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From: Commander Naval Intelligence Command
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: LTJG David M. CHRISTIAN, 674340/1315 USNR

1. (S) In June 1965, based on Commander Task Group 77.6 and USS Midway operational reports, the Bureau of Naval Personnel listed LTJG Christian as killed in action. These operational reports also indicate that the flight leader observed seat ejection at three to five hundred feet. Subsequently, on 11 October 1965 PRAVDA published a report on two aviators, CDR James B. Stockdale and LTJG Christian which raised the possibility Christian may have survived.

2. (S) The Naval Intelligence Command has recently obtained an additional report which indicates LTJG Christian did survive. The report was received from another intelligence agency. This agency reports the information was obtained through sensitive sources and that they cannot accurately evaluate the validity of this report.

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