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SUBJECT: The Alleged Discovery of the Crash Site of a U.S. Aircraft and the Remains and Dog Tags of a Crew Member in Dac Lac Province

TEXT: 1. In late May 1983, [redacted]

[redacted], claimed that he had discovered the crash site of a U.S. aircraft and the skeletal remains of a crew member in a jungle near Ban Me Thuot. [redacted] stated that he had carefully removed the belongings of that crew member, including his dog tags, a P-38 can opener, a survival kit and a watch, and had hidden them in a secret place. [redacted] had not told anyone else of the location of these items. The name of the crew member was Virgil K: ((Kelley)). The dog tags were inscribed as follows: PR 70748-766 APO S Baptist (sic). [redacted] Comment: Virgil Winncaid ((Kelly)), a USAF Captain, was shot down on 3 May 1967 in Dac Lac Province. He was declared dead on 4 September 1967 and his body was recovered.)

2. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] refused to provide any information about the U.S. aircraft crew member other than his name. [redacted] hoped that this information could be used in exchange for the resettlement of his family in the U.S. or for a cash reward. [redacted] implied that he may have been concealing certain information regarding other crew members, and stated that his being forthcoming with further information would depend upon the response of a U.S. official.)

3. [redacted] Comment: This information was obtained from the debriefing of [redacted] who claimed to have been a major in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. He was sent to a reeducation camp in Hoc Mon District, Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) for one year following the fall of the Republic of (South) Vietnam in April 1975. Upon

[redacted] stated that he met [redacted] in late May 1983, while working on a plan for his escape. [redacted] asked that [redacted] relay a message concerning the discovery of the crash site and the crew member's remains to U.S. authorities if [redacted] was able to make his way to the

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