

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
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SECTION 1 OF 2

SUBJ: INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT - BRIGHT LIGHT (U)
THIS IS IR NR 6 918 7114 74 (MID 813/74)

- 1. (U) COUNTRY: VS
- 2. (U) SUBJ: US PW SIGHTINGS
- 3. (U) ICR NR: N/A
- 4. (U) DOI: JAN 74
- 5. (U) PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: SAIGON, 25 SEP 74
- 6. (U) EVAL: F-8
- 7. (U) SOURCE: VC RALLIER (SEE PARA 16)
- 8. (U) RPT NR: 6 918 7114 74 (MID 813/74)
- 9. (U) DATE OF RPT: 8 OCT 74
- 10. (U) NR OF PGS: N/A
- 11. (U) REF: D-7CX-49818 (DAO ICR 68/73)
- 12. (U) CRIG: USDAC-SGN RVN
- 13. (U) PREPARED BY: LOUIS H. WOELFEL, MILITARY INTERROGATION DIVISION LIAISON OFFICER
- 14. (U) APP AUTH: HENRY A. SHOCKLEY, LTC, USA, CHIEF, COLLECTION & LIAISON SECTION
- 15. (U) TEXT: FOL INFO CONCERNING US PW SIGHTINGS IN SVN WAS PROVIDED BY VC RALLIER [REDACTED] DURING HIS DEBRIEFING ON 14 JAN 74.

[REDACTED] PLACE OBSERVED FIVE US PW (THREE CAUCASIANS AND TWO NEGROES) BEING HELD IN C-53 DETENTION CAMP VIC XT24173, PHUCC NINH (D), TAY NINH (P). LATER, SOURCE WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED] THAT THE FIVE US PW WERE HIGH RANKING OFFICERS (NFI) WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND HELD THERE FOR A LONG TIME (SIC-NFI). [REDACTED] ALSO DISCLOSED TO SOURCE THAT THESE FIVE US PW HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED AFTER SIGNING OF PARIS AGREEMENT BECAUSE THE VC/NVA PREFERRED TO EXCHANGE THEM FOR HIGH RANKING C/NVA OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY GVN. SOURCE STATED THAT THESE FIVE US PW WERE WELL TREATED AND WERE GIVEN SAME TYPE AND AMOUNT OF RATIONS AS VC/NVA OFFICERS. THEY SLEPT IN HAKMOCKS AND PLAYED CHECKERS DAILY. TO CONVERSE WITH FIVE US PW, THE COMMUNISTS USED AN INTERPRETER NAMED [REDACTED] A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF AN UNK US AGENCY, WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE COMMUNISTS IN MY TNC (C), SVN (NFI).

SOURCE OBSERVED THE FIVE US PW ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS: THE FIRST TIME WAS AT 141130H JAN 74, THE SECOND TIME AT 161430H JAN 74, AND THE LAST TIME AT 181200H JAN 74. SOURCE OBSERVED THEM FOR FIFTEEN MIN EACH TIME AND PROVIDED FOL DESCRIPTIONS OF EACH PW.

Correlated Data Removed

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From: Bill Codinha 7/7/92 6:51PM (2292 bytes: 40 ln)
To: Kim Baker, Bill LeGro
Subject: Col. (ret.) Lewis Millett

----- Message Contents -----

Col. Millett left a message on my voice mail while I was out of town last week. When I called him back this evening (at 714-659-2888), he told me the following:

Millett was an Army colonel assigned to II Corps in Vietnam toward the end of the war. At some point, he was involved in (or heard about) an incident in which a Lt.Col. Robert Brownlee got separated from the group he was with and was never seen again. Millett made several inquiries about Brownlee's whereabouts, until he was told to "cease and desist." Millett is not sure who told him to cease and desist, but he thinks it was a guy named Kaplan, who was the chief of staff of II Corps. Kaplan told Millett that the USG knew that Brownlee was in a POW camp in South Vietnam. The information was from a CIA agent who was a guard at the camp. Millett was told that his continued efforts on Brownlee's behalf might backfire and result in harm to Brownlee.

When Millett noticed that Brownlee did not return during Homecoming, he told his congressman (Millett does not remember the congressman's name, but it was the congressman from the Abilene, TX area in 1973). The congressman wrote a letter to DoD asking about Brownlee. DoD wrote back, saying that Millett had provided information establishing that Brownlee was dead. Even though this was false, Millett did nothing to correct the record with DoD at the time.

According to Millett, Brownlee had been involved in a highly top secret intelligence project named "Potsdam Project." Millett thinks that the Soviets would have been very interested in learning anything Brownlee might have been willing to talk about.

I told Millett that we would get back to him if we had additional questions.

Bill: Please follow-up.

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13AF CLARK AB PHILIPPINES
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CSAF WASH. DC
CSA WASH DC
CMC WASH DC
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HOME COMING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN EVALUATED ON A LIMITED BASIS.

FROM DI-6

COMUSSAG FOR JCRC REP, COMNAVINTCOM FOR NIC-35, CSAF FOR AFIN, CSA FOR DAMI-DOO-HP AND DAAG-PSC, J3CMC FOR A02A AND DNA

SUBJ: DEBRIEFING OF RELEASED THAI NATIONALS (C)

REF: 13AF JHRC 052035Z MAR 73, SUBJECT AS ABOVE (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCED MESSAGE CONTAINED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TWO RELEASED THAI NATIONALS (SGT PRAPHAN XIRION AND SGT CHEM BAMRUNG UOM) WHO HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO THAILAND.

2. NO FOREIGN DISSEM. SEVERAL SUBJECT AREAS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE REQUIRE FURTHER EXPLORATION. BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS THESE AREAS COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED IN FULL DETAIL AT CLARK AB. REQUEST USDAO THAILAND SOLICIT ASSISTANCE OF APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH THE TWO THAI RETURNEES.

J A. PHOTO 20 IN THE DIA PUBLICATION "NORTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH U.S. PW'S (AP-365-8-70-INT AND DI-367-14-72) WAS IDENTIFIED AS "BAY". IS THIS "MAJOR BAI"? MAJOR BAI WAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RANKING VIETNAMESE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH U.S. PW'S. HE SUBSEQUENTLY LOST CONSIDERABLE POWER/AUTHORITY AFTER 1969. IF THIS IS MAJOR BAI, OBTAIN AVAILABLE DETAILS ON HIS BACKGROUND AND CAMP FUNCTIONS.

J B. THE RETURNEES IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS OF OVER 300 PERSONNEL CONTAINED IN VOLUME 1 OF DIA PUBLICATION "PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA" (DI-367-2-72). MOST OF THESE IDENTIFICATIONS WERE OF PERSONNEL RELEASED OR SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE IDENTIFIED AND ARE NOT ON ANY RELEASE LIST:

JOHN T. BERBRICH, CHIEF, DI-6C2,
25141

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D. 6C 1/10 ✓
D. 6C 1/10 (4 eyes)

DIA ID NO.	NAME	COMMENTS PROVIDED BY THAI RETURNEES
S134	SHELTON, CHARLES E.	
T004	<i>NAME, NAME</i>	"SKIP"
M010	MAMIYA, JOHN M.	"CHARLEY"
W026	WILKINS, GEORGE H.	
F005	<i>NAME NAME</i>	(UNCERTAIN)
D003	DOOLEY, JAMES E.	"CAMP UNITY"
T025	TEAGUE, JAMES E.	
M019	<i>NAME</i>	"CAMP UNITY"
O600	OLSON, BETTY A.	(UNCERTAIN)
C158	<i>NAME</i>	"ZOO"
C159	COOK, DWIGHT W.	"ZOO"
M602	<i>N A M E</i>	(RARELY SEEN)

REQUEST RETURNEES BE QUERIED FOR FULL INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE ON THESE PERSONNEL. THE FOLLOWING AREAS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY PURSUED:

-] WHEN (DATE, MONTH, YEAR) AND WHERE (WHAT CAMP, WHAT BUILDING IN THE CAMP) PRECISELY WERE THESE INDIVIDUALS SEEN?
-] HOW OFTEN WERE THEY SEEN?
-] WHEN WERE THEY FIRST SEEN?
-] WHEN WERE THEY LAST SEEN?
-] IF NOT PERSONALLY OBSERVED, HOW DID RETURNEES OBTAIN INFORMATION (E.G. NEWSPAPER PHOTOS, PHOTOS IN CAMP) ON THESE MEN?
-] WHAT WAS THE PHYSICAL CONDITION WHEN OBSERVED?
-] WITH WHOM WERE THESE INDIVIDUALS LIVING?
-] WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (E.G. SERVICE, DATE CAPTURED, AIR-CRAFT FLOWN, UNIT ASSIGNMENT) IS AVAILABLE ON THE INDIVIDUALS?
-] WHAT OTHER PERSONNEL CAN VERIFY THESE IDENTIFICATIONS OR PROBABLY SAW THE SAME INDIVIDUALS?

] C. INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED CONCERNING THE USE OF CUBAN PERSONNEL IN THE INTERROGATION OF U.S. PW'S. REQUEST RETURNEES BE QUERIED ON ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE ON THE CUBANS TO INCLUDE NAMES, NUMBER OF PERSONNEL INVOLVED AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT DATA.

3. REQUEST THIS MATTER BE PURSUED AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

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COORDINATION:

COL SHULL, USA

AA-3, EXT 48669

LTC L. L. BROWN, USA

DC-4A, EXT 48042

 SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. AS OF
 AUG 87, AMERICAN PWS "ST PHENSON" AND "MORGAN JEFFERSON
 DONAHUE" WERE BEING HELD AT BOUALAPHA DISTRICT,
 KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE, LAOS.

TEXT: 1. IN AUG 87, SOURCE MET WITH A KALANG
 TRIBESMAN WHO WORKED FOR THE VIETNAMESE AS A GUARD AT A
 PRISON FACILITY IN BOUALAPHA DISTRICT, KHAMMOUANE
 PROVINCE, LAOS. THE GUARD PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
 INFORMATION REGARDING TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS AT THAT
 FACILITY:

- A. MORGAN JEFFERSON DONAHUE
 - D.O.B. MAY 2ND 1944
 - AIR PLAN (SIC) AC 123 NO 32-----
 - MISSING IN ACTION LAOS 13 DEC 1968
- B. ST PHENSON HP
 - WOM 030322764
 - ONEG
 - PROTESTANT
 - 1962 IN LAOS
 - 1967 MISSING IN ACTION LAOS.
 - SERGEANT
- C. DONAHUE IS THE MOST HIGHLY PROTECTED
 AMERICAN PW IN THE EYES OF THE VIETNAMESE, SINCE DONAHUE
 IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE US GOVERNMENT. (NFI).
- D. "ST PHENSON" HAD MADE TWO UNSUCCESSFUL
 ESCAPE ATTEMPTS (NFI), AND AS A RESULT WAS GIVEN AN
 INJECTION OF BRAINWASHING DRUGS. "ST PHENSON'S" MEMORY
 IS NOW COMPLETELY GONE.
- E. BOTH PWS WERE FORMERLY HELD AT KHAM KEUT
 //CROCCORD 1815N/10433E//, KHAMMOUANE PROVINCE (NFI).
 SOMETIME IN 1987 (NFI), BOTH PWS WERE RE OCATED TO
 BOUALAPHA DISTRICT (NFI).
- F. (C/NF) SOURCE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE GUARD. HE
 DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GUARD WAS APPROXIMATELY 58
 OR 59 YEARS OLD, AND HAD OFTEN MET THE SOURCE (NFI).
 SOURCE LAST MET THE GUARD IN AUG 87 (NFI). SOURCE WOULD
 NOT EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES BY WHICH SOURCE FIRST MADE
 CONTACT WITH AND MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH THE GUARD.

COMMENTS: 1. SOURCE FIRST DISPLAYED THE
 DONAHUE DATA, HAND WRITTEN ON LINED PAPER, AND ASKED FOR
 THE ADDRESS OF DONAHUE'S PARENTS. HE STATED HE HAD
 INFORMATION ABOUT DONAHUE, AND WISHED TO DEAL DIRECTLY
 WITH THE PARENTS. SOURCE EXPLAINED THE GUARD WANTED
 FINANCIAL REWARD FROM THE US GOVERNMENT OR DONAHUE'S
 FAMILY BEFORE HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILS. STONY

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DOI: (U) 880822
SOURCE:

SUMMARY:

PROVIDED A LIST OF VALID PW/MIA NAMES AND A MAP OF ANOTHER PW DETENTION SITE OBTAINED FROM LAO RESISTANCE SOURCES. ALLEGED US PW ARE SAID TO BE HELD IN EASTERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. ENCLOSURES.

1. SOURCE SUBMITTED THE FOLLOWING TRANSCRIBED ENGLISH LANGUAGE LIST TO THE US NAVAL ATTACHE, BANGKOK. SOURCE STATED THAT THE NAMES ARE THOSE OF LIVE PW CAPTIVES PRESENTLY HELD IN LAOS WHICH WERE FURNISHED TO [REDACTED] BY LAO RESISTANCE PERSONNEL (NFI). THE ORIGINAL IS FORWARDED AS AN ENCLOSURE.

TOMMY HART	CAPT	USAF
EDDY MERCER	T/SGT	USAF
JOE BERCH	CAPT	USAF
JIM FULLER	T/SGT	USAF
MORGAN DONAHUE	CAPT	USAF

SINCE ALL NAMES CROSSCHECKED WITH VALID MIA CASES, STONY BEACH REQUESTED THAT THE US NAVAL ATTACHE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH SOURCE. THIS MEETING OCCURRED ON 22 AUG 88 AT 1830 HOURS.

2. AT THIS MEETING, SOURCE PRESENTED STONY BEACH INTERVIEWERS WITH A PHOTOCOPY OF A MAP SKETCH OF THE SITE WHERE ADDITIONAL LIVE US PW ARE ALLEGED TO BE HELD. THE ORIGINAL OF THIS SKETCH WAS ALSO OBTAINED FROM LAO RESISTANCE PERSONNEL. IT BEARS THE APPARENT UTM COORDINATES "(XD.6537)". PROBABLY //UTMCOORDS 48QXD6537//, WHICH WOULD PLACE THE SITE IN EASTERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE PHOTOCOPY MAP IS FORWARDED AS AN ENCLOSURE.

3. SOURCE DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE TWO DOCUMENTS. AND STATED THAT IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR STONY BEACH TO MEET THE RESISTANCE PERSONNEL INVOLVED. SOURCE DID, HOWEVER, INVITE STONY BEACH TO SUBMIT WRITTEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING THESE DOCUMENTS OR OTHER ITEMS/AREAS OF INTEREST. THE QUESTIONS ARE TO BE PASSED TO SOURCE THROUGH [REDACTED]

4. TWO DAYS LATER, THE US NAVAL ATTACHE PASSED STONY BEACH TWO PHOTOCOPY MAP SECTIONS PROVIDED BY SOURCE. BOTH ARE OF EASTERN SAVANNAKHET

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JCS WASHDC//J5/PA-MIA// PRIORITY

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DOLPH AFB TX//MPCC//

WASHDC//DASD-ISA/PA-MIA// PRIORITY

WASHDC//VSC/MR CHILDRESS// PRIORITY

SECTION 01 OF 03 LIAISON BANGKOK 00564

JAN 88

ERC RPT T03-01:

SUMMARY:

SOURCE ALSO PROVIDED
OF THREE ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONERS WHICH THE
WERE BEING CONSIDERING RELEASING TO GENERAL VESSEY
ON OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO HANOI IN AUGUST 1987.
COUNTRY.

REP IF HE WAS AWARE THAT DURING THE AUGUST
VISIT TO HANOI, THE VIETNAMESE WERE PREPARED TO
RELEASING SEVEN OR EIGHT LIVE POW'S IF VESSEY "TOLD THEM
HE WANTED TO HEAR". IT TURNED OUT, HE CONTINUED,
VESSEY WAS NOT AS FORTHCOMING AS THEY HAD HOPED,
THE PRISONERS WERE TURNED OVER. SOURCE STATED

PROVIDED HIM WITH THE NAMES OF THREE OF THE
THE VIETNAMESE WERE PREPARED TO RELEASE. THEY
"MORGAN DONAHUE", *Confidential*

ALL THE PROSPECTIVE RETURNEES WERE ALLEGEDLY
LOCATION ON THE LAO SIDE OF THE LAO/VIETNAM
DURING THE TALKS. SOURCE STATED THAT AFTER
THE ABOVE INFORMATION,
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referred to
Eyes -
Changed
Brown to Blue*

*Jimmy Stewart
to the Bee*

BOBE, RAYMOND EDWARD

NAME: RAYMOND EDWARD BOBE
 RANK/BRANCH: E-3/U.S. ARMY
 UNIT: HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, USARV (U.S. ARMY VIETNAM)
 DATE OF BIRTH: 30 AUGUST 1948
 HOME OF RECORD: TARRANT, ALABAMA
 DATE OF LOSS: 16 MARCH 1969
 COUNTRY OF LOSS: SOUTH VIETNAM
 LOSS COORDINATES: 161357N 1074448E
 GRID: YC936965
 STATUS (IN 1973): MISSING IN ACTION (MIA)
 CATEGORY: 4
 ACFT/VEHICLE: U-21A

*28 Fulton Ave
28217*

*Get them to the Bee
Jan 88 Dog Tag*

OTHER PERSONEL IN INCIDENT: CHARLES R. BARNES; MARVIN L. FOSTER; DAVID R. SMITH; MICHAEL L. BATT (ALL MISSING)

REMARKS:

SYNOPSIS: DAVID R. SMITH, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER; CHARLES BARNES, CO-PILOT; AND PASSENGERS MICHAEL BATT, MARVIN L. FOSTER, AND RAYMOND BOBE WERE THE PASSENGERS ABOARD A BEECH U-21A AIRCRAFT LOST IN TUAN THIEN PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE U-21A IS A MEDIUM-SIZED AIRCRAFT, BUILT TO HOLD 8 OR TEN PASSENGERS AND CREW. AIRCRAFT WAS A FIXED WING, TWIN-ENGINE, LOW WING TYPE GENERALLY USED FOR VIP OR COMMUTES RATHER THAN SURVEILLANCE OR COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS.

AS OF 1989, THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE LOSS OF THIS A/C, ITS CREW AND PASSENGERS WAS STILL CLASSIFIED. IT IS KNOWN THAT COMMUNICATIONS CONTACT WITH THE A/C WAS LOST, AND SOURCES INDICATE THAT IT IS NOT STRONGLY SUSPECTED THAT THE ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA KNEW THE FATES OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS ONBOARD. THE LAST KNOWN POSITION OF THE A/C WAS ABOUT HALF-WAY BETWEEN HUE AND DANANG IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

BATT'S PHOTOGRAPH WAS SELECTED AS A KNOWN PRISONER FROM THE JCRC PHOTO ALBUM OF THOSE MISSING. BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STATES THAT IT IS UNKNOWN WHY THE SOURCES SELECTED BATT'S PHOTO. RETURNING POWs DID NOT INDICATE THAT ANY OF THE CREW OR PASSENGERS HAD BEEN HELD WITH THEM IN THE VIETNAMESE PRISON SYSTEM.

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INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED IN THE MAIL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO REFUGEE IN THAILAND WHO WANTS TO BE "RESETTLED FASTER THAN NORMAL".

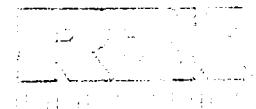
STATED THAT HIS REFUGEE SOURCE IN THAILAND DID NOT WANT TO CONTACT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ANYMORE SINCE HE HAD RECEIVED ONLY [REDACTED] BUT NO MONEY OR HELP, FOR INFORMATION PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY.

ON 22 FEB 89, WE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAD INFORMATION FROM A FRIEND IN LAOS; REPORTEDLY HIS FRIEND LIVED NEXT TO TWO AMERICAN [REDACTED] WHO WERE UNABLE TO LEAVE LAOS. ONE NAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICANS WAS THAT OF "GARDEN K. HASSENGER, AF 19531137, T62, APOS, PRIEST, OF SOUTH HILLS, PITTSBURGH" (GARDEN K. HASSENGER ((REFNO 819)) MISSING IN SOUTHERN LAOS, WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LOSS OF A [REDACTED] ON 24 DEC 1965). INITIALLY [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE INFORMATION

FROM [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LIVING IN BAN NONGBOUATHA, LAOS, ALONG WITH [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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September 1, 1992

Bill LeGro
Senator Smith's Office
Pow/Mia Senate Select Committee
Russell Building RB Basement
Room 78
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Bill:

Please review the enclosed photo's and attached data, reference the white male I met at Vung Tau, Viet Nam on the 21st of July 1992. Based on the information gathered from many sources, I believe the individual is Raymond Bobe pronounced (BO'BAY), who went down in a (J) U-21 March 19, 1969, on a flight from Da Nang to Hue. I find it interesting that for some apparent reason this flight appears still classified. As I stated, there are only five groups that I know of who have knowledge of, or have had access to any of the pictures taken the day I met with this individual. (1) Rep. McDaniel, which I understand he delivered the one picture to you. (2) myself and personal staff. (3) French intelligence which arranged the meeting and took the majority of the pictures (4) the two individual A-28 Vietnamese counter-intelligence officers and (5), The F.B.I. Some of the above are identified in the enclosed pictures.

The unknown individual white male, claims to have been downed in the Spring of 1969, flying out of Da Nang, Non-Nuoc airfield. He also claims to have received a Titanium skull plate on a hospital ship of the 7th fleet, then discharged from service and trained to fly cargo aircraft (C-123 and C-47's) in Hawaii. He alleges his call sign was "Cobra 10". He says he flew for an American Company. He could not remember it's name. He was shot down a second time near Doc To in the Spring of 1975.

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He was captured on 04/20/75. He gave me two numbers he said were important, however, he could not recall why they were so important. #1. J-21, #2. 67400827. The second number looks like an aircraft tail/Mgt. number.

He claims to have spent 11 years in camp #SU 320 Thép, Viet Nam. The A-8 officers present claimed that such a camp did exist and was north of Hanoi. He claims to have been released from captivity in 1986 as mentally incompetent. I have little experience with mental competence but agree with the Vietnamese findings, based on the confusion displayed and given the degree of head wound I observed. I personally asked him if he felt he was an American. His answer was affirmative. He appears to remember little of his past, however, given his previous wound that might be understandable. He asserted he is with two other Americans both airmen, one white and one black and that they live in the jungle near Ban Me Thuot Viet Nam. He said that all three had agreed that they all come out together or not at all. This ended the meeting. Our contact with him remains in effect.

"Readable fingerprints have been taken and do exist on the male white individual. Bobe's D.I.A. I.D. # is B-126 ref. 1407-0-04." Apparently no files exist either at the F.B.I., D.I.A. or the St. Louis records center concerning Bobe. If these three people really want to come out, I am available and will help however I am needed by either the United States, French or Vietnamese Government's.

The Vietnamese government has specifically requested if you have any knowledge or have ever seen before the one specific identified picture with the yellow stick-um.

CSS 5/21/77

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Very Confidential

Please give me a call in you have any questions, and please consider this matter extremely confidential.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert B. Keplinger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert B. Keplinger
President

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