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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 23 Sep 2008.

Model & Serial Number: C-46A #42-107386.

GPS Coordinates: N 27-11-23.1 E 093-25-41.0.

Datum: WGS 84.

Country: India.

State/Province: Arunachal Pradesh.

Nearest Town/Village: Karoi.

Distance/Direction: 1-day trek W of Karoi.

Altitude: 6,559 ft.

Topography: Hills.

Aspect: ESE.

Terrain Notes: Moderate slope.

Vegetation: Jungle.

Nearest Water: Small stream approx. 1 mi. from site.

Site Disturbance: Significant disturbance caused by salvaging.

Aircraft ID Method: Panel with aircraft construction number 27073 found in Karoi village.

Engines/Propellers: 2 engines and propeller blades found at site.

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage extending approx. 200 yds. downslope from estimated point of impact. Salvaged wreckage artifacts also seen in Karoi.

Human Remains: None seen by investigator. Interviewed elderly man in Karoi who witnessed crash and saw many human remains at site.

Removed from Site: Nothing removed by investigator. Some metal wreckage removed by salvagers.

Photos: See website for photos. Additional photos and video on file.

Misc. Notes: Interviewed elderly man in Karoi who witnessed crash. He stated he was hunting and camped on crest of nearby hill, and saw aircraft approaching from E during evening. Aircraft was afire and steadily losing altitude as it approached hill and crashed near his campsite. He went to crash site the following morning and rescued the sole survivor, and built a small lean-to at site to shelter the injured man. He and other villagers later carried the man down to their village and cared for him until a runner could bring a US Army team to the village to rescue the survivor.

Investigator: Clayton Kuhles.