

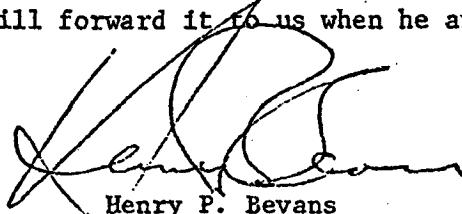
June 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On June 26, 1975 I spoke with Captain Ed Adams. He stated that on or about March 14, 1975 he was requested to take Monty Spear, Consul General at Nha Trang and his assistant, Phil Cook, via the Air America Volpar assigned to Nha Trang, to fly over the site of the crash of an Air Vietnam DC-4 which occurred the previous evening. Adams called the Flight Information Center at Saigon to check on hostile activity in the area. He then decided to drop-off his passengers at Pleiku before attempting a fly-over. He flew at very low levels over considerable hostile activity to the coordinates given him and came over the crash site late in the morning. He circled 3-4 times at low level. The site was on a hillside above a dry river bed, with brushy second growth 5-15 feet high. The wreckage was confined to a small area, indicating very steep angle of descent, and was completely burned over except for an outer wing panel of the DC-4 type. He stated that in his opinion there could be no survivors. He was also aware that a helicopter piloted by Ted Cash of Air America attempted to reach the site without success as well as a ground party of South Vietnamese marines, both being driven back by hostile activity.

Adams was aware that the approximate flight path of the DC-4 between Pleiku and Nha Trang would take it over or very nearly over a 57 mm radar controlled anti-aircraft site.

Adams stated that an American military officer named Miller had tried to contact him in Hong Kong by phone from Bangkok because his father, a USAID employee, had been a passenger on the DC-4. When phone contact could not be made, Adams wrote a statement of the facts and gave it to Chief Pilot Carl Winston for forwarding to Miller, whose mother resides in the D.C. area. Adams has a copy of the statement in Greece and will forward it to us when he arrives there about June 27.



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