CASE: 1225 === ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

27 March 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: LEONARD A. BIRD 1225-0-01, AND JOHN C. HURST 1225-0-02.

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

12 August 1993

ON 15 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELED TO THE VICINITY OF CHENG HAMLET, HUC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1225. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IE3 FOUND AND INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO WAS WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE LOSS LOCATION, BUT HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE JOINT TEAM THEN CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE AND WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WRECKAGE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES. (REF 3)



JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

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

REFNO: 1226-0-01 (ACCNO 0934) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: MARTIN, LARRY EUGENE Date Status assigned: 3 Nov 1989

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | DATA |
| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | A + |
| Grade | 03 | Hair | BLOND | Complexion | FAIR |
| SSAN | | Eyes | BLUE | Weapon | .38 CAL PISTOL |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | 72 in /1.83 mtrs | Weapon No | # |
| Birth date | | Weight | 201 lb / 91.1 kg | Duty pos | EWO |
| Home State | KANSAS | Religion | PROTESTANT | PW Camp | |

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48QXE601393
Lat/Long: 173209N / 1063031E
Country: NORTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: QUANG BINH
(formerly):
Mission District: BO TRACH
Mission Date: 15 Jul 1968 0935L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Populated area.

========== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY ==========

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Jun 88, Aug 87
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: DISCREPANCY
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

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

Vehicle Type: F105F Serial: 8353
Crash Type: Enemy action Engine Type: J75
Call Sign: BASS 02 1 Serial: 612156
Year: 63 2 Serial: $

========== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY ==========

# = Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

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

REFNO: 1226-1-02 (ACCNO 0850)
Name: JAMES, GOBEL DALE

Status: (T) RELEASED
Date Status assigned: 14 Mar 1973

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nationality | AMERICAN | Race | CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit | DATA |
| Service | AIR FORCE | Sex | MALE | Blood type | |
| Grade | 04 | Hair | | Complexion | |
| SSAN | | Eyes | | Weapon | .38 CAL PISTOL |
| Serial No | DATA | Height | in /0.00 mtrs | Weapon No | K647067 |
| Birth date | | Weight | lb / 0.0 kg | Duty pos | PILOT |
| Home State | | Religion | | PW Camp | HANOI PW DETE |

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

| | INCIDENT LOCATION (0) | LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1) |
|---|---|---|
| Site Type: | CRASH SITE | RESOLVED SITE |
| UTM: | 48QXE601393 | 48QWJ883248 |
| Lat/Long: | 173209N / 1063031E | 210125N / 1055059E |
| Country: | NORTH VIETNAM | |
| Military Region: | 4 | 3 |
| Mission Province: | QUANG BINH | HA NOI |
| (formerly): | | HANOI |
| Mission District: | BO TRACH | HOAN KIEM |
| Mission Date: | 15 Jul 1968 0935L | |
| Mission Category: | 3 | $ |
| Local Analysis: | Populated area. | None. |

========== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY ==========

No Information Available

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vehicle Type: | F105F | Serial: | 8353 |
| Crash Type: | Enemy action | Engine Type: | J75 |
| Call Sign: | BASS 02 | 1 Serial: | 612156 |
| Year: | 63 | 2 Serial: | $ |

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CASE: 1226

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

27 January 1976

ON 15 JULY 1968 MAJ GOBEL D. JAMES, PILOT, AND CAPT LARRY E. MARTIN, ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER, WERE FLYING THE NUMBER TWO F105F AIRCRAFT, (#63-8353, CALL SIGN BASS 02), IN A FLIGHT OF TWO ON A STRIKE MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. WHILE RECOVERING FROM AN ATTACK RUN, MAJ JAMES' AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. UNABLE TO CONTROL THE AIRCRAFT MAJ JAMES ORDERED CAPT MARTIN TO EJECT. MAJ JAMES THEN EJECTED. THE OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA SAW ONLY ONE PARACHUTE - THAT OF MAJ JAMES.

THE INCIDENT LOCATION WAS GIVEN AS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XE 601 393. UPON HIS RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY IN MARCH 1973, MAJ JAMES STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE CAPT MARTIN AFTER HIS OWN EJECTION. (REF 1, 2 & 3)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CAPT MARTIN IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED. MAJ JAMES WAS RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL IN MARCH 1973.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

16 December 1992

SOURCE REPORTED HIS ACQUAINTANCE HAD INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF REMAINS OF UNACCOUNTED FOR PERSONNEL AND PRESENTED IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ALLEGEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH THESE REMAINS. SOURCE CORRECTLY PROVIDED MAJOR JAMES' FULL NAME, SERVICE NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE. (REF 6)

1 April 1993

THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION MEDIA DATA ONLY. SOURCE PROVIDED LIMITED HEARSAY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO TEN ALLEGED UNACCOUNTED FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN. SOURCE CORRECLTY PROVIDED THE NAME, SERVICE NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR JAMES. (REF 7)

=== REFERENCES ===

27 January 1976

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, 388TH TFW, 17 JUL 68. <2> RPT, 388TH TFW, AF

FORM 484 W/ATTACHMENTS, 20 JUL 68. <3> MSG, 13AF, 141915Z MAR 73. <4> MSG, CDRPERSCOM ALEXANDRIA VA//TAPC-PED-ASGRO// 031835Z NOV 89. <5> CDR JCRC, BARBERS PT. HI, 182202Z SEP 91. <6> IIR 6 024 107 93, USDAO BANGKOK TH 190839Z NOV 92. <7> IIR 6 024 0444 93, USDAO BANGKOK, 090854Z MAR 93. <8> CDR, JTF-FA/J2 280702Z OCT 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

28 February 1986

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON LARRY E. MARTIN WAS PASSED DURING THE 27-28 FEB 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO LARRY E. MARTIN WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

27 January 1976

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: LARRY E. MARTIN 1226-0-01, AND GOBEL D. JAMES 1226-1-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

13 September 1976

INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM XE 627 353 TO XE 601 393 BASED ON INTELLIGENCE CASE FILE REPORT, 17 JUL 68.

=== REPATRIATION ACTIONS OR STATUS CHANGES ===

7 November 1989

ON 31 JULY 1989, THE SRV REPATRIATED THE ALLEGED REMAINS OF LARRY E. MARTIN IN BOX # 6. ON 3 NOVEMBER 1989, THE ARMED FORCES IDENTIFICATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVED THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE REMAINS AS MAJ LARRY E. MARTIN (REFNO 1226-01). (REF 4)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

26 October 1991

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS





DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "15. 1500 HRS, 14 JUL \POSSIBLY FEB) 68; SOLDIERS AND PEOPLE OF THE PHUC TRACH AREA SHOT (IT DOWND; ; ; 1 CAPTURED ALIVE; (PEOPLE'S) MILITIA OF NAM TRACH CAPTURED (HIM)." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1226, MAJOR GOBEL D. JAMES AND CAPTAIN LARRY E. MARTIN, A RESOLVED INCIDENT. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON LOCATION, TYPE AIRCRAFT, DATE AND TIME OF DAY. ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS ON 15 JUL 1968, INFORMATION IN JCRC FILES INDICATES THAT MAJOR JAMES WAS CAPTURED APPROXIMATELY FIVE HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURRED, ABOUT 1500 HOURS, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INFORMATION RECORDED IN THE ENTRY. (REF 5)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOCUMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "16. 1000 HRS, 15 JUL 68; SOLDIERS AND PEOPLE OF THE DA MAI AREA SHOT 1 F105 (DOWN); F105; 1 DEAD; ; CRASHED AT SEA." THIS INFORMATION ALSO CORRELATES TO REFNO 1226. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON, LOCATION, TYPE AIRCRAFT, DATE AND TIME OF DAY. JCRC RECORDS INDICATE CAPTAIN MARTIN WAS KILLED IN THE INCIDENT. (REF 5)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM BO TRACH DIST. DOUCMENTS DURING THE 14TH ITERATION. "18. 15 JUL 68; NHAN TRACH MILITIA; GOBEL D. JAMES; MAJOR." THIS INFORMATION CORRELATES TO REFNO 1226-1-02, MAJOR GOBEL D. JAMES, A RESOLVED INCIDENT. AN ENTRY FROM PAGE THREE OF THIS DOCUMENT (PARA 4M) ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF MAJOR JAMES. (REF 5)

1 November 1993

ON 17 DEC 92, THE SRV PROVIDED A DOCUMENT TITLED, "REGISTER OF U.S. GRAVES IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE." LINE ENTRY #08 CORRELATES TO REFNO 1226-0-01 BASED ON PILOT'S NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SERIAL NUMBER AND INCIDENT DATE. (REF 8)