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21 March 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, JCRC-LNS JCF 88/1015 9 Jun 75

SUBJECT: Situation in Region 2

1. The current military situation in Region 2 has resulted in loss of access to the entire highland region, which contains over half of the MIA/BNR's in the region. Province Representatives from Pleiku, Kontum, Phu Bon and Quang Duc have been withdrawn to Nha Trang. The Province Representative for Darlac has been missing since the fall of Ban Me Thuot. Access to Binh Dinh Province is limited to the city of Qui Nhon, when allowed by the Province Representative, who has notified the ConGen that visitors, for any reason are not desired. The increased tempo of fighting in Phu Yen Province restricts movement out of the city of Tuy Hoa. In Khanh Hoa Province only the coastal region is accessible. Information has been received from the TPJMC liaison officer that TPJMC Region 3 Hq has moved to Tuy Hoa.

2. The Southern portion of Region 2, Binh Thuan, Lam Dong and Ninh Thuan Provinces, have, so far, not been affected by the offensive. Preoccupation with military affairs and a feeling of apprehension concerning the situation is having an adverse effect upon JCRC activities.

3. Present plans for the ADO-2 office envision concentration of effort on those incidents in the coastal region that can be [illegible] at this time. Specific PUBCOM concerning these [illegible] have been requested, distribution of PUBCOM in conjunction with investigations will be accomplished. Assumptions are [illegible] situation stabilizes, contact with [illegible] lands can be reestablished [illegible]

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Reference: RP79-010
11 January 1980

FROM: JCRC - OPS

SUBJ: Refugee Interview, Gravesite of US Casualty

TO: Commander, JCRC
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SOURCE

SOURCE DATA

SOURCE reported that in June 1971 he was a member of the 83rd Company, 8th Battalion, Vietnamese Airborne Division, 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 SOURCE 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, SOURCE assumes he was an advisor to that unit. SOURCE 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 SOURCE direction.

SOURCE unit had no American advisors and he does not know if any report was made of this incident to other American advisors, or to Vietnamese officials.

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