

5 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Classified Information to DIA

1. [REDACTED] proposes to transmit the following information to DIA/DI-6C, the DIA member of the Interagency Prisoner of War Intelligence Committee:

<u>TO</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
DIA/DI-6C	[REDACTED] I	Memorandum, from CIA member IPWIC to DIA member, 5 May 1972, sub.: Downgrading of extracts from CIA Film Z-6065. Attachments: three masked extracts from Z-6065, approved for downgrading; three unmasked prints, Confidential, from other sources.

2. Approval to downgrade the three masked extracts from Z-6065 was obtained on 5 May 1972 from [REDACTED] his approval is indicated by a certificate on internal copies of the attached memorandum to DIA member IPWIC.

3. It is recommended that [REDACTED] transmit the item described in paragraph one to DIA/DI-6C as shown

The recommendation contained in paragraph 3 is approved:

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

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6. A search of central indices revealed several reports on American PWs in Laos from sources which may not be identical with Station sources.

INTERAGENCY PRISONER OF WAR INTELLIGENCE AD HOC COMMITTEE
 (IPWIC) MINUTES OF MEETING, 18 SEPTEMBER 1970
 ROOM 1020, B BUILDING, ARLINGTON HALL STATION (0930-1110)

The following DIA, CIA and Service representatives were present:

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| DIA | Chairman | (AP-7C) |
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| USAF | (ACSI) | |
| USMC | (A02A) | |
| DIA | CAPT J. S. Harris | |
| DIA | CDR J. C. Bruce | |
| DIA | Mr. J. T. Berbrich | |
| | Mr. E. C. Wheat | |
| | Capt C. E. Redman | |
| | LTCol B. F. Lands | |
| | Maj J. L. Harvell | |
| | Maj D. M. Jackson | |
| | Maj F. E. Sheaffer | |
| | Capt B. R. Greisen | |

2. Mr. Robert Scheer, a California candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party for the U. S. Senate, and several other recent visitors to North Vietnam returned to the United States on 16 September 1970 with 379 letters from U. S. prisoners. In the process of clearing customs at the John F. Kennedy International Airport, Mr. Scheer reportedly would not conform to custom regulations and open all his luggage for inspection. As a result, customs authorities impounded that part of his luggage that was not inspected, and this included the 379 letters.

The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that customs officials were hopeful of releasing the impounded luggage in the very near future. Apparently, the luggage is just sitting at the Airport for Mr. Scheer to claim it and to clear it through appropriate channels.

3. The Chairman stated that several wives have received letters from their husbands within the past two days. In the forwarding correspondence prepared by the Committee of Liaison, the next-of-kin were told that 143 letters were recently received from prisoners in North Vietnam. The forwarding correspondence was dated 14 September, and the envelope was postmarked the next day, 15 September. The AFNIN and USN representatives confirmed that the letters received to date indicate that this batch of 143 letters is not a part of the 142/143 letters brought into Canada by Mrs. Jerry Rubin (See 19 June 1970 IPWIC Minutes, paragraph 4).

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INFORMATION ON THE INTERAGENCY PRISONER OF WAR
INTELLIGENCE AD HOC COMMITTEE

1. Name of Committee: Interagency Prisoner of War Intelligence Ad Hoc Committee (IPWIC)
2. Meetings held since 1 January 1973: 9
3. Extent to which the Recommendations of the Committee have been adopted: Not applicable. See #5 below.
4. Reason why the Committee work cannot be accomplished within the DoD: CIA is the only non-DoD member to IPWIC. CIA's presence and participation on IPWIC are required.
5. Justification for continuing the Committee:

IPWIC is the only intelligence committee responsible for matters relating to missing and unaccounted for American personnel in Southeast Asia. It provides a working-level forum for a detailed discussion and coordination of intelligence matters pertaining to unaccounted for American personnel. The official members of the Committee are the Services (intelligence and casualty offices), CIA, and DIA. Observers from the Department of State and OASD(ISA) do attend IPWIC meetings, although they are not members.

With the completion of Operation Homecoming, the IPWIC members and observers agreed that meetings could be on an as-needed basis since DIA, as Chairman, keeps the members and observers abreast of all intelligence developments affecting their respective missing personnel or their areas of interest.

Currently there are about 950 Americans unaccounted for and about 1500 Americans listed as killed in action (bodies not recovered). Until the other side provides an accounting of these personnel, intelligence assets will remain the primary sources of information on the fate of these personnel.

At the 15 November 1974 meeting, the members and State Department observer were asked their opinion whether the committee's activities should be continued. The members and State observer stated unanimously that IPWIC should be continued.

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PW/MIA Matters (U)

1. (U) This memorandum is in response to your verbal requirement for information on DI-6A4's PW/MIA activities and the USAF PW program.

2. DI-6A4's PW/MIA activities are geared to providing current PW/MIA intelligence support. The primary consumers of this support are the Service personnel (casualty) and intelligence offices; Dr. R. E. Shields and his OASD (ISA) staff; the J-1 and J-3 elements of the OJCS; the J-1, J-2, and J-3 elements of CINCPAC; COMUSSAG; the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC); and the Department of State. The majority of this support is associated with the analysis and evaluation of all current PW/MIA reporting to determine the fate of U.S. personnel unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. DI-6A4 is the only office providing this support to these consumers, and has the only all-inclusive data base and experience to examine and evaluate all reports across-the-board (i.e. all military personnel, U.S. civilians, and foreign nationals).

3. Every casualty incident report receives a detailed written evaluation by DI-6A4, copies of which are provided to the appropriate consumers. All reports and related PW/MIA intelligence matters are discussed weekly with Dr. Shields and his staff. On a monthly basis, a wrap-up message (containing a summary analysis of reports received) is provided to the primary consumers and some secondary consumers (e.g. United States Delegation, Four Party Joint Military Team). Following the monthly message, copies of DI-6A4's written evaluations are provided to CINCPAC, COMUSSAG, and JCRC. The current intelligence reporting provides information on the following general areas: the disposition and fate of personnel who were known to have been captured but who were never accounted for, the fate of personnel listed as missing, the disposition of the remains

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of personnel listed as killed-in-action (bodies not recovered), location data on U.S. grave/crashsites for future recovery of remains, and reports on personnel allegedly still alive in Southeast Asia, to include U.S. collaborators. On a periodic basis, DI-6A4 reviews and analyzes, in a special study, all reports alleging U.S. personnel are alive in Southeast Asia. These special studies have been well received.

4. Because of its central position and experience in PW/MIA matters, DI-6A4 has sent two personnel on TDY to PACOM to review and discuss PW/MIA matters on a detailed, working level with appropriate personnel and organizations. This TDY, by the military chief and the civilian deputy chief, has been invaluable in maintaining the high quality of collection and reporting activities and insuring close liaison with PACOM elements and the national level. These two individuals provide a depth of experience, knowledge, and perspective on PW/MIA matters that does not exist in PACOM units. These working-level discussions and reviews insure that the entire PW/MIA intelligence effort is operating smoothly, efficiently, and in consonance with the overall national PW/MIA program. Until the other side provides information on the fate of the U.S. personnel unaccounted for, intelligence assets will remain the primary basis for obtaining such information. The absence of any criticism of DIA, the lack of any charges of support failure or shortcomings, and the overall reputation DIA has in PW/MIA matters are due, in no small part, to these working level TDY's.

5. (U) The USAF PW program, on the other hand, is entirely dissimilar from DI-6A4's PW/MIA activities. The USAF program is devoted to an examination of the PW experiences in Southeast Asia in fulfillment of the USAF responsibilities as the executive agent for the Joint Chiefs of Staff on evasion and escape matters, with emphasis on future survival and resistance training. The USAF program director is the Deputy Director for Plans and Policy (DCS/Plans and Operations), but the program coordinator is AFIN, specifically the 7602nd Air Intelligence Group (Programs Division). Because of AFIN's active role as program coordinator, one may get the erroneous impression that it is an AFIN program. In point of fact, it is an USAF-wide program, drawing upon various USAF elements as needed (e.g. Surgeon General, ATC, MAC, chaplains, JAG).

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6. (U) The USAF program is an extensive research effort. About 15 personnel are working in the program full-time in addition to personnel under contract (two separate contracts for a total of about \$500,000). Additionally, approximately 300 reservists will be utilized in support of the program throughout the program's life (AFIN's major responsibilities, as program coordinator, are expected to continue until mid-1976). When the research project is completed, the USAF program will have produced various studies on "lessons learned" from the Southeast Asia PW experience (see enclosure 1 for a list of the studies completed and the types of studies that are anticipated).

7. In summary, there is really no comparison between DI-6A4's PW/MIA activities and the USAF research program. Although DI-6A4 has provided some support to the USAF program (primarily in the area of providing documents, reports, and other materials), there is no duplication of effort between DI-6A4's activities and the USAF program. DI-6A4 does, however, maintain close contact with the Operations Division of the 7602nd Air Intelligence Group. A summary of this relationship is provided in enclosure 2.

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COLONEL, USAF
CHIEF, SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVISION

2. Enclosures
1. USAF PW Research Program (FOUO)
2. DI-6A4's Relationship with the Operations Div (C)

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DI-6A4'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
OPERATIONS DIVISION
7602ND AIR INTELLIGENCE GROUP

1. DI-6A4 does maintain close liaison and contact with the Operations Division, 7602nd Air Intelligence Group (AIG). This liaison is a result either of follow-up actions regarding PW sightings reported by 7602nd AIG agents or of follow-up actions requested of 7602nd AIG agents by DI-6A4 in connection with PW reports forwarded by agents controlled by other organizations.

2. For its part, the Operations Division has maintained outstanding liaison with DI-6A4 regarding its agent projects. The Division has unilaterally or at DI-6A4 request sent agents against the specific PW targets in order to confirm or refute PW reports. DI-6A4 has been kept appraised of current and future agent targets, of on-going operations and of the detailed results of PW operations.

3. For its part, DI-6A4 provides analytical and other support (e.g., photography of target areas) to the Operations Division. DI-6A4 keeps the Division appraised of other intelligence reporting that might bear on current or future 7602nd AIG agent programs.

4. The close relationship between the Operations Division and DI-6A4 was evidenced by the recent polygraph program conducted by the 7602nd AIG at DI-6A4's request. To pursue every avenue in determining the validity of reports that U.S. personnel are alive in Southeast Asia, the Operations Division sent an experienced polygraph examiner to Southeast Asia to polygraph as many 7602nd AIG agents as possible. The polygraph program is now complete. Preliminary results indicate at least two agents were fabricating their information. The polygraph examiner and Operations Division representatives will meet with DI-6A4 within the next ten days (date not yet established) to discuss the results in detail.

5. (U) DI-6A4 and Operations Division representatives usually meet and discuss matters of mutual interest about three times a month.

Enclosure -2
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Status of PW/MIA Negotiations in Laos (U)

1. (U) The fifth of May marked the mid-point of the 60-day period for the release of all prisoners held in Laos, as provided by Chapter II, Article 5 of the "Agreement on Restoring Peace and Achieving National Concord in Laos," signed on 21 February 1973. The 60-day period was to begin following establishment of the Provisional Government of National Union (PGNU).
2. Protocols to the Agreement were signed on 18 September 1973. In accordance with paragraph 18 of the protocols, the number of PWs and the names of those personnel who died in captivity were to be exchanged by both sides 15 to 30 days following their signing. Although Royal Lao Government lists had been prepared, they were withheld pending presentation of similar lists by the Pathet Lao. The 30-day period passed with no lists being provided by either side. In the past, the Pathet Lao repeatedly maintained that no information on US missing-in-action personnel would be provided until the provisional government was formed.
3. (U) The provisional government was officially formed on 5 April 1974. To date, Pathet Lao officials have taken no positive action to comply with the terms of the Agreement regarding the exchange of US PWs.
4. (U) The Pathet Lao claim to hold only one US PW, Mr. Emmet J. Kay, US civilian, captured on 7 May 1973. While no firm date has been set by the Pathet Lao, Mr. Kay's release is anticipated late in the 60-day period provided for in Article 5. It is reasonable to expect an accounting of other US personnel whose capture was acknowledged by the Pathet Lao. The Pathet Lao undoubtedly also have information concerning the fate of at least some US personnel currently held in a captured or missing status. DIA currently lists five US personnel as prisoners and approximately 300 US personnel as missing-in-action in Laos.

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5. In recent months, there have been several unconfirmed reports that US PWs other than Mr. Kay are currently alive in Laos. These reports, received from third- or fourth-hand sources, can be neither verified nor refuted; however, collection efforts are continuing. A detailed analysis of recent sighting reports of US personnel in Laos through 1 March 1974 was provided as enclosure 2 to DIA Memorandum E-1024/DI-6 dated 8 April 1974, subject: Reports of Personnel Still Held Captive in Southeast Asia (U).

6. Information received from the American Embassy in Vientiane and discussions with Mr. Frank Sieverts, Special Assistant for Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Matters, Department of State, and members of the Department of Defense Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Task Force indicate that every possible action to secure the release of Mr. Emmet J. Kay and obtain information regarding US personnel captured and missing in Laos is being pursued. Ambassador Whitcomb has made strong representations to Deputy Prime Minister Phoumi Vongvichit, the highest ranking Pathet Lao official in Vientiane, and to other new PAVN cabinet members regarding this matter. Information concerning the PW situation has also been made available to individuals (including the Russian Ambassador in Vientiane) whom embassy officials believe could be helpful in furthering our interests. US Embassy officials continue to stress to Pathet Lao representatives our strong desire to obtain information on US personnel, whether captured, missing, or dead. Furthermore, pressure upon the Joint Central Commission to Implement the Agreement (JCCIA) is being maintained to insure that the PW/MIA subject is afforded priority at its meetings. The JCCIA meetings resumed on 30 April following a month-long recess.

7. (U) This information has also been furnished the Secretary of Defense.

/s/ V. P. de Poix

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Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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Sincerely,

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

After reviewing the document for release to the Committee, the Counterintelligence Center (CIC), the successor organization to the CI Staff, appended a memorandum commenting on and correcting some of the statements made in the paper of 1975; CIC's memorandum is likewise enclosed. If it would assist the Committee's work and understanding, Agency officers who are knowledgeable on these issues are available to expand on the paper and the appended memorandum.

Your letter of 18 November requested a copy of a counterintelligence paper entitled "North Viet-Nam: The Responsibilities of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Intelligence and Security Services in the Exploitation of American Prisoners of War." The paper to which you refer was written in 1975 by a counterintelligence officer working on Vietnam operations for the CI Staff. A copy of the paper is enclosed.

Dear Mr. Codinha:

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