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CAMBODIAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL THAT ON THE

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NIGHT OF 26 - 27 MAY 1969, THE WRECKAGE ON A HELICOPTER
 AN
 THE BODIES OF THREE AMERICANS WERE FOUND IN SOUTH-
 EASTERN MONDULKIRI PROVINCE. THE HELICOPTER WAS POSSIBLY
 DOWNED DURING AN INCIDENT ON 23 MAY IN WHICH SEVERAL
 ALLIED HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY VIOLATED COMBODIAN AIRSPACE
 IN THAT AREA. THE WRECKAGE OF THE HELICOPTER WAS RE-
 COVERED AND IS BEING TAKEN TO PHNOM PENH; THE BODIES
 WERE BURIED AT THE CRASHSITE.
 ON 23 MAY 1969 AT NOON, FIVE ALLIED HELICOPTERS ALLEGEDLY
 VIOLATED CAMBODIAN AIRSPACE AND STRAFED THE O POT (12-33N
 107-35E; YU743886) AND O RET (12-30N 107-29E; YU670861)
 VILLAGES KILLING FIVE VILLAGERS AND WOUNDING FIVE. LIVE-
 STOCK AND MATERIAL DAMAGE WAS ALSO REPORTED. ON THE
 NIGHT OF 26 - 27 MAY, WHILE VERIFYING THE AREA OF "THE
 US-SVN STRAFING", CAMBODIAN FORCES FOUND THE HELICOPTER
 AND THE THREE BODIES AT YU700845 (12-31N 107-30E). THE
 BODIES, "UNIDENTIFIABLE AND DECOMPOSED," WERE PHOTOGRAPH-
 ED AND BURIED AT THE CRASHSITE. THE HELICOPTER WAS TAKEN
 TO SEN MONORUM (12-30N 107-15E; YU4483), THE PROVINCIAL
 CAPITAL, AND IS PRESENTLY BEING TRANSPORTED TO PHNOM
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OF ANY POSSIBLE ALLIED AIR INTERVENTION ALSO, ON 25 MAY
THE CO OF THE SIXTH MILITARY REGION ASKED THE CO OF
MONDULKIRI MILITARY SUBDIVISION IF A VISIT BY THE
INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION (ICC) WAS CONSIDERED
FAVORABLE. THE REPLY STATED THAT AN ICC VISIT WAS NOT
CONSIDERED FAVORABLE, SINCE THE BODIES OF THE VILLAGERS
HAD BEEN REMOVED BY THEIR FAMILIES.
ANY FURTHER REFLECTIONS OF THE ABOVE INCIDENT WILL BE
REPORTED IN REGULAR SERIALIZED PRODUCT.

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