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December 9, 1998**To: Elaine English
From: Roger Hall****Subject: POW/MIA**

I was in contact with chip Beck over the Internet today. Following are some revelations that may help with the CIA search, and possible questioning if we get discovery.

The Russian's , E. Germans were suspected of capturing POWs there.

Please get me included in the viewing.

Beck Chip: They are considering the request, and were generally positive. They are helping me with a specific case in Angola in which an American, a friend of mine, was killed by a Cuban patrol. His parents want to find the body after 22 years and have it returned home. On a humanitarian basis, I got a lot of cooperation on this one, from several corners, including official.

Beck Chip: The Cubans were there for 11 years, counting back from 1975.

Beck Chip: Will include some experts - nonDPMO - on the viewing once I set it up. I'll be going back down in early February.

RHall8715: I remember their African involvement well, the brush fire wars.

Beck Chip: I've got to run, take care of some other business. Have to talk later.

RHall8715: Later.

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Chip Beck from CIA

RHall8715: Hi

Is there anyone that can id where CIA POW documentation exists that has not yet been located or declassified? There's still time to get it included in the case.

Beck Chip: Information on POWs could be found in all sorts of OPERATIONAL files. . .

Beck Chip: from individual agents, sources, and programs.

Beck Chip: from "road watch teams in Laos,"

Beck Chip: to H'mong operations on the PDJ,

RHall8715: I would have to be more specific. Road watch teams are already included, I don't know the other operations. What's PDJ?

Beck Chip: to agent penetrations and technical surveillance files on the Pathet Lao, NLHS, NLF, VC, North Vietnamese

Beck Chip: PDJ is Plain of Jars

Beck Chip: Order of Battle data

Beck Chip: Soviet operations files

RHall8715: Any project names> Soviet operation files would be where?

Beck Chip: Stuff could be buried in just about any operational folder since 1945. If someone referenced POWs after WWII, it might be in the source's 201 file, not in a file marked "POWs."

Beck Chip: The trouble is, there are so many files, they'd probably never be able to physically go through it.

RHall8715: This is true of the CAS files on the China border also.

Beck Chip: You might ask for the debriefing reports of Jim Lewis in late 1975-1976 and for Weaver, when he came out in 1973. Those files might have file numbers for other files included in the paperwork.

Beck Chip: Emmit Kay's debriefing would also be of interest.

RHall8715: Whats Weavers first name? What else does Emmit know?

Beck Chip: Ask for the files on - I can't remember the names- the Australian kid and his American pal who were abducted by the Pathet Lao after 1973 and disappeared. Look for cross-references to other file numbers.

RHall8715: I kown who you mean , can't remember their names either, will do.

Beck Chip: I can't remember Weaver's name - thought it was James, but might be wrong.

Emmit might not know a whole lot, but it would be interesting to see if other files are cross referenced at the end of his debrief. Emmit was captured in early 1973, after Homecoming, and probably has insights worth checking.

Beck Chip: Ask for records on Morgan Donahue. His case was so well-covered by Jeff Donahue and their dad, that there might be relevant information. Again, it is the reference to other files that will tell you where to look for other material, if the numbers are not redacted.

RHall8715: How would the CIA have his case listed. I was told the CIA has seperate POW/MIA numbers, different from DOD numbers.

Beck Chip: Ask for the files on Soviet General Ivashutin, the GRU official who signed the 1205 document and was reported by Stan Lunev to have been in charge of the American POW program in Korea.

Beck Chip: They will have it indexed under his true name, even if they assigned a subject or file number to it.

Beck Chip: Ask for the files on the "Cold War Shoot-downs" and the personnel files of all the fliers and air crews lost over the USSR and communist states from 1945 through 1965.



RHall8715: This is possibly the last shot to include items for the search. for example Their previous search was for POW and excluded PW that was used in the wartime era.

Beck Chip: Ask for OSS information on the American POWs in the German Stalags who fell into Soviet Army hands from the spring of 1945 onward.

RHall8715: My case is somewhat limited by EX12812 for Vietnam era.

Beck Chip: Ask then for records on Cuban, East German, Polish, and North Korean activities in Vietnam, as it pertained to intelligence activities, propaganda, and POWs.

RHall8715: I never gotr sufficient financial support to cover more then from the 1960s . Have asked for the other communist countries.

Beck Chip: Ask also for all IRs (Intelligence Reports) disseminated from Vientiane, Udorn, Phnom Penh, and Vietnam during the course of the war.

Beck Chip: At least the titles.

RHall8715: The lawyer costs and small veterans response prevented a bigger case.

What titles?

Beck Chip: Ask for "back channel" communications from the Chiefs of Stations in Vientiane, Phnom Penh, and Vietnam to the DCI or DDO as they pertained to POWs and/or rescue operations.

RHall8715: OK

Beck Chip: Titles or subject lines of the Intel reports. (Text pages much longer and bulkier.)

RHall8715: OK

Beck Chip: Tell them you also expect them to search the source and asset files, in the operational and 201 files, to see if references to POWs contained in the OPERATIONAL reporting, which is different from INTELLIGENCE reporting.

Beck Chip: BTW, remember a little over two years ago, when Bob DeStatte was telling me on the office email that the Cubans were not involved with our POWs in Vietnam?

RHall8715: I haven't used that differentiation yet.

RHall8715: Yes

Beck Chip: I was just down in Cuba for 8 days. Know what the Cubans say?

Beck Chip: Destatte is full of shit.

RHall8715: What?

RHall8715: How do they substantiate that?

Beck Chip: They were there.

Beck Chip: They admit it.

Beck Chip: I talked to Raul Valdez Vivo, who wrote the book on the Cuban experience in Vietnam.

Beck Chip: and others.

RHall8715: Where are they now? What involvement did they have.

RHall8715: Any new revelations on POWs.

Beck Chip: I'm working on that. I made a proposal to the Cubans that they help me on the POW issue, and they are considering it. I framed it in a way that may help them improve relations with the US, which is what they want.

Beck Chip: I saw a lot of films and photos on our POWs, and asked them to consider letting us and some family members review what they have.

RHall8715: How late were they there.

Did they capture any POWs above the DMZ.