CASE: 1271

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

8 October 1993

ON 26 AUG 93, IE3 TRAVELLED TO HOA VANG DISTRICT, QUANG NAM-DA NANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1271. THE TEAM CONDUCTED AN AERIAL AND SURFACE SEARCH OF THE INCIDENT LOCATION MAINTAINED IN U.S. RECORDS AND THE SHORELINE. THE TEAM FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR EQUIPMENT, OR BURIAL SITES. (REF 3)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 22 FEBRUARY 1994

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

REFNO: 1273-0-01 (ACCNO 0513) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: DEICHELMANN, SAMUEL MACKALL Date Status assigned: 3 Nov 1976

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	$
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	03	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	$
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in /1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	$
Birth date	24 Sep 1938	Weight	147 lb / 66.6 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	ALABAMA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	$

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48PYS960990
Lat/Long: 105007N / 1074227E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: BINH THUAN
(formerly):
Mission District: HAM TAN
Mission Date: 6 Sep 1968 0830L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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

Folders Passed: Feb 94, Jul 92
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS
Survivability: (3) Unknown

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

Vehicle Type: 01F Serial: 2871
Crash Type: None Engine Type: 0470
Call Sign: RAVEN 47 1 Serial: 117055
Year: 57 2 Serial: $

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

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CASE: 1273

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

17 May 1975

ON 6 SEP 68 CAPT DEICHELMANN TOOK OFF FROM BIEN HOA AB IN SOUTH VIETNAM AT 0726 HOURS IN AN O1F AIRCRAFT (#57-2871). HE HAD PLANNED TO FOLLOW HIGHWAY 1 TO PHAN THIET, AND THEN FOLLOW THE COASTLINE TO TUY HOA. AFTER REFUELING AT TUY HOA, CAPT DEICHELMANN WAS TO GO TO QUI NHON, PLEIKU, AND THEN TO DAK TO. AFTER SPENDING THE NIGHT AT DAK TO HE WAS TO PROCEED IN HIS DUTY LOCATION AT "LIMA SITE 11". THE WEATHER WAS 3-4000 FEET OVERCAST, WITH THUNDERSTORMS, THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM HIS BROTHER, 1LT STEPHEN T. DEICHELMANN, WHO HELPED CAPT DEICHELMANN PLAN THIS FLIGHT PLAN (WHICH WAS NOT FOLLOWED BECAUSE OF MISSION REQUIREMENTS),

THE NIGHT BEFORE TAKE OFF. AFTER A NORMAL TAKE OFF FROM BIEN HOA, CAPT DEICHELMANN CALLED CAPITAL CENTER (A RADAR CONTROLLING AGENCY) AND REQUESTED FLIGHT FOLLOWING. THIS FLIGHT FOLLOWING WAS LOST DURING RADAR "HAND OFF" TO THE NEXT RADAR CONTROLLING AGENCY. (REF 1)

THE LOSS OF CAPT DEICHELMANN'S AIRCRAFT WAS NOT NOTICED UNTIL HE FAILED TO SHOW UP AT "LIMA SITE 11" ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1968, THREE DAYS AFTER TAKE OFF. THE WEATHER IN THE AREA OF THE LAST RADIO CONTACT DELAYED RESCUE EFFORTS UNTIL 10 SEPTEMBER 1968. THE LAST KNOWN CONTACT WITH CAPT DEICHELMANN WAS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) YS 960 990; WHEN HE WAS "HANDED OFF" TO PHAN THIET RADIO. RESCUE TEAMS SEARCHED THE ENTIRE FLIGHT PATH UNTIL 14 SEPTEMBER 1968 WITHOUT SUCCESS. (REF 1)

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=== REFERENCES ===

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REFERENCES USED: 1. RPT, USAF CHIEF MPBCS W/STATEMENTS OF LT STEPHEN T. DEICHELMANN, 18 JUL 74.

CASE: 1273

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1273 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

17 February 1994

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 8 APRIL 1994

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Investigations: Feb 94
Surveys: Feb 94
Vessey Case: NO
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CASE: 1273

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

5 April 1994

ON 9 MAR 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO TAN NGHIA VILLAGE, HAM TAN DISTRICT, BINH THUAN PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 1273. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED ONE WITNESS WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE HE FOUND IN SEPT 1975. THE LOCATION OF THE CRASH SITE CORRELATES TO AN OPERATIONAL UH-1H HELICOPTER CRASH WHICH OCCURRED IN 1970. THE TEAM SEARCHED A ONE KILOMETER SQUARE AREA SURROUNDING THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CRASH SITE, REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS OR POSSIBLE BURIAL SITES. THE TEAM ALSO CANVASSED THE VILLAGES SURROUNDING THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION. HOWEVER, THE ONLY CRASH SITE ANY OF THE RESIDENTS KNEW ABOUT WAS THE OPERATIONAL HELICOPTER LOSS. (REF 2)

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CASE 1273-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 6 SEPTEMBER 1968, CAPTAIN SAMUEL M. DEICHELMANN WAS FLYING AN O-1F AIRCRAFT (SERIAL NUMBER 57-2871) FROM BIEN HOA AIRBASE TO TUY HOA, PHU YEN PROVINCE. HIS INTENDED FLIGHT ROUTE WAS VIA PHAN THIET AND THE COASTLINE TO TUY HOA. APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER TAKEOFF, CAPTAIN DEICHELMANN RADIOED THAT HE WOULD REACH PHAN THIET AT 0810 HOURS AND CAM RANH BAY AT 0940 HOURS. THIS LAST RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH CAPTAIN DEICHELMANN OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS960990, APPROXIMATELY 50 KILOMETERS WEST-SOUTHWEST OF PHAN THIET AND 2 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF AP DA MAI (2), BINH THUAN PROVINCE.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: DEICHELMANN, SAMUEL MACKALL

RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 SEPTEMBER 1938

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.83 METERS

WEIGHT: 66.6 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BLOND

EYES: BLUE

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Vụ số 1273-0-01

Tờ Tường Thuật

Vào ngày 6 tháng 9 năm 1968, Đại úy SAMUEL M. DEICHELMANN đã lái chiếc máy bay O-1F (số hiệu 57-2871) từ sân bay Biên Hòa tới Tuy Hòa, tỉnh Phú Yên. Đường bay dự kiến là qua Phan Thiết và dọc theo bờ biển Tuy Hòa. Khoảng 15 phút sau khi cất cánh, Đại úy DEICHELMANN liên lạc vô tuyến điện là ông ta sẽ tới Phan Thiết lúc 0810 giờ và vịnh Cam Ranh lúc 0940 giờ. Cuộc vô tuyến điện liên lạc lần cuối này với Đại úy DEICHELMANN xảy ra trong phạm vi của toạ độ YS960990, khoảng 50 cây số phía tây tây nam của Phan Thiết và 2 cây số phía đông bắc của ấp Đá Mài (2), tỉnh Bình Thuận.

Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: DEICHELMANN, SAMUEL MACKALL

Cấp bậc: Đại úy, Không quân Mỹ

Ngày sinh: 24 tháng 9 năm 1938

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1.83 mét

Cân nặng: 66.6 kí

Mầu tóc: Vàng

Mầu mắt: Xanh

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 AUGUST 1993

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

REFNO: 1274-1-01 (ACCNO 0230) Status: (7) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Name: NAME Date Status assigned: 7 Apr 1977

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A #
Grade	E6	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	72 in /1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	OFF DUTY
Home State	OHIO	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	#

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

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	GROUND SITE	
UTM:	48PXS946989	48PXT105265
Lat/Long:	105028N / 1064649E	110540N / 1060043E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	CAMBODIA
Military Region:	3	1
Mission Province:	HO CHI MINH	
(formerly):		SVAY RIENG
Mission District:	THU DUC	
Mission Date:	8 Sep 1968	
Mission Category:	1	3
Local Analysis:	None.	Populated area.

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

Folders Passed: Jan 92, Nov 89, Oct 89, Mar 89
Investigations: Jun 92, Dec 92, Jun 89, Oct 89, Feb 92, Jan 93, Jun 93
Surveys: Dec 92
Vessey Case: ONE
Case type: DISCREPANCY

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

Vehicle Type:	GRND	Serial:	$
Crash Type:	None	Engine Type:	$
Call Sign:	$	1 Serial:	$
Year:	$	2 Serial:	$

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