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CDT
Hour: 1745
Date: 7 Nov 49

SUBJECT: Aircraft Wreckage Discovered, Aomori
TO : Chief, CI Div

1. Details: Aomori CIC Area learned from Misawa OSI DG #7 following additional information concerning wreckage of aircraft discovered near Ominato-machi, Shimo-kita-gun, Aomori-ken:

a. Plane has been identified tentatively as U S aircraft type FB-2C. Residents of vicinity report that craft was shot down on or about 9 Aug 45. Two skeletons were discovered in wreckage.

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2. Remarks: Ref: CIC Spot Report, Code no 4226.

3. Action Taken: Right, William, Pfc, 108th Graves Registration Unit, Yokohama, is on scene. Aomori CIC Area continues to observe.

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Hour: 1630
Date: 2 Feb 48

SUBJECT: Plane Wreckage Reported Discovered

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: CIC Area 3 reports following:

a. Wreckage of aircraft, believed to be that of American AT-6 which has been missing on a flight from Itami Air Base, Osaka, to Itazuki Air Base since 14 Jan 48, has been discovered near Beppu-shi, Oita Prefecture.

b. Early reports indicated two bodies were in wreckage, but this not verified.

c. No further information available at present.

2. Remarks: a. Two American officers, Capt MINATRA of 607th CIC Det and Lt CORSER, were aboard missing AT-6.

b. Ref: CIC Spot Report, Code no 181.

3. Action Taken: Further report will be submitted as soon as information available. 607th CIC Det notified.

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Hour: 1100
Date: 1 Feb 48

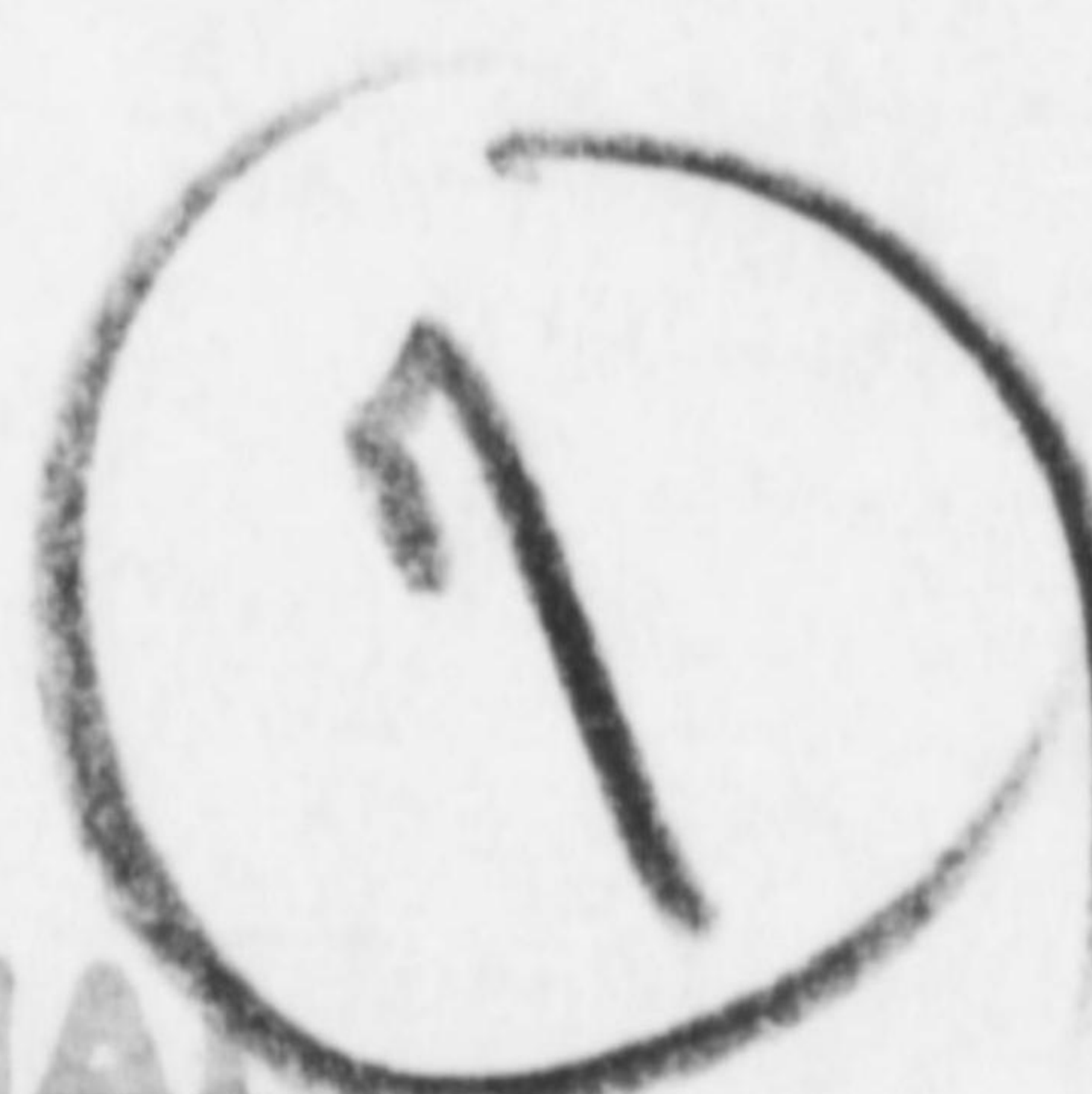
SUBJECT: Crash of AT-6

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: CIC Area 36B received following from Japanese Police:
 - a. At 0940, 31 Jan 48, an AT-6 crashed in Kawasukizawa-mura, Sannoke-mura, Aomori-ken.
 - b. Smoke and fire forced pilot, CHICATERIN Hohn D, 1st Lt, to bail out at approximately 1,000 ft. Pilot was uninjured.
 - c. Plane was completely demolished.
2. Remarks: If interests of CIC values, reports will be forwarded.
3. Action Taken: AG of S, G-2, IX Corps and IX Corps MG will be notified. 11 A/B MP and S-2 notified. Aomori MG notified. Investigation underway by agents of CIC Area 36B.

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Time: 1015
Date: 21 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Missing Airplane.

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details:

a. 607th CIC Det reports that searching parties that visited the location given by Japanese nationals of a wrecked airplane about 20 miles north of the Aso-Tanka Rest Hotel, near Oguni-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto Prefecture, have returned with negative reports.

b. The search parties reported locating the old wreckage of a Japanese aircraft in the vicinity given by the Japanese, but said they saw no sign of an AT-6, which has been missing on a flight from Itami Air Base, Osaka, to Itazuki Air Base since 14 January 1948.

c. CIC Area 6 reports that a Japanese fisherman, MAKI Moriharu, of Kusakawa-mura, Shuso-gun, Ehime Prefecture, reported to Japanese police that he saw an airplane crash into the sea near Shisakijima, off the coast of Ehime Prefecture, between 1600 and 1700 hours, 15 January 1948.

2. Remarks:

a. The report of the Japanese fisherman is discounted by 607th CIC because his report of the time is nearly 24 hours after the AT-6 took off at Osaka, and no other aircraft is reported missing. 607th CIC Det reports little hope is now held for discovery of the wreckage of the plane, at least until the snows melt in the mountains in the spring, if the craft crashed in the mountains. If the plane came down in the sea, it is probable no definite trace will be found, 607th CIC reports. Two American officers, Capt MINATRA of 607th CIC Det, and Lt CORSER, were aboard the AT-6.

b. Reference is made to CIC Spot Report, 0935 hours, 18 January 1948, Subj: Discovery of Wrecked Plane in Kumamoto-ken.

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3. Action Taken: CIC Areas concerned will continue to be on the alert for possible reports concerning the missing aircraft.



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C I C S P O T R E P O R T

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Time: 0935
Date: 18 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Discovery of a Wrecked Plane in Kumamoto-ken.

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: Japanese Police of Kumamoto-ken reported the following information to CIC Area 2:

a. A wrecked plane was discovered at approximately 1200 hours, 17 January 1948, by Japanese nationals, who immediately reported the information to Japanese Police.

b. The plane was found about 20 miles north of the Aso-Tanka Rest Hotel, near Oguni-mura, Aso-gun, Kumamoto-ken. A report that the aircraft contained two occupants is still indefinite.

c. Upon receipt of the news from Japanese Police, two MP's who were at the Aso-Tanka Rest Hotel left immediately for the scene of the crash to guard the wrecked plane.

2. Remarks: Plane may be the AT-6 which was carrying Capt MINATRA and Lt CORSER of the 607th CIC Det and which departed from Itazuki Airfield at 1625 hours, 14 Jan 48, enroute to Atami Air Base and is unreported since that time. Ref is made to CIC Spot Report, 1835 hours, 15 Jan 48, Subject: Unreported Aircraft.

3. Action Taken: Agents of CIC Area 2, and representatives of the 25th Inf Regt and the Provost Marshal's Office are now enroute to the scene. Further reports will follow as information becomes available.

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TAH
Time: 1835
Date: 15 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Unreported Aircraft.

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details:

a. Information received from CIC Area 9 reveals that plane AT-6 Number 4244659 departed Itazuki Airfield at 1625 hours, 14 January 1948, enroute to Atami Air Base and is unreported since that time. It is assumed that the aircraft is down since the fuel supply has long since been exhausted.

b. Two officers reported as being in the plane are believed to be a Captain MINATRA and a Lieutenant CORSER.

2. Remarks: Attempt was made to contact 607th CIC Detachment and was negative.

3. Action Taken: All CIC areas between Atami and Itizuki have been alerted to report any information in regard to this plane. Military Government and G-2, I Corps, have been advised. Further attempt will be made to contact 607th CIC Det.

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CDT
Hour: 0840
Date: 3 Feb 48

SUBJECT: Missing AT-6 Found

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: CIC Area 13 learned following from Lt HANSON, 607th CIC Det:

a. U.S. AT-6, No. 4224659, carrying Capt MINATRA of 607th CIC Det and Lt CORSER, which departed Itazuki Airfield 14 Jan 48, has been found on northwest side of Yufudaki, approximately five miles west of Oita-shi, Oita Prefecture.

b. Plane was reached at 1400, 2 Feb 48, and both bodies inside plane have been identified, according to informant.

c. Bodies were to be removed from plane 3 Feb 48. Plane put under guard. Cause of crash undetermined thus far.

d. Classified document, Bulletin #18, Headquarters First CIC Region, dated 15 Jan 48, receipt No. 8038, is in possession of Lt HANSON, 607th CIC Det. No evidence anyone has been near crash scene.

2. Remarks: Ref: CIC Spot Report, Code no 318.

3. Action Taken: 607th CIC Det, Tokyo, notified. Further report to follow as information available.

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CDT
Hour: 1025
Date: 28 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Airplane Crash, Kagoshima Prefecture
TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: CIC Area 1 received following from Public Safety Section, Kagoshima Prefectural Police:

a. At 1400, 27 Jan 48, American plane, L-5 #4299650, carrying mail from Kanoya Air Base to Fukuoka Air Base, had forced landing at Miyazaki-cho, Sendai-shi, Kagoshima-ken due to engine trouble.

b. Plane seriously damaged. Pilot, Sgt GILMORE, unhurt.

2. Remarks: None.

3. Action Taken: Kagoshima MG, and G-2, I Corps, notified.

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Hour: 1700
Date: 21 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Missing Plane

TO : Chief, CIS

1. Details: CIC Area 6 reports the following information received from the Japanese Prefectural Police concerning a missing plane:

a. MAKI Moriharu, of Kusakawa-mura, Shuso-gun, Ehime Prefecture, and MATSUGI Masakuni, were in a boat on the north side of Minoshima Island, "Map of Central Japan, Okayama Prefecture, Sheet Number 36, Grid Coordinate 817-1226" when MAKI was checking the weather and looking into the sky, noticed a plane a short while before it fell. The plane fell to fast for MAKI to point it out. He did not see the plane crash into the sea, because it fell behind an island about 15 miles away. He did not mention it to anyone except MATSUGI. Another boat was close to MAKI's boat, with a man by the name of HAMATOMOTAKA, of Moto, Honjo-mura, Kyoto, who is a student at the Kaiko Sanmon Gakuin in Kobe, heard MAKI mention that he saw the plane fall and HAMATOMOTAKA reported it to the police.

b. MAKI states that he is not sure of the date, but snow fell on the following day. The plane was flying at approximately 6,000 feet, and too far away to be heard, or to determine the number of the engine. He stated that the plane was smaller than a carrier-plane used by the United States during the war. The plane was flying at a normal bearing of 230 degrees, it then wobbled two or three times and dove straight down out of sight.

c. MAKI is an uneducated man and seems to be sober and sane. When he was questioned reaffirmed that he was stating the truth by saying: "He did see the plane".

2. Remarks: Reference is made to CIC Spot Report, 1015 hours, 21 January 1948, Subject, Same as above.

3. Action Taken: Japanese Prefectural Police are making a census of people in the area where the plane was reported to have been seen by MAKI.

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