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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director For Collection
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Department Of Defense
Principal Advisor For Prisoner Of War
Missing In Action Affairs
(International Security Affairs)
Director, Vietnam, Laos And Kampuchea
Bureau Of East Asian And Pacific Affairs
Department Of State

SUBJECT: The Alleged Discovery of the Crash Site of a U.S.
Aircraft and the Remains and Dog Tags of a Crew
Member in Dac Lac Province

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report about the alleged discovery of the crash site of a U.S. aircraft and the remains and dog tags of a crew member [REDACTED] in Duc Lac Province.

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director For Operations

cc: DCI
DDCI
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STATE/EAP
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NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: The Alleged Discovery of the Crash Site of a U.S. Aircraft and the Remains and Dog Tags of a Crew Member in Dac Lac Province

TEXT: 1. In late May 1963, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] claimed that he had discovered the crash site of a U.S. aircraft and the skeletal remains of a crew member in a jungle near Ban Me Thuot. [REDACTED] that he had carefully removed the belongings of that crew member, including his dog tags, a P-38 can opener, a survival kit and a watch, and had hidden them in a secret place [REDACTED] had not told anyone else of the location of these items. The name of the crew member was Virgil K. (Kelley). The dog tags were inscribed as follows: PR 70748-TE6 APO-5 Baptist (sic). (Headquarters Comment: Virgil Winncald (Kelly), a USAF Captain, was shot down on 3 May 1967 in Dac Lac Province. He was declared dead on 4 September 1967 and his body was recovered.)

2. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] refused to provide any information about the U.S. aircraft crew member other than his name. [REDACTED] hoped that this information could be used in exchange for the resettlement of his family in the U.S. or for a cash reward. [REDACTED] implied that he may have been concealing certain information regarding other crew members, and stated that his being forthcoming with further information would depend upon the response of a U.S. official.)

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