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TO: DIA//PW-MIA (COLONEL AL GIRARD).

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S IN INDOCHINA

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA WAS OBTAINED IN LATE 1988 AND JANUARY 1989 AND WAS PASSED AT THAT TIME TO JCRC AND THE STONY BEACH TEAM. IT IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER 1988 A DEBRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED OF A [Redacted] WHO HAS WORKED BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND WHO HAS PROVIDED A HEARSAY REPORT ON AMERICANS BEING HELD IN A PRISON IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. [Redacted] STATED THAT IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1988 HE VISITED WITH HIS [Redacted]

REPORTED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICANS

WORKED AT THE PRISON WHERE TEN AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD. THE AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED IN A PRISON IN DANANG BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO TAY NINH IN AN UNKNOWN TIMEFRAME. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PRISON WAS NOT KNOWN.

3. IN A DEBRIEFING ON 7 OCTOBER 1988, [Redacted] AN ETHNIC KHMER NOW LIVING IN [Redacted] REPORTED SEEING AN AMERICAN IN THE BACH DANG PRISON, SAIGON, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1984.

[Redacted] IN SEPTEMBER 1984 WHEN HE SAW THE AMERICAN AND AN AUSTRALIAN INCARCERATED THERE. THE AMERICAN WAS WHITE, ABOUT 180-CENTIMETERS TALL AND THIN (60 TO 70 KG). HE WORE GLASSES AND WAS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE. [Redacted] LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN IN BACH DANG PRISON SINCE ABOUT MARCH 1984. I.

AND SOME [Redacted] HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY STONY BEACH ON 19 DECEMBER 1988.)

4. THE NAMES BELOW ARE OF ALLEGED POW/MIA'S:

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5. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988 AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER
TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND
ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS TO

A. THREE DOG TAG RUBBINGS, ONE HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT

B. DOG TAG RUBBINGS AND BONE FRAGMENTS ON

C. DOG TAG RUBBING, HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON

D. DOG TAG RUBBINGS PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON

E. DOG TAG RUBBING ON

6. IN EARLY DECEMBER, AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER
TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND
ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS

A. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON

B. DUPLICATE OF ABOVE

C. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON

NOTE THAT ANOTHER TURNED OVER INFORMATION ON
WHICH WAS PASSED TO JCRC IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988.

7. WHO PROBABLY OBTAINED THEM FROM A
REFUGEE IN SITE B, PASSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKELETONS WITH
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION LOCATED IN THE PICTURE (TOO SMALL TO READ):
A COPY OF A DOG TAG OF:
AND A MAP SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING BURIAL PLACE. THE
PHOTOGRAPHS LOOK VERY FAMILIAR AND POSSIBLY THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY
BEEN TURNED OVER TO JCRC. THE NAME HAS ALSO BEEN
REPORTED IN THE PAST.

8. ON 9 JANUARY 1989,
PROVIDED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT ARE ALLEGEDLY HUMAN BONES
AND A DOG TAG. ACCORDING TO A CRUDELY WRITTEN NOTE WHICH ACCOMPANIED
THE PHOTOS, THE INFORMATION ON THE DOG TAG READS AS FOLLOWS:

(COMMENT: THE ALPHA
ROSTER SHOWS LISTED AS DEAD
- BODY NOT RECOVERED)
STATED THAT

..... HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN
HIS VILLAGE OF BAN THAN IN SWAENG DAEN DIN DISTRICT, SAKHON NAKHON
PROVINCE O/A 7 JAN 89 BY AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO IS CURRENTLY
RESIDING IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. THE LAO REQUESTED TO
DETERMINE IF THE BONES IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WERE AUTHENTIC.

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POW'S IN LAOS. SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THIS AND HE AND WERE INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF THE STONY REACH OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM.) WHEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY. ALTHOUGH FULLY COOPERATIVE, WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH IN TERMS OF DETAILS ABOUT THE ETHNIC LAO OR THE BONES IN QUESTION SAID THE LAO INDICATED THAT THE BONES WERE FOUND AT A SITE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE BORDER OF LAOS AND VIETNAM, THE LAO CLAIMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE BONES SHOWN IN THE PHOTO, HE WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A PART OF A JAW BONE WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE THE REMAINS OF A SECOND PERSON. STATED THAT THE LAO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO BAN THAN D/A 14 JAN 89. SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN CONTACTING THE LAO IN NAKHON PHANOM THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND SHOULD THERE BE AN INTEREST IN DOING SO.

9. IN NOVEMBER 1988.

T TURNED OVER A BONE FRAGMENT ON [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL IN VIETNAM AND WAS NOW IN PHNOM PENH. [REDACTED] IS ATTEMPTING TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE [REDACTED] IN PHNOM PENH. BONE FRAGMENTS ON THREE INDIVIDUALS [REDACTED] WHOSE NAMES WERE PASSED IN AN EARLIER REPORT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO HANDWRITTEN COPIES OF DOGTAGS FOR [REDACTED] WERE ALSO RECEIVED AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF SKELETONS AND HAND-DRAWN MAPS OF SUPPOSED GRAVESITES FOR [REDACTED] JCRC HAS ADVISED THAT NAMES ON THAT REPORT WERE ALL BOGUS SO THE FRAGMENTS AND OTHER MATERIAL WERE ACCEPTED TO REMOVE THEM FROM CIRCULATION. THE CROSS BORDER TRADERS WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION STATE THAT THEY CAN DELIVER THE ENTIRE SKELETONS FOR [REDACTED]

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REPORTED THAT IN JANUARY 1988 HE VISITED AN "AMERICAN JOURNALIST" BEING DETAINED AT THE FORMER LON NOL RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN WESTERN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE IN JULY 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY 1988, BUT WAS UNSURE IF THIS CAME ABOUT. THIS SIGHTING IS PROBABLY RELATED TO THE [REDACTED] WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS SUMMER.

11. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. DECL DAOR DRV [REDACTED]

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