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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

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Wreckage: Yes

Model & Serial: C-53DO #42-15890 a.k.a. CNAC #58

Date Visited: 14 Dec 2005

GPS Coordinates: N 27-46-33.2 E 096-56-30.9

Datum: WGS 84

Country: India

Province / State: Arunachal Pradesh

Nearest Town / Village: Minzong / Samdul

Distance / Directions: 5-day trek NE of Minzong / Samdul.

Map: Google Earth or other satellite imagery.

Elevation: 14,800 ft.

Aspect: SSE

Topography: Mountains. See photos.

Terrain Notes: Open, rocky, moderate slope. See photos.

Vegetation: None. See photos.

Aircraft ID Method: Tail panel with aircraft serial number 4215890 found at site. See photos.

Engines / Propellers: 2 engines and 2 propellers found at site. See photos.

Wreckage / Artifacts / ID Tags: Wreckage and cargo concentrated in small area. Engines and landing gear approx. 50 yds down rocky slope from main wreckage area. Location of engines and landing gear is probably point of impact. See photos.

Human Remains: None seen by investigator.

Removed: I removed a small piece of metallic wreckage and a piece of cargo (graphite electrode connector for electric furnace). I subsequently donated the piece of wreckage and cargo to CNAC museum in Kunming, China. See photos.

Water: Nearest water was approx. 1 mi distant and consisted of a small pond. See photos.

Site Disturbance: Significant disturbance caused by salvaging. See photos.

Photos: See website for photos. Additional photos on CD and video on DVD available upon request.

Misc. Notes: Cross to E bank of Lohit River on hanging bridge just downstream from Minzong / Samdul, and trek up Klong / Ghallum River to Mishmi village of Bhau. Residents of Bhau cared for injured pilot and co-pilot after they hiked down from crashsite in April 1943. Trek NE from Bhau to crashsite near headwaters of Ngat River. Crashsite is near India-Burma border. See photos.