARD WILLIAM

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	72 in/ 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	14 Jul 1953	Weight	172 lb/ 77.97 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	CALIFORNIA	Religion	#	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-08 (ACCNO \$) - Privacy Act
Name: [REDACTED] - redact
MAXWELL, JAMES R.
Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	66 in/ 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	20 Feb 1957	Weight	115 lb/ 52.13 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	ARKANSAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-09 (ACCNO \$)
Name: JACQUES, JAMES JOSEPH
Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	66 in/ 1.68 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	09 Oct 1956	Weight	138 lb/ 62.56 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	COLORADO	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2003-0-10 (ACCNO \$)
Name: COPENHAVER, GREGORY SCOTT
Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	72 in/ 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	21 Jul 1955	Weight	145 lb/ 65.73 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	MARYLAND	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-11 (ACCNO \$)
Name: BOYD, WALTER

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	70 in/ 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	17 Apr 1956	Weight	180 lb/ 81.59 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	VIRGINIA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-12 (ACCNO \$)
Name: [REDACTED]

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

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Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	68 in/ 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	16 Jan 1957	Weight	139 lb/ 63.01 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	#	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2003-0-13 (ACCNO \$)
Name: BENEDETTI, DANIEL ANDREW

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	67 in/ 1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	30 Oct 1955	Weight	149 lb/ 67.54 kg	Duty Pos	PASSENGER
Home State	WASHINGTON	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

== CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS ==

30 March 1976

(U) ON 15 MAY 1975, A CH53A HELICOPTER, INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OF THE CREW OF THE 55 MAYAGUEZ, WAS HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND CRASHED NEAR THE SHORELINE OF KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. THE HELICOPTER, SERIAL NUMBER 925, CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES TS 965 400. TWENTY SIX PERSONNEL (FOUR USAF CREW MEMBERS, TWENTY USMC AND TWO NAVY PASSENGERS) WERE ONBOARD THE HELICOPTER AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THIRTEEN PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED AT SEA BY SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) TEAMS. FURTHER SAR EFFORTS WERE NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. THOSE NOT RESCUED ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, BODIES NOT RECOVERED.

(U) AN OVERWATER/AT-SEA CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY/DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SUCH OPERATIONS TO BE USED IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. BASED ON THE COMBINED FACTORS OF COST AND LACK OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHATSOEVER, THE AT-SEA OPERATIONS WERE TERMINATED. ~~LT WANDERER IS~~ CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.

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== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ==

03 February 1987

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THREE AMERICAN BODIES ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO'S 1998, 2002, 2003, 2038. (REF 3)

14 April 1988

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXECUTION ON KOH TANG ISLAND OF AN AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. HE ALSO CLAIMS DEAD AMERICAN AND KHMER BODIES WERE PILED IN A HEAP AND BURNED. (REF4)

18 January 1990

(U) THE SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION, CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS AND TIME FRAME OF THE INCIDENT INVOLVING REFNO 2003. (REF 5)

16 April 1991

(U) THE SOURCE OF THIS REPORT PROVIDED THE NAME, SERVICE NUMBER AND BRANCH OF SERVICE WHICH CORRELATES TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RICHARD W. RIVENBURGH, REFNO 2003-0-07. THE SOURCE ALSO ACCURATELY DESCRIBED THE LOCATION OF THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE ON THE BEACH AT KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. (REF 6)

15 December 1995

SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISCOVERY OF THE ALLEGED REMAINS AND ID TAGS OF TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF AN UH1H HELICOPTER CRASH NEAR THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER. SOURCE REPORTED ID TAG INFORMATION CORRELATES WITH REFNO 2003-0-06 AND 2003-0-09, BASED ON NAME, SSN AND BRANCH OF SERVICE. HOWEVER, THE INCIDENT LOCATION AND AIRCRAFT TYPE DO NOT CORRELATE TO CASE 2003. (REFS 11 & 12)

25 January 1996

SOURCES HAD A SMALL BAG OF ALLEGED REMAINS THEY REPORTEDLY FOUND ON TANG ISLAND IN JUN 95. THE SOURCES WERE SEEKING COMPENSATION AND KEPT THE ALLEGED REMAINS. INCONSISTENCIES IN THEIR STORY SUGGESTS IT MAY BE A FABRICATION. (REF 13)

25 July 1996

PROBABLE CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCES. THE CAMBODIAN SOURCE PROVIDED SECOND HAND INFORMATION HE REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM HIS BROTHER CONCERNING THE BURIAL LOCATION OF ALLEGED REMAINS ON TANG

CASE: 2003

ISLAND. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK ON TANG ISLAND, THE SOURCE'S BROTHER REPORTEDLY BURIED TWO CAMBODIAN AND FOUR AMERICAN BODIES IN A U-SHAPED FIGHTING POSITION NEAR THE EASTERN BEACH OF TANG ISLAND. (REF 16)

PROBABLE CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCES. THE CAMBODIA SOURCE ENTERED DETACHMENT FOUR WITH HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY THE KHMER ROUGE ON TANG ISLAND ONE WEEK AFTER THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. THE SUB-SOURCE REPORTED KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS CAME ACROSS THE THREE AMERICANS HIDING IN A GROUP OF BOULDERS IN THE JUNGLE TO THE EAST OF WHERE THE HELICOPTERS HAD LANDED, PRESUMABLY THE WESTERN BEACH LANDING ZONE. THE SUB-SOURCE ALLEGEDLY SAID THE BODIES WERE NOT BURIED AND WERE LEFT AMONGST THE BOULDERS. (REF 17)

15 July 1997

FROM 28 OCT TO 12 NOV 95 DURING JFA 96-1C, RE1 EXCAVATED THE CRASH SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 2003 AT KOH TANG ISLAND. RE1 RECOVERED APPROXIMATELY 139 POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS, 9 POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH WITH APPARENT RESTORATIONS, AND 13 POSSIBLE HUMAN TEETH WITHOUT APPARENT RESTORATIONS. ONE WITNESS PRESENTED REMAINS TO RE1 TO INCLUDE FOUR POSSIBLE HUMAN BONE FRAGMENTS AND ONE POSSIBLE HUMAN TOOTH. RE1 RECOVERED NUMEROUS PIECES OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND EQUIPMENT PARTS. THE SITE WAS CLOSED AT 1136 HOURS ON 12 NOV 95. (REF 18)

FROM 28 OCT TO 12 NOV 95, RE1 EXCAVATED THE CASE 2003 CRASH SITE AT 48PTS 96439 40716 ON TANG ISLAND, KAMPOT PROVINCE, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA. THIS CRASH SITE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONFIRMED AS BEING THE CASE 2003 CRASH SITE. JTF-FA ANALYSIS INDICATES THE ITEMS RECOVERED DURING THIS JFA CAN BE CORRELATED TO A CH-53 HELICOPTER AND INDICATE SOME CREWMEMBERS AND/OR PASSENGERS WERE ONBOARD THE AIRCRAFT WHEN IT CRASHED. (REF 19)

== REFERENCES ==

30 March 1976

REFERENCES: <1> (U) 635CSG 161615Z MAY 75. <2> (U) CINCPACAF 120200Z JUN 75. <3> REFCON (S/NF) LNO BKK TH 070734Z APR 86. <4> REFCON (U) T88-060 241215Z FEB 88. <5> (U) JCRC LNO BKK TH 061020Z JUN 88 T88-286. <6> T91-001 JCRC LNO BKK TH 041215Z JAN 91. <7> DETAILED RPT OF INVESTIGATION, CASE 2003, 220637Z FEB 93. <8> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE BKK TH 160522Z MAR 92. <9> US MISSION PHNOM PENH 180347Z DEC 92. <10> CDR JTF-FA 171717Z MAY 95. <11> CDR JTF-FA 050912Z OCT 95. <12> CDR JTF-FA 170922Z NOV 95. <13> CDR JTF-FA DET FOUR 190336Z JUL 95. <14> CDR JTF-FA 260722Z JAN 96. <15> CDR JTF-FA 051800Z JUN 96. <16> CDR JTF-FA DET FOUR 110428Z FEB 96. <17> CDR JTF-FA DET FOUR 260231Z FEB 96. <18> CDR JTF-FA 051745Z DEC 95. <19> CDR JTF-FA 090722Z APR 96.

== NEGOTIATIONS ==

09 September 1991

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS CASE WAS PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA DURING THE 22-23 AUG 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING.

30 September 1991

(TAKING POINT) THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE 19-20 SEP 91 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA: 2003.

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

05 April 1993

(U) BETWEEN 9 AND 11 FEBRUARY 1993, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AND NAVY DIVERS CONDUCTED AN UNDERWATER SURVEY OF THE AREA AROUND THE CRASH SITE. THE TEAM INVESTIGATED A CAVE ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AT GRID COORDINATE TS973357 WHERE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED AN ALLEGED GRAVE MIGHT EXIST. THE CAVE MEASURED 3 METERS

CASE: 2003

HIGH, 3 METERS WIDE, AND 15 METERS DEEP; NO EVIDENCE OF A GRAVE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND INSIDE. THE UNDERWATER SURVEY LOCATED NUMEROUS PIECES OF WRECKAGE, PORTIONS OF A SURVIVAL VEST, A SMALL PORTION OF A M-16 RIFLE AND A 40MM GRENADE. THE SURVEYS SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL WRECKAGE LAYS UNDER THE SAND. THE SITE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR AN UNDERWATER RECOVERY; HOWEVER, SUCH AN OPERATION IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF JTF-FA OPERATIONS. CASE 2003 IS PENDING AN ASSESSMENT BY CINCPACFLT OF THE FEASIBILITY OF AN UNDERWATER RECOVERY. (REF 7)

21 July 1993

ON 3 MAR 92 JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASES INVOLVING THE 1975 MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THREE ALLEGED GRAVES THAT WERE POINTED OUT BY A WITNESS, MR. TRAK KEL, FROM KOMPONG SOM CITY, WERE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCAVATED AT GRID COORDINATES US447731 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF EIGHT TEST PITS AND TRENCHES WERE DUG, WITH NO INDICATIONS THAT A BURIAL HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA. (REF 8)

FROM 6-14 DEC 92, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 2003 ON KOH TANG ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM RECOVERED FOUR INDIVIDUAL BONES AND A JAW FRAGMENT WITH TWO TEETH WHICH WERE POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS. DESPITE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION USEFUL IN CASE RESOLUTION. (REF 9)

30 June 1995

FROM 30 APR THROUGH 02 MAY 95, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT AND UNITED STATES NAVY SALVAGE TEAM CONDUCTED SURVEY OF CRASH SITE OF CASE 2003 ON TANG ISLAND, KOH KONG PROVINCE.

ON 01 MAY, TEAM TRAVELLED TO TANG ISLAND, CONDUCTED SALVAGE SURVEY AND RETURNED TO SIHANOUKVILLE. ON 02 MAY, TEAM RETURNED TO PHNOM PENH. (REF 10)

23 July 1996

FROM 21 TO 27 APR 96 DURING JFA 96-3C, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT ONE (IE1) AND RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE KHMER ROUGE AND STATIONED ON TANG ISLAND FROM SEP 75 TO JUN 77. BOTH WITNESSES STAYED ON TANG ISLAND FOR 7 DAYS TO LOCATE THE SITE WHERE THEY REPORTEDLY SAW THE BODIES OF THREE AMERICANS WHO EVADED CAPTURE FROM THE KHMER ROUGE FOR TWO MONTHS BEFORE BEING KILLED IN A FIRE FIGHT ON THE WEST SIDE OF TANG ISLAND. WITNESS TWO SHOWED THE TEAM TWO OTHER POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES OF AMERICANS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE ISLAND. RE1 INTERVIEWED ONE OTHER WITNESS WHO REPORTED ONE POSSIBLE BURIAL LOCATION OF AN AMERICAN ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF TANG ISLAND. THE TEAMS DUG TEST PITS AT ALL REPORTED BURIAL LOCATIONS, BUT DID NOT FIND ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. (REF 15)

~~Att-mc for update~~
(old note)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1998-0-01 (ACCNO)
Name: HALL, GARY LEEStatus: (8) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 21 Jul 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.45 CAL PISTOL
Serial No		Height	72 in/ 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth Date	26 Jul 1956	Weight	221 lb/ 100.18 kg	Duty Pos	GUNNER
Home State	KENTUCKY	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

SITE TYPE:	GROUND SITE
UTM:	48PTS960400
LAT/LONG:	101830N/1030813E
COUNTRY:	CAMBODIA
REGION:	\$
PROVINCE:	KOH KONG
(formerly):	TAKEO
DISTRICT:	KOH TANG
MISSION DATE:	15 May 1975
CATEGORY:	3-SITE LOCATION UNKNOWN
LOCAL ANALYSIS:	NEAR POPULATED AREA

3 MIA

JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

FOLDERS PASSED: Jan 92, Aug 91, Mar 87
INVESTIGATIONS: Dec 92, Jan 93, Feb 92, Feb 97
SURVEYS: Oct 91, Feb 92
EXCAVATIONS: Oct 91, Apr 96
VESSEY: TWO
CASE TYPE: DISCREPANCY

VEHICLE DATA

VEHICLE TYPE:	GRND	SERIAL:	
CRASH TYPE:	@	ENGINE TYPE:	
CALL SIGN:		1 SERIAL:	
YEAR:		2 SERIAL:	

SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY

= ITEM HAS BEEN RESEARCHED BUT DATA CANNOT BE OBTAINED.
\$ = ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS CASE
@ OR BLANK = DATA FOR ITEM IS UNKNOWN OR NOT AVAILABLE.

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1998-0-03 (ACCNO)
Name: MARSHALL, DANNY GLEN

Status: (8) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 21 Jul 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E1	Hair	BLONDE	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	M16
Serial No		Height	65 in/ 1.65 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth Date	09 Mar 1957	Weight	130 lb/ 58.93 kg	Duty Pos	AMMO CARR
Home State	WEST VIRGINIA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	

SITE INFORMATION

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 1998-0-02 (ACCNO)
Name: HARGROVE, JOSEPH NELSON

Status: (8) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 21 Jul 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN	[REDACTED]	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	M16
Serial No		Height	72 in/ 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	
Birth Date	15 May 1951	Weight	148 lb/ 67.09 kg	Duty Pos	ASST GNR
Home State	NORTH CAROLINA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

SITE INFORMATION

== CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS ==

12 February 1976

(U) AT ABOUT 1230 HOURS ON 15 MAY 75 PFC GARY L. HALL, GUNNER, LCPL JOSEPH N. HARGROVE, ASSISTANT GUNNER, AND PVT DANNY G. MARSHALL, AMMUNITION CARRIER, WERE AN M-60 MACHINE GUN TEAM WHICH WAS PART OF A MARINE FORCE MAKING A HELICOPTER-BORNE ASSAULT ON KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES TS 960 400. THEY PARTICIPATED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND WERE NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INJURED OR WOUNDED. AT APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS THE ORDER WAS GIVEN TO PULL BACK TO THE BEACH FOR EXTRACTION AND TO SET UP A NEW DEFENSIVE POSITION.

THEY LEFT THEIR INITIAL DEFENSIVE POSITION AND STARTED BACK FOR THE BEACH. PFC HALL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SEEN ON THE BEACH WITH HIS M-60 MACHINE GUN, BUT PVT MARSHALL AND LCPL HARGROVE WERE NOT SEEN AGAIN. AFTER THE LAST HELICOPTER LEFT THE ISLAND, AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE MISSING. BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION, THE MARINES COULD NOT RETURN TO THE ISLAND TO SEARCH FOR THEM. (REF 1)

(U) 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. PFC HALL, LCPL HARGROVE AND PVT MARSHALL ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ==

10 August 1983

(U) SOURCE REPORTS SECOND HAND INFORMATION OF TWO U.S. REMAINS ON THE BEACH OF KOH TANG ISLAND (VIC 9640) SOMETIME AROUND SEP-OCT 75. THIS COULD POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO PFC GARY L. HALL, LCPL JOSEPH N. HARGROVE OR PVT DANNY G. MARSHALL. (REF 2)

07 April 1986

(U) SOURCE STATED WHILE A SOLDIER FOR POL POT HE AND A SQUAD OF OTHER MEN FOUND AND BURIED THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS ON KOH TANG ISLAND IN THE VICINITY OF TS 9640. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO PFC HALL, LCPL HARGROVE AND PVT MARSHALL. (REF 3)

03 February 1987

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THREE AMERICAN BODIES ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO'S 1998, 2002, 2003, 2038. (REF 3)

14 April 1988

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXECUTION ON KOH TANG ISLAND OF AN AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. HE ALSO CLAIMS DEAD AMERICAN AND KHMER BODIES WERE PILED IN A HEAP AND BURNED. (REF 4)

22 July 1996

PROBABLE CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCES. THE CAMBODIA SOURCE ENTERED DETACHMENT FOUR WITH HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS ALLEGEDLY KILLED BY THE KHMER ROUGE ON TANG ISLAND ONE WEEK AFTER THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. THE SUB-SOURCE REPORTED KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS CAME ACROSS THE THREE AMERICANS HIDING IN A GROUP OF BOULDERS IN THE JUNGLE TO THE EAST OF WHERE THE HELICOPTERS HAD LANDED, PRESUMABLY THE WESTERN BEACH LANDING ZONE. THE SUB-SOURCE ALLEGEDLY SAID THE BODIES WERE NOT BURIED AND WERE LEFT AMONGST THE BOULDERS. (REFS 8 & 9)

25 July 1996

PROBABLE CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCES. THE CAMBODIAN SOURCE PROVIDED SECOND HAND INFORMATION HE REPORTEDLY

CASE: 1998

OBTAINED FROM HIS BROTHER CONCERNING THE BURIAL LOCATION OF ALLEGED REMAINS ON TANG ISLAND. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE ATTACK ON TANG ISLAND, THE SOURCE'S BROTHER REPORTEDLY BURIED TWO CAMBODIAN AND FOUR AMERICANS IN A U-SHAPED FIGHTING POSITION NEAR THE EASTERN BEACH OF TANG ISLAND. (REF 11)

== REFERENCES ==

10 August 1983

REFERENCES: <1> RPT (U) 3D MARINE DIVISION, 07 JUN 75. <2> REFCON DATA BASE (U) T83-044, 25 APR 83. <3> REFCON (S/NF) LNO BKK TH 070734Z APR 86. <4> REFCON (U) T88-060 241215Z FEB 88. <5> DETAILED RPT OF INVESTIGATION, CASE 1998, 220705Z FEB 93. <6> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE BKK TH 160522Z MAR 92. <7> US MISSION PHNOM PENH 180307Z DEC 92. <8> CDR JTF-FA DET FOUR 260231Z FEB 96. <9> CDR JTF-FA 030712Z JUL 96. <10> CDR JTF-FA 051751Z JUN 96. <11> CDR JTF-FA DET FOUR 110428Z FEB 96. <12> CDR JTF-FA 011715Z APR 97. <13> CDR JTF-FA 091713Z JAN 98.

== NEGOTIATIONS ==

02 December 1987

(U) A CASE FILE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO ALL PARTIES WAS MAILED TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ON 18 MAR 87 BY THE EXEC DIR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.

09 September 1991

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS CASE WAS PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA DURING THE 22-23 AUG 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING.

30 September 1991

(U) (TALKING POINT) THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE 19-20 SEPT 91 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA: 1998.

09 March 1992

(U) DURING THE 12-15 JAN 92 VISIT TO HAWAII, THE FOLLOWING CASE NARRATIVES WERE PASSED TO THE CAMBODIAN TECHNICAL DELEGATION: 1998.

== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ==

12 February 1976

(U) ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: GARY C. HALL 1998-0-01, JOSEPH N. HARGROVE 1998-0-02, AND DANNY G. MARSHALL 1998-0-03.

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

05 April 1993

(U) ON 10 FEBRUARY 1993, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED A CAVE ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AT GRID COORDINATE TS973357 WHERE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED AN ALLEGED GRAVE MIGHT EXIST. THE CAVE MEASURED 3 METERS HIGH, 3 METERS WIDE, AND 15 METERS DEEP; NO EVIDENCE OF A GRAVE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND INSIDE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD ACTIVITY UNLESS NEW INFORMATION OR WITNESSES BECOME AVAILABLE. (REF 5)

21 July 1993

ON 3 MAR 92 JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASES INVOLVING THE 1975 MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT ON KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. THREE ALLEGED GRAVES THAT WERE POINTED OUT BY A WITNESS, MR. TRAK KEL, FROM KOMPONG SOM CITY, WERE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCAVATED AT GRID COORDINATES US447731 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF EIGHT TEST PITS AND TRENCHES WERE DUG, WITH NO INDICATIONS THAT A BURIAL HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA. (REF 2)

CASE: 1998

FROM 6-14 DEC 92, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1998 ON KOH TANG ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM RECOVERED FOUR INDIVIDUAL BONES AND A JAW FRAGMENT WITH TWO TEETH WHICH WERE POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS. DESPITE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION USEFUL IN CASE RESOLUTION. (REF 7)

23 July 1996

FROM 20 APR TO 11 MAY 96, DURING THE 96-3C JFA, RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) EXCAVATED THE ISOLATED BURIAL SITE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1998 ON TANG ISLAND, KAMPONG SOM PROVINCE, KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA (KOC). THE BURIAL SITE IS AT 48PTS 960 400. RE1 ESTABLISHED BOUNDARIES OF APPROXIMATELY 20-METERS X 24-METERS. THE TEAM EXCAVATED APPROXIMATELY 804 CUBIC METERS OF FILL FROM THE PROJECT AREA. RE1 RECOVERED NO REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE TEAM LEADER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ANTHROPOLOGIST, CLOSED THE SITE AT 091830 MAY 96. (REF 10)

05 May 1997

BETWEEN 19 AND 21 FEB 97, THE JOINT U.S./KOC INVESTIGATION ELEMENT ONE (IE1) INVESTIGATED CASE 1998 IN KAMPOT PROVINCE. ON 21 FEB, THE TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1998 WITH THE WITNESS ON TANG ISLAND. THE WITNESS POINTED OUT AREAS ON THE ISLAND WHERE HE HAD ALLEGEDLY SEEN AMERICAN BODIES AND PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE PURPORTED CAPTURE OF FOUR AMERICANS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT AND THEIR MOVEMENT TO THE MAINLAND. THE IE THEN RETURNED TO THE MAINLAND AND INVESTIGATED AT A COCONUT PLANTATION ON THE MAINLAND WHERE THE CAPTURED AMERICANS WERE ALLEGEDLY HELD WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE WITNESS PROVIDED THE NAMES OF ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT AND THE ALLEGED CAPTURE AND MOVEMENT OF THE AMERICANS. IE1 DID NOT RECOVER OR RECEIVE ANY REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WHILE INVESTIGATING CASE 1998. (REF 12)

21 January 1998

FROM 17 TO 19 OCT 97, A JOINT U.S./KOC INVESTIGATION ELEMENT (IE) INVESTIGATED CASES 1998, 2002, 2003 AND 2038 IN KAMPONG SOM PROVINCE. THE JOINT IE SURVEYED TWO POSSIBLE GRAVE SITES AND INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES. ONE WITNESS LED THE JOINT TEAM TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE KHMER ROUGE ALLEGEDLY KILLED TWO AMERICANS. THE OTHER GRAVE SITE WAS WHERE THE KHMER ROUGE ALLEGEDLY KILLED SEVEN AMERICANS. (REF 13)

Get me for update.

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REFNO: 2002-0-01 (ACCNO \$)
Name: RUMBAUGH, ELWOOD EUGENEStatus: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. AIR FORCE	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E5	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	@
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height	# in/ 0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	10 Sep 1943	Weight	# lb/ 0.00 kg	Duty Pos	FLIGHT EN
Home State	OHIO	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	#

SITE INFORMATION

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

SITE TYPE:	WATER SITE
UTM:	48PTS940400
LAT/LONG:	101829N/1030707E
COUNTRY:	CAMBODIA
REGION:	\$
PROVINCE:	KOH KONG
(formerly):	TAKEO
DISTRICT:	KOH TANG
MISSION DATE:	15 May 1975
CATEGORY:	3-SITE LOCATION UNKNOWN
LOCAL ANALYSIS:	NEAR POPULATED AREA

1 MIA

JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY

FOLDERS PASSED: Aug 91, Mar 87
INVESTIGATIONS: Dec 92, Jan 93, Feb 92
SURVEYS: Oct 91, Feb 92
EXCAVATIONS: Oct 91
VESSEY: THREE
CASE TYPE: CRASH SITE
SURVIVABILITY: (4) PROBABLY IN THE OF AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF CRASH

VEHICLE DATA

VEHICLE TYPE:	CH53A	SERIAL:	926
CRASH TYPE:	ENEMY ACTION	ENGINE TYPE:	T64
CALL SIGN:	#	1 SERIAL:	#
YEAR:	#	2 SERIAL:	#

SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY

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CASE: 2002

== CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS ==

30 March 1976

(U) ON 15 MAY 1975 SSGT ELWOOD E. RUMBAUGH, A FLIGHT ENGINEER, WAS ABOARD A CH53A HELICOPTER (#926), WHICH WAS INVOLVED IN THE RESCUE OF THE CREW OF THE US MERCHANT SHIP SS MAYAGUEZ. THE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND LOST POWER IN ITS LEFT ENGINE. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO THE WATER IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES TS 940 400 OFF THE COAST OF KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. SSGT RUMBAUGH WAS SEEN IN THE WATER OUTSIDE THE AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, WHEN THE OTHER CREWMEMBERS WERE RESCUED, SSGT RUMBAUGH COULD NOT BE LOCATED. DUE TO THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT, NO FURTHER SEARCH COULD BE CONDUCTED. (REF 1)

(U) AN OVERWATER/AT-SEA CASUALTY RESOLUTION OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973 TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY/DESIRABILITY OF EXPANDING SUCH OPERATIONS TO BE USED IN CASES SUCH AS THIS. BASED ON THE COMBINED FACTORS OF COST AND LACK OF ANY POSITIVE RESULTS WHATSOEVER, THE AT-SEA OPERATIONS WERE TERMINATED. SSGT RUMBAUGH IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ==

03 February 1987

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THREE AMERICAN BODIES ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO'S 1998, 2002, 2003, 2038. (REF 2)

14 April 1988

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXECUTION ON KOH TANG ISLAND OF AN AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. HE ALSO CLAIMS DEAD AMERICAN AND KHMER BODIES WERE PILED IN A HEAP AND BURNED. (REF 3)

== REFERENCES ==

30 March 1976

REFERENCES: <1> (U) 635CSG 161616Z MAY 75. <2> REFCON (S/NF) LNO BKK TH 070734Z APR 86. <3> REFCON (U) T88-060 241215Z FEB 88. <4> DETAILED RPT OF INVESTIGATION, CASE 2002, 220704Z FEB 93. <5> CDR JTF-FA DET ONE BKK TH160522Z MAR 92. <6> US MISSION PHNOM PENH 180251Z DEC 92.

== NEGOTIATIONS ==

02 December 1987

(U) A CASE FILE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO ELWOOD EUGENE RUMBAUGH WAS MAILED TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ON 18 MAR 87 BY THE EXEC DIR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.

09 September 1991

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS CASE WAS PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA DURING THE 22-23 AUG 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING.

30 September 1991

(U) (TALKING POINT) THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE 19-20 SEP 91 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA: 2002.

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

05 April 1993

(U) ON 10 FEBRUARY 1993, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED A CAVE ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AT GRID COORDINATE TS973357

CASE: 2002

WHERE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED AN ALLEGED GRAVE MIGHT EXIST. THE CAVE MEASURED 3 METERS HIGH, 3 METERS WIDE, AND 15 METERS DEEP; NO EVIDENCE OF A GRAVE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND INSIDE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD ACTIVITY UNLESS NEW INFORMATION OR WITNESSES BECOME AVAILABLE. (REF 4)

21 July 1993

ON 3 MAR 92 JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASES INVOLVING THE 1975 MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT ON KOH TANG ISLAND, CAMBODIA. THREE ALLEGED GRAVES THAT WERE POINTED OUT BY A WITNESS, MR. TRAK KEL, FROM KOMPONG SOM CITY, WERE SYSTEMATICALLY EXCAVATED AT GRID COORDINATES US447731 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF EIGHT TEST PITS AND TRENCHES WERE DUG, WITH NO INDICATIONS THAT A BURIAL HAD EVER TAKEN PLACE IN THE AREA. (REF 5)

FROM 6-14 DEC 92, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 2002 ON KOH TANK ISLAND. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, THE TEAM RECOVERED FOUR INDIVIDUAL BONES AND A JAW FRAGMENT WITH TWO TEETH WHICH WERE POSSIBLE HUMAN REMAINS. DESPITE RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS, THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY INFORMATION USEFUL IN CASE RESOLUTION. (REF 6)

~~ATTN: For update.~~

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 14 April 1999

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 2038-0-01 (ACCNO \$)
Name: LONEY, ASHTON NATHANIEL

Status: (N) DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED
Date Status Assigned: 15 May 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	NEGROID	Blood Chit	@
Service	U.S. MARINE CORPS	Sex	Male	Blood type	@
Grade	E3	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	@
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	@
Serial No	\$	Height @ in/	0.00 mtrs	Weapon No	@
Birth Date	18 Jun 1954	Weight @ lb/	0.00 kg	Duty Pos	@
Home State	NEW YORK	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

SITE TYPE:	GROUND SITE
UTM:	48PTS950400
LAT/LONG:	101830N/1030740E
COUNTRY:	CAMBODIA
REGION:	\$
PROVINCE:	KOH KONG
(formerly):	TAKEO
DISTRICT:	KOH TANG
MISSION DATE:	15 May 1975
CATEGORY:	3-SITE LOCATION UNKNOWN
LOCAL ANALYSIS:	NEAR POPULATED AREA

1 MIA

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

FOLDERS PASSED: Aug 91, Mar 87
INVESTIGATIONS: Dec 92, Jan 93, Apr 96
VESSEY: THREE
CASE TYPE: DISCREPANCY

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

VEHICLE TYPE:	GRND	SERIAL:	\$
CRASH TYPE:	\$	ENGINE TYPE:	\$
CALL SIGN:	\$	1 SERIAL:	\$
YEAR:	\$	2 SERIAL:	\$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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CASE: 2038

== CIRCUMSTANCE OF LOSS ==

07 April 1976

(U) ON 15 MAY 1975 LCPL ASHTON N. LONEY, COMPANY G, 2ND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, 3RD MARINE DIVISION WAS KILLED ON A COMBAT OPERATION ON KOH TANG ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF CAMBODIA IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES TS 950 400. JCRC HAS NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE OPERATION. LCPL LONEY DIED FROM MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS AND HIS BODY WAS NOT RECOVERED, AS THE GROUND COMBAT ELEMENT WAS UNABLE TO RETURN TO THE ISLAND TO CONDUCT A SEARCH. (REF 1)

(U) DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. LCPL LONEY IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ==

10 August 1983

(U) SOURCE REPORTS SECOND HAND INFORMATION OF TWO U.S. REMAINS ON THE BEACH OF KOH TANG ISLAND (VIC 9640) SOMETIME AROUND SEPT-OCT 75. ONE OF THESE REMAINS COULD POSSIBLY CORRELATE TO LCPL ASHTON N. LONEY. (REF 2)

03 February 1987

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF THREE AMERICAN BODIES ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO RENFO'S 1998, 2002,2003, 2038. (REF 3)

14 April 1988

(U) SOURCE PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EXECUTION ON KOH TANG ISLAND OF AN AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT. HE ALSO CLAIMS DEAD AMERICAN AND KHMER BODIES WERE PILED IN A HEAP AND BURNED. (REF4)

== REFERENCES ==

10 August 1983

REFERENCES: <1> RPT (U) DEPT OF THE NAVY, CSPA BR, RPT OF CASUALTY, DD FORM 1300, 23 MAY 75. <2> REFCON DATA BASE, T83-044, 25 APR 83. <3> REFCON (S/NF) INO BKK 070734Z APR 86. <4> REFCON (U) T88-060 241215Z FEB 88. <5> DETAILED RPT OF INVESTIGATION, CASE 2038, 220702Z FEB 93. <6> US MISSION PHNOM PENH 180237Z DEC 92. <7> CDR JTF-FA 051754Z JUN 96.

== NEGOTIATIONS ==

02 December 1987

(U) A CASE FILE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO ASHTON N. LONEY WAS MAILED TO THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ON 18 MAR 87 BY THE EXEC DIR OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.

09 September 1991

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON THIS CASE WAS PASSED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA DURING THE 22-23 AUG 1991 TECHNICAL MEETING.

30 September 1991

(U) (TALKING POINT) THE FOLLOWING CASES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE 19-30 SEP 91 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA: 2038.

== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ==

05 April 1993

CASE: 2038

(U) ON 10 FEBRUARY 1993, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT) INVESTIGATED A CAVE ON THE SOUTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND AT GRID COORDINATE TS973357 WHERE INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED AN ALLEGED GRAVE MIGHT EXIST. THE CAVE MEASURED 3 METERS HIGH, 3 METERS WIDE, AND 15 METERS DEEP; NO EVIDENCE OF A GRAVE OR REMAINS WERE FOUND INSIDE. RECOMMEND NO FURTHER FIELD ACTIVITY UNLESS NEW INFORMATION OR WITNESSES BECOME AVAILABLE. (REF 5)

21 July 1993

FROM 7-14 DEC 92, A JOINT U.S./CAMBODIAN INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM INVESTIGATED THIS CASE ON KOH TANG ISLAND. THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN ON THE WATER FRONT IN KOMPONG SAOM CITY, KAMPOT PROVINCE, IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE WITNESSES WHO MAY HAVE FREQUENTED THE ISLAND WHILE FISHING OR DELIVERING FOOD. ON KOH TANG ISLAND, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED SEVERAL CAMBODIAN NAVY PERSONNEL CONCERNING CASE 2038. NO WITNESSES WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION USEFUL IN CASE RESOLUTION. (REF 6)

23 July 1996

ON 05 MAY 96 DURING JFA 96-3C, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF RECOVERY ELEMENT ONE (RE1) AND THEIR ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA (RGC) COUNTERPARTS INVESTIGATED CASE 2038 ON TANG ISLAND. THE TEAM DID A SKIRMISH SEARCH OF THE WESTERN BEACH AREA BASED ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TWO FORMER MARINES WHO FOUGHT ON TANG ISLAND DURING THE 15 MAY 75 BATTLE.

THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO LOCATE SEVERAL PIECES OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TWO HELMETS WITH LINERS, ONE CANTEEN, ONE LEFT BOOT, ONE PROTECTIVE MASK HOOD, SEVERAL NBC MASK FILTERS, TWO BURNED FLACK JACKETS, AND ONE PONCHO TYPE LITTER. THE TEAM DID NOT RECEIVE OR RECOVER ANY REMAINS WHILE INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT. (REF 7)

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Report of Witness Interview Mr. Sok 9 March and 25 March, 1999

March 9, 1999

Mr. Ou Sok, 43 YOA, was interviewed regarding the events of 15 May, 1975. In 1975 Mr. Sok was a member of the 410th battalion was one of three individuals who was assigned to a horseshoe-shaped fighting position approximately twenty meters from the surf line. There were a number of fighting pits paralleling the beach, the exact number was hard to remember. He did emphatically state that there were four in his section, and that they were about five meters apart, close enough to shout at one another.

Approximately one hundred meters behind their pit was a small house for the men to sleep in during their off-duty hours. Their position was screened by a thin stand of scrub and grasses, but was unobscured by saplings or trees.

The battle commenced about mid-day from his recollections, when a large helicopter flew slowly over the island, and then came to a hover in which it slowly turned to face the beach and the position. The helicopter was immediately subjected to rifle and machinegun fire, then was hit by a rocket, which caused it to crash. A second helicopter was targeted by many weapons, to include at least three heavy machine guns. The guns tore off the helicopter's tail and caused it to crash in water more shallow than the first.

The first helicopter had many men attempting to swim in the water about one hundred to onehundred and fifty meters from the shore. The men wore bright orange (red) life jackets, and bobbed in the water, making excellent targets. Mr. Sok stated that the men were shot as they exited the helicopter by the tail ramp doors, or as they bobbed in the water. Every time the men's heads bobbed above the water, they were shot at by the Khmer Rouge troops on shore.

Mr. Sok said that the fighting was intense and that most of the trees in their area were shredded, especially the sapling behind their position which lost its branches and a large tree which was chopped off at a height of three meters. In March of 1999, the sapling was a large tree, and the sheared-off tree was located to the North-west of the position.

The Americans retreated from the island at night, and over the next week corpses washed up along the shore. Many were trapped in the rocks where they began to decompose. Mr. Sok buried two corpses in his now-abandoned fighting position. The men were wearing green combat uniforms, but no boots, or identification. One man had red hair, the other brown. They were both large and of a "powerful" build. They were both caucasian. There was no associated jewelry, weapons or personal effects. One corpse wore web gear, neither had helmets. The marines were buried in the ends of the horseshoe with their heads toward the sea, and the bodies at a depth of one meter. They were covered with sand and the position abandoned.

25 March, 1999

Mr. Sok was re-interviewed regarding the location of the fighting position following the excavation of the position and the immediate area by the team. He stated that he had been confused by the vegetation and that the remains could have been buried in another position located approximately seven meters from the first position. The new location was under a mound of sand and rocks approximately two and a half meters high.

Mr. Sok postulated the mound had been used for an anti-aircraft gun position by the Vietnamese. He also stated that the area of the original Khmer Rouge fighting position had been completely criss-crossed by communications trenches and fighting positions that the Vietnamese had built following their invasion of Cambodia. He believes that the Vietnamese found the remains in the first fighting position and exhumed them.