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CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII -- Over the next several weeks, technical representatives of the Kingdom Cambodia and the United States will conduct joint investigations and remains recovery operations pertaining to Americans unaccounted for in Cambodia as a result of the war in Southeast Asia.

This will be the first joint field activity conducted by U.S. and Cambodian representatives this year and the 16th since January 1992. Operations are planned for three Cambodian provinces. The joint team plans to investigate as many as six cases. The U.S. team will consist of 28 specialists with experience in investigations and remains recovery operations and will be joined by Cambodia officials. The U.S. team will be led by LTC Ned LaViolette.

There are 2,099 Americans still unaccounted for as a result of the war Southeast Asia. Of that total, 75 were lost in Cambodia.

Seeking the fullest possible accounting of Americans unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam War is a matter of the highest national priority for the United States. The U.S. welcomes and appreciates the cooperation and assistance of the Kingdom of Cambodia in these upcoming field operations.

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