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SECTION 1 OF 2
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SUBJECT: POW PHOTO INCIDENT

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

[REDACTED]

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

[REDACTED]

AFTER HEARING A VOA 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 16 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 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO DEPICTED THREE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO BE [REDACTED] PHOTOS OF TWO OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE [REDACTED] NAMES AND BANKS. THE NAMES OF TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE [REDACTED] MIA, AND INFORMATION ON MORE THAN 60 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY HELD IN A CAMP IN CAMBODIA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE KNOWS THE LOCATION OF THE POW CAMP. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT THE 60 POW'S HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM THE CAMP DURING THE REGIME OF FORMER PRESIDENT (LONG) [REDACTED] INDICATE TO [REDACTED] THE SOURCE OF ANY OF HIS MIA INFORMATION IS PHOM PENH FOR SITE 2 IN EARLY DECEMBER 1990. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE VISITED SITE 2 IN 7 DECEMBER 1990. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE COOPERATED WITH HIM ON MIA MATTERS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE VISITED [REDACTED] AT HIS RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. BIO DATA OF THE INDIVIDUALS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. COL. JOHN LETTON ((ROBERTSON)), USAF
MIA 10 SEP 1966

B. ((DILKESHARAD)), USN
OS 81801346 "D" ORO
MIA 14 FEB 1964

[REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE GIVEN THE ABOVE PHOTOS TO [REDACTED] WITHIN A COUPLE OF DAYS OF HIS ARRIVAL AT SITE 2 TO FOUR AMERICANS WHO WERE [REDACTED] MALES TO WHICH [REDACTED] GAVE THE PHOTOS. [REDACTED]

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

A. ((OLSONGARI)),
BA 11444202 "B" METHODIST

B. ((DIGAL)) JOHN B
BA 12738603 "AD" ROMAN CATHOLIC

C. LAFORD JE
8267861 "B" CATHOLIC

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

7. [REDACTED] VISITED [REDACTED] AT SITE 2
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DOCUMENTS, ESPECIALLY COPIES OF FINGER PRINTS AND TAPE RECORDINGS. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS COUSIN SINCE HIS COUSIN LEFT SITE 2 IN JAN 91 AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED] HAS HAD NO FURTHER DEALINGS WITH [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH WHEN [REDACTED] OCCASIONALLY SEES [REDACTED] OF HIS COUSIN RETURNED TO SITE 2. [REDACTED] REPLIES, "BUT YET [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED FROM [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] HAD MIA/POW RELATED PAPERS AND TAPE RECORDINGS IN HER POSSESSION. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HER UNDERGROUND NETWORK OBTAINED THE MATERIALS FROM INSIDE CAMBODIA (UPI). [REDACTED] WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THIS AND SUGGESTED 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 JAN 1991. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS REPORTEDLY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND THE OTHER FROM [REDACTED]. THE LATTER SPOKE ENGLISH. [REDACTED] DID NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS DISPLAYED NUMEROUS MIA/POW [REDACTED]

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RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ASKED [REDACTED] TO IDENTIFY WHICH OF THE MATERIALS
HE HAD AS REQUESTED AND WAS TOLD BY THE
INDIVIDUALS IN THE PHOTOS WERE NOT AMERICANS, BUT
FRENCH. THEY ADDED THAT [REDACTED] HAD LIED TO THEM
AND UPSET AND ASKED THE AMERICANS WHY THEY HAD
MONEY BY COMING TO SEE HIM IF THEY KNEW THE
AMERICANS. [REDACTED] STATED HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY
INFORMATION ON THE TWO AMERICANS AND SUGGESTED THEY SHOULD
FIND OUT THE TRUTH THEMSELVES INSIDE CAMBODIA.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

THAT HE DID NOT WORK FOR OR WITH [REDACTED] NOR
DID HE KNOW [REDACTED] BETTER THAN [REDACTED] HAS
[REDACTED] WHICH PERSUADED HIM FOR FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE ARRESTED
BY THE [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]