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SUBJECT: POW/MIA: JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM VISIT TO ALMATY JUNE 7-10, 1995.

REF: A) 4 NOVEMBER 1991 KOMMERSANT ARTICLE, BY YURI PANKOV
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1. SUMMARY: JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS AL GRAHAM AND JIM CONNELL TRAVELLED TO ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN, JUNE 7-10, WHERE THEY MET WITH PROFESSOR YEVGENIY VASILYEVICH KOLOMEYETS, WHO RECEIVED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE JAMES KELLY PATTERSON CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS AL GRAHAM AND JIM CONNELL TRAVELED TO ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN JUNE 7-10, 1995, WHERE THEY MET WITH PROFESSOR YEVGENY VASILYEVICH KOLOMEYETS OF ALMATY. KOLOMEYETS IS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND RADIATION PHYSICS AT THE KAZAKH STATE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN ALMATY. HE HAS HIS DOCTORATE IN PHYSICS AND MATHEMATICS AND IS A SPECIALIST IN COSMIC RAYS. KOLOMEYETS IS RENOWNED IN HIS FIELD AND HAS LECTURED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON AND AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF ROME AND BUDAPEST. IN MID APRIL OF 1995, KAZAKH PRESIDENT NAZARBAYEV PERSONALLY PRESENTED HIM WITH THE DISTINGUISHED KAZAKH SCIENTIST AWARD. KOLOMEYET'S ADDRESS AT THE UNIVERSITY IS AL'FARABY STREET, 71, ALMATY, 480121, KAZAKHSTAN, TEL: (3272)- 677098 [OFFICE], 676094 [LAB], 675410 [FAX]; 653279 [HOME].

3. LT JAMES KELLY PATTERSON, A NAVY A6A RADAR INTERCEPT OFFICER DOWNED IN VIETNAM ON MAY 19, 1967, WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SARYSHAGAN, KAZAKHSTAN IN THE FALL OF 1967 AND FROM THERE LATER TO PRIOZERSK, KAZAKHSTAN, [SEE REF A]. IN JUNE 1994, GEORGE (LUCK) PATTERSON, LT PATTERSON'S BROTHER, SENT A PHOTOGRAPH OF LT PATTERSON ALONG WITH HIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION TO SOME 62 PROMINENT KAZAKH SCIENTISTS. HE REQUESTED THAT ANY OF THEM WHO MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT JAMES KELLY PATTERSON TO DIRECTLY CONTACT HIM. AFTER RECEIVING GEORGE PATTERSON'S LETTER, PROFESSOR KOLOMEYETS, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, PAID TO PLACE JAMES KELLY PATTERSON'S PHOTOGRAPH ALONG

WITH HIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION IN TWO LOCAL ALMATY NEWSPAPERS. THE ENSUING ANNOUNCEMENTS ALONG WITH A REQUEST FROM THOSE WITH INFORMATION TO CONTACT THE PROFESSOR AT HIS GIVEN OFFICE NUMBER APPEARED AS ARTICLES ON THE FRONT PAGES OF THE 22 JULY 1994 ISSUE OF STOLITSA AND THE 20 JULY 1994 ISSUE OF KARAVAN.

4. WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED, KOLOMEYETS RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS CALL FROM A WOMAN FROM A PAY PHONE (AVTOMAT) WHICH HE BELIEVED WAS SOMEWHERE IN THE ALMATY AREA, JUDGING BY THE DIAL TONE. THIS WOMAN RELATED THAT IN MID-NOVEMBER OF 1968 WHEN SHE WAS JUST 13 YEARS OLD HER OFFICER STEP-BROTHER WHO THEN WORKED IN THE SARYSHAGAN-PRIOZERSK AREA BROUGHT SEVERAL OF HIS ENGINEER AND OFFICER COLLEAGUES TO HER HOME. (SHE WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO WHERE SHE WAS LIVING AT THE TIME). ONE OF THESE MEN, INTRODUCED AS AN "AMERICAN," LATER PRESENTED HER WITH A LARGE DOLL. THIS GIFT SO IMPRESSED HER, THE CALLER SAID, THAT SOME TEN OR SO YEARS LATER WHEN SHE NEXT SAW HER STEP-BROTHER SHE ASKED HIM WHAT HAD BECOME OF THE "AMERICAN." THE STEP-BROTHER IMMEDIATELY BECAME ANGRY AND TOLD HER THIS WAS SOMETHING SHE SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT. THE CALLER SAID HOWEVER THAT SHE PERSISTED IN HER INQUIRY UNTIL THE STEP-BROTHER FINALLY TOLD HER THAT THE SO-CALLED "AMERICAN" WAS KILLED IN A CAR CRASH IN MOSCOW. HE ALSO TOLD HER THAT IF SHE WANTED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS "AMERICAN" SHE NEEDED TO LOOK IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE "MOSCOW DIVISION," ALLEGEDLY STATIONED AT THAT TIME IN PRIOZERSK. [THIS IS HOW THE LADY REFERRED TO THE DIVISION AND CLAIMED THE "AMERICAN" WAS PART OF THIS DIVISION. KOLOMEYETS SAID HE WAS UNSURE WHETHER THIS WAS THE ACTUAL NAME OF THE DIVISION OR HOW THE LOCALS REFERRED TO IT]. THE ANONYMOUS WOMAN CALLER WAS 100% CERTAIN FROM THE PHOTO OF JAMES KELLY PATTERSON IN THE NEWSPAPER THAT HE WAS THE "AMERICAN" SHE HAD MET IN 1968. SHE SAID SHE WOULD REMEMBER HIS FACE HER ENTIRE LIFE. THE WOMAN FURTHER RELATED TO PROFESSOR KOLOMEYETS THAT SHE WAS AFRAID TO GO PUBLIC WITH THIS INFORMATION AS SHE HAD A 12 YEAR OLD SON AND FEARED THE REPERCUSSIONS HER STORY MIGHT BRING.

5. PROFESSOR KOLOMEYETS' MOTIVATION FOR PLACING THE ANNOUNCEMENT REQUESTING INFORMATION ON JAMES KELLY PATTERSON IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS SEEMS TO BE TRULY ALTRUISTIC. HE SAID IT WAS A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE FOR HIM, ADDING THAT HE HAS TWO RELATIVES MISSING FROM WWII AND IS AWARE OF THE MISERY AND HEARTACHE THIS CAUSED HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.

6. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF HIS ACTIONS IN HAVING THE ARTICLE REQUESTING INFORMATION ON JAMES KELLY PATTERSON PLACED IN THE LOCAL ALMATY NEWSPAPERS ALONG WITH CITING HIS NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS AS A CONTACT POINT, PROFESSOR KOLOMEYETS CLAIMS TO HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL THREATENING PHONE CALLS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE 2-3 DIFFERENT CALLERS ALL APPEARED TO HAVE ORIENTAL ACCENTS AND TO HAVE SAID, "SO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AMERICANS. WE'LL CHASE YOU OUT OF HERE." KOLOMEYETS REPORTED THAT HE JUST HUNG UP ON THEM.

7. KOLOMEYETS ALSO STATED THAT HIS DACHA WAS BURNED DOWN ON 7-8 SEPTEMBER 1994. HE CLAIMED THAT THE EMPTY FUEL CANS FOUND AROUND THIS FORMER DACHA STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THE FIRE WAS DELIBERATELY SET. HE HAS APPEALED TO THE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS INCIDENT BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE FROM THEM TO DATE. KOLOMEYETS ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS INTERNATIONAL PHONE LINE WAS DISCONNECTED.

8. PROFESSOR KOLOMEYETS RELATED ANOTHER EXPERIENCE HE HAD WHEN, WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, HE MENTIONED TO SEVERAL COLLEAGUES [SOTRUDNIKI] THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN "AMERICAN" AT SARY-SHAGAN-PRIOZERSK IN THE LATE SIXTIES. ONE OF HIS COLLEAGUES INFORMED HIM THAT NOT "AN AMERICAN" BUT "AMERICANS" WERE THERE AT THAT TIME. THE COLLEAGUES ALSO MENTIONED A SECRET [RESEARCH] ORGANIZATION THAT EXISTED AT THE TIME IN THE SARY-SHAGAN-PRIOZERSK AREA CALLED "GRANIT." KOLOMEYETS DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THIS ORGANIZATION DID OR WHO WORKED THERE BUT WILL TRY TO FIND OUT. THE ORGANIZATION APPARENTLY NO LONGER EXISTS BUT POSSIBLY SOME FORMER MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP STILL RESIDE IN THE AREA. KOLOMEYETS SAID HE WILL ALSO TRY AND RECONTACT HIS COLLEAGUES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT "GRANIT."

9. JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS GRAHAM AND CONNELL MET WITH ANDREY NIKOLAYEVICH GUBANOV, FORMERLY A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE NEWSPAPER STOLITSA AND NOW WITH NACHNYEM S PONEDELNIKA (TEL: 38-20-05), AND SOFIYA YANLOSOG, FORMERLY A KARAVAN CORRESPONDENT WHO JUST RECENTLY JOINED THE STAFF AT IZDATELSTVO KARZHY-KARAZHAT [FINANCY] (TEL: 50-74-58 [W], 62-68-04 [H]). NEITHER OF THESE JOURNALISTS CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED ANY ADDITIONAL RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THEIR FORMER NEWSPAPERS ABOUT PATTERSON. BOTH PROMISED TO ASK FELLOW JOURNALISTS IF THEY MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT AMERICANS BEING IN THE SARY-SHARGAN-PRIOZERSK AREA IN THE PAST AND TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY COULD ABOUT A SECRET ORGANIZATION IN THAT AREA CALLED "GRANIT." THEY PROMISED TO CONTACT JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS GRAHAM OR CONNELL IF THEY COME ACROSS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS.

10. WITH KOLOMEYETS' PERMISSION, JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS ARRANGED A MEETING BETWEEN THE PROFESSOR AND KAZAKH NATIONAL SECURITY (KNB) LIEUTENANT COLONEL TURSUNGALY K. YESKINDIROV. KOLOMEYETS TOLD HIS STORY ABOUT THE ANONYMOUS WOMAN CALLER AND THE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICANS IN THE SARY-SHAGAN-PRIOZERSK AREA. THE KNB REPRESENTATIVE ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT HOLES IN THE PROFESSOR'S STORY AND THOUGHT THE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICANS IN KAZAKHSTAN AT THE TIME WAS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL PROMISED, HOWEVER, TO SEE WHAT INFORMATION HE COULD OBTAIN ABOUT THE "GRANIT" ORGANIZATION AND WHO MIGHT HAVE WORKED THERE. THE NEXT DAY YESKINDIROV TOLD CONNELL THAT "GRANIT" HAD BEEN UNDER KAZAKH CONTROL ONLY SINCE 1974, AND ANY RECORDS ON THIS ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO 1974 WOULD BE IN MOSCOW.

12. MR. BORIS LVOVICH LEVINTOV, DOCTOR OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES, STATE PRIZE LAUREATE AND CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF KAZAKHSTAN, 29/33 SHEVCHENKO ST., ALMATY, 480021 (TEL: 61-50-48 [W], 61-73-84 [H]) WAS ALSO APPRISED OF KOLOMEYETS' STORY AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO IT THROUGH HIS CONTACTS. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS WELL CONNECTED. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED VISITS FOR JCSD-MOSCOW TEAM MEMBERS WITH THE MAYORS OF KARAGANDA AND TEMIRTAU

AS WELL AS WITH PROMINENT MVD AND KNB OFFICIALS.
[REF B]

13. JCSO-MOSCOW SENDS. PICKERING##