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TO: DIA//VO-PW (COLONEL JOSEPH SCHLATTER).

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] INFORMATION ON POW/MIA MATTERS

1. IN OUR SUPPORT OF THE POW/MIA ISSUE, WE ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM OUR [REDACTED] YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE THIS INFORMATION AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TO HAVE BEEN PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 22 JULY 1988. SUBJECT A INITIALLY CLAIMED TO BE A FORMER SENIOR COLONEL WITHIN THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM AND CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE MEMBER. EVENTUALLY HE STATED THAT HE WAS PRESSURED BY ANOTHER VIETNAMESE MAN AT [REDACTED] TO USE THE SIMILARITY OF ONE OF HIS MANY NAMES TO A VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR HE WOULD NEVER BE CONSIDERED FOR RESETTLEMENT. SUBJECT A MAINTAINS HIS "LIVE SIGHTING" STORY AS TRUE.

[REDACTED] MAINTAINS HE SAW AN AMERICAN IN THE TRA VINH AREA BETWEEN 1983 AND 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY BROUGHT DOWN FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM IN 1983 AND PLACED UNDER GUARD IN THE SOUTH. A VIETNAMESE GUARD LED THE AMERICAN OUT BELIEVING HE, THE GUARD, WOULD RECEIVE MONETARY AID FOR FREEING THE AMERICAN. STORY CONTINUES TO BE FULL OF DISCREPANCIES. [REDACTED] HE CLAIMED TO BE A FORMER SENIOR COLONEL IN THE PAVN. LATER ADMITTED TO BEING A FORMER BATTALION COMMANDER WHO RETIRED FROM MILITARY SERVICE IN 1960 DUE TO AN INJURY. [REDACTED] HAS APPARENTLY BECOME HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH SEARCHING FOR AMERICAN REMAINS WITH A "BUSINESS PARTNER" [REDACTED] HE WOMAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY TAKES CARE OF THE AMERICAN. HAS FABRICATED INFORMATION TO THIS REPORTER ON THREE OCCASIONS, CLAIMS MEMORY LAPSES AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT, AND REINVENTS HIS STORY WHEN IT SUITS HIS PURPOSE. RESIDES AT [REDACTED]

B. TWO DOG TAG RUBBINGS AND CORRESPONDING BONE FRAGMENTS WERE RECOVERED BY FORCES OF THE SIHANOUK NATIONAL ARMY. PLEASE PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE FOLLOWING NAMES:

[REDACTED] PIECES OF PAPER WHICH PRESUMABLY IDENTIFY THE LOCATION OF THE FIND, WRITTEN IN BOTH VIETNAMESE AND KHMER, ACCOMPANY THE RUBBINGS. THIS MATERIAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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3. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TO BE PASSED TO JCRC AND THE STONY BEACH TEAM. IT WAS OBTAINED ON 24 JUNE.

A. [REDACTED] PROVIDED INFORMATION ON TWO AMERICANS REPORTEDLY ALIVE IN VIETNAM. THE TWO NAMES WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH OF WHICH COME UP RATHER FREQUENTLY, AND ARE NOT ON JCRC LISTS. THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GAVE APPEARANCES OF BEING DUPED BY MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP OPERATING INSIDE [REDACTED] THIS REPORTER BELIEVES WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE LAST OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO CLAIM TO BE WORKING ONLY ON "RESCUE THE AMERICANS" MISSIONS INSIDE CAMBODIA OR VIETNAM. THEY ATTEMPTED TO PERSUADE THIS REPORTER TO PROVIDE MONEY UP-FRONT (REFUSED) FOR ONGOING OPERATIONS AND ASKED DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT REWARDS. THE MATERIAL THEY PROVIDED WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

B. [REDACTED] TURNED OVER A PHOTOGRAPH (ACTUALLY A VERY FUZZY PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHOTOGRAPH) AND A COPIED PIECE OF PAPER ON [REDACTED] AN AMERICAN REPORTEDLY ALIVE IN HANOI. [REDACTED] NAME HAS SURFACED MANY TIMES IN DIFFERENT SCAMS. [REDACTED] RECEIVED THE INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS MATERIAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. [REDACTED] ALSO TURNED OVER [REDACTED] A DOG TAG RUBBING ON [REDACTED] THE DOG TAG RUBBING WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

C. (FOR JCRC) AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CONTACT THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COLLECTS BONES, DOG TAGS AND RUBBINGS AND PASSES THEM OUT. THE [REDACTED] APPARENTLY COLLECTS MATERIAL FROM PRK SOLDIERS WHO CAN MOVE FREELY FROM PHNOM PENH TO [REDACTED] IS NOT CONDUCIVE FOR MEETINGS. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY COMES INTO [REDACTED] ON FREQUENT BUSINESS TRIPS. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO MEET HER THIS WAY.

D. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE NAMES OF FOUR [REDACTED] WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF OTHERS HOLDING AMERICAN REMAINS IN VIETNAM. [REDACTED] A BOAT REFUGEE FROM TRAT PROVINCE, NOW RESIDES IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED [REDACTED] HAD A FRIEND WHO HELD ONE SET OF AMERICAN REMAINS. [REDACTED] LIVED IN GO VAP DISTRICT OF HO CHI MINH CITY. A FRIEND OF [REDACTED] ALSO HELD TWO OTHER SETS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT [REDACTED] HOLDS TWO SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS AND CORRESPONDING DOG TAGS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT HIS [REDACTED] IN SAIGON TO OBTAIN [REDACTED] ADDRESS. [REDACTED] RESIDES IN [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT [REDACTED] HOLDS FOUR SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS. [REDACTED] LAST RESIDED [REDACTED]

AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THAT A FRIEND [REDACTED]  
HELD TWO SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS. [REDACTED] IS TRYING TO  
OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THAT FRIEND. [REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED]  
4. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. DECL OADR DRV [REDACTED]

CL BY [REDACTED]  
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