

SECRETARIAT DISSEMINATION

PERSON/UNIT NOTIFIED

ADVANCE COPY ISSUED SLOTTED

BY: [REDACTED] AT: 0800 Z

DISSEM BY: [REDACTED] PER: [REDACTED]

ACTION UNIT: [REDACTED] FILE, VR

ACTION NO. 270

TOTAL COPIES 4

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CITE VIENTIANE [REDACTED] I

TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO [REDACTED] E

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REF: VIENTIANE [REDACTED] (P30915) I

1. [REDACTED] WHO LED GROUND PARTY INTO SITE OF C-123 CRASH ON 9 FEBRUARY 1973 WAS DEBRIEFED ON 11 FEB 1973 AT TAHAKHET [REDACTED] STATEMENTS INTRODUCE AN ELEMENT OF DOUBT CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE BODIES OF THE PIC AND F/O. THERE WAS OBVIOUS EVIDENCE, FOOTPRINTS ETC. AT THE CRASH INDICATING AT LEAST ONE PLATOON OF ENEMY HAD BEEN AT THE SITE. [REDACTED] BELIVES THE BODIES HAD BEEN REMOVED PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL. TWO RIPPED, TORN, BLOOD STAINED [REDACTED] PILOT UNIFORMS WERE FOUND ABOUT 1,500 METERS ALONG A BLOOD TRAIL NORTHEAST OF THE WRECKAGE. [REDACTED] TALKED TO A VILLAGER NEAR THE SITE WHO STATED HE WAS TOLD BY THE ENEMY THAT THEY HAD CAPTURED TWO AMERICAN PILOTS. THE VILLAGER DID NOT SEE THE TWO AMERICANS. THE VILLAGER ALSO STATED HE WAS WATCHING THE C-123 AS IT WAS FLYING EAST AND OBSERVED THE RIGHT WING AND ENGINE BLOWN OFF BY A BIG EXPLOSION.

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