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TAGS: MARR, PINR, PHUM, MOPS, PREF, CH, KN, KS

SUBJECT: (U) CLASSIFIED BY W. DAVID STRAUB. (8), (0)

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(U) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 5 FOR ACTION.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVIEW AUTHORITY: CHARLES E LAHIGUERA CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)

DECLASSIFY AFTER: 7 JUN 2025 DATE/CASE ID: 20 MAY 2009 200807458

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UNCLASSIFIED A. LOT ON THURSDAY. JUNE 8 EMBASSY RECEIVED A FAM MESSAGE (TEXT BELOW) FROM THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE TO HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NORTH KOREA, ONE OF THE SECUL-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES IN THE CHINA-DPRK BORDER AREA. THE FAX TO THE EMBASSY STATES THAT B1 WAS TOLD BY A CHINESE POLICE OFFICER THAT A I SEEKS ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY IN EXCHANGE FOR DELIVERING ELEVEN SETS OF U.S. REMAINS AND THREE POWS (TWO ROK, ONE AMERICAN) STILL CURRENTLY ALIVE AND DETAINED IN THE DPRK. THE FAX MESSAGE STATES THAT ONE SET OF REMAINS HAS ALREADY BEEN TO THE CHINESE POLICE OFFICER AND INCLUDE A DOGTAG WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: LINE 1: 131 DUFRANE, FRANCIS A.; LINE 2: RA 11019562; LINE 3: T-46-47-48 AB. ALSO AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT OF THE TAG IS THE LETTER C. AN IMAGE OF THIS DOGTAG WAS INCLUDED WITH THE FAX. BI POLOFF DID NOT FIND THE NAME OF FRANCIS A. DUFRANE ON THE AVAILABLE LIST OF KOREAN WAR MIAS; HOWEVER, THE LIST HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED FOR SOME TIME. 4. LET POLOFF CALLED MS. ALEXIS KIM, OF THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAX B6 MESSAGE. KIM SAID THAT WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION, IS CURRENTLY IN THE ROK UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 11 AND AGREED TO MEET WITH 136 POLOFF ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THIS CASE. 5. JET ACTION REQUEST: FOR DPMO, PLEASE INFORM POST IF THE NAME FRANCIS A. DUFRANE APPEARS ON THE COMPOSITE LIST OF KOREAN WAR MIAS AND ALSO IF THE FORMAT OF THE DOGTAG INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE FAX IS CONSISTENT WITH KOREAN WAR-ERA DOCTAGS. ALSO FOR DPMO, PLEASE PROVIDE POST WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OR AUTHENTICITY OF THIS REPORT. BI 6. (U) BEGIN TEXT: CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE TO HELP POLITICAL FRISONERS IN NORTH KURO PO BOX 180, KUMCHON-KU, SEOUL, 153-014, KOREA. TEL: 82-2-723-1672, 2671 FAX: 82-2-723-1671, TEL/FAX: 82-2-894-1672 (EVENING) JESSE CURTIS POLITICAL MILITARY OFFICER US EMBASSY, SEOUL JUNE 8, 2000 DEAR MR. CURTIS: THAT A CHINESE POLICE OFFICER HAS THE REMAINS OF A US CHINA HAS INFORMED US **B6** SOLDIER, WHICH HAD BEEN DISCREETLY TRANSPORTED OUT OF NORTH BELONGING TO THE US SOLDIER SAYS THE IDENTIFICATION TAG **B6**

DUFRANE, FRANCIS A.

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WE HAVE A PHOTO OF THE IDENTIFICATION TAG.	
AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSACTION OF DUFRANE'S REMAINS	
REMAINS OF AT LEAST TEN US SOLDIERS CAN BE TRANSFERRE	
THERE ARE ALSO ONE US POW AND TWO KOREAN POW'S WHO AR	
ALIVE. IN THE CASE OF SAFELY HANDING OVER THE THREE	
THE WANTS PROTECTION AND ASYLUM	
HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY.	ron
PLEASE CONTACT US IF THE US EMBASSY IS INTERESTED.	
SINCERELY YOURS.	
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