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Michael Arthur Maloney
(22 March 1940-12 October 1965)

{Insert photo. Caption: "Mike Maloney"}

Directorate of Plans (now the Directorate of Operations)
Operations Officer
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(S) Michael A. Maloney—who died in a helicopter crash in the jungles of Laos while participating in covert operations in 1965—attended Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, DC. He transferred to St. Louis High in Honolulu when his family moved there in 1957. Mike was active in high school sports, especially football and baseball, playing quarterback and center field. After graduating from high school in 1959, he briefly attended the University of Hawaii. Later that year, he returned to the US mainland and enrolled at Fairfield University in the city of Fairfield, Connecticut.

(S) Mike graduated from Fairfield University in 1962 with a BSS in Government. He had played varsity baseball and intramural football at Fairfield and was a standout in both; he later played semi-pro football in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mike joined the CIA in January 1963 and was assigned to the Records Integration Division in the Directorate of Plans (now known as the Directorate of Operations) as an Intelligence Assistant.

(S) Mike worked his way upward and by 1964 had become an Operations Officer. In October of that year, he entered an intensive special operations training program.

(S) In July 1965, Mike was assigned to the Far East Division's [redacted] Unit at CIA headquarters. His duties were to prepare studies, briefing papers, and other reports for use in evaluating CIA paramilitary programs in Laos. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to the Agency's Vientiane Station, located at the Udon Base across the border in Thailand. Mike's wife [redacted] accompanied him to Udon. (b)(3)
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(S) US covert operations within Laos were expanding rapidly by the summer of 1965. In September, Mike Maloney, a new arrival, was flown from Udon to Pakse, Laos. He had been assigned to assist another paramilitary operations officer (and fellow second generation CIA professional), Mike Deuel. Their main tasks were to conduct surveys of the region and make payroll disbursements at area villages. Mike also was to be introduced to the tribal leaders with whom he would be working. Such trips were made in a variety of aircraft that came from the Agency's proprietary air wing, Air America.

(S) On Sunday morning, 12 October 1965, Mike Maloney boarded a helicopter to begin a day that was to be filled with numerous stops in Laotian villages. By dusk, Mike and his team had not returned to the base at Pakse. Late that afternoon, villagers had reported seeing a chopper go down in the jungle near a place called Sarvane.

(S) In heavy jungle it took Agency rescue teams nearly two days to locate and reach the crash site. They found no survivors. Four men had died in the accident—Mike Maloney, his new friend Mike Deuel, the pilot, and a crew member. Michael A. Maloney was 25 [redacted]. Mike and [redacted] [redacted]. (b)(6)
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