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COUNTRY CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM
DDI EARLY JULY 1973
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF THREE U.S. MILITARY PRISONERS OF WAR IN
PREY VENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA

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SOURCE

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1. THREE CAUCASIAN U.S. MILITARY PRISONERS OF WAR. CLAD IN ONE-PIECE FLIGHT SUITS, ARRIVED IN KOMPONG BAREY HAMLET (NT887317) IN PREY VENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, ON 8 JULY 1973. ACCORDING TO A VIET CONG (VC) COMMO-LIAISON CADRE OF THE AREA, THE PRISONERS

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WERE GUARDED BY THE VC C-10 COMPANY AND WERE BEING TRANSFERRED FROM KANDAL PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, ACROSS PREY VENG PROVINCE TO AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION NEAR LOC NINH, SOUTH VIETNAME. THE CADRE SAID THAT THE PRISONERS WERE AIRMEN WHO HAD BEEN DOWNED SOUTH OF PHNOM PEHN CITY IN EARLY JULY 1973 AND THAT THEY WOULD BE HELD NEAR LOC NINH FOR EXCHANGE AT SOME UNSPECIFIED DATE.

2. THE PRISONERS AND THEIR ESCORT PASSED THROUGH KOMPONG BAREY HAMLET AND WERE THEN HELD FOR TWO DAYS IN A BASE CAMP OF THE K-24 SECURITY ZONE, 700 METERS NORTHWEST OF KOMPONG BAREY. MEMBERS OF THE VC-10 COMPANY MOVED WITH THE PRISONERS UPWARD AND NORTHEAST ON ABOUT 11 JULY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE VC C-10 COMPANY. THE K-24 SECURITY ZONE MAY REFER TO EITHER K1 SECTOR 24 OR THE OPERATING ZONE OF KHMER INSURGENT (KM) BATTALION K-24 WHICH WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE K1 PREY VENG PROVINCE COMMITTEE AND RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY IN THE PROVINCE IN LATE 1972.

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JORC) EVALUATION OF THIS REPORT. THE INFORMATION AS PRESENTED PRECLUDES ANY DEFINITE CORRELATION. SINCE EARLY 1973 ONLY TWO AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN LOST IN CAMBODIA.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL L. J A M E S, USAF (JCRC NO. 4062) AND CAPTAIN DOUGLAS K. M A R T I N (JCRC NO. 4061) WERE FLYING AN EAE IN THE AREA OF YA153151 WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARED. BOTH MEN ARE CARRIED AS MISSING IN ACTION. CAPTAIN JOHN L. S M M U L M D O D, USAF (JCRC NO. 4071) AND CAPTAIN SAMUEL B. C O R N E L I U S, USAF (JCRC NO. 4070) WERE FLYING AN FAE IN THE AREA OF ZA723037 WHEN THEIR AIRCRAFT DISAPPEARED. THE CAUSES OF THEIR DISAPPEARANCE OF THE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT KNOWN.)

4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE IN SAIGON: SENT TO CINCPAC (FOR CINCPAC AND POLAD ONLY) USSAG AND VIENTIANE (FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE ONLY)

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