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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: High-altitude 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

Engines/Propellers: 4 engines and propeller blades

Wreckage/Artifacts/ID Tags: Wreckage extending approx. 200 yds. downslope from estimated point of impact, some wreckage driven deep into ground, boots, gloves, jackets

Human Remains: Many human bones seen laying on ground surface

Removed from Site: Aircraft data plate, some wreckage artifacts, human remains and personal artifacts removed by investigator and delivered to US Embassy in Rangoon, Burma, wreckage artifacts later released to investigator and sent to family of crewmembers, not known if others removed anything

Photos: See website for photos, additional photos/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 (downstream) 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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