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Washington, D.C. 20505

22 June 1992

The Honorable Bob Smith  
Vice Chairman  
Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

This is in response to the Committee's request of April 3, 1992 for information on the Ministry of Interior organization, structure and management of the prison camp system in Vietnam. A review of all Agency file holdings and intelligence reporting on the security services of Vietnam was done in order to prepare the enclosed recently completed six-part study. This required the careful review of extensive file holdings on the services, as well as the review of over 500 intelligence reports. The elements of the study may be found at the following tabs:

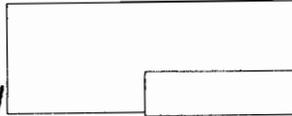
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During our search for information on this subject, we located a study published in 1975

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[Redacted] There is a statement in the introduction to the publication which states that the DRV planned to keep some Americans secretly. In light of the seriousness of this implication, we are assembling the documentation used in the study in an attempt to clarify how such a conclusion was reached. The author of the report is participating in the review. We are taking this very seriously and hope to have this review completed by the end of June. We will provide the report together with the results of our review to the Committee as soon as they are available.

An original of this letter is also being sent to Chairman Kerry.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Director of Congressional Affairs

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