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Crashed Aircraft Site Report

Date Visited: 19 Oct 2003.

Model & Serial Number: C-87 #41-23696.

GPS Coordinates: N 27-43-03.3 E 096-55-19.1.

Datum: WGS 84.

Country: India.

State/Province/District: Arunachal Pradesh.

Nearest Town/Village: Latti.

Distance/Direction: 4-day trek SE of Latti.

Altitude: 13,223 ft.

Topography: Mountains.

Aspect: W.

Terrain Notes: Open, moderate slope.

Vegetation: Grasses.

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

Site Disturbance: Some disturbance caused by hydraulic erosion.

Aircraft ID Method: Aircraft data plate with model number C-87 and serial number 41-23696 found at site.

Engines/Propellers: 4 engines and propeller blades found at site.

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage concentrated in approx. .25 acre area at estimated point of impact, and much of that wreckage driven deep into ground. Additional wreckage extending approx. 200 yds. downslope from estimated point of impact. Boots, gloves and jackets found at site.

Human Remains: Many human bones found laying on ground surface at site.

Removed from Site: Aircraft data plate, several small pieces of wreckage, human remains and clothing remnants were removed by investigator and delivered in US Embassy in Rangoon, Burma. Some wreckage artifacts were later released to investigator and sent to family of crewmembers. Not known if others removed anything from site.

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

Misc. Notes: Latti is Mishmi village on Latti River. Latti River joins Lohit River from S, approx. 10 mi. W (downstream) from Samdul/Minzong village. Trek upstream Latti River to its headwaters, cross over mountain pass and drop into Tapum River valley, trek N in Tapum River valley through pine forest to slope below crash site. Crash site is on open, grassy slope above E bank of Tapum River. Tapum River flows NNW to join Ghalum River. Ghalum River flows WSW to join Kallong River. Kallong River flows NW to join Lohit River at Samdul/Minzong.

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