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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: Kamlat.

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

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 and misc. personal artifacts.

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 ultimately delivered to US Embassy in Rangoon, Burma (see Expedition Notes). Some wreckage artifacts later released to investigator by US government and sent to family of crewmembers. Not known if others removed anything.

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

Misc. Notes: Kamlat is Mishmi village on Lati River in Anjaw district. Lati River joins Lohit River (Talu River) from S, approx. 10 mi. W (downstream) from Samdul/Minzong village. Trek upstream Lati 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 Klung River. Klung River flows NW to join Lohit River (Talu River) at Samdul/Minzong. These river names are known to the local Mishmi people, but not all named rivers appear on available maps.

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