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SERI*SERIAL: 2/G1/7143-73

((CEY) SPOT REPORT-CAMBODIAN (KUS, ACB/INSE-C, OPER-C, AVIA/B.)

U.S. FIGHTER CRASHES IN MIL REGION FOUR, PILOT IS KILLED

TEXT XXCC FR ((U/L))% ?CO MIL REGION FOUR?/OPERATIONAL HQ/G3

25 MAY 73 2010G TO PHNOM PENH% G2/FANK/COMBINED OPERATIONS

CENTER ((1)) Y ((EMERGENCY)) NR 847/G3/OPERATIONAL HQ SUBJECT%

U.S. FIGHTER ACCIDENT. ON 25 MAY 73 AT 1520G AN ALLIED FIGHTER

PLANE CRASHED 400 METERS NORTH OF TH FRIENDLY POSITION AT

UV824785 ((13-22N 103-54E)). IMMEDIATELY ((AFTER THE CRASH))

A PLATOON FROM THE ?109TH BN?/10TH BDE ?MOVED? TOWARD THE

SINISTER AIRCRAFT ((ATTEMPTING)) TO SAVE THE PILOT. BUT

THE PLANE WAS BURNING AND THE PILOT, U.S. CAPTAIN JERE F.

COSTELLO, WAS ALREADY DEAD. AT 1615G THE PILOT'S BODY WAS

TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO THE SIEM REAP)) HOSPITAL FOR PREPARATION

AND RRANSPORTATION BY OUR HELICOPTER TO ((BATTAMBANG)) AT

1730G. ((1)) ALSO SENT TO% G3/FANK/COMBINED OPERATIONS CENTER;

?CHIEF OF STAF CAMBODIAN NATL AIR FORCE/AIR OPS CONTROL

CENTER; ?CO MIL REGION THREE? ; ?CO KG THOM MSD?; ?CO BATTAMBANG

AIR FORCE TRNG BASE?; ? CO SIEM REAP MSD?. MS G1/TI 25 MAY

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