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The Missing in Indochina: No Evidence Any Live

BANGKOK, Thailand, May 21 (AP)—There is no indication that any Americans listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia are still alive, the general in charge of locating them said today.

The Pentagon has listed 1,300 Americans as missing in action and has declared 1,100 others dead, although their remains have not been recovered.

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Kingston, who heads the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, a 175-man unit charged with locating crash sites and graves and recovering the remains of Americans lost in Indochina, said his men had inspected three crash sites in South Vietnam, but he

refused to disclose whether any remains had been found. Reliable sources said, however, that none were discovered.

The information about findings at crash sites would be communicated through regular military channels to the next of kin of the men involved, General Kingston said. He explained that relatives of men lost in air crashes often knew where their planes went down through correspondence with other men in the units.

If details are revealed prematurely, this would "get the next of kin very anxious," he said. "We are not going to announce whether we found remains or not."

General Kingston said that the North Vietnamese had been "extremely cooperative."

He said he expected the United States would get approval to carry out operations in Vietcong-held territory, although the Provisional Revolutionary Government had not yet been asked.