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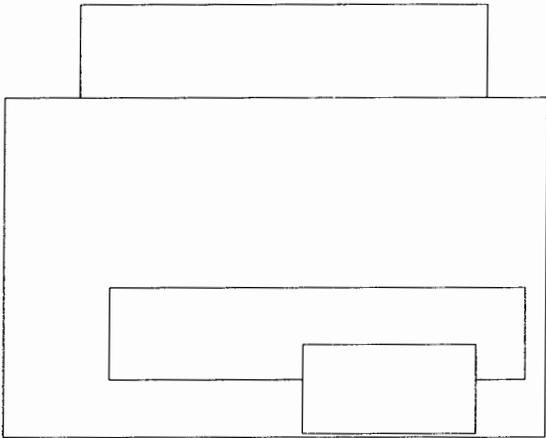
SUBJECT: Briefing to DOD on North Vietnamese Prison Camp

On 21 June 1976

accompanied by

briefed Rear Admiral James B. Stockdale, USN and Commander C. R. Polfer, USN (both former POWs in North Vietnam).

The purpose of the briefing was to solicit DOD aid in identifying possible indicators of American presence at a prison camp in North Vietnam. Although Admiral Stockdale was unable to provide any indicators he referred us to Commander Robert Buroughs (retired) at the Office of Naval Intelligence who had extensive contact with the POWs during their debriefings. Commander Buroughs was briefed on 24 June 1976. Commander Buroughs did not give us confirmation of American presence but did indicate that one possible sign of evidence we were pursuing was feasible. A white, dark, white pattern seen on a roof within the compound could, by transposing the pattern into Morse code, indicate the letter "K". Commander Buroughs informed us that the letter "K" was the permanently designated letter assigned to air crews as a signal should they be downed and unable to recall the monthly and/or daily assigned signal letters. This information has been confirmed through discussions with former POWs.



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