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PW-MIA

SUBJECT: POW PHOTO INCIDENT

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED ON 30 JULY-1 AUGUST 1991

[REDACTED]

A. MEMBERS OF THE FILM SECTION OF USIS (ALL NAMES ARE PHONETIC)-FNU ((COOPER)), STANLEY ((MOST)), ROBERT ((WHITE)).

[REDACTED]

3. WHILE IN CAMBODIA, [REDACTED] JOINED A CLANDESTINE MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) RESEARCH COMMITTEE WHICH WAS INITIALLY FORMED IN 1990

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FORMED THE COMMITTEE AFTER HEARING A VOI BROADCAST THAT THE U.S. WOULD PAY ONE AND ONE HALF MILLION DOLLARS AS A REWARD FOR FINDING THE REMAINS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LISTED AS MIA. THE BROADCAST DID NOT INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF REWARD FOR FINDING LIVE PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POW). THE COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF 15 MEMBERS INCLUDING [REDACTED] HAS NO FOREIGN SPONSORSHIP. SOME MEMBERS JOINED BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL INCENTIVE AND OTHERS HOPED TO BE SPONSORED FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S. FOR SECURITY REASONS, THE MEMBERS DID NOT KNOW EACH OTHER. [REDACTED] EACH MEMBER WAS REQUIRED TO SPEND HIS OWN PRIVATE FUNDS TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON POW/MIA MATTERS AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN SAFETY. IN THE EVENT THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED AWARD MONEY, [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WOULD SHARE IT WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS. [REDACTED] ASSIGNED TASKS AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO ALL THE MEMBERS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS NOT TO KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OF THE OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF [REDACTED]

4. IN DECEMBER 1990, [REDACTED] TASKED [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO THE SITE 2 REFUGEE CAMP IN THAILAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING AMERICANS WORKING ON THE MIA ISSUE. [REDACTED] THEN GAVE [REDACTED] A BLACK AND WHITE

(M)

PHOTO DEPICTING THREE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO BE U.S. POW'S. TWO OTHER PHOTOS OF TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE FIRST PHOTO WHICH GAVE NAMES AND RANKS. THE NAMES OF TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN KIA, AND INFORMATION ON MORE THAN 60 INDIVIDUALS REPORTEDLY ALIVE AND HELD IN A CAMP IN CAMBODIA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT TELL HIM THE LOCATION OF THE POW CAMP. [REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY TOLD BY [REDACTED] THAT THE 60 POW'S HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM VIETNAM TO CAMBODIA DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT ((LOW)) MOL. YIN DID NOT INDICATE TO [REDACTED] THE SOURCE OF ANY OF HIS MIA/POW MATERIALS. [REDACTED] LEFT PHNOM PENH FOR SITE 2 IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990 WITH HIS COUSIN [REDACTED]. THEY BOTH ARRIVED SAFELY AT SITE 2 ON 1 DECEMBER 1990. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT HIS COUSIN COOPERATED WITH HIM ON MIA MATTERS. [REDACTED] IS ALSO AWARE OF [REDACTED] AND HIS COUSIN [REDACTED] MET WITH [REDACTED] AT HIS RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. BIO DATA OF THE ALLEGED POW'S/MIA'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. COL. JOHN LETTON ((ROBERTSON)), USAF
MIA 16 SEP 1966

B. ((DILKESHARAND)), USN
US 51601345 "O" OROT
MIA 14 FEB 1964

5. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE GIVEN THE ABOVE PHOTOS WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS OF HIS ARRIVAL AT SITE 2 TO FOUR AMERICANS, TWO OF WHOM WERE FEMALE. ONE OF THE MALES TO WHOM THEY GAVE THE PHOTOS WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN ADDITION TO THE PHOTOS, [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE ABOVE FOUR INDIVIDUALS INFORMATION ABOUT THE ABOVE 60 POW'S IN THE UNIDENTIFIED CAMP IN CAMBODIA AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF ALLEGED U.S. MIA'S:

A. ((OLSONGARIL))
RA 11448202 "B" METHODIST

B. ((DUGAL)) JOHN D
RA 12739803 "AB" ROMAN CATHOLIC

C. LAFOND JE
5252851 "O" CATHOLIC

6. ON 18 JAN 1991, [REDACTED] BORROWED BAHT 5,000 [REDACTED] AND GAVE THE MONEY TO HIS COUSIN [REDACTED]. AT THE BEHEST OF [REDACTED] TASKED HIS COUSIN [REDACTED] TO RETURN TO PHNOM PENH AND CONTACT [REDACTED] FOR ADDITIONAL MIA/POW BY [REDACTED]

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DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY COPIES OF FINGER PRINTS AND TAPED VOICE RECORDINGS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS COUSIN SINCE HIS COUSIN LEFT SITE 2 IN JAN 91 AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED] CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO FURTHER BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH WHEN [REDACTED] OCCASIONALLY SEES [REDACTED] HIS COUSIN RETURNED TO SITE 2, [REDACTED] REPLIES "NOY YET." [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] TWO MIA/POW RELATED PAPERS AND TAPE RECORDINGS IN HER POSSESSION. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HER UNDERGROUND NETWORK OBTAINED THE MATERIALS FROM INSIDE CAMBODIA (MFI). [REDACTED] WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THIS AND SURMISED THAT [REDACTED] MAY HAVE ARRANGED TO INTERCEPT HIS COUSIN ON HIS RETURN FROM PHNOM PENH AND RELIEVE HIM OF THE MATERIALS.

7. [REDACTED] HEARD NOTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE MIA/POW MATERIALS UNTIL HE WAS CONTACTED AT SITE 2 BY TWO AMERICANS ON 23 JULY 1991. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS REPORTEDLY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE OTHER FROM [REDACTED] THE LATTER SPOKE KHMER. [REDACTED] DID NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS DISPLAYED NUMEROUS MIA/POW

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RELATED MATERIALS AND ASKED [REDACTED] TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE MATERIALS BELONGED TO HIM. [REDACTED] DID AS REQUESTED AND WAS TOLD BY THE AMERICANS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PHOTOS WERE NOT AMERICANS, BUT COULD BE RUSSIAN OR FRENCH. THEY ADDED THAT [REDACTED] HAD LIED TO THEM IN THE PAST. [REDACTED] BECAME UPSET AND ASKED THE AMERICANS WHY THEY HAD WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY BY COMING TO SEE HIM IF THEY KNEW THE PHOTOS WERE NOT OF AMERICANS. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION TO THE TWO AMERICANS AND SUGGESTED THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY BY FINDING OUT THE TRUTH THEMSELVES INSIDE CAMBODIA.

8. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE DID NOT WORK FOR OR WITH ([REDACTED]) HON OR ([REDACTED]) BUT KNEW [REDACTED] BETTER THAN [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] HAS OPTED NOT TO RETURN TO PHNOM PENH FOR FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED BY THE PRK.

9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

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