JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
NAS BARBERS POINT, HAWAII 96862

Reference: RP79-010
11 January 1980

FROM: JCRC - OPS

SUBJ: Refugee Interview, Gravesite of US Casualty

TO: Commander, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

[redacted] a 29 year old Vietnamese refugee, a native of [redacted] Than Mai District, Ninh Thuan Province, was interviewed 21 Nov 79 at [redacted] Refugee Camp.

[redacted] reported that in June 1971 he was a member of the [redacted], which was part of a larger force attempting to break the seige at Firebase 5, located in the tri-border area. The source was unable to locate the precise position of Firebase 5 but it was a few kilometers south of Dak To.

While [redacted] unit was attempting to fight their way into the Firebase he saw the corpse of an American Advisor. Because the American remains were co-located with the remains of 30-40 Vietnamese members of the 1st Battalion, 42nd Regiment, 23rd ARVN Division, [redacted] assumes he was an advisor to that unit. [redacted] claims that, because of the fact the bodies were decomposing, his commander ordered the bodies buried. They were all buried in a shallow, unmarked, common grave and no identification was removed. This grave was about 800 meters from Firebase 5, in an unknown, to [redacted], direction.

[redacted] unit had no American advisor at [redacted] to his knowledge but he will say if any report was made of this incident to other American advisors, or to Vietnamese officials.

[redacted]

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[redacted] DIVISION
ANALYSIS [redacted]

[redacted]

SOURCE DATA: [redacted]
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW [redacted]
ANALYST: [redacted]
CROSS REFERENCE(S):

CATEGORY DATA: American remains and grave site

1. FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a potential correlation to Refno [redacted].

2. CORRELATE DATA: [redacted] May 1969, SFC Hunter was commanding a company of CIDG troops when his unit was over run. He was badly wounded and later died. As the enemy pressed the attack, the survivors had to abandon the position leaving SFC Hunter's body behind in the vincinity of YB 697102. The date of this incident is approx 2 years before the date reported by Mr. [redacted] but within 10 Kilometers of FSB #5.

3. BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: [redacted] Apr 70, [redacted] Col Brownfield [redacted] became separated from other members of his unit when evacuating a [redacted] in the vicinity of [redacted]. There are reports [redacted] but still within the general area of [redacted].

[redacted]

REFUGEE CREATION SHEET

PMSEA ID # 2	Ø561 CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED 37
REFUGEE NAME 3	SOURCE
BOAT # 34	
COUNTRY LOCATED 23	RP DATE RECEIVED 8 800129
COUNTRY REPORTED ON 39	DATE OF INFO 35 71Ø6
TYPE SIGHTINGS 46	GRV-F/H
1ST SIGHTING 42	43 N 44- E
2ND SIGHTING 47	48 N 49 E
SUB-SOURCES 27	1 2 3 4 5 6
ACTIONS/HISTORY 51	800111 x JCRCL x INT ~~LTR~~ RP79-010
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	x x TRANSL
	x x COLL-1
	x x ANSW-1
	x x COLL-2
	x x ANSW-2
	x x EVAL'D
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Reference: RP79-010A
(Refer to RP79-010 and
DIA msg 061536ZFEB80)
6 March 1980

FROM: JCRC - OPS

SUBJ: Burial of American Remains

TO: Commander, JCRC
Barbers Point, HI 96862

SOURCE a 29 year old Vietnamese refugee, was reinterviewed at Pathe Refugee Center on 7 and 16 Feb 80 to clarify information previously obtained and forwarded as RP79-010.

SOURCE provided the following information during this interview:

1. The date of the burial would have been about April 1971, as opposed to June 1971 as originally reported. This new date is based on sources discovery of a death certificate of a friend who had been killed at about the same time.

2. In attempting to establish a more precise location a series of questions produced the following information:

a. SOURCE unit was airlifted by US aircraft, (C-130s) from Kontum to the vicinity of Tan Can (probably Dak To) and moved by VNAF helicopter to the battle area.

b. The battle occurred near the [illegible] border (within [illegible]) and in the vicinity of [illegible].

c. Source identified an area in the vicinity of [illegible] as the location of the battle.

d. The remains were first observed while they were in a trench that had been part of the [illegible] defenses.

3. In response to questions that were [illegible] the individual's description and the condition of the [illegible] the following was [illegible]

a. The remains were [illegible]

b. [illegible]