JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 4 NOVEMBER 1993

========== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ==========

REFNO: 0838-0-01 (ACCNO 0791)
Name: GRUBB, PETER ARTHUR

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 24 Jun 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	02	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	003153800	Height	71 in /1.80 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	27 Sep 1942	Weight	160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos	NAVIGATOR
Home State	CONNECTICUT	Religion	CATHOLIC	PW Camp	$

========== SITE INFORMATION ==========

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXD755875
Lat/Long: 170359N / 1063858E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: LE THUY
Mission Date: 17 Sep 1967 0500L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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Folders Passed: May 92
Investigations: Jun 92
Surveys: Jun 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
Survivability: (3) Unknown

========== VEHICLE DATA ==========

Vehicle Type: RF4C
Crash Type: None
Call Sign: NATE
Year: 64

Serial: 1037
Engine Type: J7915
1 Serial: 418519
2 Serial: 418425

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REFNO: 0838-0-02 (ACCNO 0991)
Name: NELLANS, WILLIAM LEE

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 2 Nov 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	03	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	HAZEL	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000063380	Height	70 in /1.78 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	29 Dec 1936	Weight	193 lb / 87.4 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
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=== REFERENCES ===

6 August 1975

REFERENCE USED: <1> RPT, 460TRW, AF FORM 484, W/STATEMENTS, 23 SEP 67.
<2> 280155Z JUL 92.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

6 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: PETER A. GRUBB 0838-0-01, AND WILLIAM L. NELLANS 0838-0-02.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

4 November 1993

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8 June 1994

ON 23 APR 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO KIM THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0838. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO SURVEY THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. THE VNOSMP WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE JOINT TEAM TRAVELLED TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND CONDUCTED A SURFACE SEARCH OF A 500 X 500 METER AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS, OR BURIAL SITES WERE FOUND. (REF 4)

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CASE 0838-0-01 AND 02

NARRATIVE

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IN JULY 1992, A JOINT TEAM VISITED KIM THUY VILLAGE (XD871899), LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE, FORMERLY ASSIGNED AS A PUBLIC SECURITY BORDER GUARD, WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A DAYLIGHT F-4 AIRCRAFT CRASH IN 1966. THE WITNESS VISITED THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED THE SEVERED HEAD OF THE PILOT. HE SAW NO OTHER REMAINS. HE COVERED THE HEAD WITH ROCKS AND A PORTION OF THE WRECKAGE AND LEFT TO REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO POST 19. IN THE YEARS SINCE THE INCIDENT, THE WITNESS HEARD THAT THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SCAVENGED BUT HAS NEVER HEARD OF THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS. THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE (XD787852) AND OBSERVED WRECKAGE IN THE AREA. EN ROUTE TO THE CRASH SITE, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ANOTHER LOCAL RESIDENT WHO RECALLED SEEING REMAINS AMONG THE WRECKAGE IN 1983. THIS WITNESS HEARD THAT A GROUP FROM HUE SCAVENGED MOST OF THE WRECKAGE. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THIS SITE MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0838.

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE
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PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: NAME

RANK:

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

RACE:

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

NAME: NELLANS, WILLIAM LEE

RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 DECEMBER 1936

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.78 METERS

WEIGHT: 87.4 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: HAZEL

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Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 17 tháng 9 năm 1967, Đại uý WILLIAM L. NELLANS và NAME là phi hành viên trên một máy bay RF-4C (mang số hiệu 64-1037) làm nhiệm vụ trinh sát ban đêm. Liên lạc ra-đa với máy bay của Đại uý NELLANS bị mất gần toạ độ XD755875, cách thị xã Đồng Hới, tỉnh Quảng Bình khoảng 45 cây số về hướng nam. Khi máy bay này không về sân bay theo kế hoạch rồi hoạt động cấp cứu bắt đầu. Hoạt động này không được kết quả.

Vào tháng 7 năm 1992, một đội hỗn hợp đến xã Kim Thuy (XD871899), huyện Lệ Thuỷ, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Đội này phỏng vấn một người địa phương là cựu lính gác công an biên phòng. Ông ta cho tin tức về một chiếc máy bay F-4 bị bắn rơi ban ngày vào năm 1966. Nhân chứng này đến hiện trường và nhìn thấy cái đầu của phi công đã tách ra nằm trên đất nhưng không thấy được hài cốt khác. Ông ta đắp đá và mảnh máy bay lên cái đầu rồi báo cáo cho đồn 19. Từ lúc đó thì ông ta nghe nói là có người đến hiện trường để nhặt nhôm nhưng không bao giờ được tin tức về người thu hồi hài cốt. Đội hỗn hợp đến hiện trường nhân chứng cho (XD787852) và nhìn thấy nhiều mảnh máy bay ở khu vực đó. Trên đường đi hiện trường đội gặp và phỏng vấn một người địa phương khác mà báo rằng vào năm 1983 nhìn thấy hài cốt người nằm giữa mảnh xác máy bay ở hiện trường. Ông ta nghe nói là nhóm người ở Huế đến nhặt phần nhiều mảnh xác máy bay. Theo những tin tức được nhận thì hiện trường này có thể liên quan với vụ 0838.

Những chi tiết liên quan sau đây:

Họ và tên: NAME

Cấp bậc:

Ngày Sinh: DATA

Chủng tộc:

Chiều cao:

Cân nặng:

Màu tóc:

Màu mắt:

Họ và tên: NELLANS, WILLIAM LEE

Cấp bậc: Đại uý, Không Quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 29 tháng 12 năm 1936

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1.78 mét

Cân nặng: 87.4 ki lô gam

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Nâu lục

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NARRATIVE

ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1967, CAPTAIN WILLIAM L. NELLANS AND FIRST NAME WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN RF-4C AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 64-1037) ON A NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. THE LAST RADAR CONTACT WITH THE AIRCRAFT WAS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD755875, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DONG HOI, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. WHEN THE AIRCRAFT DID NOT RETURN AS SCHEDULED, SEARCH EFFORTS WERE INITIATED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

IN JULY 1992, A JOINT TEAM VISITED KIM THUY VILLAGE (XD871899), LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE, TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED A RESIDENT OF THE VILLAGE, FORMERLY ASSIGNED AS A PUBLIC SECURITY BORDER GUARD, WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A DAYLIGHT F-4 AIRCRAFT CRASH IN 1966. THE WITNESS VISITED THE CRASH SITE AND OBSERVED THE SEVERED HEAD OF THE PILOT. HE SAW NO OTHER REMAINS. HE COVERED THE HEAD WITH ROCKS AND A PORTION OF THE WRECKAGE AND LEFT TO REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO POST 19. IN THE YEARS SINCE THE INCIDENT, THE WITNESS HEARD THAT THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN SCAVENGED BUT HAS NEVER HEARD OF THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS. THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE (XD787852) AND OBSERVED WRECKAGE IN THE AREA. EN ROUTE TO THE CRASH SITE, THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ANOTHER LOCAL RESIDENT WHO RECALLED SEEING REMAINS AMONG THE WRECKAGE IN 1983. THIS WITNESS HEARD THAT A GROUP FROM HUE SCAVENGED MOST OF THE WRECKAGE. BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE, THIS SITE MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0838.

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VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING
THE 31 MAR 94 TECHNICAL MEETING

ON 21 JANUARY 1994, A JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO KIM THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. THE TEAM ATTEMPTED BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONDUCT AN AERIAL SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION DUE TO DETERIORATING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ON 21 JANUARY 1994, A JOINT TEAM RETURNED TO KIM THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WERE ONLY ABLE TO LOCATE A PREVIOUS WITNESS WITH NO NEW INFORMATION. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER, THE TEAM DID NOT GO TO THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: NAME

RANK:

DATE OF BIRTH:

RACE: DATA

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

CASE 0838-0- 02

NAME: NELLANS, WILLIAM LEE

RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 DECEMBER 1936

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.78 METERS

WEIGHT: 87.4 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: HAZEL

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Vào ngày 17 tháng 9 năm 1967, Đại uý WILLIAM L. NELLANS và NAME là phi hành viên trên một máy bay RF-4C (mang số hiệu 64-1037) làm nhiệm vụ trinh sát ban đêm. Liên lạc ra-đa với máy bay của Đại uý NELLANS bị mất gần toạ độ XD755875, cách thị xã Đồng Hới, tỉnh Quảng Bình khoảng 45 cây số về hướng nam. Khi máy bay này không về sân bay theo kế hoạch, hoạt động cấp cứu được bắt đầu nhưng không được kết quả.

Vào tháng 7 năm 1992, một đội hỗn hợp đến xã Kim Thuỷ (XD871899), huyện Lệ Thuỷ, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra vụ này. Đội này phỏng vấn một người địa phương là cựu lính gác công an biên phòng. Ông ta cho tin tức về một chiếc máy bay F-4 bị bắn rơi ban ngày vào năm 1966. Nhân chứng này đến hiện trường và nhìn thấy cái đầu của phi công đã tách ra nằm trên đất nhưng không thấy được hài cốt khác. Ông ta đắp đá và mảnh máy bay lên cái đầu rồi báo cáo cho đồn 19. Từ lúc đó thì ông ta nghe nói là có người đến hiện trường để nhặt nhôm nhưng không bao giờ được tin tức về người thu hồi hài cốt. Đội hỗn hợp đến hiện trường nhân chứng cho (XD787852) và nhìn thấy nhiều mảnh máy bay ở khu vực đó. Trên đường đi hiện trường đội gặp và phỏng vấn một người địa phương khác mà báo rằng vào năm 1983 nhìn thấy hài cốt người nằm giữa mảnh xác máy bay ở hiện trường. Ông ta nghe nói là nhóm người ở Huế đến nhặt phần nhiều mảnh xác máy bay. Theo những tin tức được nhận thì hiện trường này có thể liên quan với vụ 0838.

Vào ngày 21 tháng giêng năm 1994, một đội hỗn hợp đi đến xã Kim Thuỷ, huyện Lệ Thuỷ, tỉnh Quảng Bình để tiếp tục điều tra vụ này. Đội này cố gắng nhưng không có thể quan sát bằn máy bay địa điểm biết cuối cùng bởi vì thời tiết xấu.

Vào ngày 21 tháng giêng năm 1994, một đội hỗn hợp trở lại xã Kim Thuỷ, huyện Lệ Thuỷ, tỉnh Quảng Bình để tiếp tục điều tra vụ này. Chính quyền Việt Nam chỉ có tìm được một nhân chứng củ không biết thêm tin tức mới. Bởi vì không có đủ thời gian và thời tiết xấu, đội này không đi đến chỗ biết cuối cùng.

Những chi tiết liên quan sau đây:

Họ và tên: NAME

Cấp bậc:

Ngày Sinh:

Chủng tộc: DATA

Chiều cao:

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Màu tóc:

Màu mắt:

Họ và tên: NELLANS, WILLIAM LEE

Cấp bậc: Đại uý, Không Quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 29 tháng 12 năm 1936

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