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#### **Euro/Med Directorate**



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#### **World War II Working Group**



- Reinvigorated Efforts to Resolve WWII Cases
- Archival Research Efforts in Russia for Information on 1LT John McCarthy, USAAF
- Field investigations in Moldova and Ukraine
- Russians have Declassified, Digitized, and Released a Great Amount of Material on WWII



Eyewitness to 1LT McCarthy's Crash



#### **Cold War Working Group**



- Visited Three Uncorrelated Crash Sites and One Grave Site in The Russian Far East in May

  – More Work Required
- Successes from this Visit will be Leveraged to Conduct a Future WWII Expedition in the Far East







#### Korean War Working Group



- Russian-language Korean War-era Maps
  - > Pinpoint Location of U.S. Crash Sites
  - > Allow Recovery in Event of Resumed Operations
- Prisoner of War Questionnaires
- Seek Additional Detailed Search Group Reports











#### Vietnam War Working Group



- Received Several Documents from Russian Archives
- · Working for Access to Ukrainian Archives
- Reinvigorating Oral History Program
- Seeking Access to Other, Closed Russian Archives









#### **Future Operations**



- Press for Expanded Archival Access in Russian Archives for all Working Groups
- Continue to Schedule Four Working Group Sessions and One Plenum Annually
- Conduct Investigations and Excavations as Warranted

Landing strut from unidentified B-24 near Vestnik Bay, Russian Far East

