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31 August 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR: OCA/Senate (Mr. Robert Magner)

VIA: C/EA/ICOG

INFO: DC/EA

FROM: C/EA/ICOGPOW

SUBJECT: Efforts to Determine Whether Ross Perot  
Was Briefed by COS, Vientiane in  
Vientiane in April 1970

1. I have been unable to find any reference in Agency records to an Agency briefing of Mr. Ross Perot during Mr. Perot's early April 1970 visit to Vientiane, Laos. I searched the following records:

--  Weekly Highlights for the period surrounding the visit;

--  cables from Vientiane Station to Chief, FE Division for the period surrounding the visit;

-- Logs of Congressional visits to Vientiane Station for 1970.

2. At my request, the State Department has searched their Vientiane Embassy cable files for us. They have found four cables which mention the Perot visit, but none mentions any Embassy or CAS briefing. However, a State Department officer pointed out that such briefings are not always mentioned in embassy reporting back to the Department. The State Department is now ~~now~~ searching for four other Vientiane embassy cables, which were referred to in the first four, and have promised to Fax copies of all of the cables to us, once they have collected them.

3. None of the Agency documents I reviewed mentions Mr. Perot or his visit. I confirmed via the library microfilms of the New York Times that Mr. Perot and party did in fact visit Vientiane on 5 and 6 April 1970. There are articles about it in the Times datelined Vientiane on both those dates.

4. We have also tried to obtain all the Vientiane Station cables for April 1970, but unfortunately Agency archives have

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collections of Vientiane cables dating back only to 1971. We are continuing that search, but as yet without success.

5. Another possibility would be to ask [ ] which other Station officers in Vientiane at that time might have attended a meeting with Mr. Perot, had such occurred. We might then ask those officers for their recollections. Presumably the [ ] and other senior Station officers could be queried.

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The Honorable John F. Kerry  
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 Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In the event you need any of the original unredacted documents for review, please inform us, and we will make them available to you.

A copy of this letter is also being provided to Vice Chairman Smith.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stanley M. Moskowitz

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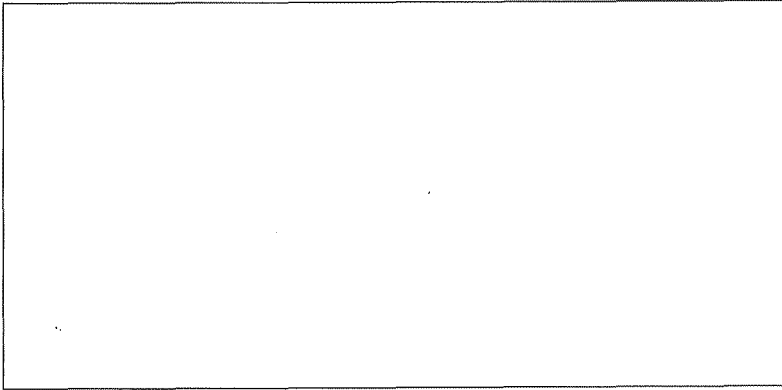
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DIST: 20 NOVEMBER 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF AMERICAN POW IN SARAVANE PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 1963 TO 9 NOVEMBER 1987

TEXT: 1.

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[REDACTED] AS  
OF 9 NOVEMBER 1987, AN AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD IN PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE SARAVANE PROVINCE. THE RESIDENT IDENTIFIED THE AMERICAN AS [REDACTED] PAKXE LANONG VILLAGE IS DESCRIBED AS CONSISTING OF FIVE HOUSES AND IS LOCATED IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE LPDR BORDER WITH THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, ABOUT 70 KILOMETERS FROM TA OUI DISTRICT, SARAVANE PROVINCE. IT WAS NOT INDICATED IF THE 70 KILOMETERS IS BASED ON STRAIGHT LINE OR ACTUAL ROAD DISTANCE. PAKXE LANONG IS POSSIBLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XC8170, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF MUANG NONG (XD6009.)

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1963, IN THE VICINITY OF NAM PA CHON VILLAGE (NCA), AND FROM 1964 TO 1968, HE WAS IMPRISONED AT MUANG NONG, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: NAM PA CHON VILLAGE IS POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO NAMPA VILLAGE (XD1273), SEPONE DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET.)

3. [REDACTED] PROVIDED A BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTING FIVE MEN APPARENTLY BEING GUARDED BY A SOLDIER ARMED WITH A RIFLE. FOUR OF THE MEN APPEAR TO BE ORIENTAL WHILE THE FIFTH APPEARS TO BE A CAUCASIAN. [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE CAUCASIAN AS [REDACTED] FOUR OF THE MEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH, INCLUDING THE ONE IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] ARE DRESSED IN A SIMILAR MANNER, WEARING DARK WESTERN-STYLE TROUSERS AND LIGHT COLORED DRESS SHIRTS. THEY ALSO APPEAR TO BE BAREFOOTED. THE DRESS AND HAIR STYLES OF THE FIVE MEN GIVE THE APPEARANCE THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN DURING THE PERIOD OF THE 1960'S. THE MAN IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND BETWEEN 25 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE. THE BACKDROP OF THE PHOTOGRAPH INCLUDES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A WOODEN STRUCTURE AND HEAVY FOLIAGE.)

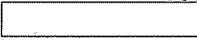
4. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT INDICATE HOW HE ACQUIRED THE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION AND IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW. HE STATED THAT HE OBTAINED THE PHOTOGRAPH FROM A SOURCE [REDACTED] THE IDENTITY OF WHOM HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE. [REDACTED] SAID THE PHOTOGRAPH HE PROVIDED REPRESENTED A COPY OF THE PHOTO PROVIDED BY HIS SOURCE. [REDACTED] DID NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BEING HELD, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT HE IS UNDER GUARD, OR ON THE STATUS OF HIS HEALTH.)

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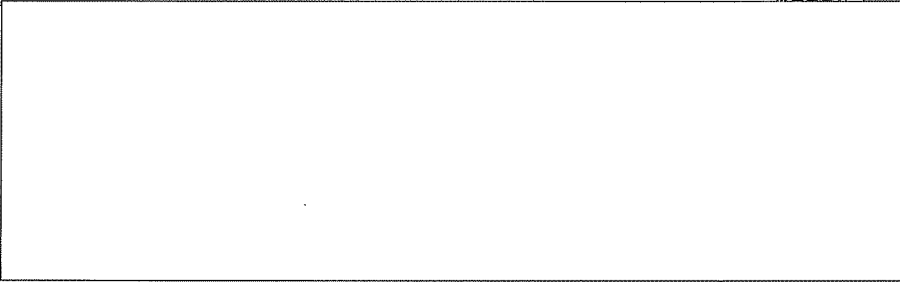
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DIST: 02 NOVEMBER 1987

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS, AS OF JANUARY 1987

DOI: 18 JUNE 1968 - JANUARY 1987

TEXT:

AS OF JANUARY 1987 "SOME" FORMER AMERICAN POWS WERE

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STILL IN THE GENERAL AREA OF BAN BOUAK.

COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE POWS IS NAMED (FNU) ((HARLAND)), WHO WAS CAPTURED ON 18 JUNE 1968 IN THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER OF HOUA PHAN PROVINCE AND SON LA PROVINCE OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). ACCORDING TO

HARLAND WAS DETAINED FOR AN UNSPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME BUT WAS EVENTUALLY RELEASED AFTER HE HAD BEEN "REFORMED". [REDACTED]

COMMENT: THE TWO ELDERS GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HARLAND CONTINUES TO LIVE IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA UNDER HIS OWN VOLITION. THE [REDACTED] DID NOT INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE EVER HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH HARLAND OR ANY OTHER POW PURPORTEDLY STILL IN THE AREA).

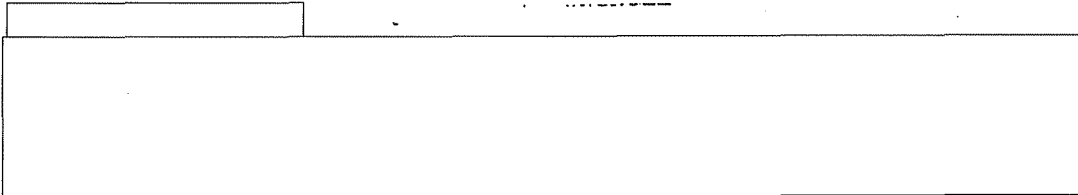
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DIST: 29 SEPTEMBER 1987

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: REPORTED CROSSING OF AMERICANS INTO LAOS  
FROM THAILAND TO MEET AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW  
PREVIOUSLY DETAINED IN THE SRV.

DOI: JUNE - 7 SEPTEMBER 1987

SOURCE:

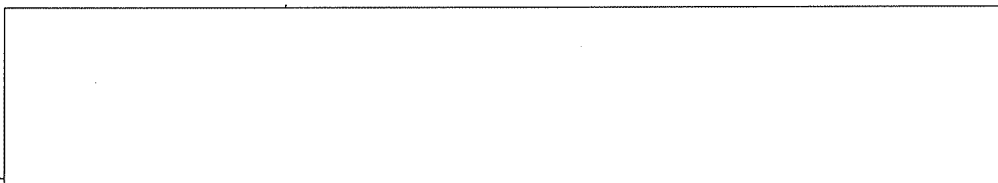
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[REDACTED] ON 7 SEPTEMBER 1987, A GROUP OF 20 RESISTANCE SOLDIERS ASSOCIATED WITH [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS FROM THAILAND TO LAOS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTACTING A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DETAINED IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV). THE GROUP, LEAD BY [REDACTED] DEPARTED THAILAND FROM KHEMARAT DISTRICT, UBON RACHATHANI PROVINCE, CROSSED THE MEKONG RIVER AND ENTERED LAOS THROUGH SOUTHERN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE.

2. THE GROUP LEAD BY [REDACTED] WAS REPORTEDLY TO LINK UP WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE RESISTANCE FORCES ALREADY IN LAOS. THE FOUR UNIDENTIFIED U.S. CITIZENS WERE EXPECTING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE U.S. POW WHO WAS BEING BROUGHT TO LAOS FROM THE SRV. THE RENDEZVOUS POINT IS ALLEGEDLY SOMEWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF BAN TANGVAY (WD 7014), SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IDENTITY OF THE POW, WHERE HE WAS DETAINED IN THE SRV OR HOW HE ALLEGEDLY MADE HIS WAY TO LAOS WAS NOT PROVIDED.)

3. [REDACTED] IN JUNE 1987 THERE WERE THREE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE U.S. CITIZENS WHO WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING IN A HOUSE RENTED BY [REDACTED] IN MUKDAHAN CITY, MUKDAHAN PROVINCE. ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS TELEPHONED AN ASSOCIATE [REDACTED] IN JUNE TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO "PRISONERS." (SOURCE COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DISCUSSION OR THE PERSONS INVOLVED.)

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DIST: 27 AUGUST 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF A LIVE CAUCASIAN  
AMERICAN PRISONER AT KHAM KEUT TOWN, KHOUENG  
KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN JUNE 1975

DOI: JUNE 1975

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TEXT: 1. ABOUT JUNE 1975, A CAUCASIAN PRISONER, ALLEGEDLY AN AMERICAN, WAS SITTING ON THE BAMBOO FLOOR OF A HOUSE IN KHAM KEUT TOWN (VF 710180), KHOUENG KHAMMOUAM, LAOS, IN THE CUSTODY OF THE 31ST SAPPER BATTALION OF THE FOURTH MILITARY REGION OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) AND THE LAO ARMY PROVINCIAL UNIT. THE CAUCASIAN HAD SHORT BROWN HAIR, WAS UNSHAVEN, HANDSOME, WORE A WRIST WATCH AND ONLY HIS SHORT UNDERPANTS. HE WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL.

HE WAS CAPTURED AT THE LAO-THAI BORDER, EXACT LOCATION NOT MENTIONED, BY TROOPS OF THE PAVN 31ST SAPPER BATTALION TWO DAYS BEFORE. A COMPANION OF HIS ESCAPED TO THAILAND BY SWIMMING THE MEKONG RIVER. THE PRISONER HAD BEEN FORCE-MARCHED FOR TWO DAYS AND NIGHTS FROM WHERE HE WAS CAPTURED TO KHAM KEUT, LOCATED ON ROUTE EIGHT ABOUT 120 KILOMETERS FROM THE VIETNAMESE PUBLIC SECURITY BORDER CONTROL STATION TO THE EAST. THE CAUCASIAN WAS LOADED ON A "GAZ" TRUCK AFTER LUNCH AND TAKEN TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION ESCORTED BY TEN LAO TROOPS.

2. [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE WATCHED THE CAPTURED CAUCASIAN IN THE HOUSE FROM A DISTANCE OF FIVE METERS FOR SOME 15 MINUTES AND HEARD THE ABOVE BROADCAST.)

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DIST: 12 JUNE 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS/THAILAND

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEDGED PHOTOGRAPH AND LETTER OF A LIVE AMERICAN POW IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS, RECEIVED IN MAY 1987

DOI: UNKNOWN

TEXT: 1. ON 27 MAY 1987, .....

RECEIVED A ROLL OF FILM

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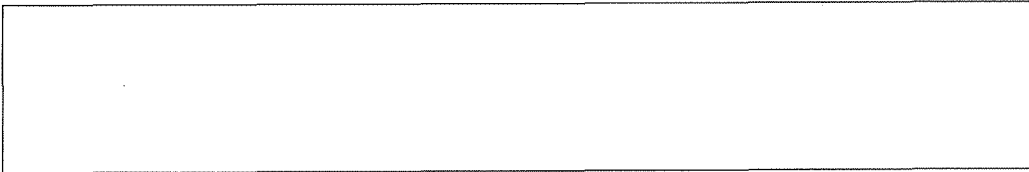
FROM LAOS WHICH CONTAINED A PHOTO OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR (POW) IN LAOS. RECEIVED THE PHOTO AND LETTER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO RESIDENT. PROBABLY KNOWS THE IDENTITY OF THE LAO BUT WAS NOT WILLING TO REVEAL THE NAME.) IN ADDITION TO THE FILM, ALSO RECEIVED, FROM THE SAME SOURCE, A LETTER ALLEGEDLY WRITTEN BY THE POW TO HIS MOTHER. THE SIGNATURE ON THE LETTER WAS ((PHENSEN)) (SIC). THE PHOTO OF THE POW WAS TAKEN ON AN UNKNOWN DATE AT A LOCATION ABOUT 40 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF LAO (XD 5857) IN SA'ANNAKHET PROVINCE. THE POW WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM'S 576TH BRIGADE. THE UNIDENTIFIED LAO WAS ASKING 50,000 BAHT FOR INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN POW. THE PHOTO OF THE ALLEGED AMERICAN POW IS BLACK AND WHITE AND SHOWS WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EMACIATED CAUCASIAN SITTING ON THE GROUND ON A MAT. HE IS WEARING ONLY A PAIR OF DARK TROUSERS. HIS FEET APPEAR TO BE SWOLLEN. THE AGE OF THE PERSON IN THE PHOTO IS CIRCA EARLY FORTIES. THE PHOTO SHOWS INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PHOTOGRAPH. HOWEVER, THE NEGATIVE WAS OBTAINED FROM AND DEVELOPED. THE PRINT FROM THE NEGATIVE MATCHES PHOTO, BUT IS MUCH BETTER QUALITY AND DOES NOT SHOW THE INDICATIONS OF BEING A PHOTO OF A PHOTO. THE NEGATIVE FILM WAS THE BRAND "ORWO" WHICH IS NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN THAILAND BUT IS AVAILABLE IN LAOS. THE LETTER FROM PHENSEN TO HIS MOTHER TO HELP GET HIM OUT OF JAIL, CONTAINS MANY ERRORS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE MADE BY A NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKER.) COMMENT: THE EXISTENCE OF A PAVN 576TH BRIGADE IS UNCONFIRMED.)

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DIST: 30 APRIL 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN POWS SEEN IN 1979 AND 1981  
BEING MOVED THROUGH BAN LONG KAT, OUDOMSAI PROVINCE

DOI: 1979 -1981

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO

BROUGHT FOUR AMERICAN

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PRISONERS TO THE VILLAGE AND THE PRISONERS ATE A MEAL AT S. HOUSE. LEARNED FROM KHAM THAT THE FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT MAUNG HOUN (QC 5829), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE IN A PLANE CRASH (NFI). THE PRISONERS WERE BEING MOVED FROM PRISON AT PHON PA RAI, WHICH IS TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF BAN THIN (RC 0892), OUDOMSAI PROVINCE, ON ORDERS OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES WHO WANTED THE PRISONERS HIDDEN AND PUT INTO A RE-EDUCATION PROGRAM. SAID THAT IN 1981 HE LEARNED FROM A VILLAGER OF BAN THAM (UTM UNK) WHO CAME TO S VILLAGE TO BUY FOOD THAT TWO OF THE AMERICANS HAD DIED FROM SICKNESS AND STARVATION AND TWO WERE STILL ALIVE. THE AMERICANS WERE RAISING CHICKENS AND MAKING HANDICRAFT ITEMS AT A COVERT SITE (NFI).

## 2. ACCORDING TO

IN OR ABOUT MARCH 1979 WHEN HE VISITED HIS HOME AT BAN LONG KAT HE SAW FOUR AMERICANS IN THE VILLAGE WHO WERE BEING GUARDED BY OUDOMSAI PROVINCIAL POLICE. THEY HAD A MEAL AT BAN LONG KAT AND LEFT IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION. THREE DAYS LATER THE POLICE CAME THROUGH THE VILLAGE AGAIN BUT WITHOUT THE AMERICANS.

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR  
BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET  
PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

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ADDENDUM  
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1. ON 8 APRIL 1987 A [REDACTED] REPORT WITH THE  
ABOVE HEADING AND NUMBER WAS ISSUED. THE DEBRIEFING OF,  
ON 14 APRIL REVEALED THAT ON 5 AND 6 APRIL 1987,  
TRAVELED TO SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE,  
SALEO CANTON, SAMOI (XD 9416) DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE,  
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR), TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN

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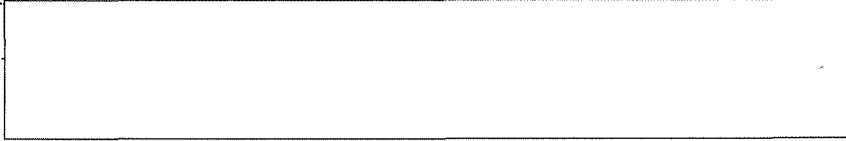
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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE AMERICAN WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE VIETNAM BORDER. SALEO VILLAGE CONSISTED OF SIX HOUSES AND APPROXIMATELY 30-40 INHABITANTS.

ACCOMPANIED ON THE TRIP. CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED TWO LIVE AMERICANS BEING HELD BY LOCAL HILLTRIBES, BUT SAID THAT HE WAS NOT ALLOWED CLOSER THAN 100 METERS FROM THE AMERICANS. SAID THAT THE HILLTRIBE CARETAKER DEMANDED A PAYMENT OF 500 OF THE "OLD FRENCH SILVER COINS" BEFORE HE ( ) WOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPROACH THE AMERICANS. ( ) THE FRENCH COINS ARE VALUED AT 2,800 KIP EACH AND ARE HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH SILVER CONTENT. THE COINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM PRIVATE SHOPS IN LAOS. U.S.\$1.00 EQUALS 35 KIP AT THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE AND MORE THAN 400 KIP AT THE CURRENT BLACK MARKET RATE.)

2. SAID THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DRESSED IN LOCAL VILLAGE COSTUMES. ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS HAD MARRIED A LOCAL VILLAGER AND HAD TWO SONS, A FIVE-YEAR-OLD AND A THREE-YEAR-OLD. THE AMERICAN HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN KEPT SINCE THE "LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS." THE LAM SON 917 OPERATIONS WERE SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLOSE THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.)

3. IN HAND DRAWN SKETCHES OF THE AREA MADE BY ( ) SALEO VILLAGE APPEARS TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF XD 5570, LOCATED NEAR THE TIGER CAVE (THAM SUA) AND THE HOUAI NAMSE STREAM. THE VILLAGE IS LOCATED ON THE WEST BANK OF THE STREAM AND THE LOCATION WHERE THE AMERICANS WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING KEPT WAS ON THE EAST BANK. IN THE SKETCH MAP INDICATED THAT IT IS ABOUT ONE DAYS WALK FROM SALEO VILLAGE TO SAMOI DISTRICT TOWN AND ANOTHER ONE-HALF DAYS WALK (BASED ON APPARENT DISTANCE ONLY) TO TA-OY, THE LOCATION OF OTHER REPORTED STORIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. DONG VILLAGE (XD 5138) IS LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TA-OY VILLAGE FROM SAMOI TOWN. DONG VILLAGE WAS THE SITE OF AN LPDR REEDUCATION CAMP; HOWEVER, NO RUMORS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE CAMP.)



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DIST: 09 JANUARY 1987

EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION FOR ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: REPORTED RECAPTURE OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-  
IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS BY THE  
LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY

DOI: 4 JANUARY 1987

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STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE TO THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THAT THE AUTHORITIES SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE PRISONERS EXISTENCE BUT NOT HIS EXACT LOCATION. SAID THAT HE GAVE SPOUSE 1,000 BAHT, BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO LEARN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM HER ABOUT THE ARREST. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00.

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EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR BEING HELD  
IN VIENGSAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: 7 OCTOBER 1986

TEXT: 1. ON 7 OCTOBER 1986, /

... CLAIMED THAT ...  
TOLD HIM THAT SHE WAS IN POSSESSION OF A PHOTOGRAPH, SIGNATURE,  
PARENTS' NAMES, STATE OF RESIDENCE, A RECORDED CASSETTE TAPE AND ROLL  
OF FILM CONCERNING AN AMERICAN PRISONER-OF-WAR (POW). ... SAID  
THAT ... DID NOT SHOW THE ITEMS TO HIM AND CLAIMED TO BE AFRAID OF  
THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO ... WAS WILLING TO SELL  
THE ITEMS FOR 100,000 BAHT. ... ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS  
U.S. \$1.00).

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... SAID THAT ... WAS ACQUAINTED  
WITH THE POW WHILE HE WAS IN REEDUCATION AND HAD ACQUIRED THE ITEMS  
DURING THAT PERIOD. ... CLAIMED THAT ... HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND  
EXECUTED BY THE LPDR GOVERNMENT DURING 1984, AS A RESULT OF HIS POW  
RELATED ACTIVITIES. AFTER ... DEATH, ... HAD HIDDEN THE ITEMS WHERE  
THEY STILL REMAINED.

3. [Redacted] COMMENT ... AGREED TO RETURN TO VIENTIANE  
DURING EARLY 1987 AND ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE ... TO PROVIDE THE NAME.

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(SIGNATURE, PARENTS' NAMES AND STATE OF RESIDENCE OF THE POW WITHOUT PAYMENT, IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH HEP STORY - [Redacted] SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO ACCOMPLISH.)

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TEXT: 1. ON 26 DECEMBER 1986, [REDACTED] CROSSED FROM VEUN PRABAT VILLAGE, THA UTHEN DISTRICT, NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE, THAILAND INTO LAOS TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) HOWARD D. ((STEPHENSON)), REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LAO AUTHORITIES IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [REDACTED] TRAVELED BY BUS TO MAHAKAI (WE 2125) DISTRICT TOWN. TWO DAYS LATER HE TRAVELED THROUGH PHAKEO (WE 6512) VILLAGE TO PAK PHANANG (WE 7723) VILLAGE WHERE HE ALSO REMAINED FOR TWO DAYS. WHILE AT PHAKEO VILLAGE, [REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY [REDACTED]

WHERE STEPHENSON WAS REPORTEDLY BEING HIDDEN, THAT THE LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE AND RECAPTURED STEPHENSON ON 20 DECEMBER. [REDACTED] CAUTIONED [REDACTED] AGAINST TRAVELING TO NAPANG VILLAGE WHICH WAS STILL QUITE "HOT", PERSUADED [REDACTED] TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO NAPANG VILLAGE BECAUSE [REDACTED] WOULD PROVIDE A REASON FOR TRAVELING THERE. [REDACTED] WAS NOT AWARE OF THE PURPOSE OF [REDACTED] TRIP TO ATTEMPT TO VERIFY THE STORY OF STEPHENSON'S EXISTENCE. HOWEVER, THE REPORTED LPA RAID ON NAPANG VILLAGE HAS NOT BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED.)

2. [REDACTED] AT NAPANG VILLAGE ON 31 DECEMBER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT LPA HAD RAIDED THE VILLAGE WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR INVOLVEMENT OF THE MILITIA AND THAT [REDACTED] THE VILLAGER WHO HAD HIDDEN STEPHENSON, HAD BEEN ARRESTED ALONG WITH STEPHENSON AND THE TWO OF THEM HAD BEEN TAKEN TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN BOUALAPHA (WE 8075) DISTRICT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] ADMITTED TO CARING FOR THE PRISONER TO THE LPA BUT HAD NOT YET INFORMED THEM THAT ANY OTHER NAPANG VILLAGERS WERE INVOLVED. [REDACTED] PROMISED TO FOLLOW THE MATTER AND SAID THAT IF [REDACTED] HAD CONFIDED STEPHENSON'S EXACT LOCATION TO HIM, HE WOULD HAVE PERSONALLY HELPED STEPHENSON TO ESCAPE TO THAILAND WHEN THE LPA CAME. [REDACTED] SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW, STEPHENSON HAD BEEN A "SPECTRE" AIRCRAFT PILOT WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN THE AREA OF SEPONE (XD 3244) AT AN UNKNOWN DATE AND WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO BOUALAPHA DISTRICT. BOUALAPHA DISTRICT HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE AND OVERRUN. STEPHENSON HAD ESCAPED AND MET [REDACTED] WHO HAD CARED FOR HIM SINCE. (SOURCE COMMENT: ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY THE RESISTANCE IN 1980. [REDACTED] THOUGHT THAT THE ATTACK WAS BY A RESISTANCE FORCE LED BY [REDACTED] THE LPA MAY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO STEPHENSON'S PRESENCE IN THE NAPANG AREA BECAUSE OF [REDACTED] WHO HAD OPENLY TRAVELED TO THAKHEK TOWN TO PURCHASE MEDICINES FOR THE MIA AND HAD USED BAHT THAI CURRENCY. [REDACTED] MAY HAVE BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR SOME TIME.)

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER FROM NAPANG COULD HAVE REPORTED

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OF-WAR BEING HELD IN THE DAKCHUNG AREA OF SARAVAN,  
PROVINCE, LAOS

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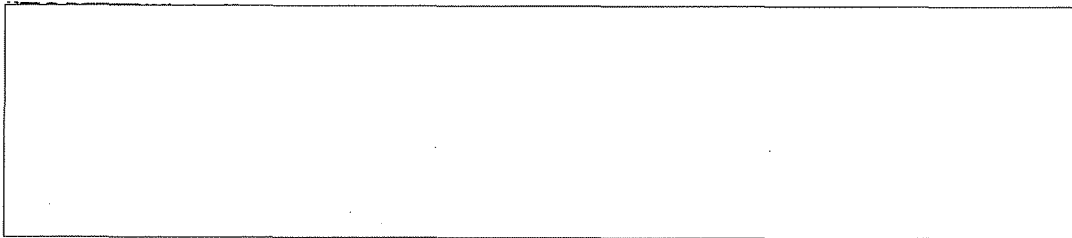
ON 24 DECEMBER 1986 A WITH THE ABOVE  
HEADING WAS ISSUED. FOLLOW-UP DEBRIEFING ON 2 AND 3 JANUARY 1987, OF

IN JUNE 1985, INDICATED THAT [REDACTED] CLAIMED  
TO HAVE SEEN A CAUCASIAN WHO WAS IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS A PRISONER.

AND [REDACTED] WHO WAS A  
CLOSE ACQUAINTANCE, TRAVELED ON FOOT FROM POUI (XB 8329) VILLAGE  
THROUGH XAKHE (YB 0352) AND KENGSAI (YB 0363) VILLAGES TO CHAPON (NCA)  
VILLAGE. FROM CHAPON VILLAGE, THEY TRAVELED NORTHEAST TO AN UNLOCATED  
AREA NAMED HOUA PHOU SOUT TO VISIT WITH [REDACTED] DURING THE  
ONE NIGHT VISIT IN THE AREA, WHICH CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY TEN HUTS FOR  
HOUSING THE GUARDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, [REDACTED] SAID HE OBSERVED THE  
CAUCASIAN WALKING AT A DISTANCE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 200 METERS.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS ABOUT 1.6 METERS IN HEIGHT AND WAS  
EASILY RECOGNIZED BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN WEARING A SHIRT.  
[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE ASKED [REDACTED] WHO THE MAN WAS AND [REDACTED] REPEATED  
THE QUESTION [REDACTED] IN THE LAVEN DIALECT.

[REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED]  
THAT THE MAN WAS A PRISONER. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER  
MANY OF THE DETAILS CONCERNING SPOTTING THE PRISONER BECAUSE AT THE TIME  
HE HAD NO INTEREST IN HIM.



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TEXT: 1. ON 12 NOVEMBER 1986,

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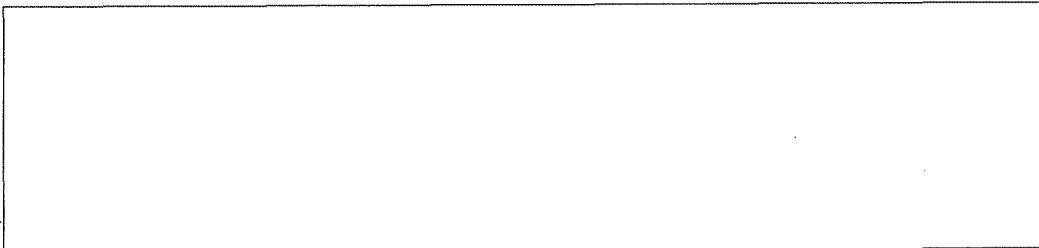
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TRAVELED TO THAKHEK (VE 8023) DISTRICT TOWN, KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). TO VISIT A RELATIVE. WHILE IN THAKHEK TOWN; [REDACTED] WAS REUNITED WITH HIS FATHER.

A FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT SERGEANT, AFTER TEN YEARS. A RESIDENT OF SA PHAI (WB 7779) VILLAGE, PAKSE DISTRICT, CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE, TOLD THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO THE DAKCHUNG (YC 4211) AREA, NEAR THE SARAVAN AND ATTOPEU PROVINCIAL BORDER AS A SMALL SCALE TRADER WHERE HE MET AND SPOKE WITH TWO U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POWS). DAKCHUNG IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS EAST OF ATTOPEU PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SAID THAT ONE OF THE POWS WAS LEAN AND TALL AND THE OTHER WAS RATHER FAT AND NOT TOO TALL. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE POWS THROUGH THE UNNAMED SON OF A FRIEND WHO WAS A GUARD AT THE PRISON. [REDACTED] TOLD THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE POWS IN ENGLISH AND WAS TOLD BY THEM THAT THEY WERE "CRYING" TO GO HOME.

2. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO THAILAND ON 15 NOVEMBER, AFTER MAKING PLANS TO RECONTACT [REDACTED] ON 19 NOVEMBER TO PURSUE THE MATTER. [REDACTED] MISSED THE RETURN DATE AND ON 22 NOVEMBER, [REDACTED] YOUNGER BROTHER, TRAVELED FROM THAKHEK TO NAKHON PHANOM TO FOLLOW UP. PLANS WERE AGAIN MADE FOR [REDACTED] TO TRAVEL TO THAKHEK ON 1 JANUARY 1987, IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE. [REDACTED] PLANNED TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE HIS FATHER TRAVEL TO MEET HIM IN THAKHEK IF POSSIBLE. (SOURCE COMMENT: [REDACTED] INITIALLY REQUESTED 10,000 BAHT TO MAKE THE TRIP TO PAKSE TO MEET HIS FATHER.) [REDACTED] ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00.) [REDACTED] WAS TO HAVE HIS FATHER OBTAIN DETAILS ABOUT THE POWS INCLUDING NAMES, DATES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE PRISON AND SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS UNTIL MID-JANUARY TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION. [REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT IF THE SOURCE WERE NOT HIS FATHER, HE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE STORY.



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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: STATUS OF ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION  
AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS

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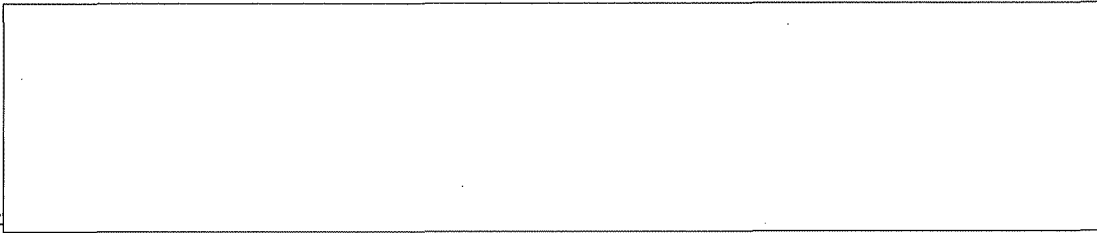
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TEXT: 1. ON 8 DECEMBER 1986,

FOREIGN PROCONSULTANT, TO DISCUSS THE ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION WHO WAS BEING HELD IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. AFTER [REDACTED] ESTABLISHED HIS BONA FIDES WITH [REDACTED] BY PROVIDING HIM WITH THE SIGNATURE OF [REDACTED] GAVE [REDACTED] A SLIP OF PAPER WITH THE NAME "H.D. ((STEPHENSON)), [REDACTED] AND PROTESTANT" WRITTEN ON IT. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], STEPHENSON WAS SERIOUSLY ILL WITH MALARIA. THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER CARING FOR STEPHENSON, [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD SOLD A PAIR OF OXEN VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 4,500 BAHT, A CART AND THREE "HANGS" (PIECES OF SILVER BARS) TO PURCHASE INJECTION MEDICINE FOR STEPHENSON. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE. STEPHENSON H.D. IS LISTED ON JCRC RECORDS AS AN AIR FORCE MAJOR, WHO WAS A CREW MEMBER ON AN AC 130 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN IN 1972 IN LAOS AT XD 165414, WHICH IS IN THE GENERAL AREA OF NAPENG VILLAGE.)

2. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] TO HAVE [REDACTED] COME FOR STEPHENSON IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE [REDACTED] WAS AFRAID OF BEING TURNED IN TO THE LPDR AUTHORITIES FOR HARBORING HIM. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE GIVEN [REDACTED] 6,000 BAHT, 4,000 OF WHICH WAS FOR [REDACTED]; WHICH HE RAISED BY SELLING A RELATIVE'S NECKLACE AND BY BORROWING FROM ACQUAINTANCES. [REDACTED] HAD SPENT 1,500 BAHT DURING HIS TRIP WHICH LASTED UNTIL 12 DECEMBER.



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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED  
LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN IN KHAMMOUAN  
PROVINCE, LAOS

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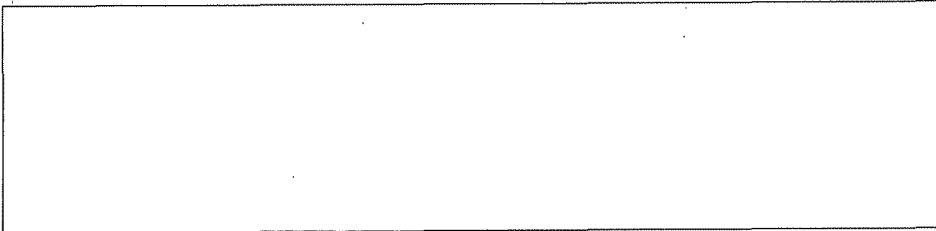
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TEXT: ON 29 NOVEMBER 1986.

TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF AN ALLEGED LIVE AMERICAN MISSING-IN-ACTION (MIA) BEING KEPT IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE. [ ] WAS THE NAPENG (WE 7720) VILLAGER WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF HIDING THE AMERICAN MIA FROM THE LPDR AUTHORITIES. [ ] SAID THAT WHEN HE ASKED ABOUT THE MIA, [ ] WHO DID NOT KNOW [ ] WELL, ONLY SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS NORMAL AND DID NOT TRUST HIM [ ] WITH ANY DETAILS. [ ] SAID THAT ABOUT 11 NOVEMBER, THREE OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY FROM VIENTINE, WERE MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT A LIVE POW IN THE AREA OF PHA KEO (WE 6612) AND KAVAK (WE 6513) VILLAGES.



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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW-MIA: ALLEGED LIVE MISSING-IN-ACTION AMERICAN  
IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS;  
REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE LAOS

DOI: LATE JUNE - EARLY NOVEMBER 1986

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TEXT: 1. ON 30 OCTOBER 1986, A [REDACTED] REPORT WITH THE ABOVE HEADING WAS ISSUED. IN A FOLLOW-UP OF THIS REPORT OF A LIVE "MISSING-IN-ACTION" (MIA) (POW) IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE,

[REDACTED] REVEALED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LIVE AMERICAN MIA. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT THE POW STAYED AT PHOU LOUANG (NCA) CAVE, LOCATED ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS EAST OF NAPANG VILLAGE. [REDACTED] THE EARLIER REPORT PLACED "NAPENG" VILLAGE AT WE 7115. THE COORDINATES FOR PHOU LOUANG ARE WE 7916 AND THE LOCATION OF THE CAVE MAY BE IN THE VICINITY OF WE 7920.)

2. THE MIA, WHO WAS A JET PILOT, HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN BY 12.7-MILLIMETER (MM) ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT SAID THAT IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, TO DO SO QUICKLY BECAUSE HE FEARED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE MIA MAY LEAK TO THE AUTHORITIES WHICH WAS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: PROBABLY HAD NOT PERSONALLY SEEN THE MIA BECAUSE THE VILLAGER IN CHARGE OF HIDING HIM, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS [REDACTED] CLOSELY GUARDED ACCESS TO THE MIA FOR SECURITY REASONS. [REDACTED] HAD SAID THAT THE MIA WAS ASKING ABOUT THE RESISTANCE, THEIR GENUINE INTENT AND THEIR TRUSTWORTHINESS, AND AFTER BEING REASSURED, HAD REQUESTED THAT THE RESISTANCE PASS WORD OF HIS EXISTENCE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.)

3. [REDACTED] COMMENT: WHILE OPERATING IN THE NAPANG VILLAGE AREA FOR ABOUT EIGHT DAYS DURING 1983-1984, NO MENTION OF A MIA HAD BEEN MADE BY LOCAL VILLAGERS, FOR FEAR OF LEAKING THE SECRET. DURING THE LATE 1969 - EARLY 1970 TIME FRAME,

[REDACTED] RECEIVED ORDERS TO PROCEED TO A PLANE CRASH SITE BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH THE SITE DUE TO HEAVY ENEMY FIRE.)

4. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY SOLDIERS HAD SHOT AND KILLED A VILLAGER FROM NAPANG VILLAGE, (DATE UNKNOWN) WHEN THE TROOPS ASKED ABOUT AN AMERICAN PRISONER AND THE VILLAGER REPLIED THAT HE DID

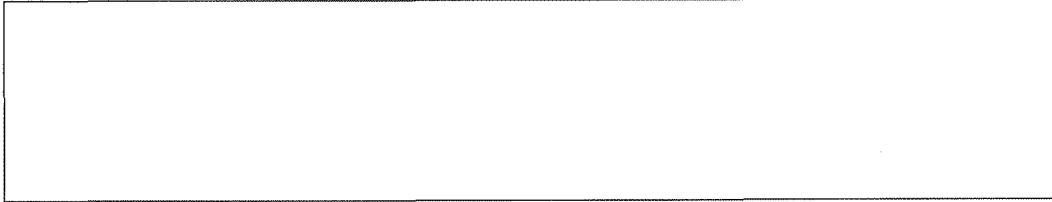
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NOT KNOW. SPECULATED TO THAT THIS SHOOTING MAY HAVE  
PROMPTED THE VILLAGERS TO INFORM THE RESISTANCE AND THROUGH THEM, THE  
U.S. AUTHORITIES.



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IN KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE, LAOS;  
REMAINS OF TWO AIRMEN IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

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TEXT 1. IN LATE JUNE 1986, (

TOLD A LAO REFUGEE THAT A FELLOW VILLAGER TOLD HIM OF A LIVE AMERICAN "PRISONER OF WAR" (POW) WHO WAS LIVING IN A CAVE AND WAS BEING HIDDEN FROM THE LPDR GOVERNMENT BY NAPENG VILLAGERS. THE VILLAGERS PROVIDED PROTECTION AND GUARDED THE POW. THE POW HAD SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG IN 1972 WHEN HIS AIRCRAFT CRASHED, AND HAD BEEN TREATED BY A VILLAGER WHO STILL CONTINUED TO LOOK AFTER HIM. NAPENG VILLAGE CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 80 HOUSES AND WAS COMPRISED OF INHABITANTS WHO DID NOT CLOSELY COOPERATE WITH LPDR AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO THE POW HAD SAID THAT IF ANY OF THE VILLAGERS COULD CARRY A MESSAGE TO THAILAND AND ARRANGE TO EFFECT HIS RESCUE, THE POW WOULD "TAKE CARE OF THE ENTIRE VILLAGE."

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SAID THAT THE REMAINS OF TWO U.S. AIRMEN WERE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF CHOMAT AND VIANG VILLAGES (POSSIBLY WD 5068) HAT CANTON, PHIN DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE. TOLD THE REFUGEE THAT THE REMAINS COULD BE RECOVERED BUT THAT IT WOULD COST MONEY TO EXCAVATE THE SITE AND TO HOLD A CEREMONY FOR THE "SPIRITS" (PHI) BY THE VILLAGERS WHO OWNED THE SITE. SAID THAT IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 25,000 KIP PER SET OF REMAINS. 35 KIP EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE.) CLAIMED TO HAVE VISITED THE SITE.

3. IN SEPTEMBER, THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE HAD PROVIDED WITH 3,000 THAI BAHT TO GO AND GET THE REMAINS. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S. \$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) THE REFUGEE CLAIMED THAT HIS BROTHER TOLD HIM THAT ONE SET OF REMAINS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO PAKSEBANGFAI (VD 7373) VILLAGE ON 12 OCTOBER. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HIS BROTHERS WERE THE VILLAGE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF OF MILITIA. THE REFUGEE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO CROSS BACK INTO LAOS TO RETRIEVE THE REMAINS.

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED LOCATION OF LIVE AMERICAN POWS IN LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MID 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ACCORDING TO A LAO RESIDENT WHO DROVE A SUPPLY TRUCK AND REPORTEDLY SAW THE POWS, THERE WERE SEVEN AMERICAN POW'S AS OF MID-1986 BEING DETAINED AT A CAMP NEAR NAM BAC (TH 3683) TOWN, OUDOMSAI DISTRICT, LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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(LPDR) THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POWS IN THIS GENERAL AREA WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE, WHO FLED TO THAILAND IN 1986, HAVE REPORTED A REEDUCATION CAMP AT NAM BAC. THE CAMP WAS EMPTIED OF REEDUCATION INMATES ABOUT 1980 AND THE CAMP WAS OCCUPIED BY PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) TROOPS.) SIX OF THE AMERICANS WERE HISPANICS AND ONE WAS A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN NAMED ((LINGER)) (PHONETIC). THERE HAD BEEN 12 AMERICAN POWS AT THE SITE BUT IN 1985 FIVE OF THE AMERICANS POWS WERE MOVED TO THE SOVIET UNION. ALL OF THE AMERICAN POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN 1968 WHILE WORKING AT THE NAM BAC CAMP. NAM BAC WAS THE SITE OF AN AIRFIELD DURING THE INDOCHINA WAR. NO AMERICANS WERE STATIONED THERE, BUT SOME AMERICAN PERSONNEL VISITED THERE OCCASIONALLY. NONE OF THEM WERE LOST.) THE CAMP WAS OVERRUN BY THE ENEMY AND THE AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED. IN ADDITION TO THE AMERICANS, THERE WERE 30 FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS AT THE CAMP.

2. THE PRISON CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY A DOUBLE FENCE. THE INTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH BAMBOO WHILE THE EXTERNAL AREA WAS FENCED WITH NINE WALLS OF BARBED WIRE, EACH ABOUT 170 CENTIMETERS IN HEIGHT. THERE WERE ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT BUILDINGS FOR PRISONERS IN THE INTERNAL AREA. EACH PRISONER BUILDING WAS ABOUT 50X10 METERS IN SIZE, BUILT OF CEMENT WITH CORRUGATED-SHEET METAL ROOFING. THE TOTAL INTERNAL AREA WAS ABOUT 3 RAI IN SIZE. [REDACTED] 2.5 RAI EQUALS ABOUT ONE ACRE.)

3. THE AMERICAN POWS WERE GUARDED BY LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SOLDIERS AND HAD BEEN WORKING AS CONSTRUCTION FOREMEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISPENSARY AND LIVING QUARTERS BUILDING LOCATED ACROSS ROUTE SIX FROM THE CAMP WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE SIX. A PAVN SECURITY UNIT WAS LOCATED NEAR THE DISPENSARY/LIVING QUARTERS AREA AND A PAVN CHECKPOINT WAS LOCATED AT MUANG NGOY (TH 5891). THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POWS HAD BEEN SERVING AS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FOR THE PROJECT. THESE TWO BUILDINGS WERE COMPLETED IN 1985. THE PRISONERS WERE GUARDED BY LPA SOLDIERS WHEN THEY WORKED OUTSIDE THE CAMP, BUT WERE ALLOWED TO SPEAK WITH LOCAL VILLAGERS.

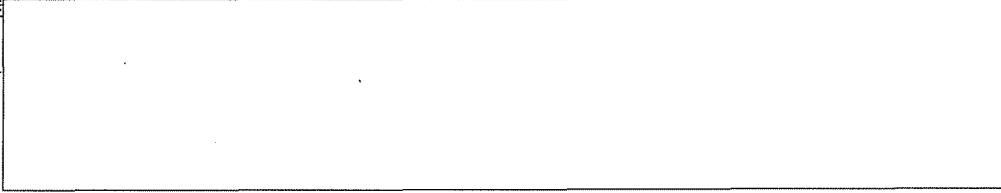
4. THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE POWS WERE TERRIBLE. THEY WERE GIVEN MILLED BUT UNPOLISHED RICE TO EAT WHICH WAS SOMETIMES SUPPLEMENTED BY WHEAT OR BARLEY FROM CUBA. THE POWS WERE IN BAD HEALTH DUE TO MALNUTRITION.



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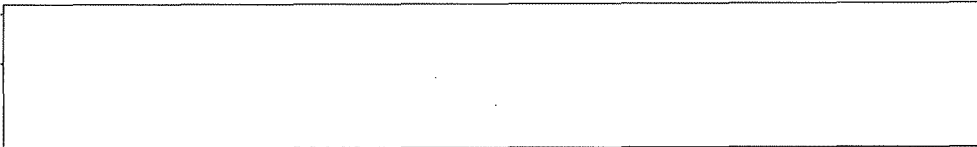


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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED RELOCATION IN JUNE 1986 OF 226 AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR TO SONGHON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS FROM VIETNAM

DOI: JUNE 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1.

SAID THAT HE HAD OBTAINED THE ALLEGED REMAINS FROM [REDACTED], AN INHABITANT OF NONG CHIK (WC 449862) VILLAGE, SONGHON DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE SERVICEMEN AT A CRASH SITE LOCATED IN THE JUNGLE AT WC 442864. [REDACTED] HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN ON 30 AUGUST. (THE REASON FOR THE SECOND MEETING WAS NOT SPECIFIED, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF THE BALANCE OF THE MIA REMAINS.)

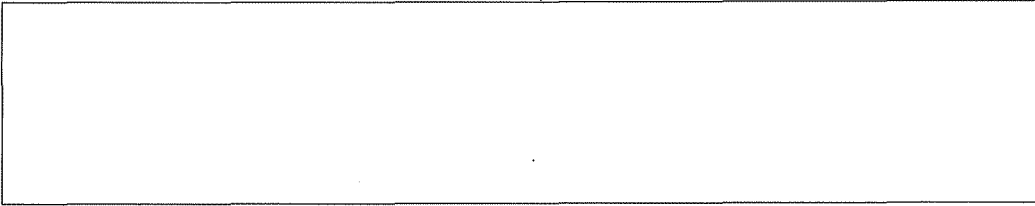
FURTHER SAID THAT 226 U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WERE ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN LAOS. SAID THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT THE POW'S FROM [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT HIS ELDER BROTHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNIT GUARDING THE PRISONERS. SAID THAT THE POW'S HAD BEEN RELOCATED INTO LAOS FROM VIETNAM

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CIRCA JUNE 1986, SAID HE HAD ASKED TO OBTAIN NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF THE POW'S FROM WHICH PLANNED TO SEND TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. SAID THAT HE, AND HAD TRAVELED TO A POINT LOCATED ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS (KMS) DISTANT FROM SEPONE (XD 3244) DISTRICT ALONG ROUTE NINE IN THE DIRECTION OF VIETNAM. SAID THAT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE POINT ALONG ROUTE

NINE, LEFT THE ROAD ON-FOOT TRAVELING TO THE SOUTH. SAID THAT HE WAS DIRECTED TO WAIT AT THE ROAD. RETURNED TO ROUTE NINE AFTER ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY SIGHTED THE POWS, BUT SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO "DO ANYTHING" BECAUSE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY (LPA) SECURITY FORCES AT THE "INNER AREA" AND THE PRESENCE OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) SOLDIERS AT THE "OUTER AREA" WITHIN A TEN KM RADIUS OF THE CAMP. TOLD THAT PLEDGED TO RESCUE THE POWS WHEN OPPORTUNITY PERMITTED.

3. [REDACTED] HAD INVOLVED THEMSELVES WITH THE ALLEGED POWS IN EXPECTATION OF RECEIVING A REWARD AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. [REDACTED]'S ATTITUDE CONCERNING THE POW'S WAS ONE OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE STORY WAS TRUE. THE PERIOD WHEN THE ALLEGED POW'S WERE MOVED INTO LAOS COINCIDED WITH THE MUTUAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE U.S. ON POW/MIA MATTERS.)



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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF SIX PRISONERS OF WAR IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MARCH 1986

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AS OF EARLY MARCH 1986,

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BY [REDACTED] WAS DEPLOYED ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS DISTANT FROM THE CAVE. THE GENERAL AREA WHERE THE CAVE WAS LOCATED, NEAR THE JOINT SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) AND LPDR BORDER, WAS A VACATION AREA FOR LEADERS OF THE THREE "INDOCHINESE" COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS AN INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE INDOCHINESE COUNTRIES.

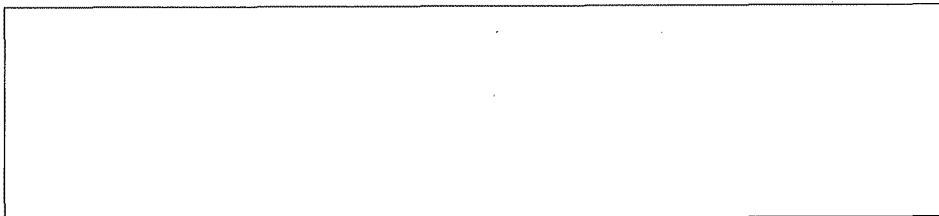
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ORIGINALLY TOLD OF THE SIX POWS BY

HAD BEEN

IN 1977, THAT HE HAD TRAVELED TO XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THE POW CASE AT THAM PHA LEUNG CAVE. ACCORDING TO THE SIX AMERICAN POWS AND TWO ROYAL LAO ARMY (FAR) T-28 PILOTS HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED AT THE CAVE. AFTER THE PATHET LAO HAD SUCCEEDED IN "LIBERATING" LAOS AND THE PEACE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, THE POW GROUP WAS TRANSFERRED TO LONG (UG 3512) VILLAGE, HOUA GNON CANTON, PEK (UG 1251) DISTRICT, XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE POWS WERE USED AS LABORERS TO PLANT CROPS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SEVEN LPA SOLDIERS AND THE NURSE.

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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: INFORMATION ON MUANG NGOY, LAOS, LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED AMERICAN POW SIGHTING

DOI: AUGUST 1986

SOURCE:

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2. ACCORDING TO ON 17 AUGUST 1986, THERE WAS ABOUT ONE BATTALION OF PAVN TROOPS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF MUANG NGOY. THERE WAS A PAVN UNIT OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH STATIONED IN MUANG NGOY. THE TOWN OF MUANG NGOY HAD ABOUT 200 FAMILIES. A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY, HAD GUARD BUNKERS LOCATED AT EACH END. IN THE PAST, [REDACTED] HAD HEARD THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOVIET AND CUBAN ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY. PRESENTLY, THERE WERE ONLY VIETNAMESE ADVISORS IN MUANG NGOY.

3. [REDACTED] MUANG NGOY IS VERY IMPORTANT DUE TO ITS GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION. ROAD TRAVEL FROM XIENG KHOUANG, HOUA PHAN, LUANG PRABANG AND OUDOMSAI PROVINCES PASSES THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THESE ROUTES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WHICH USES THEM TO TRANSPORT OPIUM FROM THESE PROVINCES FOR THE LAO GOVERNMENT, TO AREAS WHERE THE OPIUM CAN BE SHIPPED TO THAILAND AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO GOVERNMENTS HAD PLANS TO BUILD A HOSPITAL, SCHOOL, AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN MUANG NGOY. THERE ARE SEVERAL CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE MUANG NGOY

AREA. PHAKEO (TH 5919), AND PHAKOU (NCA), ARE THE PRIMARY CAVE COMPLEXES IN THE AREA. THE MERCHANT, WHO WAS FROM LUANG PRABANG PROVINCE AND HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN LAOS, HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.

4. [REDACTED] WHO TRAVELED THROUGH MUANG NGOY AND SPENT THE NIGHT OF 03 AUGUST IN MUANG NGOY, [REDACTED], REPORTED THAT MUANG NGOY WAS SITUATED ON BOTH THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE NAM OU RIVER. THERE WAS ONE PLATOON OF PAVN TROOPS WHO GUARDED THE BRIDGE OVER THE NAM OU RIVER LOCATED AT MUANG NGOY. ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 20-30 HOUSES AND THREE NOODLE SHOPS, WHERE THE REFUGEE ATE DINNER. THE ROAD THROUGH TOWN HAD BEEN BUILT BY THE CHINESE AND WAS SURFACED WITH TAR. THE BRIDGE WAS CONCRETE AND HAD ONE CONCRETE GUARD HOUSE LOCATED AT EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. THE REFUGEE WAS TRAVELING WITH A CIVILIAN CONVOY ENROUTE FROM SAM NUEA (VH 0057) TO SAVANNAKHET (VD 7331). THE CONVOY TRAVELED TO MUANG NGOY ON ROUTE SIX. THE TIGHTEST SECURITY ON THE ROUTE WAS FROM MUANG HIEM (UH 3021) THROUGH MUANG NGOY. THE REFUGEE WAS TOLD THAT THE REASON FOR TIGHTER SECURITY WAS RESISTANCE ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

5. ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE NAM OU, MUANG NGOY CONSISTED OF ABOUT 100 HOUSES. ALSO CONNECTED TO MUANG NGOY WAS A VILLAGE OF ABOUT 200 HUTS. ALL HOUSES IN THE TOWN WERE OF WOOD CONSTRUCTION AND WERE ALL ONE-STORY. IN WEST MUANG NGOY THERE WAS A SMALL STATE SHOP. THE PAVN TROOPS WERE BILLETED IN WEST MUANG NGOY, WHICH WAS BORDERED ON

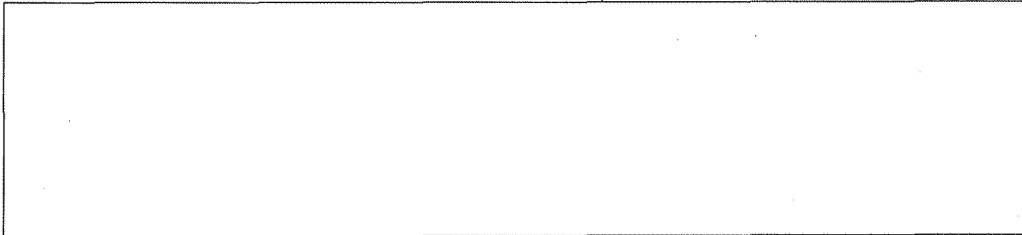
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THE NORTH BY LARGE MOUNTAINS WITH CLIFFS. HE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY  
CAVES. SUBJECT SAID THAT MUANG NGOY HAD ELECTRIC POWER AT NIGHT FOR  
ABOUT TWO OR THREE HOURS. THE WOOD HOUSES IN WEST MUANG NGOY WERE FOR  
PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND AT THE STATE SHOP. THE  
REFUGEE STATED THAT A CARGO BOAT WAS LOCATED ON THE EAST BANK OF THE  
NAM OU.

5. THE CONVOY WAS NOT STOPPED AT THE BRIDGE AND NO ONE  
QUESTIONED THEM OR CHECKED ON THEM WHILE THEY WERE IN MUANG NGOY.  
THEY SLEPT IN THE TRUCKS AND SUBJECT OBSERVED NOTHING UNUSUAL IN THE  
TOWN. THE REFUGEE DID NOT HEAR ANY RUMORS OR INFORMATION ABOUT  
AMERICAN POWS IN THE MUANG NGOY AREA.





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COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: ALLEGED SIGHTING OF FOUR AMERICAN POWS IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS IN 1983

DOI: NOVEMBER 1983

SOURCE

TEXT: 1. IN MID-SEPTEMBER 1986, [Redacted] REPORTED THAT HER BROTHER HAD SEEN FOUR AMERICAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) IN NOVEMBER 1983 IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS. THE BROTHER THAT HE WAS [Redacted] WITH A [Redacted] CONVOY TRAVELING FROM XIENG KHOUANG TO SALA PHOU KHOUN (TG 3051) IN NOVEMBER 1983.

2. THE CONVOY PROBABLY TRAVELED ON ROUTE SEVEN. ONE OF THE TRUCKS HAD MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND THE CONVOY HALTED ON THE ROAD ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS FROM XIENG KHOUANG. ONE OF THE DRIVERS WENT INTO BUSHES OFF THE ROAD TO RELIEVE HIMSELF. HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN UNNAMED LAO MAN WHO STATED THAT HE WAS PART OF A GROUP WHICH HAD ESCAPED FROM A PRISON CAMP AND ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE. THE DRIVER RETURNED TO THE CONVOY AND TOLD [Redacted] WHO WENT TO MEET THE ESCAPEE. THE ESCAPEE TOOK THE BROTHER TO MEET THE OTHER MEN IN THE ESCAPEE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED THREE FORMER ROYAL LAO ARMY (FAR) GENERALS, FOURTEEN OTHER FAR SOLDIERS AND FOUR CAUCASIAN MALES, WHICH THE BROTHER BELIEVED TO BE AMERICAN POWS. THE BROTHER WAS TOLD THAT THE FOUR CAUCASIANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT SOM THONG (TG 7924) NEAR THE FORMER AMERICAN SUPPORTED BASE AT LONG THIENG (TG 8313). THE DATE OF CAPTURE WAS NOT STATED.

2. THE BROTHER RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE ESCAPEES AS A FORMER FAR (FORCE ARMEE ROYALE) PILOT WHO WAS A FRIEND OF THE BROTHER. [Redacted] BROTHER WAS ASKED TO HIDE THE ESCAPEES ON THE TRUCK CONVOY AND TRANSPORT THEM TO SAFETY. THE BROTHER STATED THAT HE TOLD THE MEN THAT THERE WERE TOO MANY OF THEM AND THAT IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO TAKE THEM WITH THE CONVOY. INSTEAD THE BROTHER TOOK ONLY THE PILOT. AT HER BROTHER IMPLIED THAT THE FORMER

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PILOT HAD EVENTUALLY ESCAPED AND WAS SAFE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.  
WAS UNABLE TO REMEMBER ANY OTHER DETAILS OF THE STORY.

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COUNTRY: LAOS/VIETNAM

SUBJ: ALLEGED DETENTION OF SIX PRISONERS OF WAR IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: MARCH 1986

SOURCE: A

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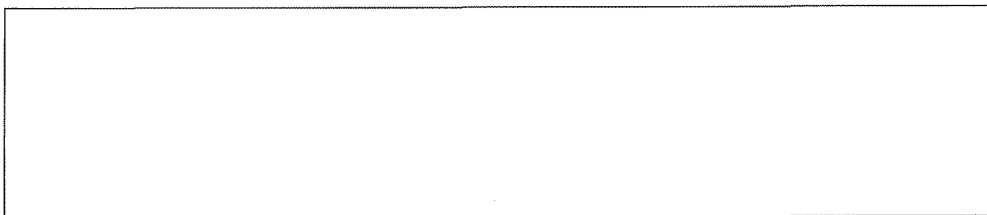
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 Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War  
 Missing in Action Affairs  
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 Department of Defense  
 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia  
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
 Department of State  
 Office of the Assistant to the President for  
 National Security Affairs  
 National Security Council  
 Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT

Reported Detention of 16 Americans in  
 Laos-Addendum

15 AUG 1969

1. The attached additional information is from the source of  
 in response to follow-up requirements levied  
 upon his subsource/

Deputy Director for Operations

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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: 1. On 22 July 1986, a -- information report with the above heading and numbered [ ] was issued. [ ] reported the following additional information, based on further discussion with [ ] in early August 1986.

2. The American POW detention camp is at Doi Nang Lio, also known as Tham Mae Mai (Widow's Cave), which is in the area of Muang Ngoy (TH 585915). There is a road linking Oudomsai via Tasseng Phra That to Tasseng Don Lao of Muang Ngoy. This is a new road built by the Vietnamese in 1984 with a length of 36 kilometers. The road circles around Muang Ngoy District office and merges with the main road to Muang Na Mo. Muang Ngoy has six (sic) Tassengs: Ngoy, Nam Lat, Ban Mo, Nong Sing, and Don Lao, which is where the POW camp is located.

3. [ ] No coordinates were given for the above locations.



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SUBJECT : Reported Detention of 16 Americans in Laos

TEXT: According to [redacted] who claimed to have visited the site, as of April 1986, there was a detention camp containing 12 male and four female American prisoners located at Ban Don Lae (near TB 5085), Ngoy District, Luang Prabang Province, Laos. [redacted] said the prisoners were being held in a cave that was used by the Pathet Lao and Vietnamese during the Indochina War years. Eight Vietnamese and 14 Lao ran the detention camp. There were three trucks assigned to the camp which were used to take the prisoners outside the camp to work everyday. [redacted] said eight of the prisoners worked repairing engines and four taught engine repair to the Lao. The four females worked as nurses. The workday was 0800 hours to 1800 hours daily. The LPA soldier claimed that the Americans had been in Laos since before the communists took over the country. The LPA soldier said the Americans were confined in harsh conditions even though they had worked hard while in captivity.

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 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia  
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
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 Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

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SUBJECT : Reported Sighting of American Prisoners in Laos

TEXT: In a private conversation with friends and relatives in mid-April 1986, [redacted] stated that in mid March she had seen seven People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) guards controlling three caucasians eight kilometers east of Muang Ngoy (TH 5891) along the main road. [redacted] said at first she thought they were Soviet advisors but then noticed that two of the three prisoners were wearing leg irons. Local residents later told her the men were American prisoners captured prior to 1972. The men were about 150 meters from the road. At the time [redacted] as traveling from Son La, Vietnam.

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Department of Defense  
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(International Security Affairs)  
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoners of  
War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's  
Democratic Republic

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained

refugee observed an apparent detention camp in Saravane Province, Laos, which a local village militia chief told him contained 23 American Prisoners of War.

2. This very sensitive information is for your background use only. There will be no further distribution of this report and additional dissemination or extraction of this information requires prior approval from this Agency. DIA is authorized to pass this information to the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCR)

Deputy Director For Operations

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DIA  
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Attachment: Report as stated



SUBJECT: Identification of Possible U.S. Prisoner of War Camp in Saravane Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

TEXT: 1. Circa March 1983, a militia chief

claimed that there is a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp located at the foot of Ngoua Mountain (NCA), approximately 25 kilometers south of Kadon Village. According to there were 23 American prisoners of war (POW's) detained in the camp. Prior to 1975 the camp contained 25 American POW's, but two had since died. said that Kadon Village is responsible for growing food for the camp and insisted that he had personally seen the POW's on numerous occasions while escorting food convoys to the camp. added that the militia forces of Chavan Village (YB 2197) were actually responsible for security at the camp.

escorted him to the top of Nqoua Mountain and pointed out the camp to him. According to the camp consisted of four buildings and was surrounded by a fence and a canal. did not claim to see any of the POW's. Both Chavan and Kadon Villages have been under the influence/control of the Communist Pathet Lao since circa 1954.)

3. account is the first believable story on the possibility of live American POW's in the LPDR that has been heard since 1975.)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

2 Nov 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Vice Director for Collection Management  
Department of Defense  
Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War  
in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in  
Northern Laos

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1. Attached as of possible interest to you is a report about the sightings of a total of six alleged U.S. prisoners-of-war at a detention camp in a small valley of Thao La Hamlet, Houa Phan Province, in northern Laos.

Deputy Director for Operations

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DIA  
NIO/EAP  
NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

SUBJECT: Sightings of Six Alleged U.S. Prisoners-of-War in a Detention Camp Near Thao La Hamlet in Northern Laos

TEXT: 1. In late April 1982,

saw a total of six alleged U.S. prisoners-of-war (POW's) at a detention camp in a small valley of Thao La Hamlet, Houa Phan province, in northern Laos (grid coordinates 20 degrees north latitude, 104 degrees east meridian). On 26 April

, saw four tall Caucasians who were said to be U.S. POW's being escorted by two small Asian guards from the prisoners' house of detention to the camp office. On 27 April saw two blacks who were also said to be U.S. POW's carrying bamboo baskets on their back being escorted up a hill by a guard to carry out their labor duties.

made the observations from a steep hill at the edge of the Thao La Valley where the detention camp was located.

the men they had seen were U.S. POW's. He said the camp held about 50 such POW's who had recently been transferred to the camp from an unknown location.) presumably the guards were Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) personnel.)

2. The camp was located across the valley to the southeast of Thao La Hamlet. The house of detention was a long, thatched house with a small front yard. It stood between two smaller houses with walls made of timber; apparently the camp office and a guards' quarters. The camp was surrounded by a trench and a fence of closely posted, pointed wood poles. Thao La Hamlet had about 50 small houses located next to a creek.

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 and Missing in Action Affairs  
 (International Security Affairs)  
 Office of the Secretary of Defense  
 Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
 Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs  
 Department of State

SUBJECT : Alleged Sighting of Live U.S. Prisoners of  
 War in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

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obtained from

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- STATE/EAP
- DIA
- NIO/EAP
- NSA

Attachment: Report as stated

THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT,

SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Live U.S. Prisoners of War  
in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

1. On 24 February 1983,

was in the area of Ran (village) Song where several members of the [redacted] were attending a propaganda session. According to an ethnic Lao [redacted] who was present in that village, two Caucasians and six People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) soldiers were at that session. One of the Caucasians was giving a speech in Lao praising the LPDR regime. [redacted] did not explain why he believed that the two Caucasians were U.S. Prisoners of War (POW's).)

2. On 25 February 1983,

[redacted] informed that there were four U.S. POW's being held at the Nadenq Prison in the LPDR. member stated that the prison was divided into two sections. One part of the prison was used to confine former Royal Lao Government (RLG) officials and Royal Lao Army (FAR) officers. The other part of the facility was for the four U.S. POW's. One of the Americans was ill with "sciatic disease." Another U.S. POW was allowed to look after him. The two other U.S. POW's were allowed to accompany PAVN soldiers who conducted propaganda operations. 18 PAVN soldiers were guarding the prison.

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3. [redacted] indicated that his [redacted] was willing to attempt to rescue the four Americans without advance funds for their efforts, and would hold the liberated U.S. POW's until negotiations for a reward were completed. [redacted] asked how much money the [redacted] might get for each U.S. POW.)

4. [redacted] claimed to have met with two U.S. POW's during his one and one-half year detention from mid-1981 to January 1983. [redacted] said that the two alleged U.S. POW's were not incarcerated within the prison facility but were held in a nearby cave. [redacted] The [redacted] was not able to identify either of the two alleged U.S. POW's by name. He stated that one of their "serial number plates" was available at Ban Nondeng (WE2507). The [redacted] cited in Paragraph 2 of this report stated that he would attempt to recover the plate by 1 April 1983.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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Principal Advisor for Prisoner of War  
and Missing in Action Affairs  
(International Security Affairs)  
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Director, Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea  
Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs  
Department of State

FROM:

Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT

: Claimed Sightings of U.S. Personnel  
Missing in Action in Laos in the  
Period 1969-79

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Attached as of possible interest to you is a report obtained

cc: D/DDI State/EAP DOD NSA  
DDI/EAA State/INR DIA

Attachment: Report as stated

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SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTINGS OF U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING  
IN ACTION IN LAOS IN THE PERIOD 1969-79

1. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON  
U.S. PERSONNEL POSSIBLY MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS IN THE  
PERIOD 1969-79

2. IN A CONVERSATION IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC (LPDR) WITH [REDACTED] IN FEBRUARY 1981, AN UNIDENTIFIED  
LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED TO GUARD  
U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) WHO WERE IMPRISONED IN A CAVE IN  
HOUA PHAN (SAM NEUA) PROVINCE. THIS LPLA OFFICER SAID THAT ALL  
OF THESE POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
(SRV) "IN 1979." THE LPLA OFFICER GAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

3. ABOUT DECEMBER 1971, WHILE  
HELICOPTER

WAS PILOTING AN H-34

HE SET HIS AIRCRAFT DOWN BESIDE AN AIR  
COCKPIT OF THE HELICOPTER THAT HAD VIRTUALLY BEEN DEMOLISHED. THE  
FIRED UPON BY HOSTILE FORCES, WHICH WAS ON A LANDING ZONE BEING  
PILOT, AND IT WAS APPARENT THAT HE WAS DEAD. SAID FIRING BY THE  
ENEMY, WHO HAD ALREADY OVERRUN LATSSEN, PREVENTED HIM FROM  
RECOVERING THE BODY. [REDACTED]  
WITNESSED THIS INCIDENT.)

NOT

4. ABOUT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1970 A HMONG TOLD THAT A BUNKER CONTAINING THREE U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD SUSTAINED A DIRECT ENEMY HIT AND THAT THESE MEN WERE NOT SEEN TO EMERGE FROM THE BUNKER. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE EXACT TIME FRAME AND LOCATION WERE NOT GIVEN NOR WERE FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.)

5. ABOUT AUGUST 1969 ..... WHILE FLYING TO PHATHUNG (TH 1726) ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LUANG PRABANG, HEARD THE DISTRESS CALL OF A DOWNED U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT. FOLLOWING THE SIGNAL, ..... LOCATED A U.S. PILOT, PICKED HIM UP, AND TURNED HIM OVER TO AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL AT LUANG PRABANG. [REDACTED] APPARENTLY NO MIA IS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.)

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AND MISSING IN ACTION MATTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHIEF, PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION BRANCH  
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DIRECTORATE FOR INTELLIGENCE (RESEARCH CENTER)

PRINCIPAL ADVISOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND  
MISSING IN ACTION AFFAIRS  
(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM :

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT :

REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN  
CENTRAL LAOS

ATTACHED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RESULTING FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCE IN  
MAY 1978. WE ARE GIVING THIS REPORT NO FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

CC: NFAC/NIO  
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NFAC/OSR

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SUBJECT: REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN  
CENTRAL LAOS

1. THE INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH WAS  
OBTAINED ON 30 MAY 1978

2. FOLLOWING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF LAOS IN  
1975, THE LPDR ESTABLISHED INDOCTRINATION CAMPS FOR  
FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS  
AT XEPON AND SARAVAN, WHICH WERE LITTLE MORE THAN FORCED  
LABOR CAMPS. THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE PRISONERS AT THESE  
CAMPS WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD LINKING THE TWO  
TOWNS. DURING A ROUTINE ROAD SURVEY IN EARLY OCTOBER 1976,

CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A GROUP OF AMERICAN PRISONERS  
BEING HELD IN A SPECIAL PRISON COMPOUND LOCATED IN A MOUNTAIN  
CAVE ABOUT 60 KILOMETERS NORTH-NORTHWEST OF SARAVAN. (SOURCE  
COMMENT: PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS  
SUBJECT.)

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SUBJECT: POW-MIA: COMMENTS OF A LAO OFFICIAL ON TENSIONS BETWEEN LAO AND U.S. SIDES CONCERNING EFFORTS TO VERIFY CLAIMED SIGHTING OF MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 FROM

[REDACTED] SAID IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1991 THAT TENSIONS HAVE INCREASED BETWEEN THE LAO AND U.S. SIDES FOLLOWING UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS IN SEPTEMBER TO VERIFY THE CLAIMED SIGHTING OF A MISSING U.S. SERVICEMAN. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] LAO SEARCHERS FIRST WERE DISPATCHED FROM VIENTIANE TO ATTOPEU PROVINCE IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A LAO RESIDENT OF THE PROVINCE WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN "AMERICAN SOLDIER" LIVING IN A REMOTE VILLAGE. WHEN THE LAO SEARCH TEAM LOCATED THE INFORMANT, DESCRIBED ONLY AS AN "OLD MAN," HE REFUSED TO CONSIDER ESCORTING THE TEAM ON FOOT OVER WHAT HE INDICATED WOULD BE A SIX-DAY ROUND-TRIP TREK TO AND FROM THE VILLAGE WHERE THE CLAIMED SIGHTING HAD BEEN MADE. AFTER DEMANDING AND RECEIVING PAYMENT OF TWO BAHT-WEIGHT (30.4 GRAMS) IN GOLD, PLUS A LAO GOVERNMENT PROMISE OF MORE IF THE SIGHTING PROVED TRUE, THE INFORMANT AGREED TO CARRY A CAMERA INTO THE REMOTE VILLAGE AND ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE PERSON WHOM HE CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN.

3. THE INFORMANT RETURNED WITH EXPOSED FILM, BUT WHEN IT WAS DEVELOPED, THE ONLY RECOGNIZABLE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED JUST THE LEGS OF AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON. THE LAO SEARCH TEAM NONETHELESS DECIDED TO BRING IN U.S. AUTHORITIES AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF VILLAGES IN AREAS MENTIONED BY THE INFORMANT TURNED UP THE EXISTENCE OF A PERSON WITH CAUCASIAN FEATURES LIVING IN ONE OF THEM. WHEN IT SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DETERMINED THAT THE APPARENT CAUCASIAN WAS A METIS OF FRENCH-ASIAN EXTRACTION, THE INFORMANT ATTEMPTED TO DENY THAT THIS WAS THE PERSON WHOM HE HAD SIGHTED. THE LAO SIDE TOLD THE INFORMANT TO KEEP QUIET AFTER HE CLAIMED THAT THE VILLAGE WHERE THE SIGHTING HAD TAKEN PLACE WAS NOT THE ONE WHERE THE METIS WAS FOUND BUT WAS IN A MUCH MORE REMOTE AREA.

4. [REDACTED] THE U.S. TEAM BECAME UPSET WHEN THE LAO SIDE REFUSED TO CONSIDER FURTHER SEARCHES IN AREAS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY COVERED. [REDACTED] ATTRIBUTED LAO HESITANCE IN THIS REGARD TO CONCERN THAT SUCH SEARCHES WOULD TAKE THE U.S. TEAM OVER WHAT THE OFFICIAL DESCRIBED AS THE "FREE ZONE" ALONG THE XEKONG PROVINCE BORDER WITH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED THIS ZONE AS BEING INHABITED BY VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS, SOME OF WHOM DO NOT SPEAK LAO AND MOST OF WHOM DO NOT RECOGNIZE LAO AUTHORITY. ALSO, VIETNAM MAINTAINS A MILITARY PRESENCE IN THIS AREA, AS WELL AS INTERNMENT CAMPS FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT RESISTANCE ELEMENTS. AS SUCH, [REDACTED] SAID THAT LAOS HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE ZONE, AND THE LAO SIDE IN THE

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SEARCH HAD NO AUTHORITY FROM THE LAO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO ENTER THE AREA WITH OR WITHOUT U.S. PERSONNEL.

5. (STONY BEACH COMMENT: A STONY BEACH OFFICER WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1991 INVESTIGATION IN LAOS DOES NOT BELIEVE THE LAO DELIBERATELY HINDERED HIS INVESTIGATION IN ANY WAY. IN HIS OPINION, THE LAO DISPLAYED MORE COOPERATION THAN USUAL. THE OFFICER SAID THE TEAM WAS NOT ABLE TO VISIT ATTOPEU PROVINCE BECAUSE OF FLOODING AND IMPASSABLE ROADS, BUT THE LAO INVITED THE TEAM TO RETURN WHEN THE ROADS WERE DRY. THE PERSON THE TEAM WANTED TO INTERVIEW WAS NOT LOCATED SIX DAYS AWAY, AS SUGGESTED IN THE REPORT, BUT NOT MORE THAN FOUR OR FIVE HOURS AWAY. THE TEAM SAW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THIS PERSON, WHO WAS NOT INTERVIEWED. THE OFFICER DISPUTED THE CLAIM THAT THE TEAM WAS UPSET BY NOT BEING ABLE TO VISIT ANOTHER AREA. THE TEAM ASKED TO VISIT AN AREA NOT PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON BUT DID NOT EXPECT TO RECEIVE APPROVAL AND DID NOT DISPLAY ANNOYANCE AT THIS. THE OFFICER SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE VERACITY OF THE PARAGRAPH FOUR REASONS FOR NOT ALLOWING THE TEAM TO GO. HE SAID THAT AREAS FOR INVESTIGATION ARE GENERALLY AGREED ON PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN LAOS, IN PART TO ALLOW TIME TO GET APPROVAL FROM BOTH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEADERS. REGARDING PARAGRAPH TWO, IN THE OFFICER'S JUDGMENT LAO OFFICIALS WOULD NOT PAY TWO BAHT-WEIGHT IN GOLD FOR PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY WERE TRYING TO BE OBSTRUCTIONIST.)

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PHOTO OF ALLEGED POW'S AND ON LIVE POW'S IN INDOCHINA

REF: [REDACTED]

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS THE SOURCE OF REF, WHICH REPORTED ON THE EXISTENCE OF VIET CONG (VC) PRISON CAMP BETWEEN SAIGON AND CAMBODIA. THIS REPORT IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR ACTION.

2. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AS OF EARLY AUGUST 1991 HE REGARDED THE WELL-PUBLICIZED PHOTOGRAPH OF THREE ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AS A HOAX. HE SAID THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HANDLED THE SAD SITUATION WELL, WITHOUT RAISING THE HOPES OF THE FAMILIES OF THE MIA'S WHO WERE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

3. [REDACTED] STATED THAT HE IS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED THAT THERE ARE NO LIVE POW'S IN VIETNAM. HE MADE THIS STATEMENT BASED ON HIS PAST PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE COULD NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE COULD BE U.S. SERVICEMEN ALIVE IN LAOS, BUT REGARDED THIS AS ONLY A SLIGHT POSSIBILITY, GIVEN THE PASSAGE OF TIME AND PRIMITIVE LIVING CONDITIONS THERE. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY IF SOME LIVING U.S. PERSONNEL TURNED UP IN LAOS, BUT HE HAD LIITTLE BASIS FOR SUCH OPTIMISM.

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE MET A POW NAMED "JOHN" (LNU), WHO LATER DIED IN CAPTIVITY.

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[redacted] SAID HE HAD JOHN'S DOG TAG AT HIS HOME IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND WOULD LOOK FOR IT WHEN HE RETURNED THERE.

[redacted] IN REF REPORT [redacted] SAID THAT JOHN'S LAST NAME WAS DAVIS OR DAVIES.)

5. [redacted]

6. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [redacted] ~~SECRET~~

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON [REDACTED] AS OF 1971

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS OBTAINED IN 1971 BY [REDACTED] WHO TASKED AN [REDACTED] TO SHOW THE [REDACTED] A CARD CONTAINING A PICTURE OF A U.S. PERSON MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). [REDACTED] THE CARD WAS INSCRIBED WITH A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HIS FATE. THE CARD WAS SHOWN TO CONTACTS IN PATHET LAO (PL) COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREAS NEAR MUONG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS. THE RESPONSES WERE COLLATED IN ONE REPORT WHICH WAS SENT TO OUR THEN EXISTING OFFICE IN VIENTIANE. THE REPORT WAS NOT DISSEMINATED, POSSIBLY BECAUSE SOME STATEMENTS APPEARED DOUBTFUL, SUCH AS THE PL HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) NEAR MUONG PHINE. IN FEBRUARY 1991 [REDACTED] REVIEWED THE FILE AND RECONSTRUCTED HIS ORIGINAL REPORT TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. HE NOTES THAT THE DATES ARE APPROXIMATE BECAUSE THEY ARE BASED ON CONTACTS' RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OCCURRING AROUND THAT TIME, SUCH AS THE END OF THE RAINY SEASON.

2. THE PL CAPTORS TOOK [REDACTED] TO MUANG PHINE (XD0928), LAOS, IN JUNE 1966. ON 3 JANUARY 1967 HE LEFT MUANG PHINE AND ARRIVED ON 5 JANUARY AT A PRISON AT MUANG NONG (XD6009), WHICH CONTAINED ONLY EIGHT OTHER U.S. POW'S. AT MUANG NONG THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) CAPTORS GUARDED [REDACTED] STRICTLY AND HE SUFFERED VERY MUCH. WHILE THE PAVN GUARDS DID NOT TORTURE [REDACTED] HE WAS HELD IN PRISON AND SUBJECTED TO PROPAGANDA LECTURES. PL GENERAL KHAMKONG (SIC) AND PAVN GENERAL TAO (SIC), WHO SPOKE ENGLISH, WERE THE ONLY HIGH RANKING OFFICERS TO INTERROGATE [REDACTED] THE PAVN GUARDS OFTEN WERE ANGRY WITH THE POW'S BECAUSE OF U.S. BOMBING IN THE AREA. [REDACTED] WAS ALLOWED TO EAT AND TALK WITH THE OTHER POW'S, BUT WHETHER HE EVER RECEIVED LETTERS OR PACKAGES IS UNKNOWN. BECAUSE HE WAS STRICTLY GUARDED, [REDACTED] NEVER ESCAPED FROM EITHER PRISON. ON 2 JANUARY 1968 A PAVN GUARD NAMED "ONG (MR.) LUI" AND SIX OTHER GUARDS TOOK [REDACTED] AND EIGHT OTHER POW'S AWAY. THE VILLAGERS WERE TOLD ONLY THAT THE POW'S WERE BEING TAKEN AWAY

FOR "TRAINING."

3. [REDACTED]

4. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [REDACTED]

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TO:

[REDACTED] (ATTN: COL. MIKE PECK)

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SUBJECT: REMAINS, DOG TAGS AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

REFS: [REDACTED]

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN MID-SUMMER 1990

2. AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON AN UNKNOWN DATE A GROUP OF SEVEN POW/MIA'S WERE SHOT AND BURIED. ONE WAS A COLONEL IN FULL UNIFORM. ONE WITNESS OF THIS INCIDENT TOOK THE UNIFORMS AND REBURIED THE BODIES. THE REMAINS AND DOG TAGS ARE STILL AT THE BURIAL SITE. ANOTHER MIA INDIVIDUAL (NFI) IS ALIVE AND UNDER GUARD, BUT IS AFRAID TO TRY TO ESCAPE. WHEN HE WAS ASKED IF HE WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME, HE REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD NEED HELP TO DO SO. HE IS MARRIED (POSSIBLY TO A LAO) AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

3. PARTIAL DOG TAG INFORMATION ON THESE INDIVIDUALS IS AS FOLLOWS.

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B. STONEBR R (SIC) KENNETH A

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
BAPTIST

C. TR D (SIC)

LEATS A

[REDACTED]

PROTESANT

D. BOBS

LANNY D

[REDACTED]

BAPTIST

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4. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ON POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS,  
DOG TAGS AND REMAINS

[REDACTED]

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED  
VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE BORDER SMUGGLERS AND CASUAL SOURCES ON  
POW/MIA LIVE SIGHTINGS, DOG TAGS AND REMAINS. INFORMATION WAS  
PASSED AS NOTED TO JCRC AND/OR STONY BEACH. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED  
TO USE THIS INFORMATION WITH JCRC AND STONY BEACH.

2. WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON 15  
VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE SOURCES AND FOUR BORDER SMUGGLERS WHO  
HAVE PROVIDED VARIOUS TYPES OF LIVE SIGHTING, DOG TAG/REMAINS  
REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE. ALL INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED  
BY [REDACTED] WHICH PASSED THE LEADS TO JCRC AND  
STONY BEACH FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION ON THE DATES NOTED BELOW WITH  
NO FURTHER FORMAL DISSEMINATION.

A. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HE SAW AN AMERICAN LIVING WITH ETHNIC  
TRIBESMEN IN OCTOBER 1983 NEAR DAC TO VILLAGE, BAN ME THUOT  
PROVINCE. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAUCASIAN WITH  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL RANK WHO WAS SHOT DOWN IN 1972. THERE HAVE  
BEEN MANY STORIES ABOUT AMERICANS LIVING WITH ETHNIC TRIBESMEN  
IN THIS AREA. THEY ARE OFTEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN INDIAN  
SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN THE AREA. ALSO REPORTED THAT IN  
OCTOBER 1984 HE SAW THREE AMERICANS IN SA HUYNH DISTRICT, QUANG  
NGAI PROVINCE. THE THREE AMERICANS WERE WORKING ON AN OIL  
PROJECT ON "HAI NAM" (PROBABLY HAINAN) ISLAND WHEN A STORM SENT  
THEM ADRIFT. ONE OF THE AMERICANS WAS JOHN PIERRE, THE SON OF  
A TEXAS JUDGE. AS OF EARLY 1985, THE THREE AMERICANS WERE  
MOVED TO HANOI. [REDACTED] PROVIDED THE NAMES: RONNAL C. LUCSK, RA  
[REDACTED] BAPTIST; JOHN BOY; JAMNE CARTE; RONIE HARRIS. DOG  
TAGS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WERE TURNED OVER TO MR. LE  
VAN PHU OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC).  
(LE VAN PHU HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CHIEF INSPECTOR  
OF THE MOI IN HCMC.) [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20  
JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH  
ON 9 MARCH 1988.

B. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED HEARSAY FROM [REDACTED] ABOUT THE  
SINKING OF AN AMERICAN SHIP OFF THE COAST OF ANH GIANG WYEN  
DISTRICT, MINH HAI PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] NUMBER OF  
AMERICAN BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED FROM THAT VESSEL. [REDACTED] WAS  
MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS  
PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

C. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

[REDACTED] CLAIMED AN ACQUAINTANCE HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE  
AMERICAN. [REDACTED] SAID THE ACQUAINTANCE COULD BE CONTACTED  
THROUGH HIS FAMILY AT 42/41 HOANG DIEU, 14TH QUARTER, 4TH  
DISTRICT, SAIGON. [REDACTED] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20  
JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH

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ON 9 MARCH 1988.

D. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

1. A FORMER ARVN CAPTAIN, CLAIMED HIS SISTER HAD INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN.

INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

E. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED A NEIGHBOR HELD THE REMAINS OF ONE AMERICAN AT HIS HOME IN SAIGON. REPORTEDLY TURNED THE REMAINS OVER TO GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND HOPED TO BE RESETTLED VIA THE ODP PROGRAM. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

F. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED THAT WHILE IN REEDUCATION CAMPS IN YEN BAI AND HOANG LIEN SON HE CAME ACROSS A WHITE AMERICAN USING THE NAME "TRAN VAN NAM." AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 776TH UNIT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTROLLING THE CAMP. SAW NAM AND A BLACK MAN. ACCORDING TO GUARDS, THESE TWO AMERICANS VOLUNTEERED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. IN EARLY 1980, WHILE IN HOA LO PRISON, CLAIMED HE SAW TWO AMERICANS (ONE YOUNG AND ONE OLD). STATED THAT HE CONTACTED THEM BY MORSE CODE AND THE TWO AMERICANS WERE VICTIMS OF A SHIPWRECK IN 1975 POSSIBLY NEAR CON SON. WAS INVOLVED IN SEARCHING FOR AMERICAN REMAINS AND CLAIMED INFORMATION ON NEARLY 40 SETS OF REMAINS, MOST OF WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES. ALSO MENTIONED A HELICOPTER CRASH SITE ALONG THE BANK OF A RIVER NEAR THE BIEN HOA-PHUOC LONG-SONG BINH PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES. PRODUCED ONE NAME BUT WAS NOT SURE IT WAS CORRECT: RUSSEL COCK. NO PREF. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

G. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT TWO SETS OF AMERICAN REMAINS BURIED IN HOC MON. ALSO CLAIMED THAT HIS RELATIVES HELD ONE AMERICAN DOG TAG. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

H. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN AN AMERICAN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND FEBRUARY 1978 AT THE CATHEDRAL IN SAIGON. THE AMERICAN WAS NAMED PAUL, BORN ABOUT 1953, AND WAS FROM PENNSYLVANIA. PAUL WAS REPORTEDLY AN "INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY STUDENT" WHO WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN AFTER THE WAR. PAUL REPORTEDLY LIVED AT THE FAUCAUD MONASTERY ON CUONG DE STREET, HCMC. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

I. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED HIS AUNT HAD INFORMATION ON AMERICAN REMAINS. WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY 1988. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9 MARCH 1988.

J. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

TURNED OVER ONE DOG TAG AND EIGHT COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES: L.C. WALKER, USN, PROTESTANT; T.L. JONES, USMC, S. ASSEMBLY OF

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GC [ ] HONEYCUT [ ] CHRIST OF [UNREADABLE]  
 WILBUR [ ] BAPTIST: ALFREDER COLEMAN, [ ]  
 BAPTIST: J.R. GREEN, [ ] USMC. S. BAPTIST: RUBEN  
 CASALLOS, RA [ ] THE DOG TAG AND RUBBINGS WERE TURNED  
 OVER TO JCRC. [ ] WAS MOVED TO PHANAT NIKHOM ON 20 JANUARY  
 1989. INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 9  
 MARCH 1989.

## K. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

REPORTED THAT HER FATHER  
 (A FORMER ARVN 1ST CORPS COLONEL) WAS HOLDING ONE SET OF  
 AMERICAN REMAINS.

THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON  
 11, 12 JULY.

## L. VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEE

CLAIMED THAT TWO FRIENDS OF HIS  
 KNEW THE WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICAN REMAINS  
 COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH A [ ]

THE INFORMATION WAS  
 PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH ON 11, 12 JULY.

## M.

WHO LIVED IN TRAT  
 PROVINCE TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A PHOTOCOPY OF DOCUMENTS  
 PURPORTEDLY OF AN AMERICAN HELD IN VIETNAM. THE INFORMATION  
 CORRESPONDS TO DEWEY M. BALL, A KNOWN SCAM CASE. THIS SAME  
 ALSO PROVIDED TWO OTHER NAMES WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE  
 STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAM. THE NAMES WERE: RICHARD A. MANN, RA  
 [ ] BAPTISTE (SIC); AND, WILLIAM T. OLLER,  
 [ ] THE SOURCE CLAIMED THAT AN AMERICAN COUPLE HAD  
 CONTACTED HIM AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT PICTURES AND OTHER  
 PROOF ON THE DEWEY M. BALL CASE TO MAKE SOME SORT OF POLITICAL  
 STATEMENT DURING THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS (AMERICAN). THE  
 AMERICAN NAMES AND ADDRESS WERE LISTED ON THE REVERSE OF THE  
 PHOTOCOPY. THIS INFORMATION WAS TURNED OVER TO THE STONY BEACH  
 TEAM ON 12 JULY, AND THE DOCUMENTS WERE PASSED TO JCRC ON 11  
 JULY.

## N.

TURNED OVER IN JULY 1988 A DOG TAG  
 RUBBING ON FOIL PAPER OF AN AMERICAN REPORTEDLY KILLED IN  
 VIETNAM. THE NAME WAS HAROLD A. [ ] U.S. [ ]  
 [ ] CHURCH OF GOD. [ ] CLAIMED THAT THERE WERE  
 BONES CONNECTED WITH THIS NAME WHICH WERE STILL INSIDE  
 CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAG RUBBING WAS TURNED OVER TO JCRC ON 11  
 JULY.

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PASSED INFORMATION AND  
 PICTURES TO [ ] ALLEGEDLY OF A FORMER AMERICAN SOLDIER  
 HELD IN QUANG NGAI, DA NANG. THERE ARE THREE IDENTICAL BLACK  
 AND WHITE PHOTOS OF AN APPARENT MALE CAUCASIAN. THE FILM WAS  
 DEVELOPED BY [ ] BUT THE NEGATIVES WERE RETAINED BY  
 A XEROXED COPY OF A LETTER, PURPORTEDLY FROM THE AMERICAN,  
 ACCOMPANIED THE PHOTOS AND READ AS FOLLOWS: "74OR-04327 #CO  
 120916 ROS VICHTA 15-01-74 I MET [ ] I AM VERY  
 VERY HARD, AND I WANT TO HELP ME, RI (CROSSED OUT) NOW I AM  
 LIVING AT QUANG - NGAI DANANG CITY." [ ] FOR  
 UNKNOWN REASONS, PRINTED A NEAR DUPLICATE OF THE LETTER.  
 IS ONLY AN INTERMEDIARY IN THE AFFAIR AND SEEMED UNAWARE OF  
 THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER. [ ] STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER  
 MET ANY AMERICAN IN VIETNAM AND WAS SURPRISED THAT THE LETTER  
 STATED THAT HE HAD. THE FIRST HAND SOURCE.

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IF IMMEDIATE CONTACT IS DESIRED BY STONY BEACH, SOMEONE NEED BE ON STANDBY DURING THAT PERIOD. THE MATERIAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO STONY BEACH ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY, AND A MEETING WITH [ ] HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 17 JANUARY.

P. PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. JOHN KANALY, NEW TIMES PRESSE AGENCY, 1102 SOUTH RD. APT C. COLUMBUS, OHIO 43207 USA, WAS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED IN GIA LAI-CON TUM PROVINCE (NO TIME FRAME GIVEN), AND IS STILL BEING HELD AT AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN VIETNAM. THESE DETAILS WERE PROVIDED BY

[ ] IS TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON KANALY. THE NOTE WITH NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE TURNED OVER TO YOUR OFFICE ASAP. THE NOTE INCLUDES A LINE IN THE THAI LANGUAGE CLAIMING THAT THE ADDRESS IS IN KANALY'S HANDWRITING. THE ABOVE WAS PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY BEACH CIRCA 23 MARCH, 1989.

3. DURING MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED FOUR OTHER LEADS. ONE LEAD WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH IN BANGKOK AND THREE OTHER LEADS WERE PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH [ ] IN HONG KONG. WE HAVE NO RECORDS OF WHETHER ANY OF THESE LEADS WERE FOLLOWED UP BY STONY BEACH. THE LEADS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

4. ON 5 AND 22 MARCH 1988, STONY BEACH WAS PASSED HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING AND DOG TAG INFORMATION WHICH WAS OBTAINED BY [ ] BASE FROM

ON 22 MARCH, STONY BEACH SAID IT WOULD TURN OVER THE REPORTING TO ITS OVERT DEBRIEFING TEAM IN [ ] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION WITH [ ] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING

INFORMATION:

A. ON 4 MARCH, [ ] RELATED THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO BAN TAN VILLAGE, SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE, THAILAND. HE HAD ACCOMPANIED HIS THAI FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WHO WAS CONDUCTING SOME BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH HIS SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE TRADING. WHILE IN THE VILLAGE, [ ] WAS APPROACHED BY THE VILLAGE HEADMAN (NFI) WHO RELATED THAT HE KNEW AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO HAD SOME INFORMATION ON POW'S. THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO WAS [ ] WHO FORMERLY WORKED IN A PRISON IN LAOS IN AN AREA CALLED HAI HIN (PHONETIC/NFI). [ ] REPORTEDLY SAW SOME CAUCASIAN PRISONERS. THE EXACT NUMBER WAS NOT CLEAR, ALTHOUGH ONE OF THEM ALLEGEDLY RECENTLY DIED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES. ACCORDING TO [ ]'S STORY, THE DECEASED PRISONER HAD THE INITIALS "KS" TATOODED ON HIS FACE. THE HEADSMAN SAID [ ] ALLEGEDLY HAD DOG TAG(S) AND THE ASHES OR REMAINS OF A PILOT WHO WAS KILLED IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH (NFI). THE HEADSMAN STATED THAT THE LAO [ ] RESIDED IN THAILAND, PRESUMABLY IN THE SAKHON NAKHON OR NAKHON PHANOM AREA, AND WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE DOG TAG(S) AND OTHER POW INFORMATION FOR A PRICE

[ ] SAID HE, HIS FIANCEE AND HER BROTHER WERE WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO PLACE THE PROPER AUTHORITIES IN CONTACT WITH THE HEADSMAN TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE INFORMATION. [ ] WAS ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO BANGKOK FOR FOLLOWUP AND THAT HE WOULD BE CONTACTED IF HIS ASSISTANCE WAS REQUIRED. [ ] BASE COMMENTED THAT IT COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE APPROACH WAS LINKED TO UNSCRUPULOUS LAO RESISTANCE SCAM ARTISTS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN RECOVERY EFFORTS, AND/OR WITH SRVIS-DIRECTED IMPROVISED INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICES DISINFORMATION EFFORTS ON THE ISSUE.

RECONTACTED OUR BASE TO PASS ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE POW WE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED WHICH WAS PASSED TO YOUR OFFICE. [ ] STATED THAT [ ] THE BROTHER OF HIS FIANCEE, HAD HAD SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE VILLAGE

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HEADSMAN (NFI) WHO WAS NOW BELIEVED TO BE (AMBCI) (NFI).

ACCORDING TO [ ] WAS TOLD THAT THE ASHES OF THE

DECEASED PILOT WERE THAT OF A PERSON IDENTIFIED AS CASTILLO.

[ ] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH ALLEGEDLY WAS

TAKEN FROM CASTILLO'S DOGTAG: "CASTILLO NEIRA LINEG [ ]

ROMAN CATHOLIC."

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [ ] CASTILLO DIED AT THE

TIME OF THE CRASH (NFI). [ ] STATED THAT [ ] WAS TOLD

THAT THERE WERE CURRENTLY FIVE POW'S BEING HELD IN THE PRISON

WHERE [ ] PREVIOUSLY WORKED. THE PRISON WAS

REPORTEDLY LOCATED ABOUT A SEVEN DAYS WALK FROM THE MEKONG

RIVER (NFI). [ ] WAS TOLD THAT [ ] WAS WILLING TO

GUIDE ANYONE TO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PRISON SITE.

[ ] APOLOGIZED FOR THE LACK OF ANY SPECIFIC DETAILS WHICH HE

ATTRIBUTED TO HIS POOR COMMAND OF THE THAI LANGUAGE.

[ ] AGAIN OFFERED TO ASSIST APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN

CONTACTING THE SOURCES OF THE POW REPORT SHOULD THEY WIS- TO

PURSUE THE INFORMATION FURTHER.

C. [ ] BASE COMMENTED THAT STONY BEACH OFFICERS WERE IN

[ ] DURING THE WEEK OF 14 MARCH BUT APPARENTLY MADE NO

ATTEMPT TO CONTACT [ ] REGARDING HIS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

POW INFORMATION. [ ] REQUESTED [ ] TO ADVISE IF STONY

BEACH INTENDED TO CONTACT [ ] AND IF ANY FURTHER ACTION

WAS REQUIRED BY BASE. [ ] PASSED A COPY OF SUBPARAGRAPH E

ABOVE REPORT TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM ON THE MORNING OF 22

MARCH. STONY BEACH THEN ADVISED THAT THEY WOULD TURN OVER THE

ABOVE SUBPARAGRAPH A AND B REPORTS TO THEIR OVERT DEBRIEFING

TEAM IN [ ] FOR FOLLOWUP ACTION, AND THAT THERE WAS NO NEED

FOR FURTHER ACTION BY BASE.

5. ON 9 MARCH 1988, THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN HONG KONG WAS PASSED THREE LEADS:

A.

CLAIMED HE

STAYED AT TIMES WITH THE FAMILY OF HIS BROTHER

IN MINH DUC VILLAGE. HE MOVED TO CUANG HA DISTRICT, QUANG BINH

PROVINCE, IN 1976 UNTIL HE WAS DRAFTED INTO PAVN IN 1981. HE

AVOIDED THE DRAFT, RETURNED TO PHA LET AND LIVED AS A FISHERMAN

UNTIL 14 JULY 1987 WHEN HE LEFT VIETNAM WITH HIS FAMILY AND TWO

SISTERS. HE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON 18 AUGUST 1987. BOAT

NUMBER [ ]

CLAIMED THAT ON ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT OCTOBER 1972 TWO CAUCASIAN

U.S. AIRMEN RECEIVED EMERGENCY TREATMENT AT THE HA SAN

HOSPITAL, NUI DEO TOWN (XJ 7411), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT,

HAIPHONG CITY. ONE AIRMAN HAD A BROKEN LEG; THE OTHER AIRMAN

WAS WOUNDED IN HIS ARM. THEIR FACES WERE BLOODY, POSSIBLY FROM

INJURIES. THEY REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED AT THUY

DUONG VILLAGE (XJ 7512), THUY NGUYEN DISTRICT. THEIR AIRCRAFT

WAS SHOT DOWN BY AN AAA UNIT ON NUI DEO HILL AND CRASHED IN A

RICE FIELD AT THUY DUCNG AFTER IT AND TWO OTHER AIRCRAFT,

INCLUDING ONE ALLEGED B-52, BOMBED SEVERAL PLACES IN HAI

PHONG. [ ] CLAIMED HE SAW THREE AIRCRAFT BOMB A PLACE ABOUT ONE

KILOMETER FROM HIS VILLAGE OF PHA LE (XJ 815115) IN THE

MORNING. ONE AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN THE DIRECTION OF THUY DUONG,

ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF PHA LA. ON THE SAME AFTERNOON,

[ ] WENT TO THE HA SAN HOSPITAL TO VISIT HIS MOTHER WHO WAS

HOSPITALIZED THERE, AND SAW THE TWO CAUCASIAN AIRMEN FROM THE

DOOR OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM. FROM PEOPLE AT THE HOSPITAL, [ ]

LEARNED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRMEN'S CAPTURE AND THE

ALLEGATION OF A B-52 BEING AMONG THE AIRCRAFT. HE COULD NOT

DESCRIBE THE AIRMEN IN ANY MORE DETAIL.

B. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1988 FROM

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-ABOUT-0900-HOURS-IN-

MID-1970 DURING THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE PHU LUONG BRIDGE, AN F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS REPORTEDLY DOWNED BY A MISSILE UNIT LOCATED IN KIM MON DISTRICT, HAI HUNG PROVINCE. ONE CAUCASIAN U.S. AIRMAN BAILED OUT VERY HIGH UP IN THE SKY. AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME HE LANDED AT QUANG TRUNG VILLAGE (APPROXIMATE XJ 575215) SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE YEN PHU MOUNTAINS, KIM MON DISTRICT. HE WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT HIEP THUONG VILLAGE AT THE NORTHERN FOOT OF THE NEO PASS (XJ 565 230). THE AIRMAN WAS BEATEN BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE BEFORE A CHINESE VEHICLE FROM THE HAI DUONG (NOW HAI HUNG) PROVINCE MILITARY PROVINCE CAME AND DROVE HIM TO THE UNIT'S HEADQUARTERS. CLAIMED HE WAS WORKING FOR AN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION IN THE AREA OF THE INCIDENT. LATER, HE AND OTHER WORKERS WENT TO "SEE" THE CAPTURED AIRMAN AND THE MILITIA DIGGING UP OF THE AIRCRAFT. HE DESCRIBED THE DIRECTION OF THE SITE WHERE THE AIRMAN LANDED AND THE CRASH SITE IN DETAIL. HE SAID HE COULD NOT GET CLOSE TO THE SCENE, SO HE DID NOT HAVE A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AIRMAN. THE COMMANDER OF THE PROVINCIAL MILITARY UNIT WAS LE THUA DAO.

C. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED IN LATE FEBRUARY 1988 FROM

BEFORE NOON ONE DAY IN MAY OR JUNE 1968, TWO ALLEGED U.S. AIRMEN PARACHUTED DOWN AND LANDED AT CHO HUONG OR LANG HUONG, SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE PHUC HAI ROAD JUNCTION (XH 730995), AN THUY DISTRICT, HAI PHONG CITY. ONE CAUCASIAN AIRMAN WAS ABOUT 1.3 METERS TALL, AND HAD LIGHTLY CURLLED IVORY-WHITE HAIR AND GREEN EYES. HE WAS NOT FAT BUT HIS FLESH WAS SOFT. HE WAS WEARING A GREEN UNDERSHIRT AND WALKED BARE FOOTED CLUMSILY. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY THAT AFTERNOON BY A PUBLIC SECURITY VEHICLE. THE OTHER AIRMAN DIED WHEN HE LANDED. HIS BODY WAS COVERED, SO HIS PHYSICAL TRAITS WERE NOT KNOWN. HE WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO KIEN AN TOWN (XJ 6902) HOSPITAL, HAI PHONG. ACCORDING TO LOCAL MILITIA, HE WAS KILLED BY GROUND FIRE WHILE HIS PARACHUTE WAS DESCENDING. THEY ALSO SAID HIS PARACHUTE WAS RED AND THAT THE LIVE AIRMAN'S PARACHUTE WAS BLUE/GREEN. THEIR AIRCRAFT CRASHED SOME NINE KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH IN KIEN THUY DISTRICT, HAIPHONG. THE DEAD AIRMAN WAS EVACUATED ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE LIVE AIRMAN. CLAIMED HE WAS THEN LIVING AT PHUC HAI (XJ 7300), AN THUY. THE AIRMEN WERE ALREADY CAPTURED WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. HE CLAIMED HE WAS ABLE TO GET CLOSE TO THE AIRMEN AND HAD TOUCHED THE LIVE ONE. WAS ABOUT 1.5 METERS TALL AND HIS HEAD ONLY REACHED THE LIVE AIRMAN'S ARMPIT.

5. THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS OBTAINED BY

A. ON 11 AUGUST 1989, A CASUAL CONTACT OF BASE PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED THE SAME DAY FROM HIS RELATIVE:

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BRUGHT HIM A SILVER BADGE (DOG TAG?) MEASURING TWO INCHES BY TWO INCHES WHICH HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN PILOT FOUND AT THE SCENE OF AN AIR CRASH. THE SILVER TAG WAS INSCRIBED: R. D.

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CORONA, [REDACTED] USMC, N. CATH. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE BADGE HAD BEEN FOUND NEAR THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE AND THAT "THEY" WERE BRINGING THE UPPER PART OF THE SKELETON INCLUDING THE SKULL FROM THE LAO SIDE TO HIM SOON. "THEY" INFORMED HIM THAT "THEY" HAD FOUND THE REMAINS OF TEN MORE AMERICAN "SOLDIERS" IN LAOS AND VIETNAM. "THEY" WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT REWARDS FOR SUCH REMAINS. THE REPORT WAS PASSED TO THE STONY BEACH TEAM IN BANGKOK, WHICH WAS REQUESTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE FOREGOING INFORMATION.

6. AS OF 4 FEBRUARY 1989.

REPORTED THAT A FRIEND, "A FORMER LP: SOLDIER," HAD LOCATED THE BODY OF A U.S. MARINE IN LAOS; DOG TAG IS WITH THE REMAINS. DOG TAG READS: MARSHALL, [REDACTED] USMC, BAPTIST S. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH TEAM.

7. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1988.

RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A LAO BUSINESS CONTACT NAMED [REDACTED] WHICH REPORTED ON THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE NUMBER OF LIVE U.S. POW'S ALONG THE LAO/VIETNAMESE BORDER. TWO NAMES WERE PROVIDED: GORDON D.C.A., [REDACTED] USCMC NOPREF, AND MARSHALL, [REDACTED] USAC BATIT. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY DAO OFFICE IN BANGKOK.

8. ON 22 SEPTEMBER 1988, OUR [REDACTED] OFFICE WAS APPROACHED BY A FORMER CONTACT, AN ETHNIC LAO NAMED [REDACTED] WITH POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION. [REDACTED] WAS BORN [REDACTED] KHAMMOUAN PROVINCE; CURRENT ADDRESS:

[REDACTED] SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO STONY BEACH. [REDACTED] HAS AN ALLEGED JAW BONE FRAGMENT OF A PURPORTED UNIDENTIFIED U.S. POW. HE CLAIMS HE RECEIVED THE BONE FRAGMENT FROM UNSPECIFIED PERSONS IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE WHO ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE A DOG TAG WHICH APPARENTLY WAS FOUND AT THE SAME SITE AS THE BONE FRAGMENT. [REDACTED] HAS A LIST OF 25 ALLEGED LIVE POWS IN LAOS-VIETNAM WHICH PURPORTEDLY WAS GIVEN TO A THAI DISTRICT OFFICIAL IN UBON PROVINCE IN MAY 1988 BY A DRIVER (NFI) OF LAO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NOLHAK PHOUMSAVAN. [REDACTED] ALSO HAS A LETTER FROM AN ETHNIC LAO RESIDENT OF THE U.S. NAMED [REDACTED] [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH UNIDENTIFIED U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO HAVE OFFERED A REWARD OF ONE MILLION U.S. DOLLARS AND U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE LAO RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RETURN OF A LIVE POW. [REDACTED]'S LETTER IS WRITTEN ON STATIONERY OF THE "NATIONAL MORREPLAN ORGANIZATION."

A. [REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES [REDACTED] WAS A FORMER ROYAL LAO OFFICER ATTACHED TO U.S. SPECIAL FORCES BETWEEN 1970 AND 1975 WHO HAD PREVIOUS DEALINGS WITH "INSCM" ON POW/MIA MATTERS. ADDITIONAL FILE INFORMATION DATED MAY 1985 INDICATES A PERSON NAMED [REDACTED] TRAVELED IN THAILAND WITH BO GRITZ.

B. [REDACTED] RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE IN SAKHON NAKHON ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1988. OUR [REDACTED] OFFICE WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND A STONY BEACH REPRESENTATIVE IF DESIRED. IN THE PAST, [REDACTED] HAD PROVIDED POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION WHICH WAS NOT ACCURATE. HE ALSO PROVIDED INTRODUCTIONS TO OTHER PERSONS WHOSE CLAIMED ACCESS TO POW INFORMATION WAS NOT ESTABLISHED. [REDACTED] HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED WITH [REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] A COPY OF [REDACTED]'S CORRESPONDENCE WITH [REDACTED] IS AVAILABLE. BELOW IS A LIST OF 25 NAMES OF THE ALLEGED POW'S PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] SOME OF THE NAMES ARE ILLEGIBLE AND THE SPELLINGS ARE PRESENTED AS LISTED. A COPY OF THE LIST

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IS ALSO AVAILABLE. THE NAMES INCLUDE: JUNE PETER SA'EN;  
 ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLE LAST NAME IS ROSE; GUAG SONMET; PGTTER  
 VIMLIAM J JR; ILLEGIBLE POSSIBLY KYMOTOH; PEARGE EDWIN T;  
 MORGAN SEPPERSON DCNAHJE; MERCER JACOB E; FORSITATI ATHNA; C.M.  
 [redacted] SIMMONE RGBENTE; WALTE HUGH MOON; LINENCO WGBN ROW;  
 VISH BROWN; BOUNKINA JEUD; BADINE ROGOUT JR; DEFFRONE THOMAS C;  
 VINESEP; BRANNY LYNWOOD; N.W. SARIDINE; N.W. SAMAN; F.V.  
 317205; TGI ADOS METHODIST; TODO VILLIAM [redacted] AND, SAV  
 PRAN 197L.

9. ON 30 DECEMBER 1988, STONY BEACH AND JCRC WERE PASSED  
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE WHOM WE CONSIDER  
 RELIABLE. ON 3 DECEMBER, C

SAID THEY EXPECT TO HAVE TWO POWS IN HAND FROM LAOS IN LESS  
 THAN ONE WEEK.

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BODY

[REDACTED]

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- THIS IS A REISSUE OF [REDACTED] WHICH WAS INADVERTENTLY SENT UNDER THIS NUMBER. THE CORRECT NUMBER SHOULD BE [REDACTED] PLEASE CORRECT ALL FILES. THE TEXT DOES NOT CHANGE. -

1.

THIS INFORMATION WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH AND JCRC.

2. ACCORDING TO

25 JANUARY 1990, THERE ARE NO AMERICAN POW/MIA'S LEFT IN LAOS, EXCEPT FOR ONE AMERICAN WHO MARRIED A LAO WOMAN AND RESIDES IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR (GOL) TURNED OVER ALL ITS AMERICAN POW/MIA'S TO VIETNAM IN 1982/1983 (SIC) BECAUSE THERE WAS NO PLACE IN LAOS TO DETAIN THEM. [REDACTED] SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS THE GOL TURNED OVER TO VIETNAM, BUT HE KNOWS THAT THEY ARE BEING DETAINED AT A PLACE THAT IS 420 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM HANOI, ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW IN WHICH DIRECTION. (COMMENT: IF THE PLACE IS INDEED 420 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SOMEWHERE IN WHAT WAS FORMERLY SOUTH VIETNAM. THE LPDR WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1975.)

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3. SAID HE EXPECTED THE AMERICAN WHO REMAINS IN LAOS IS UNDER LOOSE DETENTION IN ONE OF THE FOUR POLITICAL DETENTION CAMPS OF LAOS IN HOUAPHAN PROVINCE, WHICH INCLUDE:

- A. SOMEWHERE IN XAM NEUA DISTRICT (VH 0158)
- B. THE PHA DENG CAVE PRISON, TWO KILOMETERS EAST OF VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH 1957)
- C. SOMEWHERE IN XAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210)
- D. SOMEWHERE IN XIENG KHO DISTRICT (VH 3990)

4. [ ] SAID THAT SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1989, A [ ] APPROACHED THE LAO WIFE OF THIS AMERICAN PRISONER TWO TIMES AND GAVE HER A PIECE OF PAPER FOR THE AMERICAN TO FILL OUT WITH HIS NAME AND SERIAL NUMBER. THE LAO WIFE TOOK THE PAPER TO HER AMERICAN HUSBAND, BUT BOTH TIMES HE REFUSED TO WRITE ANYTHING DOWN AND TOLD HER TO TELL THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO MEET OR SPEAK WITH ANYONE.

5. [ ]

6. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [ ] ~~SECRET~~

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SUBJECT: CLAIMED SIGHTING OF U.S. POW AT MINE IN LAOS

IN A CASUAL CONVERSATION IN TAIWAN ON 21 DECEMBER 1989. A

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) DURING A TRIP TO LAOS IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1989. DURING THAT PERIOD WHEN [REDACTED] WAS IN VIENTIANE DISCUSSING MINERAL PURCHASES, HE WAS TAKEN ON A TWO OR THREE DAY TRIP THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO A MINING CAMP, PARTLY BY VEHICLE AND PARTLY ON FOOT. SINCE HE WAS BLINDFOLDED DURING PORTIONS OF THE TRIP, WHEN HE ARRIVED HE DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE WAS. AT THE MINE THERE WERE ABOUT SIX GUARDS AND A BEARDED MALE CAUCASIAN. [REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE SPOKEN WITH EITHER THE CAUCASIAN PRISONER DIRECTLY OR A GUARD, WHO CONFIRMED THAT THE CAUCASIAN WAS AN AMERICAN. [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE U.S. POW HAD A BEARD, WAS GAUNT BUT NOT SICKLY, AND HAD GONE NATIVE BECAUSE HE HAD A LOCAL WIFE. [REDACTED] SAID THAT IF CONDITIONS WERE RIGHT HE MIGHT GO BACK TO THE MINING AREA IN LAOS, BUT THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO TAIWAN FOR THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR (27 JANUARY 1990).

2. IN NOVEMBER 1989 ON A VISIT TO BANGKOK, [REDACTED] PROVIDED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT ABOUT THIS U.S. POW, WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT HE DID NOT CLAIM TO [REDACTED] THE PERSON MAKING THE ACTUAL SIGHTING WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. AIR FORCE CRASH SITES, WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM TRIBESMEN OR OTHER UPCOUNTRY CONTACTS. BECAUSE AND HIS CONTACTS HAD HEARD OF A ONE MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR POW INFORMATION, THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. TO BACK UP HIS CLAIM TO HAVE INFORMATION ON U.S. POW'S AND PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA), [REDACTED] A SHEET WITH INFORMATION COPIED FROM EITHER AN IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DOG TAGS AS FOLLOWS: JAMES BLAIR WHITE, DOB [REDACTED] RANK-CAPTAIN; AIRMAN RALPH W. MAGEE; AND AIRMAN GLENN MATTESON.

3. THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 WAS RELAYED TO JCRC IN BANGKOK, AND IF THE LATTER WERE INTERESTED AN INTRODUCTION TO [REDACTED] COULD BE MADE. [REDACTED] STILL HAS THE SHEET DESCRIBED ABOVE. SINCE [REDACTED] SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: POW'S ON LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER AND MIA REMAINS IN CAMBODIA

1. ON 19 OCTOBER 1989.

THE THREE CLAIMED THEY WERE FROM HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM, AND HAD MADE THEIR WAY TO SAVANNAKHET AS PART OF A TOUR GROUP. IS CURRENTLY BEING DETAINED AT THE PHANOM DISTRICT POLICE STATION.

2. THREE YEARS AGO (I.E. IN 1986) THERE WERE THREE U.S. POW'S LOCATED AT THE LAO BAD NORTH DETENTION CAMP (XD7036) ON THE LAO-VIETNAMESE BORDER. ONE OF THE POW'S (NFI) HAD DIED. ANOTHER POW WAS FLIGHT LIEUTENANT THOMAS GRIFFIN. ACCORDING TO ALL THREE POW'S WERE BEING USED AS MECHANICS. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

3. ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1989 CONTACT REPORTED THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 4, WHICH HE SAID HE LEARNED FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN UBON.

4. CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) EITHER KNEW OF OR DISCOVERED THE REMAINS OF THREE U.S. MIA'S NEAR KIANAK (UNLOCATED), STUNG TRENG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE DOG TAG FROM ONE OF THE MIA'S WAS AS FOLLOWS:

YORK, DANIEL

SSN: [redacted] (BLOOD TYPE)

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SUBJECT: DOG TAG AND LIVE SIGHTING IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS

THE  
OBTAINED THE INFORMATION FROM ONE OF 40 RECENTLY ARRIVED  
VIETNAMESE BOAT REFUGEES WHO ARE NOW INCARCERATED AT THE THA LUAN  
POLICE COMPOUND. THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO JCRC AND STONY  
BEACH AND NOW IS BEING SENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. A VIETNAMESE EJAT REFUGEE IN TRAT PROVINCE PASSED A COPY OF  
A DOG TAG RUBBING TO A THAI OFFICIAL. THE DOG TAG IS THAT OF: FRED  
L. SMITH JR, AF [REDACTED] METHODIST. A HANDWRITTEN NOTE, IN  
VIETNAMESE, WITH THE RUBBING STATES THAT SMITH IS AN AMERICAN  
CAPTAIN AND A HELICOPTER PILOT. SMITH WAS REPORTEDLY SHOT DOWN AT  
KONTUM DISTRICT IN MARCH 1972 AND HIS BODY BURIED IN GIA LAI -  
KONTUM PROVINCE.

3. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM A SOURCE OF  
UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY WHICH CONTAINED THE POW RELATED INFORMATION  
DESCRIBED BELOW. THE LETTER CONTAINED INFORMATION FROM A FORMER LAO  
PEOPLE'S ARMY FIRST LIEUTENANT KHAMPHOU DOUANGMANYCHAN, WHO RESIDES  
IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE. THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE SOURCE'S  
MEETING WITH KHAMPHOU WAS NOT INDICATED IN THE LETTER. A GIST OF  
THE LETTER WAS TO BE PASSED TO STONY BEACH.

4. ON 03 OCTOBER 1989, OUR [REDACTED] OFFICE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE OF UNDETERMINED  
RELIABILITY. THE SOURCE CLAIMS HE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION.

... TOLD THE SOURCE THAT THERE ARE 14 AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD  
AT THAM LUANG, NACHIK CANTON IN THE VIENGXAI DISTRICT (VH2949) OF  
HOUAPHAN PROVINCE. "THAM LUANG" IS THE FORMER RESIDENCE OF PRINCE  
SOUPHANOUVONG, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE. SAID THAT THAM  
LUANG IS LOCATED ONE KILOMETER EAST OF BANCHIK, WHICH IS 17  
KILOMETERS EAST OF THE VIENGXAI MUNICIPALITY. SAID THAT  
THE 14 AMERICAN POW'S ARE GUARDED BY A 26-MAN POLICE COMPANY  
COMMANDED BY A POLICE LIEUTENANT SITHA. SAID THE POW'S  
GROW RICE AND VEGETABLES FOR A LIVING BUT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO  
WEAR SHOES. ALSO ACCORDING TO ... THERE ARE THREE ADDITIONAL  
POW'S BEING HELD AT AN AIR BASE IN MAUNG HAM (UH9647). THESE THREE  
POW'S ARE REPORTEDLY BEING USED TO TEACH ENGLISH TO BAVAR SOLDIERS  
AND HOW THE LATTER ARE TO USE AN AIR SIGNAL SYSTEM. SAID  
THERE ARE FOUR MIG-21'S LOCATED AT THE SAME AIRBASE. NO FURTHER  
INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION FROM LAO INFORMANT

1. THE FOLLOWING PRISONER OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) INFORMATION ON LAOS WAS OBTAINED IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1989. HE ALSO PROVIDED NOTES AND A SKETCH MAP OF THE AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED IN HIS NOTES, WHICH WILL BE PASSED TO YOU SEPARATELY. HIS STATEMENTS AND NOTES ARE BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. THE POW/MIA INFORMATION WHICH FOLLOWS WAS OBTAINED FROM

HE SERVED IN THE ROYAL LAO ARMY. HE RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS TO VISIT RELATIVES CIRCA AUGUST 1989. HE SAID THAT HE KNOWS PEOPLE IN LAOS AND COULD PROVIDE SOME HELP ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE SHOULD HE RETURN THERE, PROVIDED PROPER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PROTECT HIM AND HIS FAMILY.

4. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED THREE PAGES OF NOTES ON THE POW/MIA SUBJECT. ONE PAGE REPEATS SOME INFORMATION GIVEN IN PARA. 3 ABOVE. IT ALSO ADDS THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN SAID THAT SHE SAW POW/MIA'S IN A PRISON CAMP AT "DINEDING" (SIC) AND THAT ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED PERSON SAW ONE OF [REDACTED] POW/MIA'S AT BAN "HOIASAN" (SIC). A SECOND PAGE, WHICH [REDACTED] OBTAINED FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED LAO WHO HAD RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO LAOS, REPORTS THAT PRISON CAMPS EXIST NEAR "DINEDING" (SIC) AND BAN DONG (UNLOCATED). ALSO IN THIS NOTE IS A STATEMENT THAT A CRASH SITE WITH REMAINS EXISTS AT "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC). THE THIRD PAGE CONSISTS OF A SKETCH MAP OF THAT AREA OF LAOS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND SHOWS THE LOCATION OF A HEAVILY GUARDED CAMP AND OF "BAN HOIASANE" (SIC), WHERE AN ATTEMPT TO RELEASE A POW FAILED FOR LACK OF ENOUGH MONEY.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF POW'S IN LAOS

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN PASSED TO STONY BEACH, HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM

2. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) ARE NOW BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN A LEU VILLAGE IN XIANG KHOANG PROVINCE NEAR THE VIETNAMESE BORDER. THEY ARE BEING HELD AND GUARDED BY A LOCAL VILLAGE MILITIA GROUP; THE LAO AUTHORITIES AND THE LAO ARMY APPARENTLY DO NOT KNOW OF THEIR PRESENCE. THE POW'S HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED] AS ((STOWERS)) AND ((LATONA)).

3. ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS IS MARRIED TO A LEU WOMAN AND THEY NOW HAVE THREE CHILDREN. ONE WAS INJURED WHEN HIS PLANE CRASHED DURING THE WAR AND HE SUBSEQUENTLY LOST AN ARM. BOTH ARE LIVING MISERABLY AND WANT TO ESCAPE. THE VILLAGE IN WHICH THEY ARE HELD IS ENTIRELY ETHNIC LEU, LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA.

4. [REDACTED] IS AWARE OF THE AMERICANS' PRESENCE DUE TO THE FACT THAT FRIENDS OF HIS HAVE VISITED THE VILLAGE. SINCE WORD OF A TWO MILLION DOLLAR REWARD FOR RETURN OF U.S. POW'S HAS SPREAD, THE VILLAGERS AND [REDACTED] ALL WANT A PIECE OF THE ACTION. [REDACTED] SAYS THAT HE CAN BRING THE TWO POW'S TO THE THAI BORDER IF HE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH RESPONSIBLE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES.

5. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LIVE POW'S, THIS VILLAGE ALSO HAS THE REMAINS OF 17 AMERICAN MISSING IN ACTION (MIA). THE VILLAGERS WANT TO TURN OVER THE REMAINS FOR A REWARD AS WELL. [REDACTED] PROVIDED A SOMEWHAT LEGIBLE LIST OF SOME OF THOSE 17 AMERICANS. FOLLOWING ARE THOSE ON THE LIST WHOSE NAMES ARE LEGIBLE ENOUGH FOR US TO REPRINT HERE:

- SHELL, L.  
[REDACTED]  
USMC S  
BAPTIST
- MARSHALL, T., III  
[REDACTED]  
USMC  
BAPTIST
- GILBERT, FRANCIS G.  
[REDACTED]
- SIMS  
[REDACTED]  
USMC M  
METHODIST
- SHIRLEY, MARSHALL J.  
[REDACTED]  
CATHOLIC
- POLSTON, H.D.  
[REDACTED]  
USMC  
BAPTIST
- MACIEJEWSKI, R.C.  
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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S IN INDOCHINA

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)/MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) PERSONNEL IN INDOCHINA WAS OBTAINED IN LATE 1988 AND JANUARY 1989 AND WAS PASSED AT THAT TIME TO JCRC AND THE STONY BEACH TEAM. IT IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. ON 22 DECEMBER 1988 A DEBRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED OF A [REDACTED] WHO HAS WORKED BETWEEN CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM AND WHO HAS PROVIDED A HEARSAY REPORT ON AMERICANS BEING HELD IN A PRISON IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1988 HE VISITED WITH HIS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTED THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AMERICANS [REDACTED] WORKED AT THE PRISON WHERE TEN AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD. THE AMERICANS WERE REPORTEDLY INCARCERATED IN A PRISON IN DANANG BEFORE BEING BROUGHT TO TAY NINH IN AN UNKNOWN TIMEFRAME. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE PRISON WAS NOT KNOWN.

3. IN A DEBRIEFING ON 7 OCTOBER 1988, [REDACTED] AN ETHNIC KHMER NOW LIVING IN [REDACTED] REPORTED SEEING AN AMERICAN IN THE BACH DANG PRISON, SAIGON, BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1984.

[REDACTED] IN SEPTEMBER 1984 WHEN HE SAW THE AMERICAN AND AN AUSTRALIAN INCARCERATED THERE. THE AMERICAN WAS WHITE, ABOUT 180 CENTIMETERS TALL AND THIN (60 TO 70 KG). HE WORE GLASSES AND WAS OVER 30 YEARS OF AGE. [REDACTED] LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN HAD BEEN IN BACH DANG PRISON SINCE ABOUT MARCH 1984. IT

AND SOME VIETNAMESE. HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN DEBRIEFED BY STONY BEACH ON 19 DECEMBER 1988.)

4. THE NAMES BELOW ARE OF ALLEGED POW/MIA'S:

JAMES L. PHILLIPS, JR.      ALLEN K. BURGESS      FRED L. SMITH

AF [REDACTED]      [REDACTED]      [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]      (UNREADABLE)

[REDACTED]      [REDACTED]      [REDACTED]

METHODIST      METHODIST      METHODIST

TERRENCE L. TAYLOR      GEORGE T. MURRAY      WOODROW W. KEMP, JR.

[REDACTED]      [REDACTED]      [REDACTED]

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5. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988 AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER  
TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND  
ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS TO

A. THREE DOG TAG RUBBINGS, ONE HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT  
ON RANDY R. SIMPSON, FR. [ ] (DIFFICULT TO READ), [ ]  
NONE

B. DOG TAG RUBBINGS AND BONE FRAGMENTS ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA  
[ ] CATHOLIC

C. DOG TAG RUBBING, HANDWRITTEN PAPER PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT  
SUMMERSON JR. US [ ] PRESBYTERIAN

D. DOG TAG RUBBINGS PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON MARVIN FUGATE, US  
[ ] NO PREF

E. DOG TAG RUBBING ON TON V HUONG, "7 TRAN T REP, CSF B18, MED AUTH  
29TH, NOTIFY 5FSG LLDB"

6. IN EARLY DECEMBER, AN ETHNIC CHINESE-KHMER  
TURNED OVER THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND  
ACCOMPANYING BONE FRAGMENTS

A. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA  
[ ] CHRISTIAN

B. DUPLICATE OF ABOVE

C. DOG TAG RUBBING PLUS BONE FRAGMENT ON GEORGE VARGAS, RA  
[ ] CATHOLIC

NOTE THAT ANOTHER SOURCE TURNED OVER INFORMATION ON "ROBERT L.  
TROTTER" WHICH WAS PASSED TO JCRC IN EARLY DECEMBER 1988.

7. [ ] WHO PROBABLY OBTAINED THEM FROM A  
REFUGEE IN SITE B, PASSED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF SKELETONS WITH  
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION LOCATED IN THE PICTURE (TOO SMALL TO READ);  
A COPY OF A DOG TAG OF: GEORGE T. MURRAY, RA [ ] CATHOLIC,  
AND A MAP SUPPOSEDLY IDENTIFYING MURRAY'S BURIAL PLACE. THE  
PHOTOGRAPHS LOOK VERY FAMILIAR AND POSSIBLY THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY  
BEEN TURNED OVER TO JCRC. THE NAME GEORGE T. MURRAY HAS ALSO BEEN  
REPORTED IN THE PAST.

8. ON 9 JANUARY 1989, [ ]  
PROVIDED TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT ARE ALLEGEDLY, HUMAN BONES  
AND A DOGTAG. ACCORDING TO A CRUDELY WRITTEN NOTE WHICH ACCOMPANIED  
THE PHOTOS, THE INFORMATION ON THE DOGTAG READS AS FOLLOWS: GOMEZ,  
ROBERT A. [ ] CHRIST. SCI. (COMMENT: THE ALPHA  
ROSTER SHOWS ROBERT ARTHUR GOMEZ WITH SSAN [ ] LISTED AS DEAD  
- BODY NOT RECOVERED ) [ ] EXPLAINED THAT  
[ ] HAD BEEN APPROACHED IN  
HIS VILLAGE OF BAN THAN IN SWAENG DAEN DIN DISTRICT, SAKHON NAKHON  
PROVINCE O/A 7 JAN 89 BY AN ETHNIC LAO (NFI) WHO IS CURRENTLY  
RESIDING IN NAKHON PHANOM PROVINCE. THE LAO REQUESTED [ ] TO  
DETERMINE IF THE BONES IN THE PHOTOGRAPH WERE AUTHENTIC.

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POW'S IN LAOS. SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED IN S. AND THE AND  
 WERE INTERVIEWED BY A MEMBER OF THE STONY BEACH OVERT  
 DEBRIEFING TEAM.) WHO CONTACTED DIRECTLY. ALTHOUGH FULLY  
 COOPERATIVE, WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH IN TERMS OF DETAILS ABOUT  
 THE ETHNIC LAO OR THE BONES IN QUESTION. SAID THE LAO  
 INDICATED THAT THE BONES WERE FOUND AT A SITE SOMEWHERE NEAR THE  
 BORDER OF LAOS AND VIETNAM. THE LAO CLAIMED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE  
 BONES SHOWN IN THE PHOTO, HE WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A PART OF A  
 JAW BONE WHICH ALLEGEDLY ARE THE REMAINS OF A SECOND PERSON.  
 STATED THAT THE LAO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO BAN THAN O/A  
 14 JAN 89. SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN CONTACTING THE  
 LAO IN NAKHON PHANOM THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND SHOULD THERE BE AN  
 INTEREST IN DOING SO.

9. IN NOVEMBER 1988.

T [REDACTED] TURNED OVER A BONE  
 FRAGMENT ON ROBERT L. TROTTER, RA. [REDACTED] CHRISTIAN.  
 STATED THAT TROTTER'S BROTHER (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD BEEN  
 RELEASED FROM JAIL IN VIETNAM AND WAS NOW IN PHNOM PENH. WAS  
 ATTEMPTING TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE TROTTER BROTHER IN  
 PHNOM PENH. BONE FRAGMENTS ON THREE INDIVIDUALS (JAMES L. PHILLIPS,  
 ALLEN K. BURGESS AND RED L. SMITH), WHOSE NAMES WERE PASSED IN AN  
 EARLIER REPORT HAVE BEEN OBTAINED AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO JCRC AS  
 SOON AS POSSIBLE. TWO HANDWRITTEN COPIES OF DOGTAGS FOR TERRENCE L.  
 TAYLOR WERE ALSO RECEIVED AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF SKELETONS AND  
 HAND-DRAWN MAPS OF SUPPOSED GRAVESITES FOR GEORGE W. MURRAY AND  
 WOODROW W. KEMP. JCRC HAS ADVISED THAT NAMES ON THAT REPORT WERE  
 ALL BOGUS SO THE FRAGMENTS AND OTHER MATERIAL WERE ACCEPTED TO  
 REMOVE THEM FROM CIRCULATION. THE CROSS BORDER TRADERS WHO PROVIDED  
 THE INFORMATION STATE THAT THEY CAN DELIVER THE ENTIRE SKELETONS FOR  
 MURRAY AND KEMP.

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REPORTED THAT IN JANUARY 1988 HE VISITED AN "AMERICAN JOURNALIST"  
 BEING DETAINED AT THE FORMER LON NOL RESIDENCE IN PHNOM PENH. THE  
 AMERICAN WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IN WESTERN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE IN  
 JULY 1987. THE AMERICAN WAS TO BE RELEASED IN JANUARY 1988, BUT  
 WAS UNSURE IF THIS CAME ABOUT. THIS SIGHTING IS PROBABLY  
 RELATED TO THE BRIAN BONO CASE; BONO WAS RELEASED EARLIER THIS  
 SUMMER.

11. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: LAO MIA/POW REPORTING NET LINKED WITH PRIVATE RECOVERY EFFORTS

1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA

WE ARE FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FIVE-MAN NET INVOLVED IN PROVIDING FIRST HAND AND HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING ON THE U.S. MIA/POW ISSUE IN LAOS. THE CENTRAL FIGURE IN THIS NET APPEARS TO BE

NOTED IN BASE REPORTING ON THE MIA/POW ISSUE SINCE MARCH 1987.

2.

FIRST CAME TO

BASE ATTENTION ON 26 MARCH 1987 WHEN HE WAS DEBRIEFED ON THE ISSUE. REPORTED ON AN ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE (8 APRIL 1987). REPORTED THE PARAGRAPH TWO INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT. PARAGRAPH ONE WAS PROVIDED BY A MR.

THE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON (PARAGRAPH ONE) WHO ATTEMPTED TO GIVE THE PIECE OF PAPER MAY HAVE BEEN WAS DEBRIEFED ON 19 MARCH 1987 AND WAS DEBRIEFED ON 26 MARCH 1987 AT VILLAGE. WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHO WAS INTRODUCED TO WHOM FIRST FOR DEBRIEFINGS. WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 14 APRIL 1987. THIS DEBRIEFING WAS DISSEMINATED AS (ADDENDUM) OF 28 APRIL 1987. WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN ON 18 MAY 1987 WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF (28 MAY 1987) ON THE PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS BY THE LAO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MOUNTAINOUS AREAS DEVELOPMENT

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COMPANY (MADC) FOR SHIPMENT TO VIETNAM. CLAIMED HE HAD TRAVELED TO KHAM KEUT TOWN ON 3-4 MAY 1987 AS A RESULT OF AN MADC NOTICE TO PURCHASE MARIJUANA. WAS THEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING A RESIDENT OF VANGPON VILLAGE, KHAM KEUT DISTRICT, BOLIKHAMSAT PROVINCE, LAOS. CLAIMED HE HAD SERVED WITH THE PATHET LAO FROM 1967 TO 1975, AND HAD RECEIVED UNSPECIFIED TRAINING IN NORTH VIETNAM.

3. IN EARLY JUNE 1987, WAS BROUGHT TO FOR FURTHER DEBRIEFINGS ON HIS LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING. STONY BEACH DEBRIEFED HIM ON 3 JUNE 1987 ( OF 17 JUNE 1987) DID NOT SUPPORT STATEMENTS ABOUT TELLING HIM ABOUT A U.S. POW, ABOUT HIS GOING TO SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987, OR ABOUT HIS HAVING SEEN A WHITE U.S. POW AT SALEO VILLAGE IN APRIL 1987. AFTER WHICH, CHANGED HIS INFORMATION SEVERAL TIMES REGARDING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WHITE U.S. POW, HOW HE TRAVELED TO SALEO VILLAGE, AND WHAT HE SAW THE TWO U.S. POW'S DOING WHEN HE SAW THEM. FINALLY STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HIS AND IN SALEO VILLAGE COULD HAVE TRICKED HIM INTO DELIVERING A STORY OF A POW SIGHTING BECAUSE THEY WANTED MONEY. WAS TOLD TO OBTAIN AND RETURN WITH PROOF. AGREED TO DO SO. OR ABOUT HIS NARCOTICS INFORMATION. OUR DEBRIEFER WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ACCEPT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM UNLESS RE COULD PROVIDE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF LIVE U.S. POW'S. FABRICATION NOTICES WERE THEN ISSUED ON ALL THREE OF HIS REPORTS.

4. NEXT SURFACED IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN HE BROKERED AN INTRODUCTION TO A LAO MALE NAMED WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA (UH 4254) OF HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, LAOS. CLAIMED HE WAS A AND RESIDENT OF VIENTIANE WHO TRAVELED REGULARLY BETWEEN VIENTIANE AND HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. CLAIMED HE OBTAINED INFORMATION ABOUT U.S. POW'S IN THE BAN BOUAK AREA IN JANUARY 1987, AND HAD MENTIONED THIS TO A FRIEND NAMED IN VIENTIANE. SAID TOLD HIM ABOUT HIS WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON INTERESTED IN POW INFORMATION. ASKED FOR HELP IN CONTACTING THIS PERSON (OUR DEBRIEFER) THROUGH HIS BROTHER INTRODUCED TO HIS BROTHER WHO BROKERED THE SEPTEMBER 1987 INTRODUCTION TO OUR DEBRIEFER. DEBRIEFING ON THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN POW'S IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE WAS DISSEMINATED AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1987. OUR DEBRIEFER LATER DEBRIEFED ON 24 OCTOBER 1987 AT BAN LAOMAKFANG, NONG KHAI PROVINCE; THAILAND. DEBRIEFING RESULTED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF A REPORT ON THE CONVICTION OF FORMER LPDR CENTRAL

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CLAIMED HE LEARNED HIS INFORMATION FROM A LAO

5. ON 30 JANUARY 1988, [REDACTED] WAS DEBRIEFED AGAIN.  
PASSED ON INFORMATION PERTAINING TO AN AMERICAN POW NAMED (FNU)  
HARLAND, PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR ABOVE  
[REDACTED] 2 NOVEMBER 1987). THE NAME OF THE POW WAS  
CORRECTED AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS HENRY L. ALLEN; ALLEN IS CARRIED AS  
DECEASED IN AVAILABLE MIA/POW LISTING. [REDACTED] PRESENTED INFORMATION  
ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF ALLEN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THROUGH A

ALLEN WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE AREA OF BAN BOUAK VILLAGE (UH 4254),  
HOUAMUANG DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE, IN EARLY DECEMBER 1987 TO  
BAN PHIENG KAO HOI (NCA), ABOUT TWELVE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF BOUM  
TA KHOAY CANTON (NCA), SAM TAI DISTRICT (VH 6210), HOUA PHAN  
PROVINCE, NEAR THE LPDK/SRV BORDER. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY MOVED  
BECAUSE STRANGERS IN THE AREA WERE REPORTEDLY SEEKING INFORMATION ON  
HIS WHEREABOUTS. ALLEN WAS REPORTEDLY UNDER THE GUARD OF A LOCAL  
CANTON SECURITY FORCE COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER NAMED PHOUNSAVAT  
(LNU). ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ALLEN WAS MARRIED TO A LOCAL WOMAN NAMED  
THONGPLIEN SOPHAMISAI, AND WAS THE FATHER OF A FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON  
NAMED KHAMDNG AND A TWO-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER NAMED KHAMPHENG.

6. ON 5 FEBRUARY 1988, [REDACTED] WAS  
DEBRIEFED. [REDACTED] CLAIMED ALLEN WAS MOVED BACK TO THE BAN BOUAK  
AREA IN MID-DECEMBER 1987, AND THAT HE HAD OBTAINED A PHOTOCOPY OF  
ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY HAS A  
BRIEFCASE CONTAINING ITEMS (NFI) APPARENTLY PERTAINING TO ALLEN,  
INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ID CARD, AND REPORTEDLY CLAIMS THAT ALLEN WAS  
SHOT DOWN ON 26 JANUARY 1970 IN THE VICINITY OF TG 9107.  
FURTHER CLAIMED THAT HE CROSSED INTO THAILAND IN EARLY JANUARY 1988  
WITH THE PHOTOCOPY AND CONTACTED A PERSON NAMED KON (LNU) TO  
DETERMINE IF THE PHOTOCOPY COULD BE SOLD TO SOMEONE WITH AN INTEREST  
IN POW/MIA MATTERS. [REDACTED] CLAIMED THAT [REDACTED] EXPECTED TO  
RECEIVE 30,000 BAHT FOR PROVIDING THE PHOTOCOPY OF THE ID CARD.  
SUBSEQUENTLY INTRODUCED HIM [REDACTED] TO A FOREIGN NATIONAL IN  
NAKHON PHANOM CITY WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED SHINKLE PAID  
HIM 4,000 BAHT FOR THE ID CARD. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] ALLEGED HE HAD  
FIRST TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF COPYING THE INFORMATION OFF THE  
PHOTOCOPY, WHICH HE PROVIDED TO OUR DEBRIEFER. ACCORDING TO

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GAVE HIM A SHORT NOTE WRITTEN IN FRENCH, SIGNED BY [REDACTED] TO DELIVER TO [REDACTED] WHICH AMOUNTS TO AN OPEN ENDED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, PRESUMABLY ON POW MATTERS. [REDACTED] GAVE THE NOTE TO OUR DEBRIEFER, AND THE NOTE IS BEING HELD BY OUR [REDACTED] BASE.

7. [REDACTED] PASSED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH HE REPORTEDLY COPIED FROM THE PHOTOCOPY OF ALLEN'S SERVICE ID CARD:

ALLEN HENRY L.  
 DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]  
 WEIGHT: 200 (POSS LBS AND IN 1967) (SIC)  
 HEIGHT: 6'1"  
 HAIR COLOR: BROWN  
 EYES COLOR: BLUE  
 BLOOD TYPE: [REDACTED]  
 CARD NR.: [REDACTED]  
 DATE OF ISSUE: 22 JUNE 1967  
 SERVICE NR.: [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED] ALSO REPORTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER AMERICAN POW NAMED PATRICK HENRY FALLON BEING DETAINED IN SAM TAI DISTRICT, HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. THIS INFORMATION WAS RELATED TO [REDACTED] ON 27 DECEMBER 1987 DURING A CONVERSATION WITH A [REDACTED]

NO OTHER DETAILS WERE REPORTED. AVAILABLE POW/MIA LISTING INDICATES A PATRICK MARTIN FALLON WAS DOWNED ON 4 JULY 1969 IN THE VICINITY OF UG013331. FALLON IS LISTED AS DECEASED).

9. AS OF 12 FEBRUARY 1988, [REDACTED] HAD RETURNED TO LAOS. [REDACTED] BASE IS WILLING TO BROKER AN INTRODUCTION TO THEM FOR STONY BEACH FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS. STONY BEACH WAS PASSED INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS FIVE THROUGH EIGHT ABOVE WITHOUT SOURCING INFORMATION. STONY BEACH HAS SINCE ADVISED [REDACTED] BASE OF ITS INTEREST IN CONDUCTING FURTHER INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

11. CLASSIFIED BY SIGNER. [REDACTED] ~~SECRET~~

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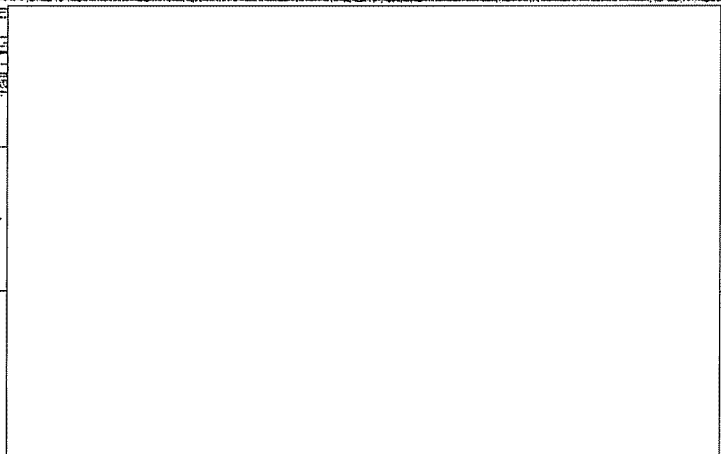
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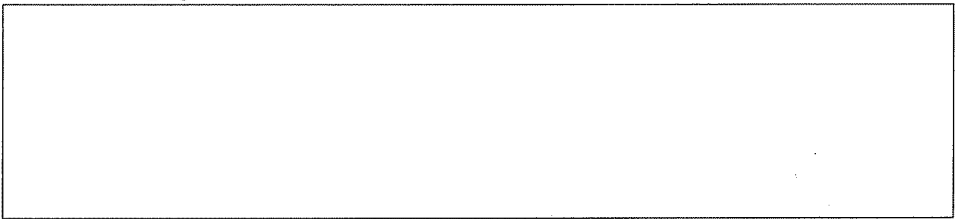
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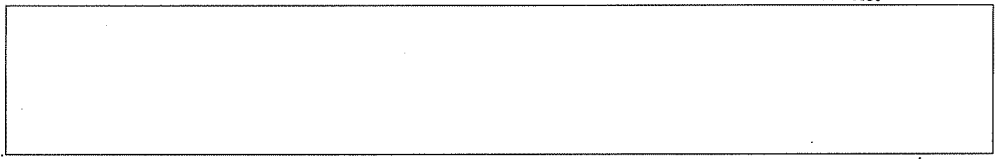
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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM AN



ARE NOT FORMALLY DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION, WHICH IS BEING PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER 1987 A

 REMARKED ON THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF PRIVATE U.S. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PERSONS KILLED, CAPTURED, OR MISSING-IN-ACTION DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, SAYING THAT "THERE ARE LESS THAN 1,200 PRISONERS OF WAR" (POW'S). THE FUNCTIONARY LATER REMARKED IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION THAT "THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF POW'S IN THE SRV IS SMALL COMPARED WITH THOSE IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA, BOTH IN KNOWN AND UNKNOWN LOCATIONS." HE CONTINUED THAT U.S. POLICY TOWARD LAOS AND CAMBODIA MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICANS TO PURSUE THE MATTER OF POW'S EFFECTIVELY AND THAT "THE NUMBER OF POW'S AS ESTIMATED BY THE AMERICANS, 1,270, IS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL FIGURE." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NO IDEA HOW MANY POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE 1,270 FIGURE CITED IS FOR ALL OF INDOCHINA OR MERELY THE SRV.)

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ADDITION, HIS NORMAL HABIT WHEN FACED WITH A QUESTION HE DOES NOT WISH TO ANSWER IS TO IGNORE THE QUESTION. (IT IS CLEAR HE CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT OF POW'S TO BE SENSITIVE. HE ALSO APPEARS, HOWEVER, TO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE TOPIC AND HAS REMARKED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE MORE DETAILS WHEN AND IF HE GAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE WORD THE OFFICIAL USED IN REFERRING TO THE POW'S WAS THE VIETNAMESE WORD "TU BINH," THAT IS "PRISONER OF WAR." WHETHER HE MEANT TO INCLUDE OTHER TYPES OF HOSTAGES OR PRISONERS UNDER THIS TERM IS UNCLEAR.)

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED BY OUR BASE IN [REDACTED] ACCORDING TO A SOURCE

REPORTED THAT DURING THE PERIOD FROM 9 TO 11 JULY 1986, THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG (QC 2301) FROM OUDOMSAI (RC 0291) BY CAR. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO MUANG PAKBENG TO FIX FOUR OFFICIAL VEHICLES THAT WERE OUT OF ORDER AND TO REPAIR THE ENGINE OF A LOCAL RICE MILL. AFTER COMPLETING THEIR WORK THEY WENT BACK TO OUDOMSAI.

2. OUR BASE COMMENTED THAT THIS INFORMATION AND REF REPORT BOTH DESCRIBE THE "AMERICANS" AS BEING USED AS MECHANICS. REF REPORT WAS FROM THE SAME SOURCE BUT A DIFFERENT SUBSOURCE. OUR BASE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE AN ACTIVE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN NORTH LAOS AND THAT PER [REDACTED] THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION IN VIENTIANE HAD GIVEN A ONE DAY AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE COURSE TO THE LPA 3RD DIVISION IN LUANG NAMTHA ON 11 JULY. ANOTHER BASE SOURCE REPORTED THAT A SOVIET INSTRUCTOR GAVE A COURSE IN LUANG PRABANG FROM 28 JUNE TO 30 JULY FOR CIVILIAN MECHANICS FROM THE SIX NORTHERN LAO PROVINCES. THUS THE SIGHTING OF "AMERICAN" MECHANICS MIGHT BE VALID, BUT THEY MIGHT ALSO BE CAUCASIAN RUSSIAN ADVISORS.

3. OUR BASE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF THE SOURCE OF PARA ONE ABOVE CIRCA THE WEEK OF 22 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST DIA FORWARD ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEBRIEFING BY 18 SEPTEMBER SO WE CAN FORWARD THEM TO OUR BASE. PARA ONE INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE DISSEMED AS A [REDACTED]

4. FILE: NONE. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL POW/MIA INFO ON LAOS

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1. (S) [REDACTED] THE SOURCE OF [REDACTED] TITLED "REPORTED SIGHTING OF AMERICAN PRISONERS IN LAOS," WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN GENERALLY RELIABLE, REPORTED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

2. (S) [REDACTED] IN LATE JULY 1986, SOURCE'S SUBSOURCE, WHO IS A LAO RESIDENT, VISITED BAN KHOANG (QD 9332). BAN KHOANG HAS ABOUT 35 FAMILIES OF ETHNIC LUE PEOPLE. WHILE IN BAN KHOANG, SUBSOURCE REQUESTED TO VISIT MUANG NGOY (TH 5891), OBSTENSIVELY TO SEE THE GOLDEN BUDDHA AND THE MAGIC METAL, REPORTED TO BE HARDER THAN STEEL AND INVULNERABLE. SUBSOURCE WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT GO THERE BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY PAVN IN MUANG NGOY AND THEY AND THE LPA DO NOT ALLOW OUTSIDERS. WHEN SUBSOURCE ASKED WHY THE AREA WAS RESTRICTED, HE WAS TOLD IT WAS BECAUSE THERE ARE AMERICANS BEING HELD THERE.

3. (S) [REDACTED] SUBSOURCE CONVINCED [REDACTED] TO GO TO MUANG NGOY AND BUY THEM A BUDDHA IMAGE. [REDACTED] WALKED TO THE INTERSECTION AT QD 8418 AND CAUGHT A BUS TO MUANG NAM BAC (TH 3583) AND WALKED TO MUANG NGOY KAO (TH 5891). UPON RETURN THEY SAID THAT SECURITY WAS VERY TIGHT IN MUANG NGOY AND THERE WERE MANY PAVN. THEY STAYED WITH A FRIEND [REDACTED] AND ASKED HIM TO TAKE THEM TO THE CAVE OF THAM PHA YONG WHERE A GOLDEN BUDDHA IS ON DISPLAY. [REDACTED] SAID THAT PEOPLE WERE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE AREA BY THE PAVN. THERE ARE FOUR CAVES IN THE AREA AND PAVN USES THREE CAVES AND PROTECTS THEM WITH 30 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. ANOTHER CAVE CALLED THAM MUANG NGOY IS THE MOST RESTRICTED AREA BECAUSE IT IS A DETENTION CENTER. THERE IS ROOM FOR 3000 PEOPLE INSIDE THE CAVE. IT WAS THE SITE OF DETENTION OF THE LAST LAO KING OF LAOS AND MANY ROYAL RELATIVES AFTER THE COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER.

4. (S) [REDACTED] SAID THAT THE PAVN HAD CAUGHT

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THREE AMERICANS "SINCE" 1975 AND PUT THEM IN THE CAVE CALLED SOP KHAN NOI. MANY VILLAGERS FROM MUANG NGOY HAVE SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN THEY ARE TAKEN OUT TO BATHE AND GO TO THE BATHROOM. [ ] SAID THAT HE HAD SEEN THE AMERICANS WHEN HE SOLD SUGAR CANE AND FOOD TO THE PAVN WHO GUARDED THE CAVE. ONE AMERICAN IS TALLER THAN THE OTHERS WITH BROWN HAIR AND WALKS LIKE HE HAS AN INJURED RIGHT LEG. THE SECOND AMERICAN IS OF MEDIUM HEIGHT WITH SIDEBURNS AND A BLACK SPOT ON HIS RIGHT CHEEK THAT MIGHT BE A BIRTHMARK OR A SCAR CAUSED BY BEING HIT OR BURNED. [ ] COULD THINK OF NO DISTINGUISHING FEATURES FOR THE THIRD AMERICAN.

5. (S [ ] ON 3 JUNE 1986, THE PAVN HAD REPORTEDLY MOVED THE POWS FROM SOP KHAN NOI TO THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE. THE PAVN SAID THAT ANY VILLAGER ENTERING THE NEW AREA WOULD BE SHOT. [ ] HAD NOT BEEN TO THE THAM MUANG NGOY CAVE SINCE THE AMERICANS WERE MOVED THERE BUT USED TO HUNT IN THE AREA AND PROVIDED A SKETCH MAP.

6. (S [ ] SUBSOURCE MEMORIZED THE MAP AND REDREW IT FOR SOURCE. OUR BASE REPORTS THAT THE SKETCH MAP IS CLEAR ON MANY POINTS BUT HAS ONE GLARING ERROR. ACCORDING TO THE MAP, MUANG NGOY MAI (NEW MUANG NGOY) AND MUANG NGOY KAO (OLD MUANG NGOY) ARE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE NAM OU RIVER. UNLESS THESE ARE TWO SUB-VILLAGES OF MUANG NGOY THEY ARE ON THE WRONG BANK. HOWEVER, THE SKETCH MAP DOES SHOW THE AIRFIELD WHICH OUR BASE BELIEVES MUST BE THE ONE AT TH 573894. FROM THE MAP OUR OFFICER GUESSED THAT THE CAVE WHERE THE REPORTED AMERICANS ARE NOW IS AT TH 573984 OR JUST TO THE SOUTH IN THE IRREGULAR HILL THAT HAS ITS PEAK AT TH 563888. THE OLD CAVE IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE NEW SITE AND ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER. OUR BASE PUTS THIS AT THE HILL WITH ITS PEAK AT TH 588899. OUR BASE CAUTIONED THAT THEY ARE BASING LOCATIONS ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT SUBSOURCE GOT THE AIRFIELD SITE ABOUT RIGHT. IF SO THEN THE OLD CAVE, NEW CAVE AND A PAVN AAA SITE SUBSOURCE MARKED, THAT WE PUT ON THE HILL AT TH 583881 WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.

7. [ ] HAS NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE MAP FROM OUR BASE. HOPE THIS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE.

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SUBJECT: POW/MIA INFORMATION

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1. (S [REDACTED]) WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL RESPONSES TO REQUIREMENTS LEVIED ON OUR STATIONS FOLLOWING THE RECENT LIVE POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. ACCORDING TO

A THAI MILITARY UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATIONS IN LAOS HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY REPORTING CONCERNING SIGHTINGS OF LIVE AMERICAN POW'S IN THE LUANG PRABANG AREA.

2. (S [REDACTED]) A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING IS INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH RELIABILITY DEBRIEFED TWO REFUGEES FROM THE MUANG NGOY AREA. BOTH MEN WERE HELD IN REEDUCATION CAMPS IN MUANG NGOY AREA FROM 1975-1985. ACCORDING TO THE TWO MEN, WHO WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY, THERE ARE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS, TWO SMALLER REEDUCATION CAMPS, AND A JAIL LOCATED IN MUANG NGOY. ALL ARE LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER OR ITS TRIBUTARIES AND MUCH OF THE TRAVEL TO THE CAMPS IS BY BOAT. THE TWO MAIN REEDUCATION CAMPS ARE HAT CHAM (TH 5890) AND NAM BAK (NCA), LOCATED ACROSS THE NAM BAK RIVER FROM BAN NAKHON (TH 4680) VILLAGE. THE HAT CHAM CAMP IS LOCATED IN THE VALLEY OF THE PHABOM AND PHAPAE MOUNTAINS ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. FORMER ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM LUANG PRABANG AND SAYABOURY PROVINCES WERE DETAINED AT THIS CAMP WHICH CONSISTED OF ABOUT 15 HOUSES, FOUR BARRACKS, AND ONE RICE MILL. IN 1980, MANY OF THE INMATES FROM THIS CAMP WERE TRANSFERRED TO CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE REFUGEES, THE INMATES AT THE NAM BAK CAMP HAD ALSO BEEN SENT TO OTHER CAMPS IN ATTOPEU AND XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCES AND THE CAMP WAS NOW OCCUPIED BY PAVN TROOPS. THE JAIL WAS LOCATED AT HAD KAO (EITHER TH 5226 OR TH 5477) AND WAS ALSO LOCATED ALONG THE NAM OU RIVER. THE JAIL WAS USED TO HOUSE REEDUCATION CAMP INMATES WHO WERE NOT COOPERATIVE OR WERE CREATING PROBLEMS. ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL VICINITY WERE PHAKEO (TH 5919) CAVE AND TWO SMALLER

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REEDUCATION CAMPS NUMBER 196 LOCATED AT NANGKANG (NCA) AND  
NUMBER 193 LOCATED NEAR A BRIDGE OVER THE NAM BAK RIVER NEAR  
THE JUNCTION OF THE NAM BAK AND HOUEI NGU RIVERS. BOTH MEN  
STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT OR SEEN ANY AMERICAN POWS  
IN THIS AREA.

3. (S) [ ] IN ADDITION, WE HAVE AGAIN REMINDED OUR  
STATIONS WHO FOLLOW VIETNAM OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POW  
ISSUE. WE HAD TWO RESPONSES IMMEDIATELY FROM NEW SOURCES.  
ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WITH GOOD ACCESS WHOSE RELIABILITY HAS  
NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, AN OFFICIAL ABROAD SAID THAT THERE  
ARE NO AMERICAN POWS STILL ALIVE IN VIETNAMESE PRISON CAMPS OR  
ELSEWHERE. HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE PERHAPS FORMER U.S.  
SERVICEMEN WHO MIGHT HAVE REMAINED IN VIETNAM, BUT THERE ARE NO  
PCWS BEING HELD AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF  
SENIOR SRV OFFICIALS.

4. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WHOSE PAST REPORTING HAS BEEN  
INSUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH A DEGREE OF RELIABILITY, THERE ARE NO  
LIVE OR CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS STILL IN VIETNAM. IN SOURCE'S  
OPINION, REPORTS OF CAPTIVE POWS/MIAS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN OLD  
SIGHTINGS OF DOWNED CREWS LOST IN THE JUNGLES. SOURCE BELIEVES  
ANYONE LOST IN THE JUNGLES WOULD CERTAINLY BE DEAD, AND EVEN IF  
THERE WERE ANY LIVING POWS/MIAS THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE IN LAOS  
OR CAMBODIA, NOT VIETNAM.

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON POW REPORTING

REF: [Redacted] DATED 3 JULY 86

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1. THIS MESSAGE IS A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER OF 31 JULY 1986 CONTAINING FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR TWO REPORTS ON U.S. POW SIGHTINGS IN LAOS WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO OUR BANGKOK STATION. THE [Redacted] IS UNDERTAKING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS IN DIRECT RESPONSE. SOME UNILATERAL ASSETS WHO ARE FROM THAT AREA OR ARE FAMILIAR WITH IT, OR WHO KNOW PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH IT, ARE BEING CONTACTED AND A FEW SELECT ASSETS ARE BEING SENT INTO THE AREA.

[Redacted]  
REFUGEES FROM THE AREA WILL BE DEBRIEFED FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THAT LOCALE. THE [Redacted] HAS RAISED THE ISSUE WITH THE THAI MILITARY,

WHICH HAVE PROMISED TO HELP THROUGH THEIR CONTACTS IN LAOS. THE SUBSOURCE OF ONE OF THE ORIGINAL REPORTS [Redacted] HAS ALREADY BEEN DISPATCHED BACK INTO THE AREA FOR FOLLOW-UP. THE SUBSOURCE OF THE OTHER REPORT, [Redacted], HAS REPORTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH IS BEING REPORTED IN [Redacted] (ADDENDUM). IN EACH INSTANCE, THE SUBSOURCE IS TRYING TO RECONTACT THE ORIGINAL SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND FURTHER DETAILS. OTHER INDIVIDUALS FAMILIAR WITH THE AREA, INCLUDING SOME CAUCASIANS KNOWN TO WORK IN RURAL LAOS, MAY BE APPROACHED FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CONFIRM THAT THE SOURCES ACTUALLY WENT TO THE AREA AND BRING BACK PHOTOGRAPHIC OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF WHAT THEY SAW.

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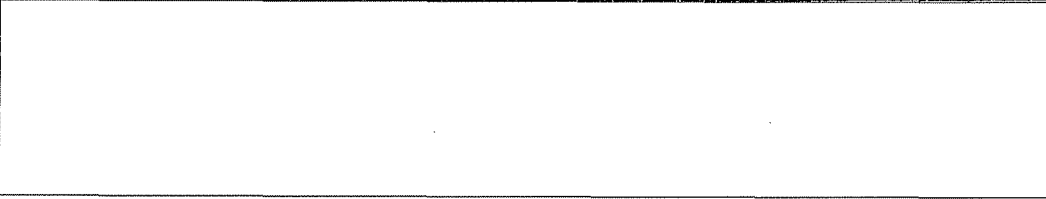
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EXCLUSIVE DISSEMINATION TO ADDRESSEES LISTED AT END OF REPORT

COUNTRY: LAOS

SUBJ: POW/MIA? ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

DOI: EARLY MARCH 1987

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SUBJ: POW/MIA: ALLEGED AMERICAN REPORTEDLY BEING CARED FOR BY HMONG IN EARLY 1987 AT SALEO VILLAGE, SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAOS

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(FNU) ((MORGAN)) WAS ALLEGEDLY STAYING NEAR THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF SALEO (NCA) VILLAGE, SALEO CANTON, SAMOI DISTRICT (XD 9416) SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR). MORGAN, WHO REPORTEDLY PARACHUTED FROM AN AIRCRAFT IN 1973, WAS BEING CARED FOR BY ETHNIC HMONG INHABITANTS OF THE AREA. ONE UNIDENTIFIED PERSON HAD ATTEMPTED TO GIVE A PIECE OF PAPER TO MORGAN WHICH CONTAINED QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AND CALLED FOR A SIGNATURE, BUT MORGAN REFUSED TO COMPLETE OR SIGN THE PAPER WITHOUT THE PRIOR PERMISSI(N OF ((THOM)) (LNU), HIS CARETAKER. THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY WANTED 150 BAHT-WEIGHT OF SILVER AND MORGAN TAKEN AWAY IN EXCHANGE FOR CARING FOR HIM DURING THE PREVIOUS DECADE. (FIELD COMMENT: ONE SILVER BAHT-WEIGHT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY 200 BAHT, OR A TOTAL OF 30,000 BAHT. ABOUT 26 BAHT EQUALS U.S.\$1.00 AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE.) APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONING, THE VILLAGERS SAID THAT THEY KEPT AND RAISED ANIMALS, AND THEY SAW NO REASON WHY THEY SHOULD NOT CARE FOR A HUMAN BEING. MORGAN HAD ATTEMPTED TO WRITE A LETTER HOME, BUT THE VILLAGERS REFUSED TO ALLOW IT.

2. THE STORY OF MORGAN CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF A SAVANNAKHET TOWN VILLAGER WHO CLAIMED ACCESS TO THE AREA THROUGH HIS SPOUSE'S FAMILY CONNECTIONS. THE SPOUSES'S COUSIN WAS REPORTEDLY ACQUAINTED WITH THOM. THE SAVANNAKHET VILLAGER SENT HIS NEPHEW, \_\_\_\_\_ INTO THAILAND TO TELL THE STORY. \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIMED TO HAVE FIRST TRAVELED TO THE SALEO VILLAGE AREA TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT MORGAN. \_\_\_\_\_ SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE MORGAN, BUT THAT VILLAGE CHILDREN KNEW OF HIM.

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED FIRST HAND LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING FROM  
KHAMTAN NOUMALA IN CANADA

[redacted]

1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF  
[redacted] ON 11 FEBRUARY 1988, WE ARE FORWARDING  
INFORMATION OUR [redacted] HAS OBTAINED THROUGH [redacted]  
[redacted] FROM THE DEBRIEFING OF [redacted] IMMIGRANT  
[redacted] ON ALLEGED FIRST HAND  
LIVE SIGHTINGS IN LAOS. [redacted] REQUESTS THAT HIS  
INFORMATION NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE OF THIS AGENCY AND DIA  
WITHOUT [redacted] PERMISSION. WE HAVE SENT A MESSAGE TO  
[redacted] AS REQUESTED BY [redacted] FOR CONFIRMATION ON  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR [redacted] TRAVEL HERE FOR VO-PW DEBRIEFINGS ON  
THE MIA/POW ISSUE CIRCA 15 APRIL 1988. THE TEXT OF THE  
[redacted] NOTE ON [redacted] IS AS FOLLOWS.

2. SOURCE: [redacted] FORMER LAOTIAN, NOW [redacted]  
[redacted] IMMIGRANT. SOURCE REPORTED THREE SIGHTINGS OF  
U.S. POW/MIA PERSONNEL IN LAOS IN 1984. DEBRIEFING WAS [redacted]  
[redacted] BUT SOURCE MADE REFERENCE TO NOTES HE HAD PREPARED IN  
LAOTIAN. WE OBTAINED THESE NOTES AND THEY ARE ENCLOSED. YOU  
WILL BE ABLE TO DISCERN IMPRESSIONS OF PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN NOTES  
ON THE PAPER, POSSIBLE WRITTEN ON 31 AUGUST 1987. THESE APPEAR  
TO BE IN A DIFFERENT HAND AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT.

3. SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT MONTH SIGHTS  
OCCURRED. SOURCE WAS ON THE ROAD FOR TWELVE MONTHS AS PART OF  
A GROUP DELIVERING MEDICAL SUPPLIES CSOVIET QUININE AND  
VITAMINSJ TO SEVERAL POPULATED PLACES.

4. THE FIRST SIGHTING OCCURRED 30 KILOMETERS NORTH OF

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SEPONE. HE SPENT TWO TO THREE WEEKS HERE. SEVENTEEN U.S. PERSONNEL WERE HELD IN A MONTAGNARD ENCAMPMENT ON A SMALL RIVER. THEY APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND WERE FED TWICE A DAY, AT NOON AND 1700 HOURS. THEY WERE TREATED AS PRISONERS AND WERE NOT, AS IN THE CASE OF THE SECOND SIGHTING, INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL POPULATION.

5. THE SECOND SIGHTING WAS AT KHAM KER, NEAR NAPE IN KHAKEM PROVINCE. HERE HE MET "MOKEN DOMAHO" (DONAHUE?) WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A FORMER USAF BOMBER PILOT AND SON OF "A GENERAL" IN THE SEVENTH FLEET. DOMAHO WAS MARRIED TO A MONTAGNARD WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD TWO CHILDREN. HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND HAD COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. AT THIS SAME LOCATION WAS A BLACK AMERICAN, ALSO FREE. HE WAS UNMARRIED. OUR SOURCE SPENT FOUR WEEKS HERE.

6. THE THIRD SIGHTING WAS AT A CAMP 20 KILOMETERS OFF THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL (SEE SKETCHES). TWENTY-SEVEN U.S. SERVICEMEN WERE INCARCERATED HERE WITHIN A COMPOUND SURROUNDED BY FOUR ROWS OF BAMBOO FENCING. THE PRISONERS WORKED AT CUTTING FIREWOOD. THEY WERE TAKEN OUT EACH DAY BY GUARDS WHO WERE OF THE KHA SENG ETHNIC GROUP. ABOUT 200 METERS OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND WERE THREE GRAVES OF U.S. SERVICEMEN WHO HAD DIED IN THIS PRISON. IN A THREE WEEK PERIOD, SOURCE ENTERED THE COMPOUND FOUR TIMES, TAKING IN QUININE AND VITAMINS.

7. AT THIS POINT HAVING GATHERED THE HIGHLIGHTS, WE PERSUADED OUR SOURCE TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH [REDACTED] OF YOUR OFFICE. AS AGREED WITH YOUR OFFICIALS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTINUE TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE [REDACTED] TO MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH HIM, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO COORDINATE THE MEETING. THIS EXERCISE DEALT WITH A SUBJECT MATTER AND A REGION THAT WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH, SO OUR APOLOGIES FOR ANY ERRORS IN THE SPELLING OF LAOTIAN NAMES. I WOULD APPRECIATE FROM YOU AN ASSESSMENT OF THE VALUE OF THIS INFORMATION IN DUE COURSE.

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Letter to Senators Kerry/Smith re POW/MIA (20 Dec 91 incoming ltr)

NOTES

COORDINATED WITH (list names as well as offices)

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For your signature

*Signed*





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# United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6500

July 9, 1992

BY HAND AND BY FACSIMILE

Steve Rademaker  
Deputy Legal Adviser

Ginny Lampley  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
Senior Director for Legislative Affairs  
Room 375

National Security Council  
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Mr. Rademaker and Ms. Lampley:

Consistent with our meeting yesterday, the Senate Select Committee requests the following items be declassified in a form that will allow the items to be disseminated to the public:

Items to be declassified on or before July 23, 1992:

- (1) Live Sighting and Hearsay Reports - The live sighting and hearsay reports listed on attachment "A" to this document along with all case file data accompanying these reports should be declassified by this date.
- (2) Current DIA POW/MIA Policy Files - All policy memoranda, documents, materials, reviews, and internal assessments pertaining to the POW/MIA issue created by DIA since 1980, including the Gainer Report, the Brooks Report, the Tighe Report, and any addenda or comments attached thereto should be declassified by this date.
- (3) National Security Agency Product Reports - Those designated published (serialized) and raw intelligence reports and memoranda listed on Attachment "B" from wartime product reports and post-war product reports. This would include all third party reports pertaining to the POW/MIA issue in NSA's possession should be declassified by this date.

(4) Photography and Imagery - All designated imagery, listed in Attachment "C", collected by National Technical Means indicating the possible presence of American POWs in Southeast Asia after 1973 should be declassified by this date. This should include all photography revealing possible distress signals or symbols. If intelligence capabilities would be compromised by such a release, line drawings would suffice.

(5) Specific Memoranda and Documents - A cable from Admiral Thomas Moorer to CINCPAC dated March 22, 1973, a memo from Assistant Secretary Eagleburger to then-Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson dated March 27, 1973, and a letter from Mr. Richardson to Dr. Kissinger dated March 28, 1973, should be declassified by July 23. Additionally, the Committee requests declassification of 1988 satellite imagery of the symbol near Sam Neua, the 1975 satellite imagery of the Hon Gai prison building, written interpretations of the above imagery, and finally JSOC materials on the Nhom Marrott incursion.

(6) National Security Council Documents - All previously designated National Security Council memoranda, minutes of meetings, national security decision directives, and other documents related to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(7) WSAG Documents - All previously designated WSAG memoranda, minutes of meetings, and other documents or supporting documents relating to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

(8) Kissinger Papers - The Committee must have access for six named individuals to review the unredacted files of Dr. Henry Kissinger which do, or may, pertain to POW/MIA matters as they are kept at the Library of Congress. The access should begin on or before July 13, 1992 and continue for the life of the Committee. As documents which pertain to POW/MIA matters are identified by the designated Senate Select Committee staff, they should be declassified immediately.

(9) Nixon Papers - The Committee must have access for six named individuals to review the unredacted files of Richard Nixon which do, or may, pertain to POW/MIA matters as they are kept at the National Archives. The access should begin on or before July 13, 1992 and continue for the life of the Committee. As documents which pertain to POW/MIA matters are identified by the designated Senate Select Committee staff, they should be declassified immediately.

Documents to be declassified by August 1, 1992:

- (1) Last known alive/in captivity files - The 130 files relating to servicemen last known to be alive and in captivity should be declassified by this date.

Documents to be declassified by August 15, 1992:

- (1) Casualty files - All DIA and service casualty files, pending permission being granted by the next of kin should be declassified by this date.

- (2) Files of Dr. Roger Shields, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Internal Economic Affairs with Responsibility for POW/MIA Affair 1971 - 1976 - All documents from 1971 to 1976 relating to POW/MIA matters should be declassified by this date.

- (3) Files of Former Deputy Defense Secretary William Clements - All documents relating to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.

- (4) Files of Former Defense Secretaries Caspar Weinberger and Frank Carlucci related to the POW/MIA issue - Including all memoranda, background papers, talking papers, meeting minutes, personal cables, breakfast meeting papers prepared for or by either Secretary Weinberger or Carlucci pertaining to POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date. Additionally, all similar material from Assistant Secretary Richard Armitage's files should be declassified by this date.

- (5) Joint Chiefs of Staff Documents - All POW/MIA related policy as well as operational documents issued by the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the war until the fall of Saigon should be declassified by this date.

- (6) Central Intelligence Agency documents - All POW/MIA related documents that CIA has transferred to the Director of the National League of Families over a period of years in the 1980s and all other POW/MIA related documents held by CIA should be declassified by this date.

- (7) CIA Documents sent to the Select Committee - The 120 CIA documents related to Laos and Vietnam that have been sent to the Select Committee should be declassified by this date.

- (8) Four Party Joint Military Commission - All materials related to POW/MIA matters should be declassified by this date.

The following documents should be declassified by September 15, 1992:

- (1) Ford Papers - All files of former President Gerald Ford which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.
- (2) Carter Papers - All files of former President Jimmy Carter which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.
- (3) Reagan Papers - All files of former President Ronald Reagan which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.
- (4) Bush Papers - All files of President George Bush which relate to the POW/MIA issue should be declassified by this date.
- (5) State Department Cable Traffic - All cable traffic related to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.
- (6) DIA Intelligence Files - The approximately 1100 DIA intelligence files which correspond to MIAs who are not KIA/BNR status should be declassified by this date.
- (7) Service Intelligence Files - All service intelligence archives relating to POW/MIA issues from 1971 to 1975 should be declassified by this date.
- (8) Photography and Imagery - All imagery collected by National Technical Means indicating possible presence of American POWs in Southeast Asia after 1973 and not previously designated for declassification should be declassified by this date.

The following documents should be declassified by October 31, 1992:

- (1) Live Sighting and Hearsay Reports - All remaining reports should be declassified by this date.
- (2) Other reports - The nearly 12,000 reports pertaining to dog tags, bones and crash and grave site information from the war years should be declassified by this date.
- (3) Casualty Files - All casualty files not heretofore designated should be declassified by this date.
- (4) Kissinger Papers - All remaining papers not previously designated which relate to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.

(5) Nixon Papers - All remaining documents not previously designated relating to POW/MIA issues should be declassified by this date.

(6) Frank Sioverts Files - All files of former Special Assistant for POW/MIA matters to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Frank Sioverts should be declassified by this date. Additionally, the Committee requests the declassification of all remaining State Department memoranda, policy documents, and diplomatic cables relating to the negotiation of the Paris Peace Accords in 1973.

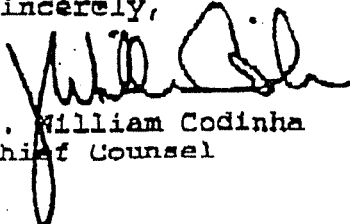
(7) DIA Historical Files - The POW/MIA related archival information from 1966 to 1980 previously retired to the National Archives in 1984 should be declassified by this date.

I believe that if the NSC can meet the proposed schedule enumerated above, the Senate Select Committee will be able to avoid initiating action under S. Res. 400 in order to release documents to the public. I believe we are in agreement that your cooperation would be in the best interest of all parties.

The items which we have requested declassified by July 23, 1992, are those items which we believe will indicate that the NSC and other agencies are making a "good faith effort" to comply with the Senate's document declassification request. It would be helpful to the Senators if you respond on or before July 17 to the substance and schedule set forth in this letter.

Please contact me if there is any question about this letter or my request.

Sincerely,

  
J. William Codinha  
Chief Counsel

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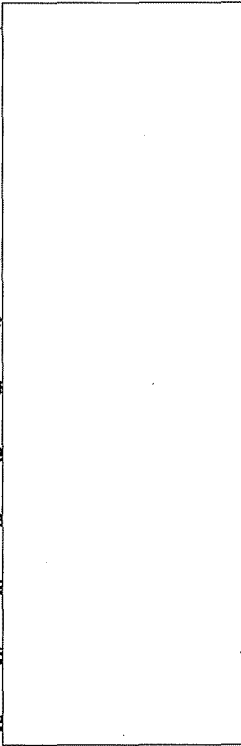
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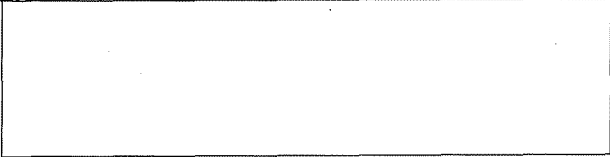
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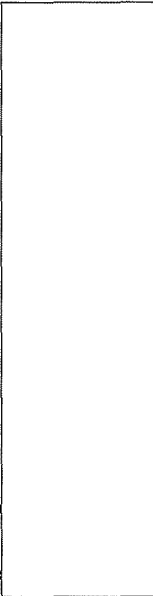
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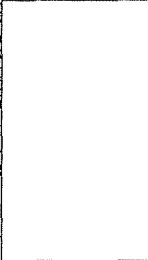


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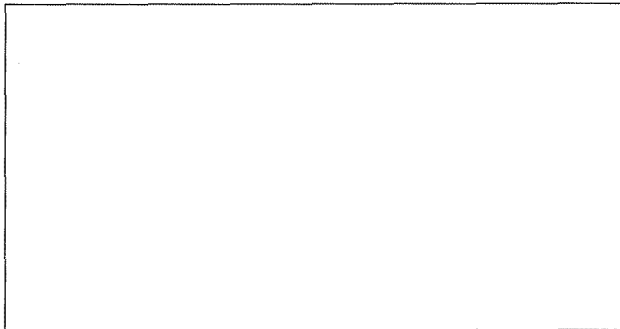
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## ATTACHMENT "C"

ITEMS TO BE DECLASSIFIED BY JULY 23, 1992

This would include, but not be limited to, the following:

- May 1973 photograph depicting a "TH" symbol and possible pilot authenticator number in Laos.
- December 1980 photograph depicting a possible "52" "X" in a prison camp in central Laos.
- July 1975 photograph of Hon Gai prison in Vietnam showing possible Morse symbols of a "K" on a roof.
- January 1988 photograph of rice paddy in northern Laos, near Sam Noua, depicting a "USA" and possible "K" symbol.
- January 1988 photograph of rice paddies approximately 140 km southwest of Sam Neua, depicting numerous symbols.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CIA

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: SMITH, ROBERT C

SOURCE: BERGER

DATE: 19 JAN 99

SUBJ: REPLY TO SENATOR SMITH RE VIETNAM POW / MIA NIE

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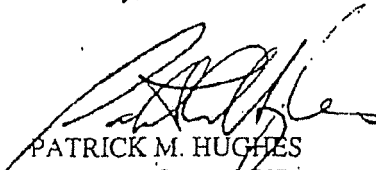
Honorable Robert C. Smith  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Smith:

Thank you for your letter of 25 November and the accompanying critique of the National Intelligence Estimate that assessed Vietnam's cooperation on the POW/MIA issue. I have personally reviewed the issues you raised and discussed them with various other interested parties. I also recently chaired a meeting of the Military Intelligence Board (MIB) that, at your request, reviewed this matter in some detail, and subsequently represented MIB views at a National Foreign Intelligence Board meeting that considered your requests. Since the issues you raised centered on the contents of a National Intelligence Council product, NFIB principals agreed that the appropriate venue for responding to your concerns would be the DCI, speaking on behalf of the full Intelligence Community. I understand that a formal response from the DCI will be provided to you in the near future. I fully support his response.

I want to take this opportunity to assure you of my continuing heartfelt and personal commitment to the Defense Intelligence Agency's role in assuring the fullest possible accounting of our POW/MIA personnel.

Sincerely,

  
PATRICK M. HUGHES  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

bcc: SECDEF/DEPSECDEF  
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APPEARANCE BEFORE THE  
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UNITED STATES SENATE

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OCA 4837-91

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert W. Magner  
Deputy Director for Senate Affairs  
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: POW/MIA Closed Briefing 25 November 1991

1. You will be making a brief opening statement to the Committee. This will go a long way toward convincing the Committee of the Intelligence Community's commitment to support its work. We have included reference to sources and methods in your remarks because this will be one of the key issues as the Committee presses for full declassification of all materials related to POW/MIA matters.

2. Our understanding is that the Committee is interested primarily in an informal exchange of information with only limited structure. We do not anticipate that you will be asked any particular questions. Essentially the Committee wants a brief update on what the various agencies are doing in this area and then turn to questions. DIA's prepared talking points reflect that understanding as does the short statement prepared for ADDO Price. Both are in your briefing book. We anticipate having NSA's statement shortly.

3. There are likely to be several areas the Senators will want to explore. One is the whole issue of sources and methods and why sources of considerable vintage and not of central value must be protected. We have taken the position that while we are redacting all reporting to be shown to the Committee staff we will, upon request, show unredacted information to members or cleared staff on a case by case basis. This is an even more liberal policy than is our practice with the Oversight Committees. CIA and DIA have worked out agreed guidelines in this area, a copy of which is in the background material. These guidelines have been shown to Committee staff but not accepted by them.

4. A second issue concerns Laos. The Senators are likely to focus on the large number of unresolved cases in Laos. DIA and CIA will be prepared to respond in detail. There is also keen interest in the status of civilian intelligence operatives

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missing in Laos. Again CIA and DIA will be prepared to address. [REDACTED]

CIA will address these activities in detail.

5. There is also the issue of POW/MIA family members having access to classified materials. DOD is seeking to develop a policy in this area in response to Congressional pressure. DIA and CIA have some concerns but will be supportive so long as sources and methods are protected.

6. Overall we anticipate most of this meeting being an information gathering session with the Senators asking questions that they could not get answers to in the open session. Hopefully in this process two points will be made. One that there are strong reasons for keeping some of the materials relating to POW/MIA in classified form. Secondly, there is a need for the Committee to address classified issues in a closed forum. On the latter point, both Senator's Kerry and Smith pressed DIA to discuss code breaking in Laos in open session. NSA will address this issue in the closed session and other speakers will be supportive.

7. There is general agreement that there must be a positive and forthcoming attitude toward responding to the Committee's interests. Yet all agencies want to avoid carte blanche access to all information that includes data revealing sources and the methods of acquisition. Even more, they want to uphold the overall principal of such protections because of the larger equities involved.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I AM PLEASED TO APPEAR BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON TO UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE THAT I AND THE WHOLE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ATTACH TO YOUR EFFORTS TO WORK TOWARD A FINAL RESOLUTION OF LONGSTANDING CONCERNS ABOUT POWS AND MIAS FROM THE INDOCHINA WAR. I REGRET THAT MY SCHEDULE ALLOWS ONLY A BRIEF APPEARANCE TODAY. I HAVE, HOWEVER, BROUGHT WITH ME SENIOR MEMBERS FROM THE CONCERNED AGENCIES--AND THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERTS--WHO ARE PREPARED TO BRIEF YOU ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR AGENCIES AND RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS. FROM THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE COMMUNITY ON THIS ISSUE--IS ITS NEW DIRECTOR, GENERAL CLAPPER. FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS ITS CHIEF OF STAFF, DONALD PARSONS, AND FROM CIA IS ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS TED PRICE.

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LET ME SAY EMPHATICALLY AT THE OUTSET THAT THE WORK OF YOUR NEW COMMITTEE HAS MY FULL SUPPORT AND THAT OF THE DCI, THE SUBJECT OF POW/MIAS IS A DIFFICULT AND HIGHLY EMOTIONAL ONE. I AM AWARE OF THE INTENSE INTEREST IN IT, AND OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAS PLAYED AND CONTINUES TO PLAY IN DEVELOPING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON IT. I ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE STRONG VIEWS ABOUT

INTELLIGENCE REPORTING AND ITS AVAILABILITY TO THOSE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF INDIVIDUALS STILL MISSING IN INDOCHINA. I HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS PROCESS THOSE CONCERNS CAN BE PUT TO REST.

THE DCI HAS THE STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT THE INTERAGENCY TEAM THAT HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED WILL BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE IN SETTING ITS GUIDELINES AND IN DEALING WITH THE COMMITTEE'S INTERESTS. ONLY WHEN IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE SOURCES AND METHODS WILL THERE BE ANY LIMITATIONS ON THE MATERIALS TO BE REVIEWED, AND ANY SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU.

THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY WELL BE AREAS OF DIFFICULTY OR DISAGREEMENT, BUT I ASSURE YOU THAT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IS COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU TO REACH ACCEPTABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FULL SHARING OF INFORMATION. I ALSO CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO COLLECTING AND DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON THE POW/MIA ISSUE AND WILL DEVOTE SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES WORLDWIDE TO THAT EFFORT. WE WANT TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.

LET ME NOW TURN TO THE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, EACH OF  
WHOM HAS PREPARED REMARKS ADDRESSING THE ACTIVITIES OF  
THEIR INDIVIDUAL AGENCIES.

THANK YOU.

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Mr. Chairman, members of Committee, I welcome this opportunity to discuss CIA's role in resolving the status of prisoners-of-war (POW) and missing-in-action (MIA) from the war in Indochina.

-- This issue has remained an important collection requirement since the beginning of U. S. involvement in the war in Indochina.

-- CIA is committed to continue its intelligence collection program and provide whatever resources are necessary to resolve the status of Indochina War POW's and MIA's.

-- As the DCI stated earlier, we are determined to cooperate with the lead Agency, DIA, in every way possible consistent with our statutory requirement to protect sources and methods, in making available to your Committee and to other appropriate recipients, materials bearing on this issue.

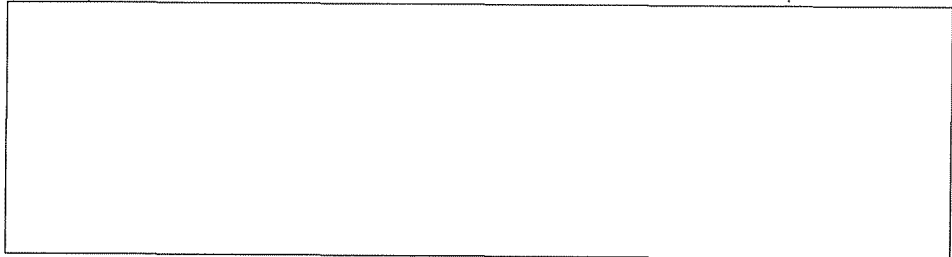
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-- Let me emphasize that in almost every instance, we believe we will be able to satisfy your legitimate informational needs on this matter.

To underscore our commitment, I want to assure you that the first question our officers in the field ask [redacted] [redacted] whom they believe might have access to information on this subject is what do they know about American POW's or MIA's.

-- We ask about the fate of MIA's, details on crash sites, grave locations, live sightings,



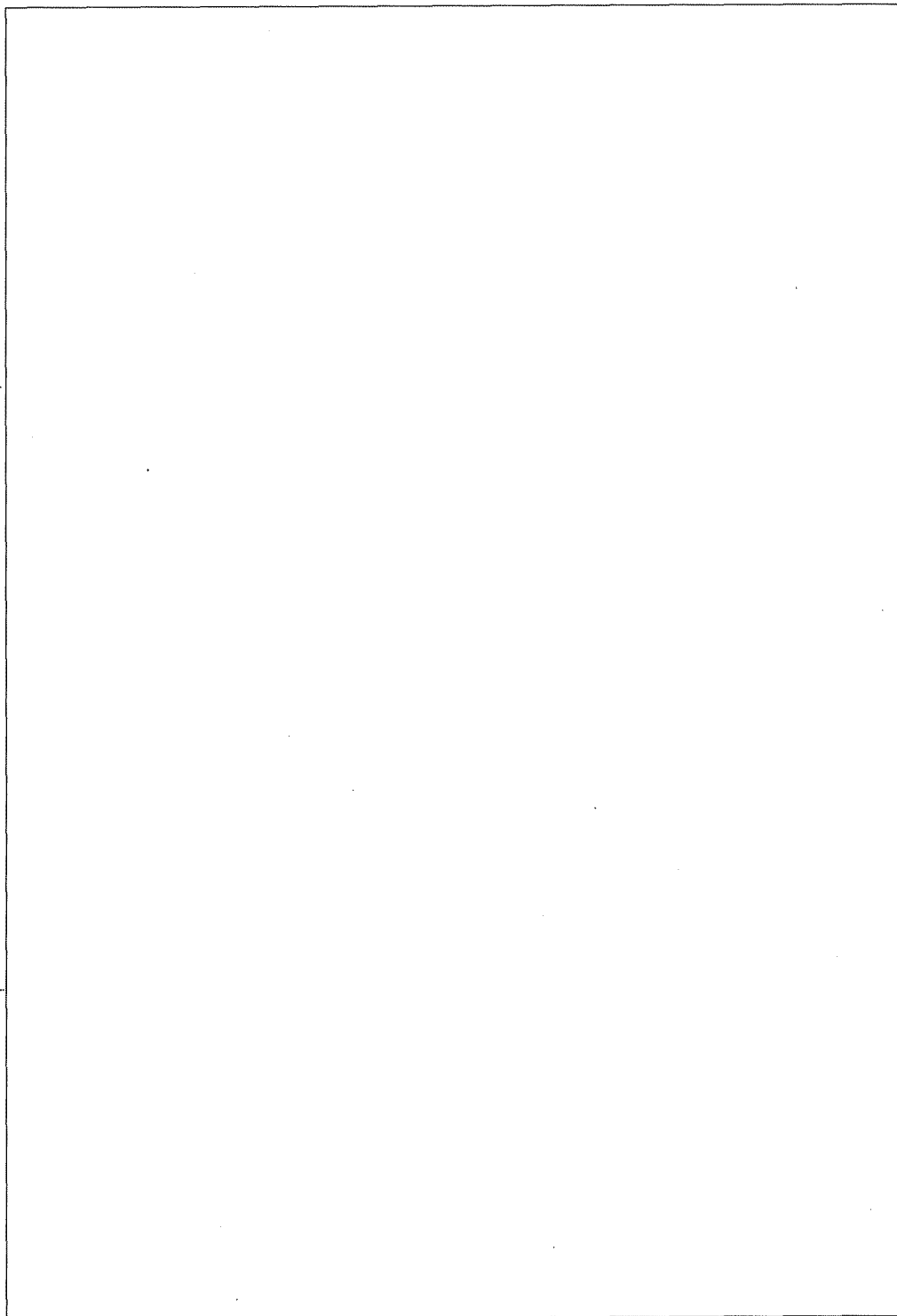
-- This is an important requirement for our stations worldwide; last year, [redacted] in East Asia, Europe, and the U. S. forwarded reports on this issue.

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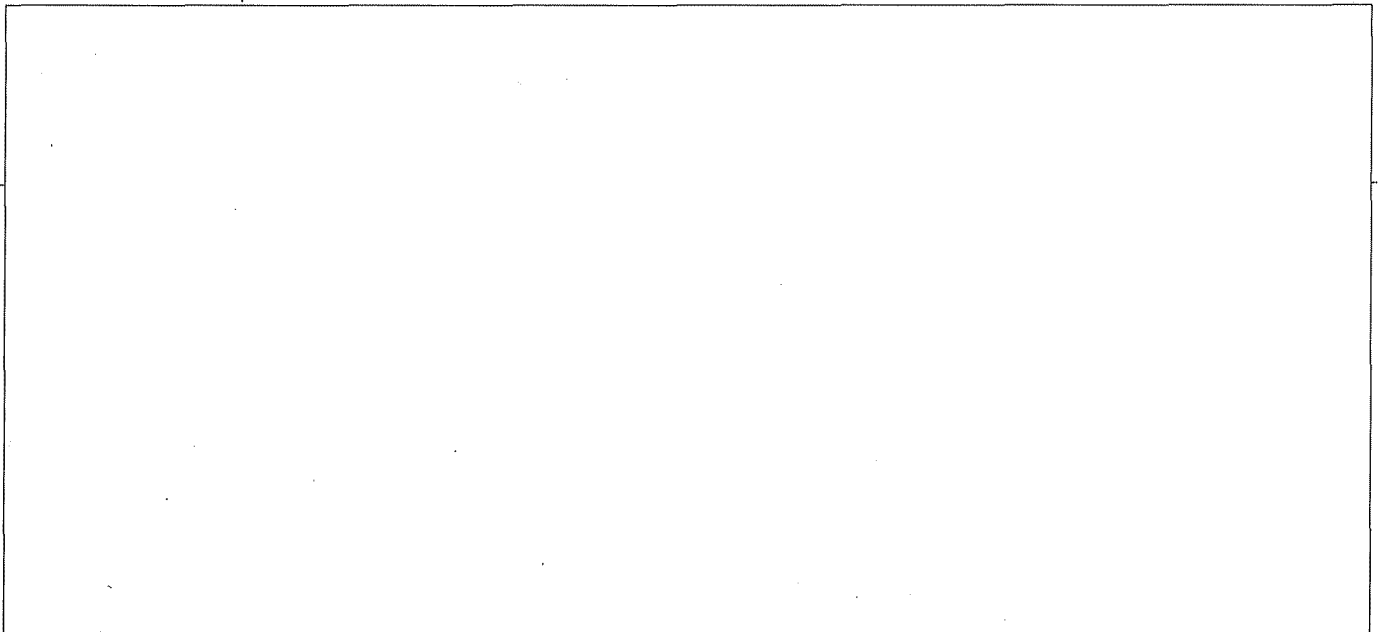
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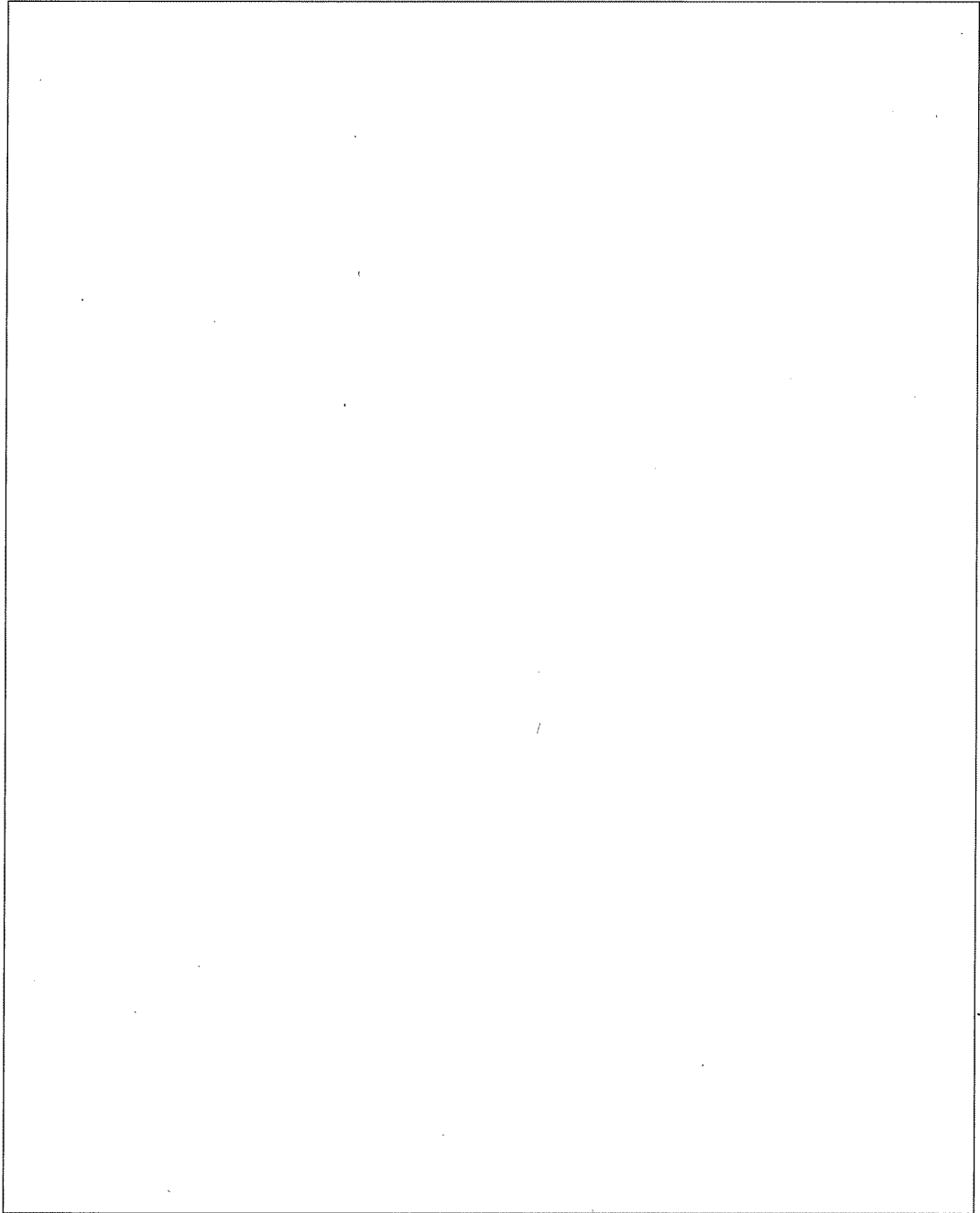
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Once collected, we disseminate intelligence expeditiously to authorized customers for action.

-- Between 1973 and the present, we have disseminated approximately  on subjects such as the downing of U. S. aircraft, possible grave sites, sightings of U. S. servicemen, alleged discovery of remains and Hanoi's position on U. S. MIA's.

-- Some 6.5 linear feet of material covering reporting between 1964 and 1979 has been declassified in response to FOIA requests.

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Mr. Chairman, we in CIA are committed to resolving the  
POW-MIA matter, and our resources are turned to this purpose.

This concludes my statement.

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## TALKING POINTS FOR GEN CLAPPER

DIA'S PRIMARY MISSION IS LIVE PRISONER ISSUE -- COLLECTING (STONY BEACH), ANALYZING AND REPORTING ON ANY AMERICANS STILL HELD IN CAPTIVITY.

SECONDARY MISSIONS INVOLVE SUPPORT TO DC AREA POLICY OFFICIALS AND ANALYTIC SUPPORT TO CINCPAC/JCRC FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING EFFORTS.

BOTH MISSIONS INVOLVE HIGHLY SPECIALIZED ANALYSIS THAT USUALLY MUST RELY ON SKETCHY DETAIL. THIS ANALYSIS IN AN ARTFORM REQUIRING CONSIDERABLE CDT.

DIA POW-MIA OFFICE CONTINUOUSLY IN EXISTENCE SINCE VIETNAM WAR. REVIEW POW-MIA AND STONY BEACH RESOURCE NUMBERS ON REVERSE.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TIMELY RESOLUTION OF PHOTO CASES AND OTHER HIGH VISIBILITY DISCREPANCY CASES HAS UNDERScoreD THE VALUE OF INFORMATION ACQUIRED BY OVERT FIELD INVESTIGATION.

[REDACTED] EFFORTS IN-COUNTRY ARE A MAJOR NEW THRUST OF DIA'S EFFORTS (TALK THRU [REDACTED])

WHAT IS NOW CRITICAL IS GETTING VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIAN GOV'T APPROVAL OF A LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATION REGIME SIMILAR TO ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENTS HAMMERED OUT WITH THE SOVIETS -- NAMELY, NO NOTICE VISITATIONS TO SITES OF FIRST HAND SIGHTING REPORTS AND CERTAIN OTHER CAMPS AND PRISONS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE INVOLVED IN HOLDING AMERICAN PRISONERS.

DIA IS NOW WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE JOINT STAFF AND CINCPAC TO INTEGRATE OUR ANALYTIC AND COLLECTION EFFORTS WITH CINCPAC'S PROPOSED POW-MIA JOINT TASK FORCE. [REDACTED]

## DIA'S BOTTOM LINE:

- o ISSUE RECEIVING APPROPRIATE PRIORITY WITHIN DIA
  - OFFICE REPORTS TO COMMAND ELEMENT
  - NECESSARY BILLETS TAKEN OUT OF HIDE BEFORE ACTIVE CONG INTEREST
  - AGGRESSIVE, MOTIVATED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
- o OTHER INTEL AGENCIES PROVIDING STRONG SUPPORT
- o [REDACTED]
- o DOD POLICY OFFICIALS NO LONGER RELYING ON DIA TO "CARRY THE WEIGHT"
- o DIA IS READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO FULLY SUPPORT THIS COMMITTEE AND THE WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE GOVERNMENT'S "FULL COURT PRESS" OVER THE NEXT 2 OR 3 YEARS.

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QUESTION: Please explain why certain information in reports on POW-MIA's still remains protected.

ANSWER: The documents were initially classified to protect national security interests which includes the protection of the source of the information, the place and manner in which it was acquired, any foreign intelligence service involvement, references to other operational activity and administrative details [redacted]

[redacted]

Source information continues to be classified despite the passage of time because of the continuing ramifications of protecting sources. [redacted]

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QUESTION: What information has been declassified and released to the public via the FOIA?

ANSWER: Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, filed an FOIA case in May 1979 requesting all documents and intelligence reports, not previously released, which originated or were held by CIA elements operating in Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia from May 1964-present (May 79) which relate to American POWs.

Six and one-half linear feet have been released to the public and DIA in response to this request. The information is compiled chronologically and it is contained in some twenty-two volumes representing periodic releases over a ten year period ending in 1989. A complete set is on file in Information Services Division, DDA in Ames Building.

These reports are in sanitized form, having details about sources and methods deleted from them. They may be passed, as is, in a body to a centrally controlled DIA reading room for access by the public. Privacy concerns of multiple American names in many reports have not been addressed and we defer to the DIA on this issue.

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QUESTION: Is there any intelligence reporting to indicate the possible presence of POW-MIA's from the Indochina War being transferred to the Soviet Union or China?

ANSWER: We have neither substantive intelligence or fragmentary reporting which indicates that American POW's were transferred to the Soviet Union or China during the war. We are in the the process of querying the KGB on this issue. Because of the previous hostile environment in Moscow, collection on POW-MIA's was not a requirement [REDACTED]. Considering the changes in recent months, we will reemphasize this requirement [REDACTED] in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

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QUESTION: Are you familiar with the case of the mortician who claimed there were over 400 sets of remains of Americans from the Indochina War being warehoused in Hanoi?

ANSWER: [redacted] a Vietnamese refugee residing in a refugee camp [redacted] was interviewed by [redacted] [redacted] in November 1979. During this interview, [redacted] asserted that he personally inspected the remains of over 400 U.S. military personnel which were in secret storage in Hanoi. The [redacted] requested [redacted] [redacted] in an attempt to verify [redacted] claim. The results [redacted] did not support [redacted] claims on either the 400 sets of remains or that he personally saw three alive American soldiers in Hanoi. A [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] in the United States with results that [redacted] was telling the truth with regard to the remains and the live Americans. At the time, [redacted] conclusion was that [redacted] [redacted] were incorrect as to the dates used in the test questions. We have not seen a copy of the [redacted] report to make an analysis.

QUESTION: What can you tell us about the possible existence of POW-MIA's in Laos?

ANSWER: Over the years there have been continuing stories about the possible existence of POW's still being held in Laos. I spoke earlier of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as well as the attempts to locate POW-MIA's via imagery. There were reports of alleged POW working in gold mines or held being held in caves. A report regarding a caucasian spotted bathing in a stream in north Laos was investigated and to the best of our knowledge was a Czech geologist working in the area. Our capabilities in Laos are somewhat limited but we do attempt to followup and verify substantive reporting on POW-MIA's. We have no reporting to support the claim that there may still be POW's or MIA's being held in Laos. In fact, in spite of all our efforts over a number of years, we have received no credible evidence that there are in fact American prisoners being held in Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia.

With regard to pilots or crew members of Air America or Continental Air Service, there were nine individuals unaccounted as of mid-1973. All of these cases were turned over to the Department of Labor for resolution as the individuals were contract employees of the U.S. government.

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QUESTION: Why was source information given away to the Vietnamese and Cambodian authorities in July 91 while at the same time we continue to protect refugee sources?

BACKGROUND: In July 1991 Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ken Quinn, passed a list of names of individuals to Cambodian and Vietnamese authorities requesting access to talk with these individuals on POW-MIA matters. He did this while visiting Hanoi and Phnom Penh on POW-MIA matters.

ANSWER: The individuals in question were not sources of intelligence but were individuals thought by State or the families of POW-MIA's to have possible information. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] We do not know what, if any followup there has been on this issue as we were not involved in this [REDACTED]

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QUESTION: Is it possible to provide the families of POW/MIA's access to a broader range of classified information?

ANSWER: We are willing to work in concert with DIA on this issue as they maintain the files on the individual POW or MIA's. Our concern is that sources and methods continue to be protected and we are hopeful that we can come up with a mutually beneficial solution. The files currently under review for this committee could possibly be made available to the families if properly controlled in a secure facility to which the families could be given access.

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QUESTION: Are you familiar with the events surrounding the fall of Lima Site 85 in March 1968?

ANSWER: Lima Site 85 [redacted] located 25 kilometers from the North Vietnamese/Laotian border atop Phou Pha Thi mountain. The site was used to direct and control attacking jet fighters and bombers to their targets and to provide them with precise bomb release points, under radar control. [redacted]

[redacted] On 10 March 1968, the site began to receive heavy incoming mortar and artillery fire, and in the early morning hours that followed, 20 heavily armed infiltrators launched a surprise attack on the [redacted] Of the [redacted] Americans at the site, only five technicians [redacted] were extracted. [redacted] Our officers was wounded, five of the six technicians were wounded, one of them being hit by fire while in the helicopter and he died in route. The [redacted] remaining Americans were presumed dead.

An enemy buildup had been underway for several months in the area prior to the attack and intelligence reporting indicated that the safety of the site was questionable after 10 March.

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## Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D. C. 20505

19 SEP 1991

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Agency has been contacted by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Duane P. Andrews concerning Senate Resolution 82 which creates a temporary Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. It is my understanding that this Committee will request access to Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) files, some of which contain CIA-generated classified information. Assistant Secretary Andrews has asked that the Agency work with the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop guidelines concerning Committee access to these files.

In response to Secretary Andrews' request for assistance, Agency officers are working with the newly-created POW/MIA Data Release Office to review DIA files. Once these officers have determined the scope and sensitivity of the CIA-originated information in the files, we will be able to develop appropriate guidelines for use with the Committee. In addition, I have designated a senior attorney in the Office of General Counsel to work with DoD attorneys to negotiate with the Select Committee concerning access to classified information in the files. I want to assure you that the Agency will cooperate fully with the Committee, and I am confident that guidelines can be developed that will ensure full compliance with the spirit of Senate Resolution 82 while at the same time meeting our statutory duty to protect intelligence sources and methods.

I have designated [redacted] Chief, Policy and Coordination Staff as the Agency's point of contact on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Kerr".

Richard J. Kerr  
Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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CATEGORIES FOR REVIEW/REDACTION WITH RELEASE OF  
CLASSIFIED POW/MIA DOCUMENTS TO APPROPRIATELY  
SCI CLEARED STAFF OF TEMPORARY SENATE  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS.

REPORT ORIGINATOR

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RATIONALE

DoD HUMINT

STONY BEACH team members' names

Compromise the safety and mission of US collection personnel

Detailed source data/biographic reports/source numbers

Jeopardize safety of sources

Ongoing clandestine operational data

Reveal extent and involvement of US intelligence operations; cause extreme embarrassment to the Thai or other foreign governments

NSA

[Redacted]

When SIGINT reporting related to [Redacted] is received, it will be reviewed to ensure [Redacted] would not be jeopardized or collection methods compromised. Content that would reveal [Redacted] or other intelligence sources will be protected.

Not applicable

Historical SIGINT can be released at the Secret SCI level

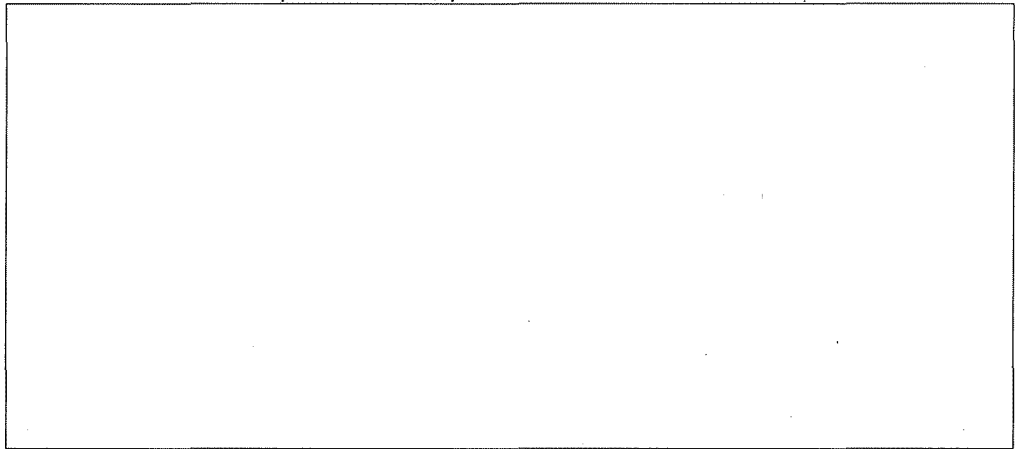
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STATE	U.S. Government policies under negotiation	Would compromise ongoing US foreign policy positions and interests
ASD/ISA	Not applicable	Classified cables can be released
OVERHEAD IMAGERY	Not applicable	Images can be released at the SECRET/NOFORN/WNINTEL level
DEBRIEFS	Not releasable	Executive Order 11652 dated 8 Mar 72; ASD/ISA memo I-86/19832, dated 3 Jan 87; release of this information would violate confidentiality agreements with returned POWS.

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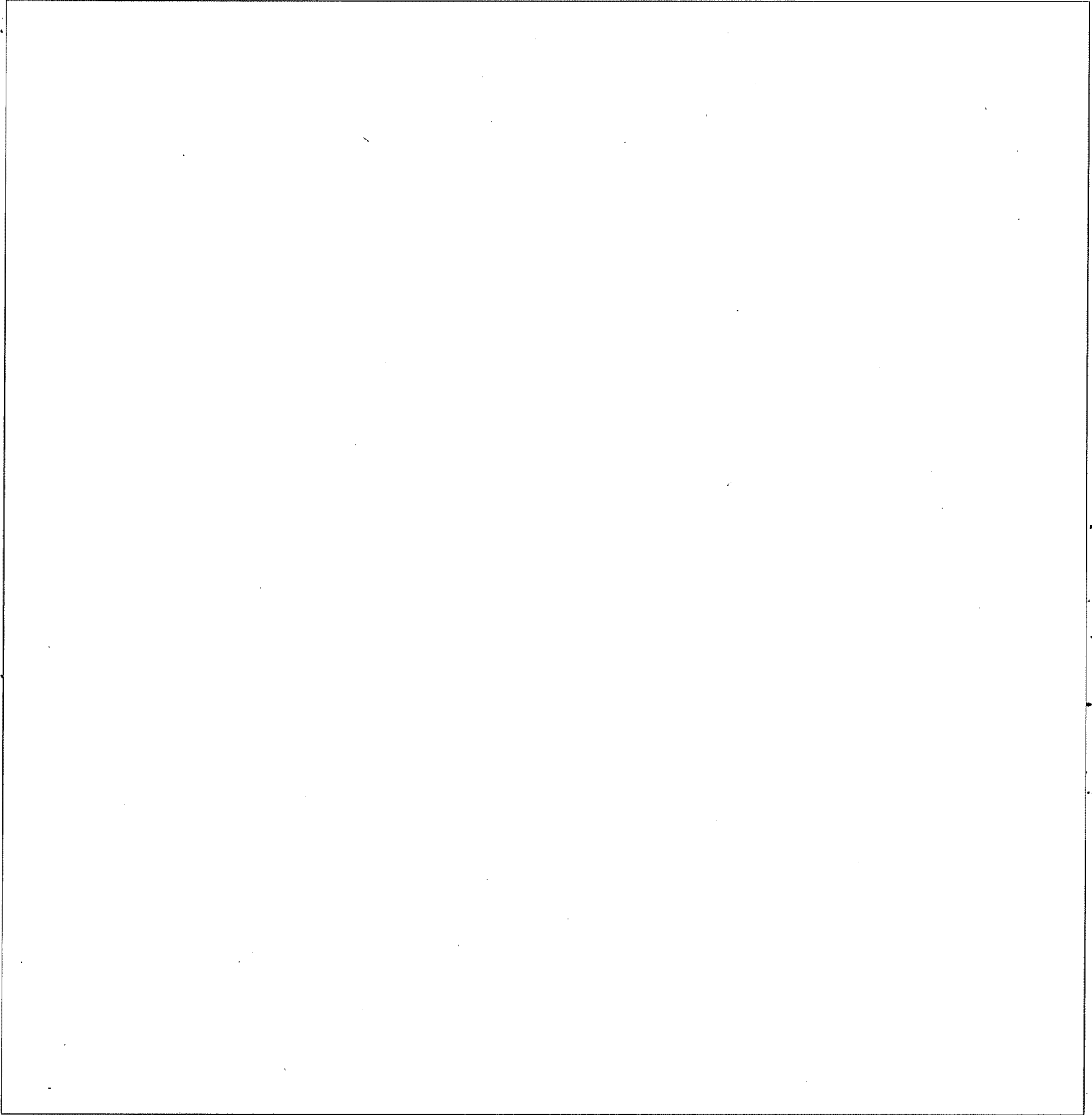
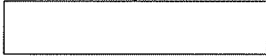
**NOTES:**

1. Although material has been redacted based on guidelines established above, all the documents retain their original classification.
2. Material extracted from the file will be noted on the file index (e.g., "source biographic sheet is not included").
3. Information that has been extracted or redacted from original file can be reviewed by committee members. Staff will be allowed to review the original files on a case-by-case basis.
4. All classified material requires handling and protection in accordance with Senate Resolution 400 as adopted by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: POW/MIA Committee Hearing on 15 November

1. I attended a portion of the above-mentioned open Hearing (list of members attached). This was an opportunity for the Administration in the persons of Bob Sheetz of DIA, Ken Quinn from State and Carl Ford from DOD/ISA to address some of the charges made by other witnesses before the Committee the previous week. Ford's Statement is attached.

2. During the questions period, several areas of inquiry developed which could bear on the closed briefing now scheduled for 1430 on 20 November in S407. Agency participants at that briefing should be prepared to deal with some if not all of these issues.

3. Although unrelated to the actual focus of the investigation, there was considerable interest in the possible presence of POW/MIAs in the Soviet Union given the recent press article on that possibility. The Senators asked specifically if there had been contact with the KGB to inquire about this. State noted the diplomatic efforts. The Agency rep could be asked about contact with the KGB.

4. Ken Quinn was asked repeatedly about a list of individuals in Indochina who allegedly had information about POW/MIAs which he had given to the Vietnamese and Cambodian authorities in July 1991. Senators Smith and Grassley in particular asked if, in effect, he was not passing source information. They went on to ask why the Administration would give away one type of source information while vigorously guarding the refugee reporting sources. Quinn explained the difference between people who are in fact intelligence sources and those we believe have information and with whom we wanted to be in contact. Smith and/or Grassley can be counted on to raise the same issue at the closed briefing.

5. Carl Ford raised the issue of providing POW/MIA family members access to a broader range of classified information, saying that he is wrestling with how to arrange such access.

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(In an earlier conversation Keith Hall told me that this is something that Defense is pushing and will eventually need an Agency input relative to the inclusion of CIA material in the DOD holdings.) The Agency rep should be prepared with some form of response if this issue comes up. Senator Robb was particularly interested in this aspect of the discussion.

6. Senator Kerry wanted information on those unaccounted for in the "secret war" in Laos. He wanted to know if they were in the overall 2,000 plus figure carried as POW/MIA. Ford said that it was only in the late 70's that those clandestine operatives were included in the overall count. Up to that time, there had been a secret list of such POW/MIAs. This bothered Kerry a great deal, and he can be certain to ask the Agency representative for more information.

7. Kerry asked about code breaking in Laos in 1968-1973. Witnesses declined to respond in open testimony and pointed to the absence of an NSA representative. This issue is certain to arise in the closed briefing. Senator Smith also asked specifically if there had been any operations into Laos in the period after 1973. Ford said he didn't know, and Smith was incredulous. Quinn said that he had recently learned from another witness- [redacted] None of the witness had any personal knowledge of such operations. The Agency representative should be prepared to address this issue in detail.

8. Overall there was a very heavy emphasis on the Laotian situation throughout the Q and A period reflecting an apparent belief on the part of some Committee members that there is far less accountability for POW/MIAs in Laos and more evidence of their possible presence there after Operation Homecoming in 1973. Agency representatives should be prepared to deal especially with reporting on Laos and operational activity there related to POW/MIA matters.

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Deputy Director for Senate Affairs  
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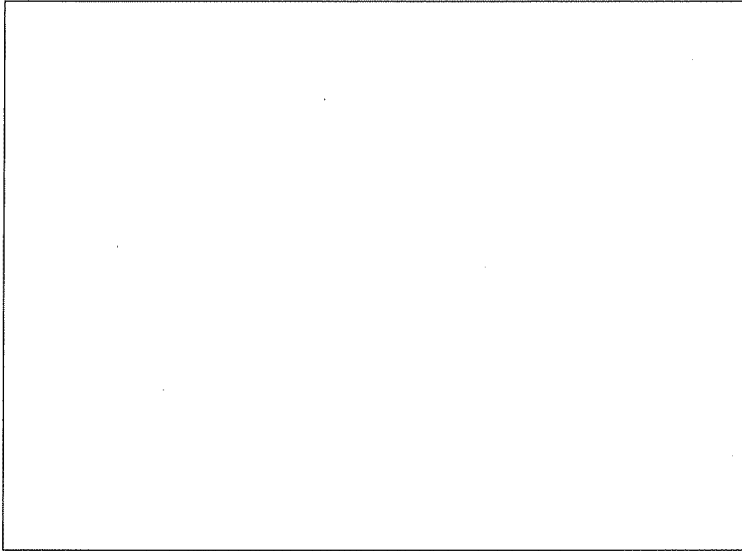
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**TESTIMONY  
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ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS**

**Carl W. Ford, Jr.**

**Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(International Security Affairs)**

**November 15, 1991**

Mr. Chairman, Senator Smith, members of the Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to return to comment on issues that have arisen during the three days of historic hearings that you convened last week on the POW/MIA issue.

First, I would like to clarify a point that came up in last Thursday's testimony concerning the "last known alive" discrepancy cases. The definition of a discrepancy case is:

A case about which the USG has convincing evidence that the Governments of Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia should have specific knowledge.

The term "discrepancy case" includes not only individuals who were "last known alive, but also individuals who were known dead, but for whom the Indochinese Governments should be able to provide information or remains. As you can see, the definition is broad. Within this broad definition, we have identified three subcategories of cases. We did this because over the years a great deal of confusion has developed over what

precisely we were talking about--the terms "discrepancy case," "compelling case," "last known alive case," "Vessey case," all meant different things to different people.

The three subcategories of discrepancy cases are:

**LAST KNOWN ALIVE:** Those cases in which the US has information that the individual survived the loss incident and fell into enemy hands. In the case of air incidents, this includes cases in which the crew members are believed to have successfully exited their aircraft and to have been alive on the ground. In the case of ground incidents, this includes cases in which the individuals were last known alive, were not gravely wounded, and were in proximity to enemy forces who should have specific knowledge of the incident.

**POW AT HOMECOMING:** A specific group of individuals who, during the Vietnam War, were classified by their commanding officers and Service Secretaries as POWs but did not return during Operation Homecoming. These cases are also known to many families as "last known alive" due to their POW status. There were 97 individuals so listed. Subsequently, 42 "listed POWs" have been accounted for through unilateral SRV repatriation. The remainder are still unaccounted for.

**KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT:**

Circumstances of loss or subsequent information is convincing that Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia should have knowledge of the incident. In some of these cases, there is convincing evidence that the individual did not survive the incident of loss. In many cases, there is convincing evidence that Vietnam also has remains.

With this background, now I will shift to the 119 individuals who have been discussed in the testimony here, called variously "Vessey cases" and the "Vessey discrepancy cases." The first point to make is that, from the beginning, the list was not meant to be all-encompassing. In 1988, DIA, JCRC, General Vessey and the Office of the Secretary of Defense worked together to develop a list of most compelling last known alive cases, as well as other discrepancy cases, i.e., cases of individuals for whom the Vietnamese should have knowledge of the fate of the individual and remains if the individual is dead. *The list was not exhaustive, merely illustrative.* The primary purpose was to shed light on the live prisoner issue by asking the Vietnamese to help us solve cases in which there was either hard evidence or a strong possibility that the individual survived the incident of loss, but did not return at Operation Homecoming, and for whom, as of 1987, there had been no accounting. So far, despite our investigative efforts, we have not returned any live Americans or uncovered proof that unaccounted for Americans are alive in Vietnam.

There are additional cases, beyond the 119 individuals, which fit into the discrepancy case definition. Again, not all of the "Vessey" discrepancy

cases involve individuals who were last known alive. Some of them involve individuals who are known dead—but the Vietnamese should be able to provide information or remains.

In addition to the 119 individuals whose cases were presented to the Vietnamese by General Vessey, we determined that there are 64 other individuals who meet the "last known alive" definition as well as 13 individuals who were classified by their respective Service Secretary as a POW at Operation Homecoming in 1973, and who are not included in the "Vessey" cases who are otherwise not accounted for. This group of cases will be the focus of the full time efforts of the Hanoi Office under the USCINCPAC Joint Task Force earlier described to this committee by General Christmas. They will all be investigated within Phase I of the USCINCPAC plan.

### **DIA as Family Outreach Organization**

Next, I would like to address an issue that has been implicit in the testimony you have heard from many family members regarding DIA. The issue of family members and DIA analysts meeting directly to discuss individual cases has proved problematic. DIA is an intelligence collection and analysis agency. Their personnel are not trained for family outreach and the function of family outreach is not an appropriate one for that agency. The families' primary point of contact for discussion of their cases is the designated Service Casualty Affairs Office. Those offices are staffed with personnel trained to perform the family outreach role. In the case where a



family is dissatisfied with the service received from the Service Casualty Affairs Office, the proper place to redress that problem is with my office.

The problems experienced within DIA that resulted in the changes made by the Secretary's Management Inquiry related to functions assumed by the PW-MIA Office that were not within their mission. Those functions have been removed and placed within my office.

Allegations by [REDACTED]

We certainly understand the grief felt by [REDACTED] over her family's loss. We have reviewed the [REDACTED] case file and we believe that [REDACTED] family has been properly served by our casualty affairs process. The [REDACTED] case is one in which we believe that the family has been promptly and accurately notified about investigative activity and information relating to the case.

[REDACTED] sweeping allegations of Government nonfeasance, malfeasance and misfeasance are without factual basis. For example, [REDACTED] states that her family was advised from the time that her father became missing that he was dead. That statement is quite simply wrong. From immediately after his incident of loss, the Air Force believed there was a good possibility he survived. He was seen to eject from his aircraft. He was seen with a good parachute, and his chute was seen on the ground, but he was not in it. All indications were that he survived his ejection.

[redacted] was carried in a missing in action status until 1977 when his status was reviewed, at the express request of his wife, and his status changed to deceased and a Presumptive Finding of Death was entered in his case.

A second, most serious allegation was made by [redacted] which requires discussion. She alleged in her testimony that "identifications were made with teeth and teeth fragments but when independent forensic anthropologists were consulted, there were no dental records to be compared to. Again, this is absolutely false. There has never been a dental identification rendered by the U. S. Army Central Identification Laboratory without benefit of dental records. In every case, either a ante-mortem dental X-ray or a dental chart was available to provide the factual predicate for the dental identification. No other forensic laboratory in the world has as many independent procedural safeguards as has the Central Identification Laboratory. Should you have any further questions on this point, I have the Commander, U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory available to respond.

I have a detailed written response to the other allegations made by [redacted] [redacted] in her testimony that I would like to submit for the record.

[redacted]

As dissatisfied with the Department's performance as the families clearly are, the Department of Defense has vigorously pursued the

investigation of the photo. I have personally made myself available to the families to answer their questions and respond to their concerns, as has my staff and the Director of the DIA Special Office for POW/MIA Affairs. We have been unable to either confirm or disprove the identifications of the subjects of the photo made by the family members. We are continuing to investigate the photograph. Any intimation by the families that there has been less than an honest effort to investigate and locate the source of the photo is disingenuous. The facts establish otherwise. We have requested assistance from the Vietnamese at the highest levels of Government. We have sent three separate investigative teams to Cambodia to follow-up information and attempt to locate the source of the photograph. We have requested all of our [redacted] world-wide to search for the photo in Eastern-bloc magazines. We have tasked national technical means to obtain information on reports associated with the photographs and have established all-source collection requirements to obtain additional information about the photo, the individuals or the associated reporting. We are continuing to investigate vigorously, however, without some new leads, we may not be able to solve the mystery of this photo.

Finally, and this is an important point, [redacted] case is not closed. It is still under active investigation and any preliminary judgements made have been set aside pending further investigative activity and information.

I would like to submit a brief written response to the specific allegations contained within the testimony of the families for the record.

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[REDACTED] **Allegations**

[REDACTED] stated in previous testimony that he has information about his brother, [REDACTED] lost in Laos on 13 December 1968, and relates the fact that the presence in intelligence reporting of his father's zip code is proof that his brother is still alive in Laos, because only his brother could know the postal zip code of his father. In fact, the postal zip code of [REDACTED] father was contained within a widely circulated flyer that the family prepared and distributed throughout Southeast Asia. It is not unusual that information contained in such flyers later shows up in intelligence reports about American POWs.

### Lost Records

There have been allegations made that fingerprint and other records have "mysteriously" disappeared from DoD files. There is no conspiracy to purge records. The Department of Defense does not maintain fingerprint records. The FBI is the sole agency with that responsibility. I request that this letter, from FBI Director Sessions to Congressman Solarz explaining "lost" or purged fingerprint records be entered in the record.

To prevent a recurrence of this problem in the future, I have tasked the Service Secretaries to examine possible alternatives to establish a redundant, independent source for military fingerprints separate from the FBI records. I will report to the Committee and to the families when we have implemented a solution to this problem.

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## Senate Foreign Relations Committee Minority Staff Report

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Tracy Usry of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Minority staff came before this Committee to defend the minority staff report, An Examination of U. S. Policy Toward POW/MIAs, authored in large measure by himself. That report is replete with factual errors. I would like to take just a moment to discuss a few of the most glaring examples of poor research and error.

On page 5-8 of the Report, the staff states:

"In fact, only 591 U.S. POWs were repatriated by the North Vietnamese during Operation HOMECOMING, which is 12% of the figure of 5,000 U.S. POWs held by the North Vietnamese reported by the *New York Times*.

The original New York Times article, the primary source material, appeared on the front page of the 6 March 1973 issue. The number "5,000" appeared only once in the entire article--quoting an American source who stated at a meeting of the Joint Military Commission the previous day, North Vietnam had demanded the release of 5,000 Communist prisoners held by Saigon.

This 5,000 number cited incorrectly in the report has been oft-quoted by POW activists and is used within the report to lend

credence to the allegation that 85 % of American prisoners of war were withheld by Hanoi after Operation Homecoming.

A second glaring inaccuracy is found in the Prologue to Part II, page *i*. The report states:

"In spite of 1,400 unresolved reports of first hand live-sightings, the Department of Defense, remarkably, still believes it has "no credible evidence." How does it dismiss these reports?

In fact, there are numerous inaccuracies in just that simple statement. First, while there have been cumulatively over 1,400 first-hand live sighting reports, only approximately 100 are unresolved. Second, live-sighting reports have not been dismissed. In over 75 percent of the first-hand live sightings received, DIA  have been able to establish that the report is true. These reports involve POWs who returned at Operation Homecoming, or have been correlated to other Americans or Westerners, such as missionaries or individuals stranded in South Vietnam when the Communists took control. Almost three hundred relate to Private Garwood, who returned from Vietnam in 1979.

There are numerous other factual inaccuracies throughout the report. To catalogue the inaccuracies would require a document of equal length and would be beyond the scope of my testimony here today. Further, to do so would require diverting manpower from

more important tasks related to the function of investigating POW/MIA cases.

A more important issue that this Committee should address of Mr. Usry is why he and other staff members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff have withheld from the Department of Defense information relevant to the investigation of the [redacted] case and the [redacted] case. Not only has Mr. Usry withheld information that would have assisted the Department of Defense in more expeditiously investigating these cases, but he has stood by while Senate staff members directed sources not to provide their information to members of my staff, the DIA, or others within the Department of Defense investigating these cases.

I am personally outraged by the obstruction that Mr. Usry has presented to the DoD investigations of these cases. That any American would withhold relevant information or otherwise not cooperate with an on-going DoD POW/MIA investigation is shocking and should not be tolerated by you--his employers--the Members of the United States Senate. The families of the two individuals deserve better treatment than that.

Mr. Chairman, I hope that you will question Mr. Usry about how long he had the [redacted] information before July 1991. When the Department of Defense finally received the information, we resolved the case in less than 2 months.

Response to [redacted] Allegations

The [redacted] families have been the losers as a result of the allegations made by a number of individuals before this Committee. Family confidence in their Government has been further eroded by the unsubstantiated and specious claims of Government conspiracy. Mr. Sheetz will later discuss the [redacted] case in detail, however, I would like to spend a moment on the [redacted] case and the allegations made by Judge [redacted] before this Committee.

Judge [redacted] allegation that the Department of Defense would knowingly provide to the family, the Congress and the American people altered photographs of the meeting between our investigator, [redacted] [redacted] and the individual is ludicrous. Even more disturbing is the fact that Judge Gayden, an officer of a court, would allege that he had obtained a photo analysis of the photos of the meeting and then assert that the DoD photos are frauds. This Committee can not stand by and let these gross distortions of fact go unnoticed. If Judge [redacted] photo experts believe the DoD photos are a fraud, he should produce their reports, or their testimony, or an affidavit or other suitable evidence.

Our investigators, with the help of the Lao, found the individual photographed in Laos and identified as [redacted] The individual is not [redacted] family has been convinced by Judge [redacted] bailiff, Khambang Sibounheuang, that the individual is [redacted] and Khambang has accompanied the two [redacted] sons to Laos. Khambang's blood relative in Laos passed the roll of film containing



the [ ] photos to Khambang in the United States. Khambang has a long history of providing POW related materials, from as early as 1985; and none-- not one-- of his leads has ever proven valid.

I have a fact sheet on Khambang that I would request be entered into the record. The [ ]/Khambang connection needs to be thoroughly investigated. I hope that this Committee will undertake that task.

### [ ] Cooperation

Finally, I would like to clarify a point raised by [ ] in his testimony. [ ] suggested that the Secretary of Defense may have misspoken in his testimony before this Committee.

[ ] suggested that the Secretary was mistaken in his recitation of what [ ] agreed to provide to the Department of Defense in Thailand and that he was further mistaken in attributing to [ ] a comment that the [ ] photograph "may have been" taken in Thailand or Burma. I would like to make clear for the record that the Secretary of Defense did not misspeak nor was he mistaken in any of the testimony he provided to this committee relative to [ ]

[ ] promises of cooperation were made to the Secretary of Defense in the presence of myself, and Congressmen McCloskey and Visclosky in the Secretary's office. The Secretary's testimony correctly reflected who and

what [ ] stated he would make available to our investigators. It also correctly reflected what [ ] told our investigators in Bangkok about where the photograph may have been taken. We have a chronology of our conversations with [ ] which I would like to make a part of the record. I have with me the individuals who were involved in the [ ] investigation with [ ] and who will provide you the facts about their investigation. Mr. Bob Sheetz, the Chief of the Special Office for POW/MIA Affairs will address the specifics of the conduct of the [ ] investigation of which [ ] was a part.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Senator Smith. I am prepared now to respond to your questions.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Foreign Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Interagency Committee on Vietnam MIA's/POW's

1. I hereby establish an Interagency Committee on Vietnam MIA's/POW's under the chairmanship of Brigadier General James Shufelt (DIA). The purpose of the Committee is to exhaust all intelligence within the Community regarding the location and identification of Americans who might be held or interned in Southeast Asia.

2. I request that the appropriate NFIB agencies nominate representatives to serve on the Committee under Brigadier General Shufelt's chairmanship. Representatives will also be responsible for ensuring that any intelligence information presently held within the Intelligence Community is proffered to the Committee.

3. I am asking Lieutenant General Leonard Perroots, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, to oversee this activity on my behalf.

/s/ William J. Casey

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (DIA)

and the

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA)

NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SERVICE INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES

on

## PARTICIPATION AT INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INDOCHINA PW/MIAs MEETINGS

A. PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding clarifies the roles and responsibilities of each organization during participation in Interagency Committee on Indochina PW/MIAs meetings on the collection, oversight and coordination of intelligence relating to American servicemen and civilians who remain unaccounted for as a result of the war in Indochina (1961-1975).

B. BACKGROUND

Resolution of the PW/MIA issue is a matter of personal interest to the President of the United States, who has pledged that it is a matter of the highest national priority within his Administration. In implementation of this priority the purpose of the committee will be to formulate, coordinate, and manage new collection initiatives to ensure that all intelligence disciplines are sensitized to the issue. It will provide a clearing house for the exchange of PW intelligence and a forum for the discussion and resolution of related collection problems and requirements. The committee will make aggressive use of appropriate resources of specialized components of the intelligence community to identify, augment or supplement, confirm, or otherwise qualify intelligence information relating to U.S. PW/MIAs.

C. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

1. DIA shall provide the chairmanship and staff and administrative support for the committee.

2. The committee shall be comprised of one principal general-flag officer or equivalent civilian level representative of the following U.S. Government components: Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), Central

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Intelligence Agency (CIA), National Security Agency (NSA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of State, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and Service Intelligence representatives. The DIA representative at the committee meetings will also be the principal Joint Chiefs of Staff representative. All members and other attendees shall have TOP SECRET and SI/TK clearances.

3. Responsibilities of member representatives pertaining to the collection of PW/MIA related intelligence shall be consistent with the charter of the parent Department, Agency or Bureau.

4. The committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman but not less than quarterly.

D. IMPLEMENTATION AND TERMINATION

This memorandum of understanding shall become binding and enter into force upon signature by all parties. It shall remain in effect until revised or terminated and will be reviewed annually.

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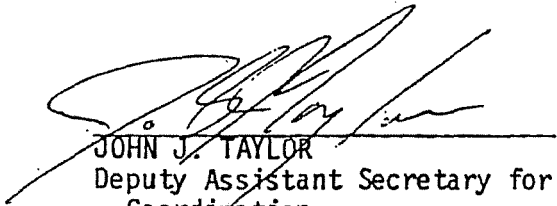
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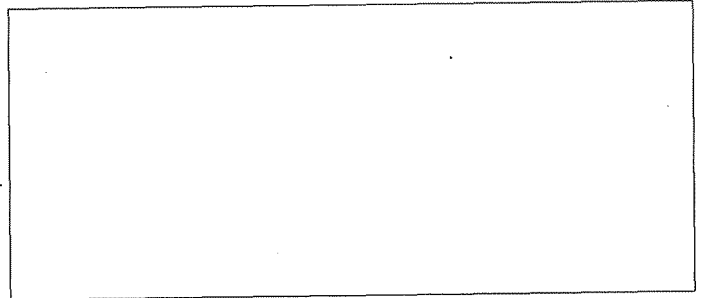
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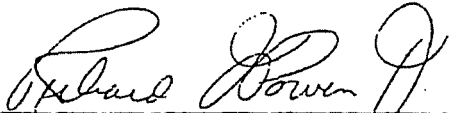


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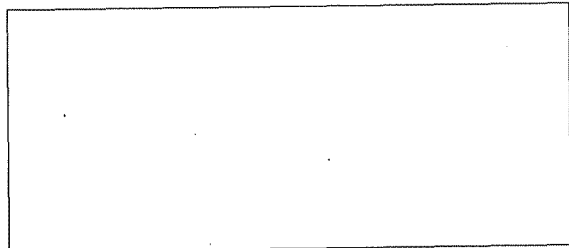


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1. Senator Kerry, Senator Smith, it is a privilege for me to appear here today. We all recognize the importance of your endeavor and I am here to emphasize the commitment of NSA to supportg your efforts. For years, NSA has been actively involved on this issue primarily with the Defense Intelligence Agency, but also with individual Congressman and Congressional Committees. As we have done with these organizations in the past, we will make available to you all the data that can assist you in your investigation.

2. To ensure we would be prepared to be responsive to the committee we have again conducted a comprehensive review of SIGINT holdings for the period 1965 to the present. This review included:

a. manually scanning all SIGINT material which might contain any reference to POW/MIAs during or after the war.

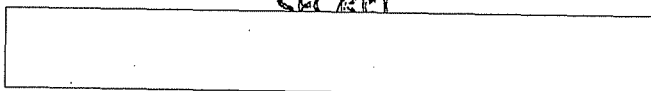
b. interviewing selected analysts and managers who served at NSA Headquarters or in the field,

c. reconstructing and evaluating the SIGINT process used during the war.

Additionally, we attempted to uncover any material which might be related to recent allegations and to review any new information that has come to light since our last complete review in 1987.

3. I would like to take a few minutes and explain how NSA has conducted its business in regard to the POW/MIA task. During the Vietnam War, our ability to access the communications of Southeast Asian

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Communist Forces was very good. Over seventy (70) ground-based collection sites, no fewer than twelve (12) types of airborne collection platforms, and numerous shipborne collectors worked 24-hours a day against the full range of target communications. Thousands of people, primarily uniformed military personnel, were involved in this massive signals intelligence effort. The SIGINT system had an excellent capability to collect information on aircraft shootdowns and on downed fliers. We intercepted information that some crew members did not survive the shootdown. In other cases, we were able to detect initial capture and subsequent movement of prisoners by the capturing unit to either a holding location or to a place designated as a camp. We were aware of the existence of more permanent prison camps from non-SIGINT sources, but in spite of our vast collection resources, we never heard any communications emanating from these camps.

4. The enormous amount of data collection during the war had to be processed manually. Because of this we did not always process everything, but we did process everything related to downed fliers or captured Americans. This was our highest priority mission. Intercept operators were trained to recognize critical information, and were instructed to notify supervisors immediately when information on downed fliers or captured servicemen was intercepted. This information was processed immediately and reported in the most expeditious manner to tactical units to aid in search and rescue operations.

5. Our information can be divided into two categories. We have a total of 1530 "incident" reports which are based on military

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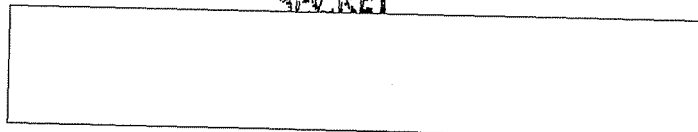
communications and relate to specific losses. We have approximately 500 "non-incident" reports which are associated with the general topic of POW/MIAs. We reported both tactical and strategic information. Tactical reporting included information on such subjects as shootdowns of aircraft and locations of enemy forces. A special reporting series, called SONGBIRD Reports, was established for information pertaining to prisoners, prisoner locations, movement of prisoners, shootdown of aircraft, or any other information relating to the fate of U.S. servicemen. Strategic reporting included such activities as North Vietnamese infiltration and resupply. This information came from communications serving the network of roads, transportation units, and rest stops known as the Ho Chi Minh Trail and from communications serving military elements in Northern Vietnam.

6. We understand that the committee is especially concerned about the fate of American MIAs captured in Laos. Laotian codes were broken during the war and the communications of Pathet Lao Headquarters were intercepted. Regretably, while we had voluminous intercept of Laotian communications, they do not provide any new information on the fate of our men lost in Laos.

7. Also, no SIGINT evidence is available to either confirm or deny allegations of [redacted] involvement with American POWs. NSA has completed a review of pertinent [redacted] material. As with our study of Vietnamese communications, there is no evidence to indicate that [redacted] involved POWs. Our search of [redacted] communications that may be related to the POW/MIA issue continues, but

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as with our efforts in researching Vietnamese communications, we have yet to find any SIGINT evidence of [REDACTED].

8. NSA currently holds approximately 2000 SIGINT reports, dating from 1965 to the present, relating to the loss, capture, and status of U.S. personnel in Southeast Asia. To illustrate the challenge of following individual POWs, of all the POW/MIA related incidents reported in SIGINT during the war, less than 100 names of captured Americans are contained in our reporting. The majority of these people were subsequently accounted for. All of this information was reported in our normal system and made available during previous investigations. Let me emphasize however, that none of our data contains evidence that American service personnel remain in Vietnam today or were left behind after Operation HOMECOMING.

9. We spent many years after the war searching for communications that could reveal evidence that U.S. personnel were held in Vietnam but were not successful. The only collection, reflecting POW/MIA matters we

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] general

POW/MIA issues.

On the question of releasing intelligence data, there are good reasons why even after 20-25 years, some intelligence information relating to POW/MIAs is, and should remain, classified. For example, similar sources and methods are used today by NSA against other targets, particularly [REDACTED]. Moreover, some of these sources and methods are associated directly with [REDACTED].

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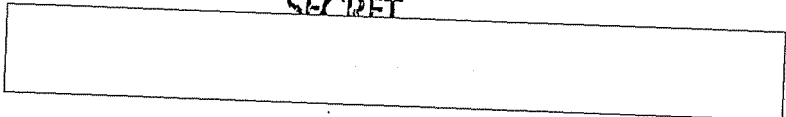
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We recognize the concerns of POW/MIA families, and we want to explore methods for them to gain access to data associated with their kin while at the same time protecting our sources and methods. I would like to caution everyone, however, that what we hold as described above only applies to a very few families and even that involves not more than one or two SIGINT reports per family.

On the other hand, for you and/or your cleared staff, we stand ready to show our entire SIGINT POW/MIA-related reports and to help interpret them as necessary for you and respond to any of your questions.

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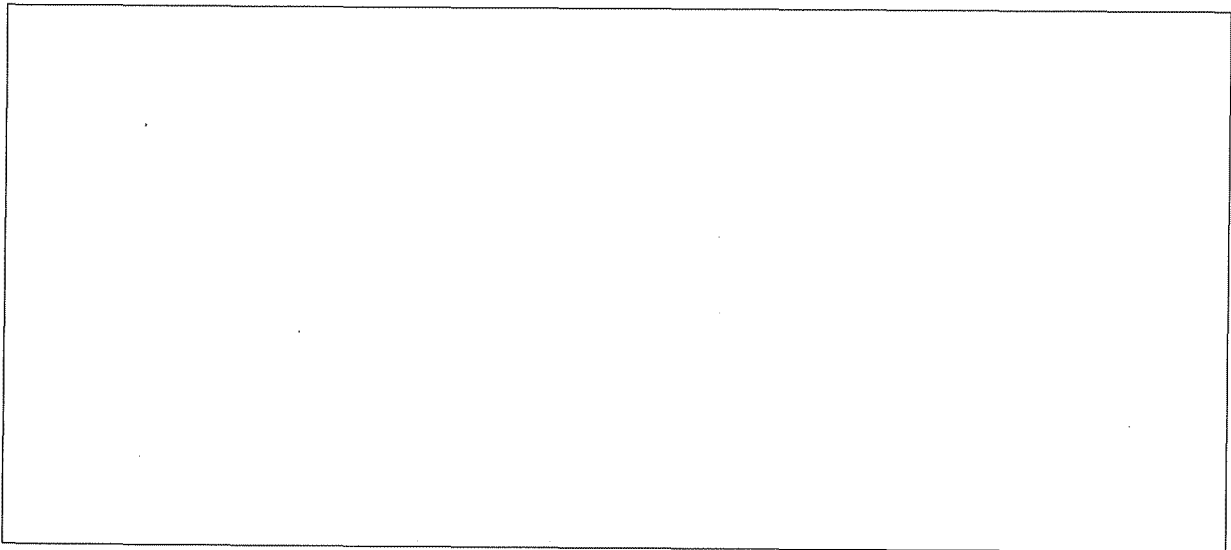


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QUESTION: Please explain why it is necessary to protect the sources of information on POW's and MIA's.

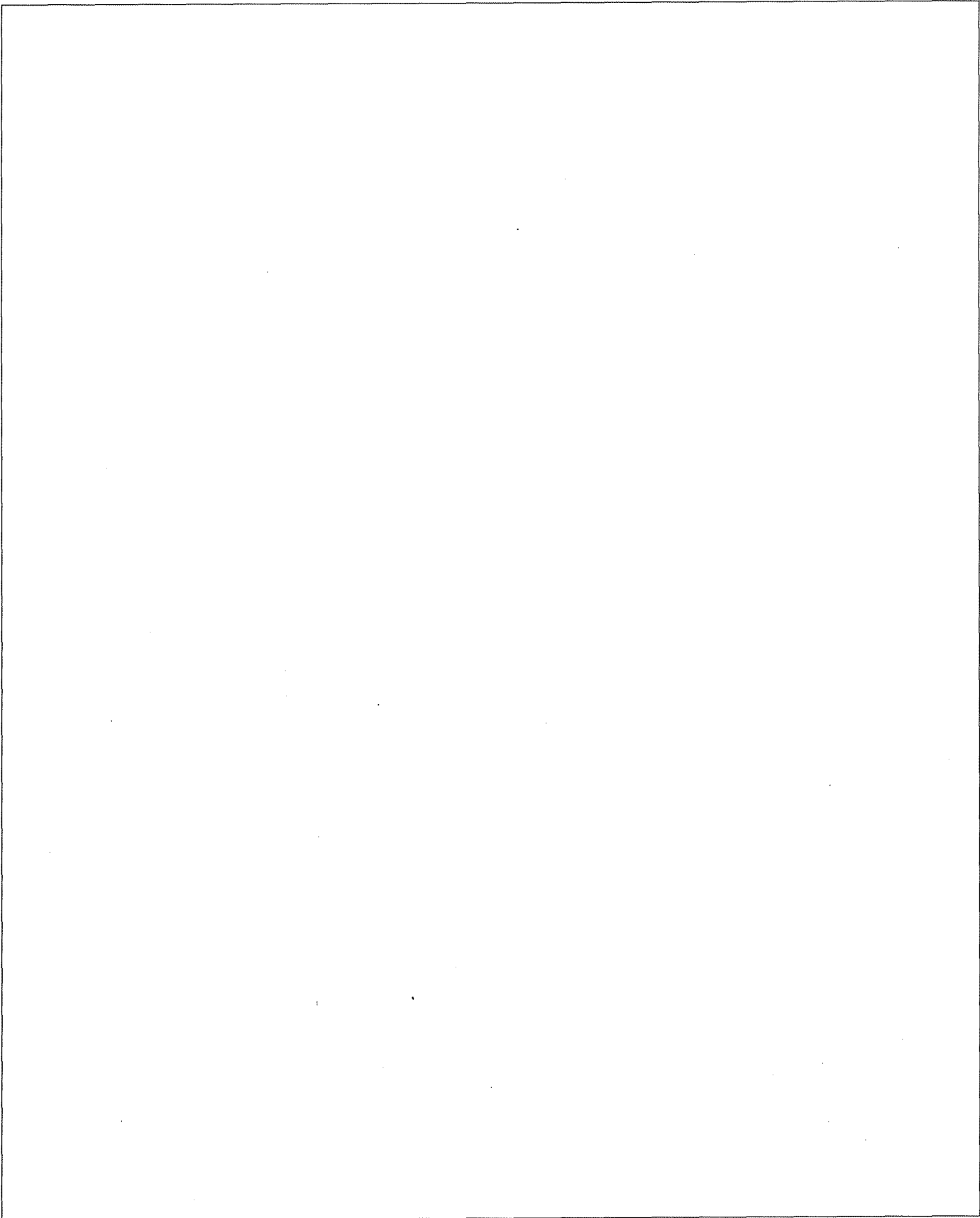
ANSWER: In the intelligence collection process, whether it be on POW's and MIA's or other requirements, we have a statutory responsibility under the National Security Act of 1947 and E.O. 12356 to protect the source of the information, the place and manner in which it was acquired, any foreign intelligence service involvement, references to other operational activity and administrative details such as cryptonyms, field report numbers, source and field comments.

If we were unable to guarantee this protection, it would impact on our ability to collect intelligence. Other sources would be wary of cooperating with us if information were released which pinpoints its origin without consideration of the effect this information might have on the source, and his heirs, survivors or colleagues. It is important to understand that in many cases, especially with regard to information

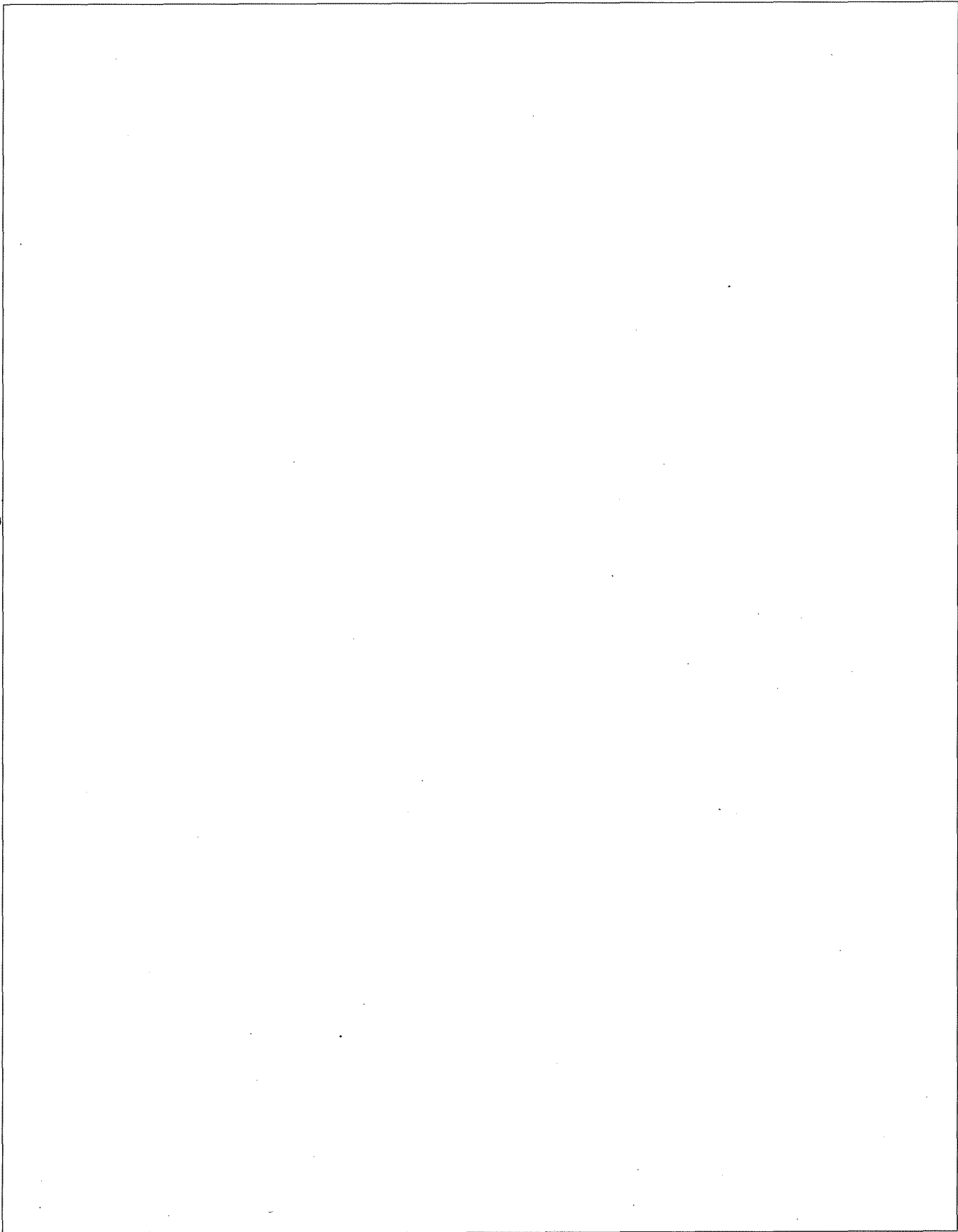


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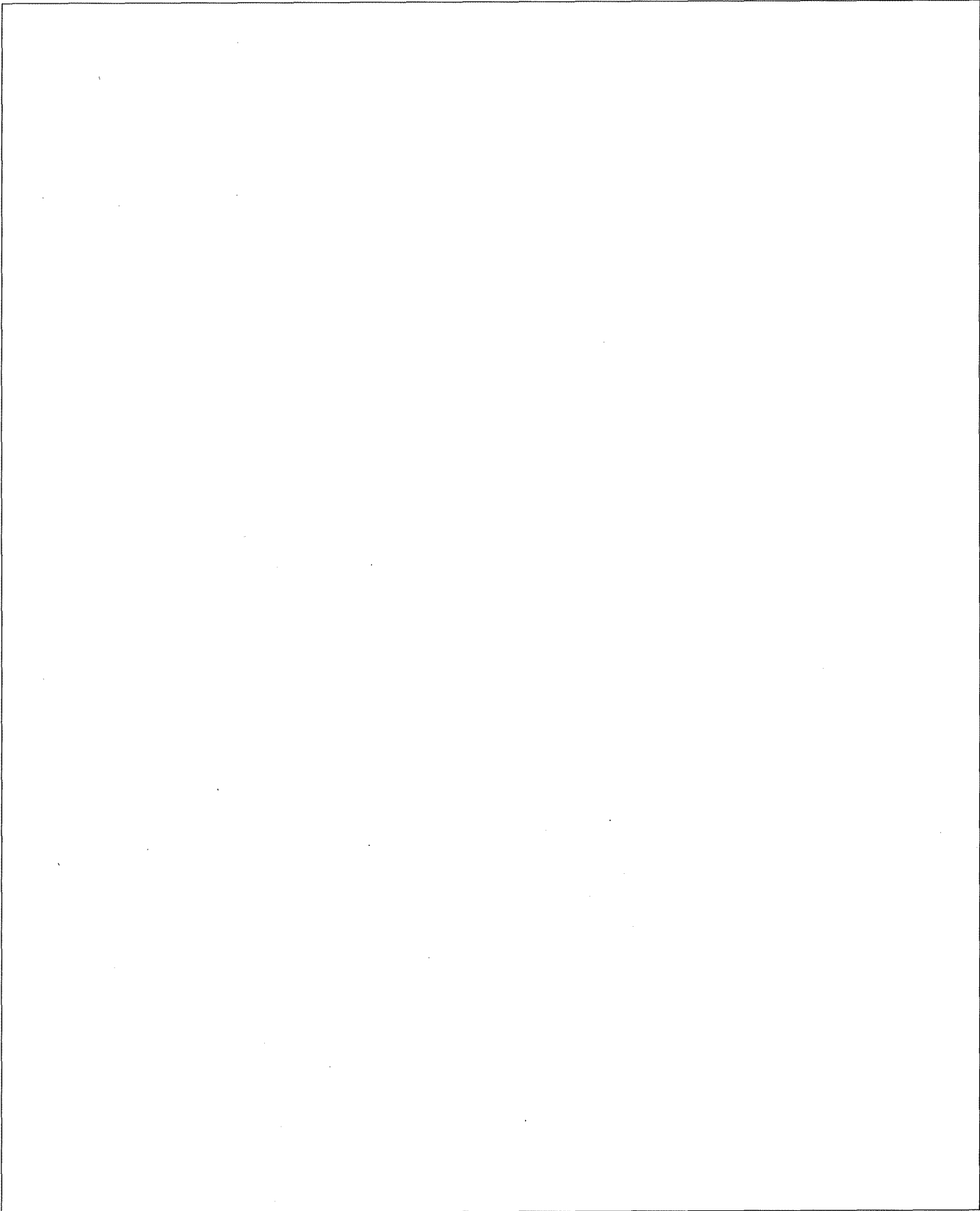
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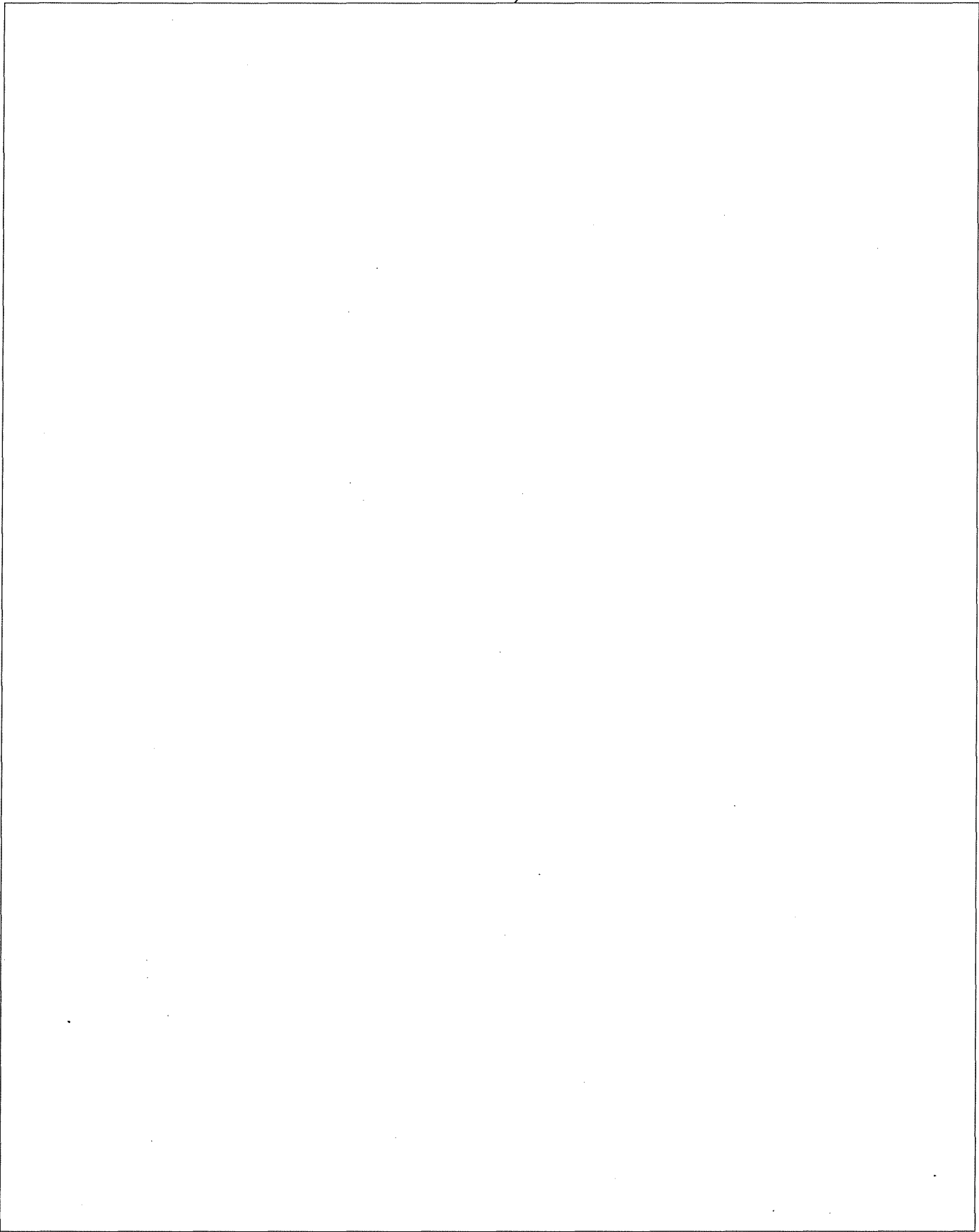


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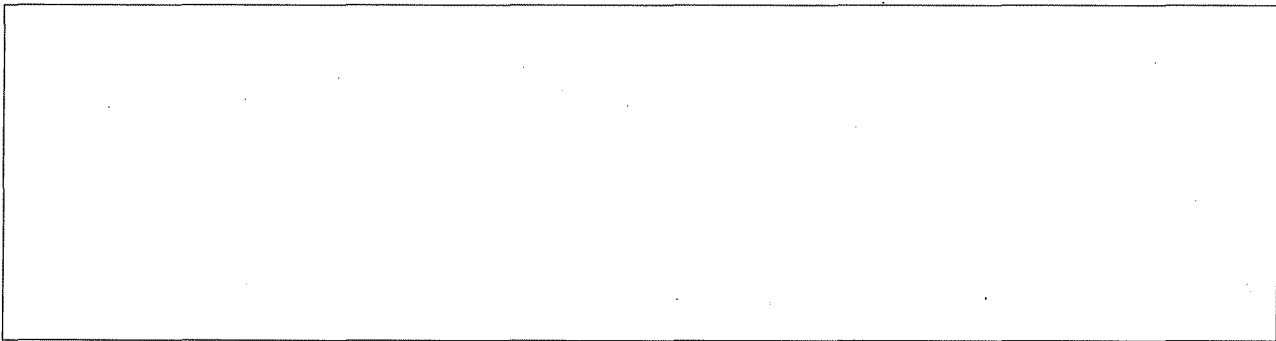




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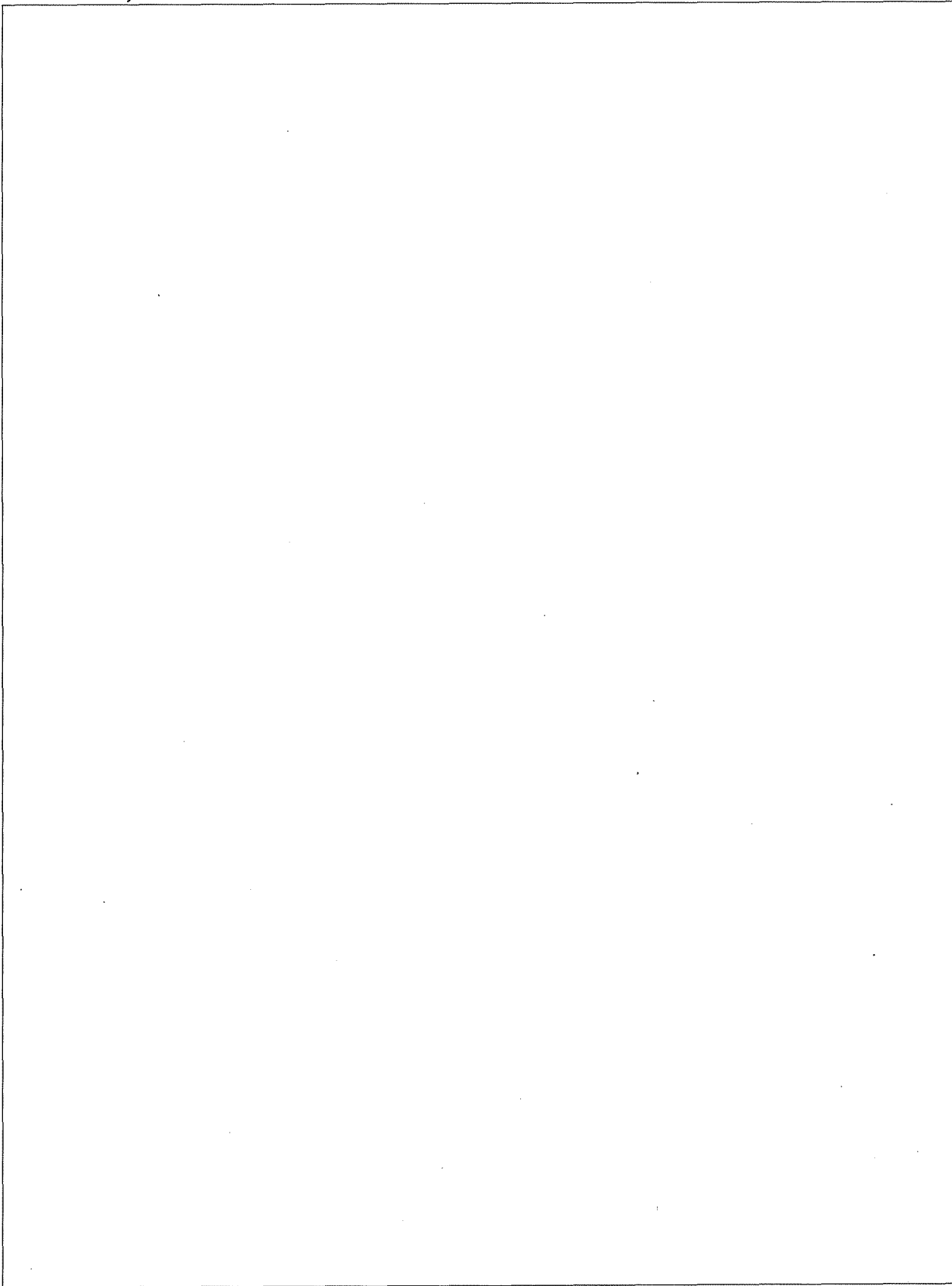
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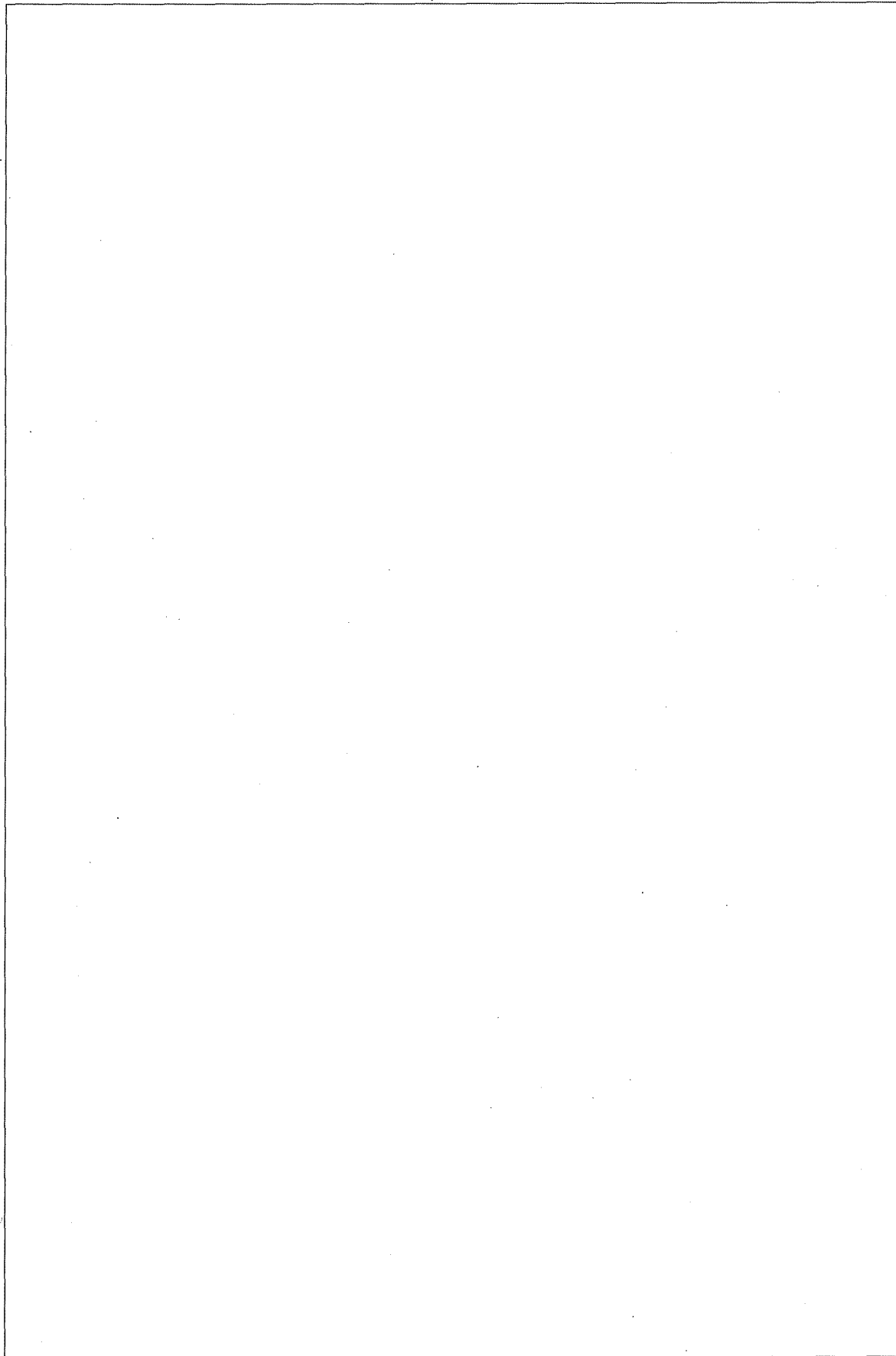
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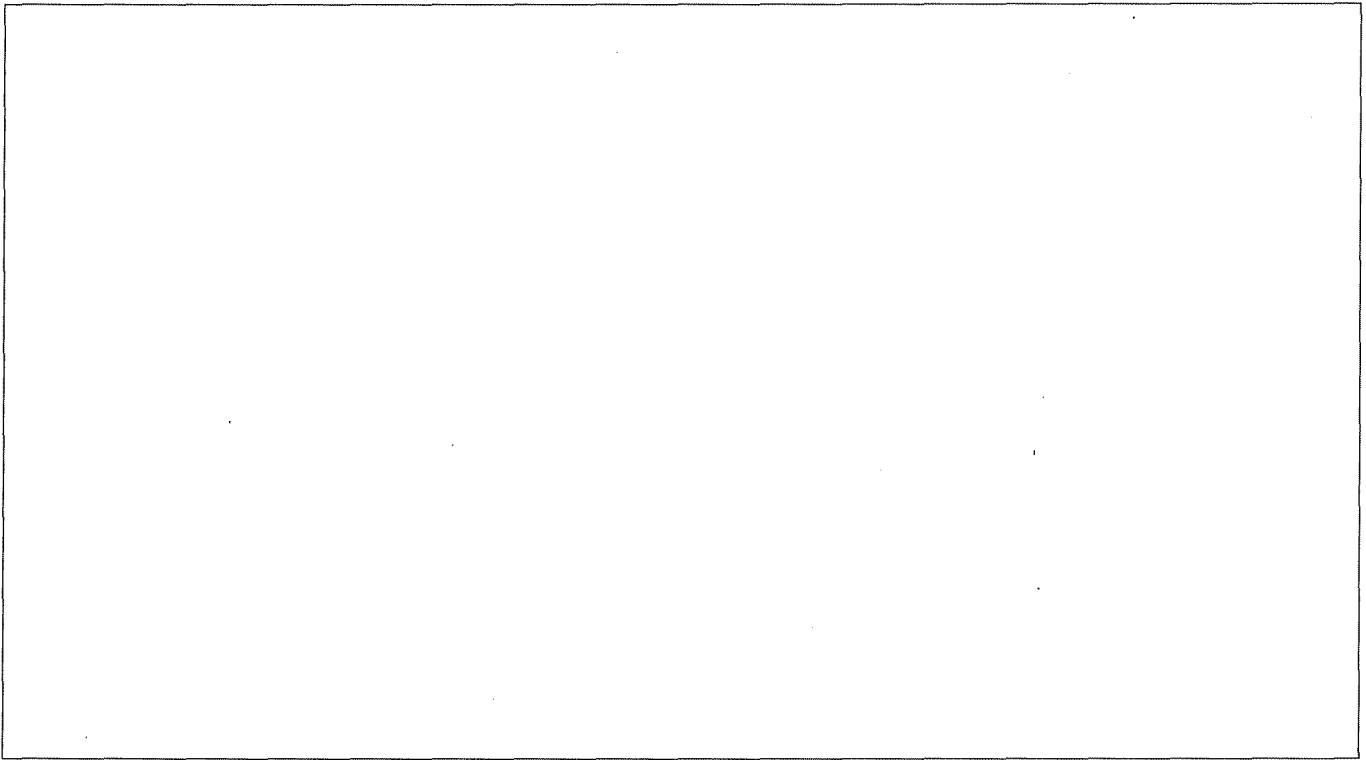


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SPOT REPORT

6 DECEMBER 1991

## UPDATE ON PW-MIA ACTIVITIES

1. FILES AT DIA: A total of 496 "live-sighting" files in the Prisoner of War-Missing in Action (PW-MIA) Task Force for Intelligence Data Release have been reviewed and sanitized at the Pentagon. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The files reviewed were from the 1,500 live-sighting files of which only 496 contained Agency reporting. The agreed-upon Inter-Agency guidelines were used in deleting identification of sources, names of Agency personnel, place acquired, liaison involvement, and methods of acquisition. DIA PW-MIA appreciated our Agency's cooperation and [REDACTED] effort is particularly noteworthy.

2. Response to the Committee's letter: During ADDO'S 4 December one-on-one with DCEA, the wording of the response letter to the Committee was raised. You should be receiving the draft of this letter [REDACTED] in-part reads "It has been agency practice to provide all information on PW-MIA's to DIA and this information should be available in their files. In response to your request, we are undertaking a review of all files held by the Agency which bear on this issue to ensure that all pertinent data has been passed to DIA."

3. [REDACTED] PW-MIA: This component is being formed with [REDACTED] the Chief to review our files on PW-MIA's and ensure that all the reporting on this issue has been forwarded to DIA. All archived files on the subject are being retrieved and will be reviewed. We will also look at substantive issues such as programs in Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia associated with our operational and collection activities on PW-MIA's. [REDACTED] will be [REDACTED] We have discussed with [REDACTED] the need for additional funding for [REDACTED] to assist with this project. [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] provide administrative assistance as required and [REDACTED] are working on locating office space for the group. We are receiving excellent cooperation from all concerned and [REDACTED] has been particularly helpful with several aspects of the program.

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4. The KGB Connection: [redacted] met with former KGB General Oleg Kalugin on 29 November to discuss PW-MIA issues. Kalugin made it clear he was not intimately familiar with the subject and those statements he did make were not supported by facts. See the attached cable for further details. Also attached is a 1982 CIA report [redacted] [redacted] heard from KGB General Grigoriyev that 2,000 POW's from the Vietnam war had been incarcerated in the Soviet Union for "ideological retraining." [redacted] comment was included in this report which in part said that CIA records contain no information that Grigoriyev held a leading position in the KGB and that the report merits little if any credence from analysts.

5. Call to Security Duty Officer on Alleged POW's: The PW-MIA Office at the Pentagon is investigating the call made to our Security Duty Officer on 2 December by an alleged Navy Seal reporting a sighting of MIA's in Cambodia. [redacted] [redacted] talked with anyone on this subject as claimed in the report and DIA PW-MIA has not been able to identify the individual who claimed to be [redacted]. They are going to follow this up with the Seal Team in Coronado, California, and will advise when further details are obtained.

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SUBJECT: POW-MIA ISSUES (U)

1. (C) ON FRIDAY EVENING 29 NOVEMBER 1991 [redacted] MET WITH FORMER [redacted] TO DISCUSS ONGOING POW/MIA ISSUES. FROM THE VERY START [redacted] MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS, HE WAS NOT INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT AND COULD NOT PROVIDE ANYTHING MORE THAN AN OVERVIEW OF EVENTS AS HE REMEMBERS THEM.

2. (S) [redacted] INVOLVEMENT IN POW INTERROGATION WAS MINIMAL. UNTIL AN AGREEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS SIGNED BY THE KGB AND ITS VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART--ABOUT 1977 OR 1978--HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE EXACT YEAR--CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS IN PLACE. THE VIETNAMESE REQUESTED KGB ASSISTANCE IN "DISMANTLING" THE U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON, WHICH THE KGB WAS HAPPY TO DO. AFTER THIS EVENT, THE KGB IN A LOW KEY MANNER, REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO A FEW U.S. POWS THAT MAY STILL HAVE BEEN HELD IN VIETNAM. (NOTE: KALUGIN STATED THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF AMERICAN POWS IN 1977-1978 WERE KEPT BY THE VIETNAMESE, BUT DID NOT KNOW FOR WHAT PURPOSE.) REASON FOR THE REQUEST WAS TO ASSESS SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT EFFECTIVENESS AND IN TURN, FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH U.S. DOCTRINE. A THREE (OR POSSIBLY) FOUR MAN TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO VIETNAM--LOCATION UNKNOWN--AND A LIST OF U.S. POWS WAS PROVIDED TO THE SOVIET SIDE--NUMBER OR NAMES UNKNOWN--FROM WHICH THE KGB TEAM PICKED THREE INDIVIDUALS: ONE WAS A "SENIOR" NAVAL OFFICER--RANK UNKNOWN--AN AIR FORCE PILOT, AND A SUSPECTED CIA-RELATED PERSON. AN EFFORT TO TURN THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS MADE AT THAT TIME. KALUGIN DID MENTION, HOWEVER, THAT AN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE THREE AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES A FEW YEARS LATER WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. [redacted]

3. (S) IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT GENERAL KALUGIN IS NOT IN THE MAINSTREAM OF POW ISSUES, NOR DOES HE BELIEVE, FROM A KGB PERSPECTIVE, THAT THE ISSUE IS BONA FIDE AND NOT A FABRICATION. FIRST HE FEELS THAT DURING THE 1970'S BREZHNEV (AND BY ASSOCIATION, ANDROPOV) WAS VERY CAREFUL

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TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. SECONDLY, HE NOTES THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VERY PRO-AMERICAN ALL ALONG. NOT JUST AFTER PERESTROIKA: IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO HIDE A U.S. POW, UNLESS IN VERY CONFINED AREAS, BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE? THIRDLY, TRUTH IS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER. NO ONE CAN KEEP A SECRET AND THERE ARE MANY THAT WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO DISCREDIT THE FORMER REGIME BY GOING PUBLIC IF IN FACT AMERICAN POW WERE IN THE USSR.

4. (S) [redacted] DID GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO STATE THAT AMERICANS COULD BE RESIDING IN THE USSR, BUT ADDED THAT THIS HAS TO BE LOOKED AT ON A CASE-TO-CASE BASIS. FOR EXAMPLE: AN AMERICAN POW COULD HAVE MET AND MARRIED A RUSSIAN WOMAN AND RETURNED WITH HER TO THE SOVIET UNION. HERE HE CITED THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE CASE OF SOMEONE LIKE THE AMERICAN SUPPOSEDLY LIVING IN SARYSHAGAN, QUICKLY ADDING THAT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT BELIEVE THE STORY. AT THIS POINT [redacted] SURPRISED ALUSNA BY STATING BT  
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THAT ALTHOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, ESPECIALLY IN AN ELECTION YEAR, HE COULD NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THE SUDDEN AND ALMOST INTENSE INTEREST THAT THE U.S. WAS SHOWING ON THE POW ISSUE, STATING THAT HE HAD MANY MORE POW/MIAS DURING THE KOREAN WAR WITHOUT TODAY'S FERVOR. RO SUMMARILY EXPLAINED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE IN FACT, NOT SIMILAR.

5. (C) [redacted] IS AN INTERESTING CASE STUDY. HE IS VERY WESTERN IN HIS DRESS AND MANNERISMS--LIVED IN THE U.S. FOR FIVE YEARS, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH (AMERICAN)--STUDIED AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN 1958, IS URBANE, POLISHED AND VERY CONGENIAL. HE IS A FORMER USSR PEOPLES' DEPUTY; HE CONTINUES TO BE ENGAGED IN GOVERNMENT BUT AS A CONSULTANT. HE APPEARS TO BE, HOWEVER, ON THE MARGINS CONCERNING THE POW/MIA QUESTION AND HAS PROBABLY EXHAUSTED HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT.

6.(C) BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIALLY DAMAGING INFORMATION ADDRESSED IN PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, EMBASSY IS TREATING THIS AS A SPECAT/EXDIS MATTER.

7.(C) EMBASSY INTER-AGENCY GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE ANALYSIS AND ANY FEEDBACK ON INFORMATION PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH TWO, BUT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE GRU CONNECTION AND HOW THIS COULD BE FURTHER PURSUED.

8.(C) NEXT STEP: AWAIT KALUGIN'S CALL TO SEE IF FORMER SUBORDINATE AND SOVIET TEAM CHIEF WOULD BE WILLING TO TALK TO US.  
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# Foreign Intelligence Information Report

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REPORT CLASS. ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ -- WINTTEL -- REPORT NO. [redacted]

COUNTRY USSR

DATE DISTR. 12 March 1982

SUBJECT Alleged Soviet Incarceration of U.S. Vietnam Prisoners of War (DOI: 1970)

REFERENCES [redacted]

SOURCE [redacted]

SUMMARY: According to KGB Lieutenant General Petr Ivanovich Grigoriyev, specially selected U.S. prisoners of war were being received into the Soviet Union circa 1970 for long term or lifetime incarceration and "ideological retraining." He implied the number involved to be about 2,000. The goal of the program was indefinite, but involved intensive psychological investigation of the prisoners and retraining to make them available as required to serve the needs of the Soviet Union. Grigoriyev made the comment [redacted]

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i. [redacted] This report should be read with caution. [redacted]

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the USSR, much less that 2,000 such individuals are leading "reasonably normal lives" in the same region where numerous Soviet political prisoners have resided in exile. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from analysts.

However, in light of continuing high interest in the question of U.S. personnel still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia, this report is being disseminated with appropriate caveats to concerned members of the U.S. Intelligence Community.)

2. [REDACTED] which was held circa 1970, KGB Lieutenant General Petr Ivanovich ((Grigoriyev)) stated that many specially selected U.S. prisoners of war were being received from North Vietnam for long term or lifetime custody and "ideological re-training" in the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] Grigoriyev did not state specifically the number of prisoners involved. The term he used was "v porjadke neskol'kikh tysyach v nas tozhe yest'" which translates as "on the order of several thousand," implying the number to be about 2,000). The prisoners were destined for confinement at a facility near Perm. Grigoriyev, who learned of the program from an unnamed high level KGB colleague, understood that Soviets rather than North Vietnamese were involved in the initial selection process and that participants were to be continually assessed for suitability. He implied that individuals determined to be unsuitable would be eliminated and replaced with other [REDACTED] Grigoriyev made his comment while serving as a political ideologist and personnel officer at the All-Union Scientific-Technical Information Center of the State Committee for Science and Technology in Moscow. He had previously served as Chief of the KGB's Personnel Directorate and in that capacity would have very likely made contacts among KGB officials subsequently responsible for organizing any such prisoner program.)

3. According to Grigoriyev, the goals of the U.S. prisoner program were indefinite but involved intensive psychological studies of the individuals and utilization of them as required to serve the needs of the Soviet Union. Grigoriyev understood that the detention facility was not a standard prison, but rather one in which inmates could lead reasonably normal lives. [REDACTED] Grigoriyev recalled that precedents existed for such a program in the Soviet Union and cited similar previous efforts with Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese nationals. He stated that in past programs, participants were encouraged to marry Soviet women.

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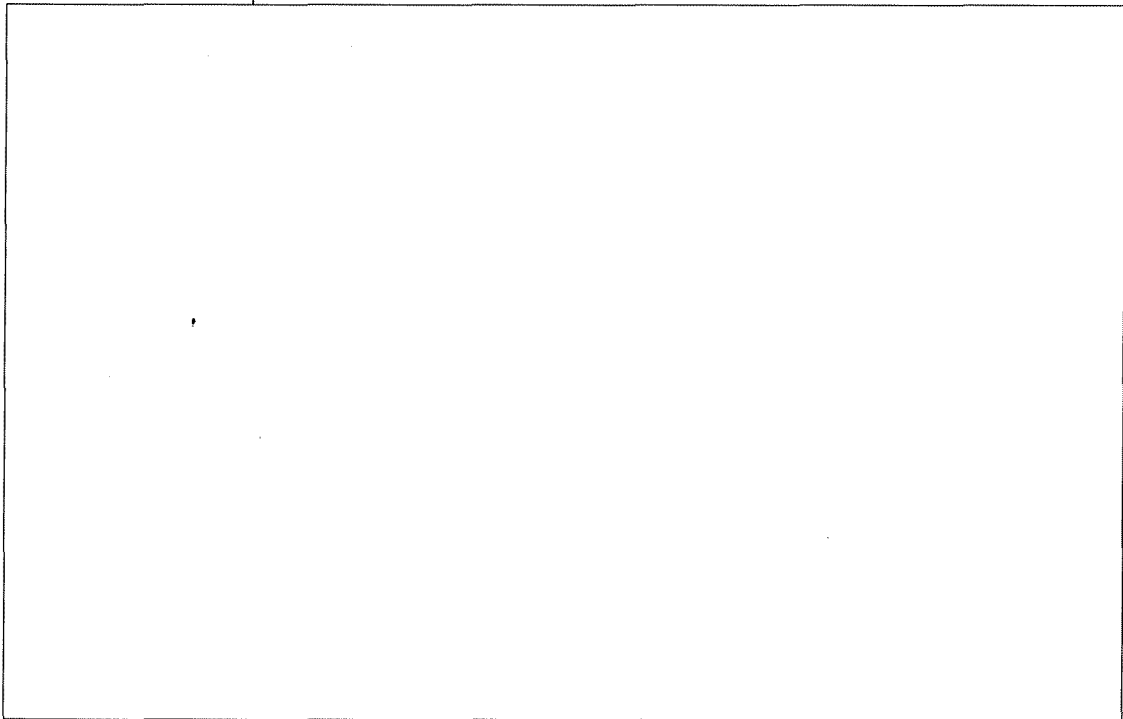
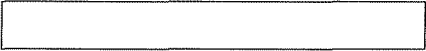
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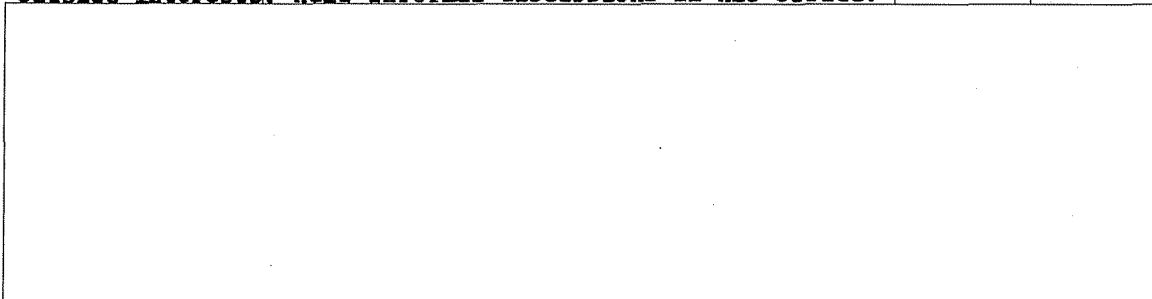


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5. Grigoriyev volunteered the information regarding the Vietnam prisoners [redacted] during the late 1960's and early 1970's. His duties were not particularly demanding after his years as an administrator in the KGB. He was often finished with his work in the early afternoon and, rather than go home or engaged in outside interests, held informal discussions in his office. [redacted]



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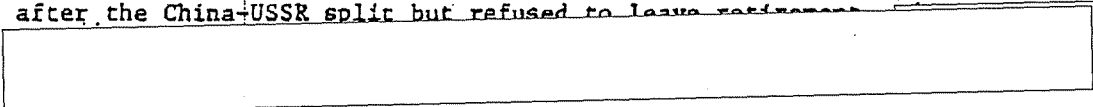
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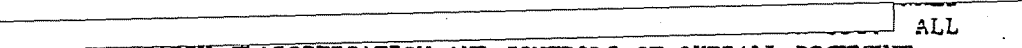


6. Grigoriyev was trained as a professional military officer and served in the tank troops during World War II. After the war he was assigned to the Party Central Committee as an army representative. In the period 1953-1954 he became KGB Deputy Chief for Personnel. He subsequently became critical of the recruitment policies of KGB head Vladimir Yefimovich ((Semichastnyy)) and was transferred from his position to that of KGB Security Chief for Soviet Bloc nations. Soon thereafter he developed a heart ailment and retired. In the late 1960's he accepted the position at the Information Center.

7. General Skrynnik joined the Russian cavalry in 1917 and subsequently entered the Odessa artillery school. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Zhitomir military district. In 1931 he entered the Frunze Military Academy. He advanced rapidly and in the 1933-1934 period was sent to China as Deputy Military Attache. He joined Mao's long march and began to establish intelligence agent networks for the Soviet Union. He remained in China until 1942 except for a brief return in 1939 to establish an intelligence school in Moscow for China operations. In the spring of 1942 he was recalled from China to become chief of intelligence on the northwestern front, where he remained for the duration of the war. After the war he was assigned as Soviet representative to the Berlin Joint Commission for Repatriation. After serving in Berlin from 1945 to 1949 he returned to Moscow as either chief or deputy chief for intelligence at the Frunze Academy. He then served as Deputy Intelligence Chief of the Far Eastern Military District. He retired from the military in 1953. Skrynnik was subsequently recalled to duty to re-establish agent networks in China after the China-USSR split but refused to leave retirement.



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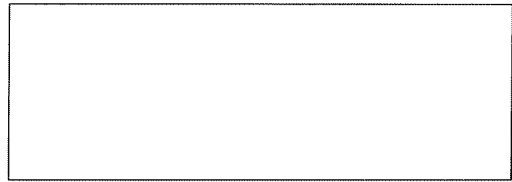
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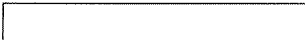


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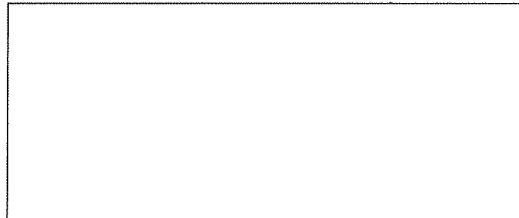
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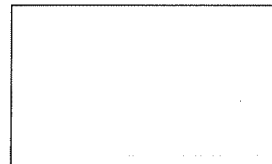
SUBJECT : Representative Dornan's Request for DDCI  
Testimony Concerning POW/MIA's in Southeast  
Asia

Attached are East Asia Division comments on Congress-  
man Dornan's request for DDCI testimony concerning CIA efforts  
on the POW/MIA problem in Southeast Asia. Our comments are  
keyed to the questions asked in Congressman Dornan's letter of  
November 6, 1981.



Attachment:  
East Asia Division Comments

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## EAST ASIA DIVISION COMMENTS

## I. What is the priority of the POW/MIA issue at CIA?

No CIA Station is tasked in its OD with action on the MIA/POW issue. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this issue receives as much and sometimes even more attention than other priority objectives [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When any believable information on POW/MIA's is obtained in the field, the highest priority is assigned to its verification.

## II. What are the resources being assigned to this problem within CIA?

At CIA Headquarters there is no DDO officer who has been specifically assigned to the POW/MIA problem. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] handle POW/MIA activities as required and in addition to their regular duties. [REDACTED] devotes the most time to POW/MIA activities. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the highest priority to obtaining information on POW/MIA's. As mentioned above, officers at all Stations are alert for any information on POW/MIA's.

## III. What are the roadblocks to resolving this issue? How can these barriers be eliminated?

The primary roadblock to resolving this issue continues to be the uncooperative attitude of the governments of Vietnam and Laos. They claim they have no POW's and are searching for MIA's.

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Repeated requests over the years by the U.S. Government for more information or entry into these countries of investigative teams have been stalled. Continued diplomatic efforts combined with intelligence community efforts to obtain positive information appear to be the best available course of action at this time.

Unfortunately, another and serious roadblock to obtaining positive information on the subject is the publicity given to leaks of confidential activities, and publicity given to the wild and inaccurate stories of various adventurers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a result of publicity, many Lao and Vietnamese believe that claiming to possess information on POW/MIA's is a way to ensure entry to the United States, various Indochinese resistance groups view it as a method of obtaining covert U.S. Government financial and military support, and professional fabricators see it as a way of obtaining funds. The continued visits to Thailand of various soldiers of fortune working on their own or on behalf of private groups serves to additionally confuse the issue. Considerable intelligence community time and effort is wasted on the stories of fabricators and soldiers of fortune. Also, the actions of adventurers and inaccurate publicity has undoubtedly caused the Vietnamese and Lao to tighten security and to become more intransigent in their attitude towards our diplomatic efforts.

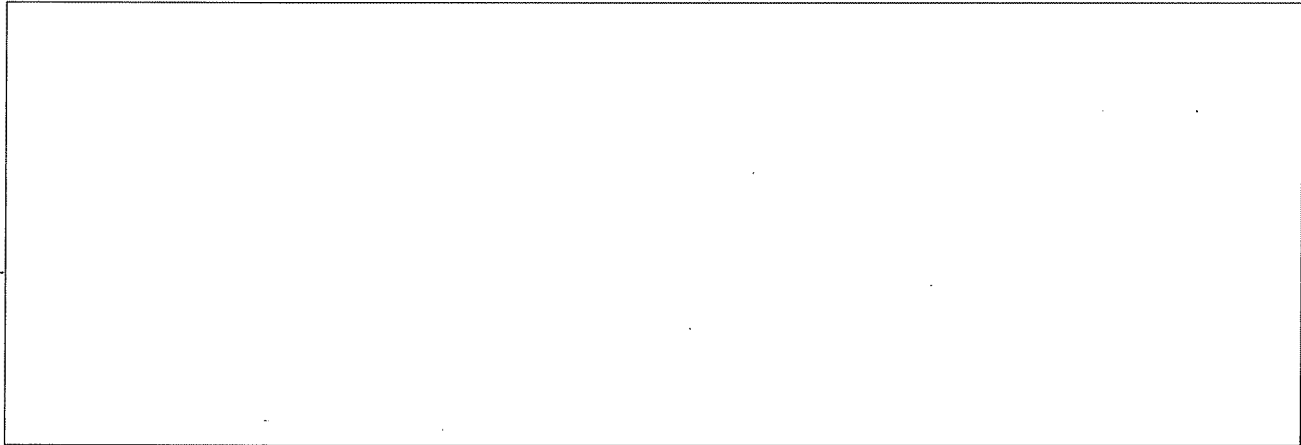
IV. Has the United States intelligence community achieved smooth cooperation among its members on this issue?

We believe there is good cooperation among the members of the intelligence community both at the Headquarters level and in the field. DIA is recognized as the focal point for all POW/MIA information and CIA passes all information obtained on the subject to DIA. [REDACTED]

We believe DIA is doing an excellent job in this difficult activity and will continue to cooperate fully.

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VI. What more can the United States Government do to assist the intelligence community on this issue?

Sufficient support and cooperation is being provided at this time. We know that if additional resources are necessary that the administration will be responsive to any requests. The problem is not one of resources or even intelligence, especially in the case of alleged POW's. It has not been demonstrated, at least on the basis of the considerable available information, that additional collection resources would lead to a definitive resolution of this issue. Sufficient assets are in place and a large volume of information is continually being screened and checked. To date, information indicating locations of POW's and MIA's in Laos or Vietnam has not proved credible. We and DIA have gone to considerable lengths to check out the more promising leads.

VII. What more can the United States intelligence community do on this issue?

The intelligence community continues to be alert and receptive to any information concerning POW/MIA's. We will actively and aggressively continue to search for, and follow up on new sources of information.

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CIA	23,047
Army (Referral)	866
Air Force (Referral)	1,295
Navy (Referral)	664
Defence Intelligence Agency (Referral)	1,658
State Department	2,873
POW Letters	10,379

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Total 40,782

No Pertinent Documents Reviewed 25,600

Total 66,382

Estimated Manhours/Cost to Date

Overtime	15,600 hours @ \$11.25	\$175,500
Regular Time	1,000 hours @ \$ 9.37	9,370
Copy Cost	406,000 sheets @ 5.00	20,300
Computer Cost		81,564

TOTAL \$286,734

Estimated Manhours/Cost to Completion

Overtime	6,000 hours @ \$15.99	\$ 95,940
Regular Time	6,500 hours @ \$25.00*	\$ 162,500

TOTAL \$258,440

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Computer Cost		5,000

TOTAL \$278,440

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Please note that these are estimated figures in many instances. When all factors are considered, such as assistance from other offices in servicing document requests and overhead, these figures represent our minimum cost.

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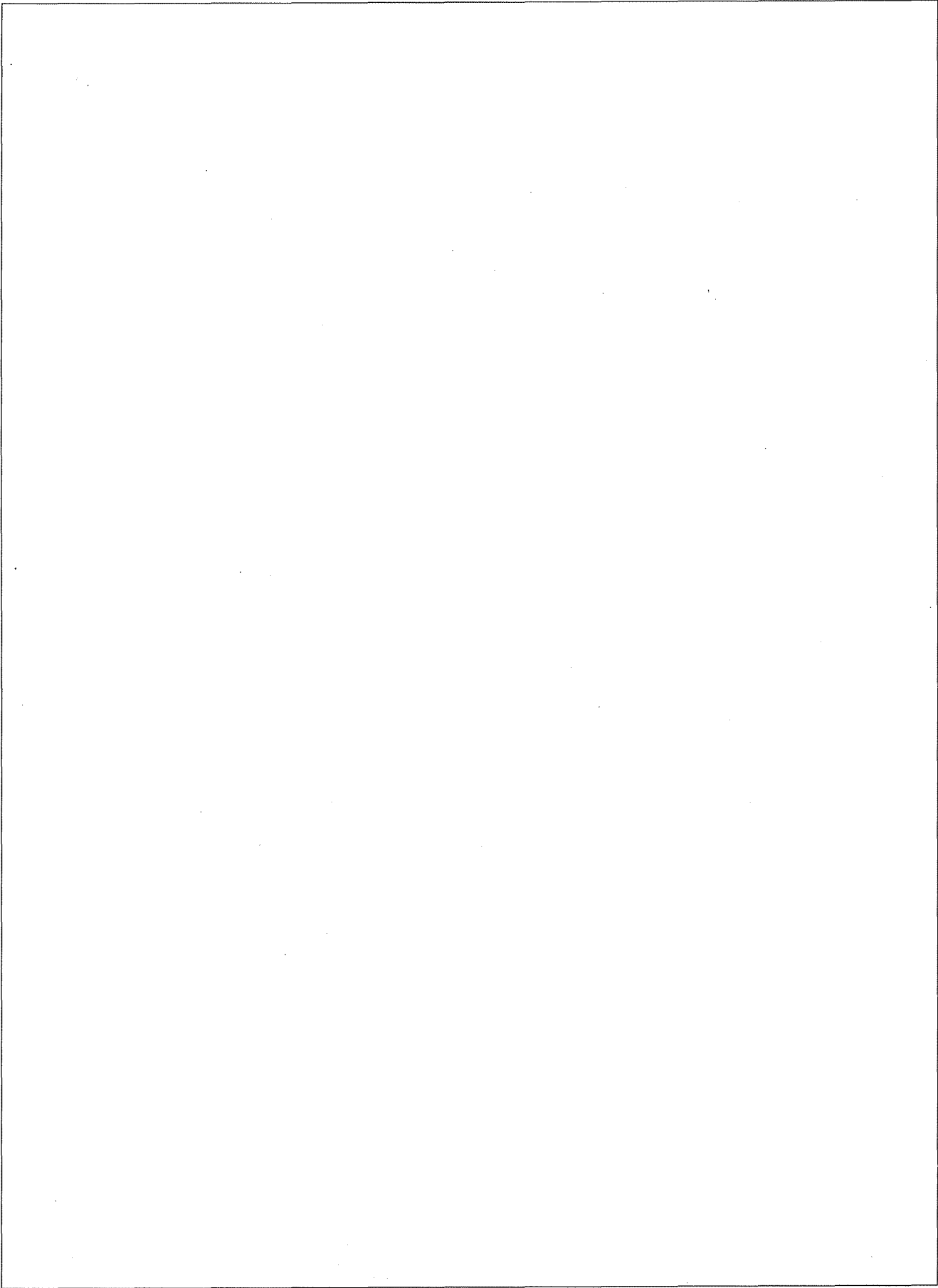
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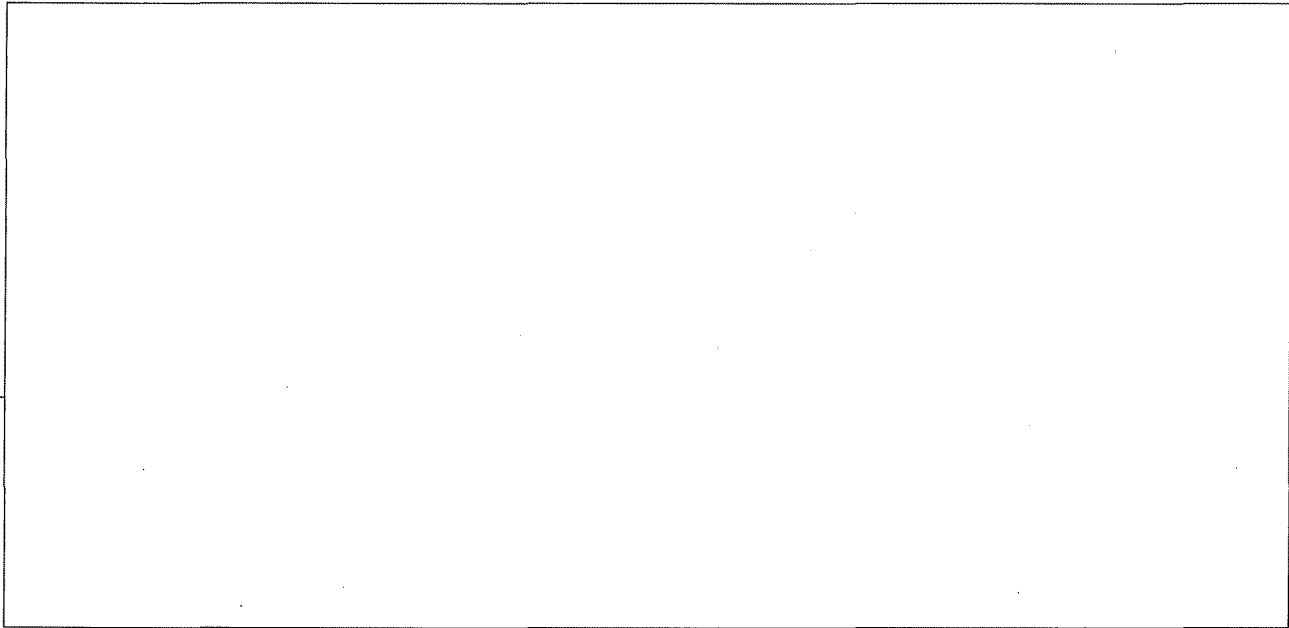
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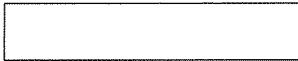
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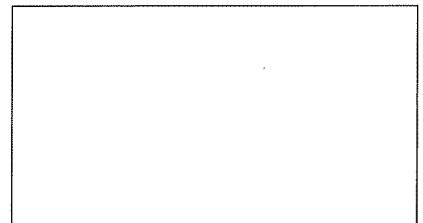
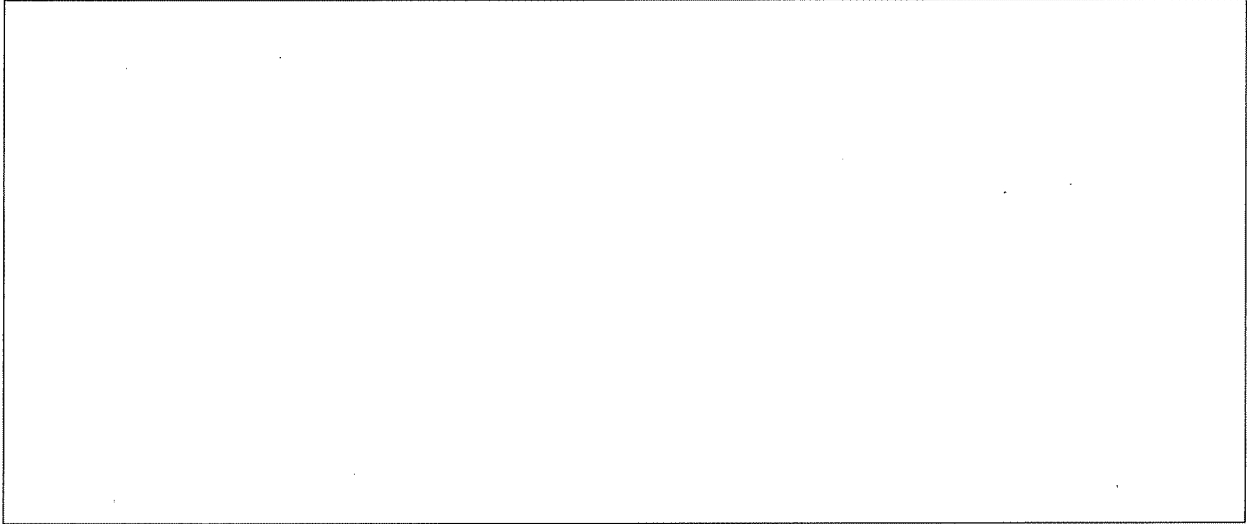
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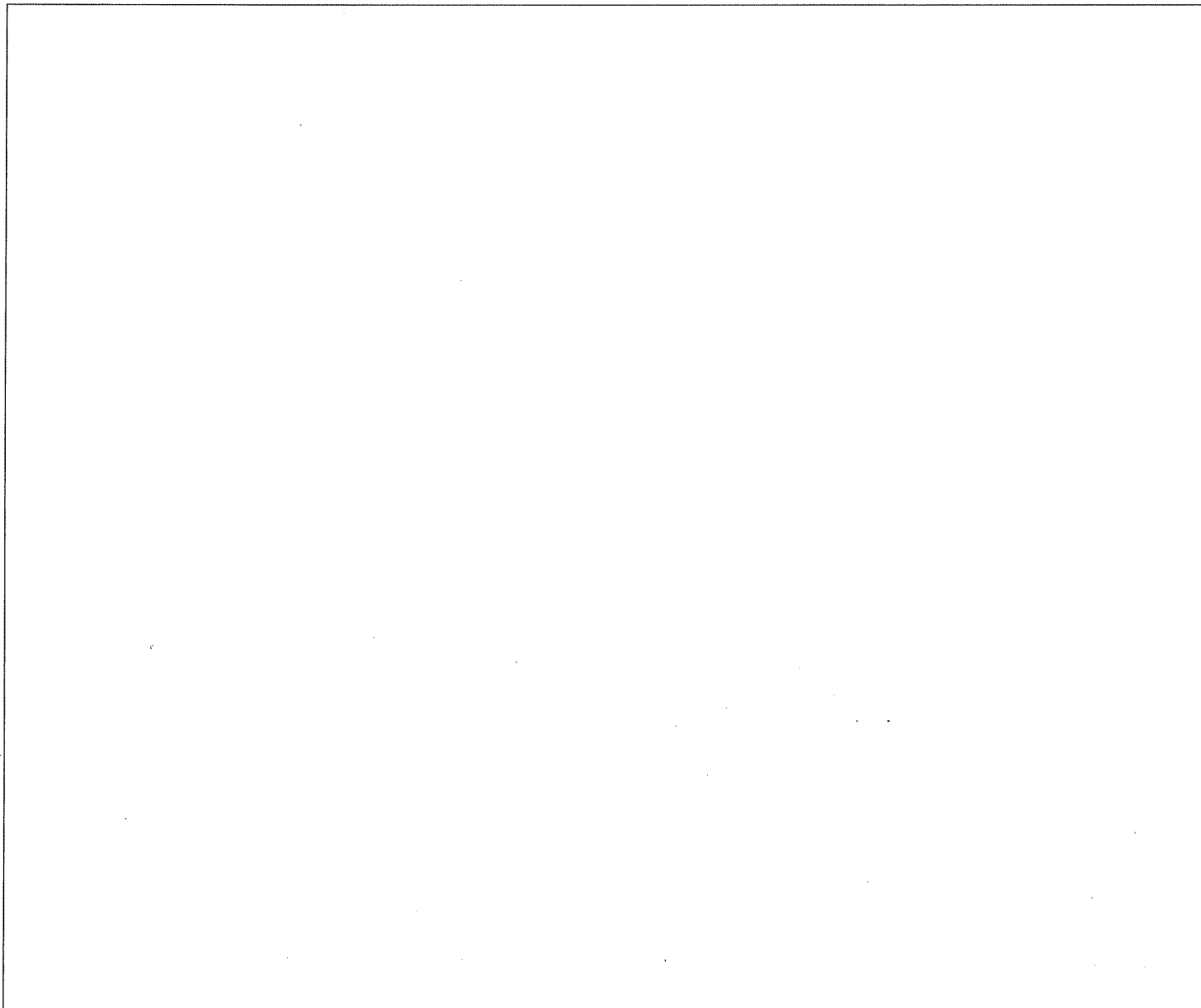


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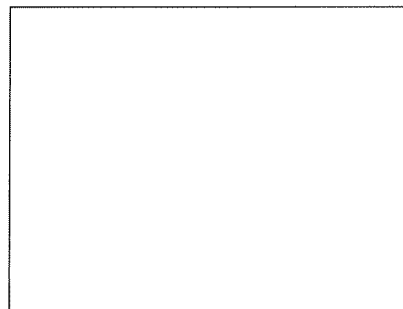
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 Director, Office of Imagery Collection & Exploitation

FROM: [redacted]  
 Director, Office of SIGINT Collection

SUBJECT: POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

REFERENCE: DD/ICS Note, Same Subject dated 27 Nov 1981

1. In response to the above reference the following information is provided.

a. SIGINT collection requirements levied against the POW/MIA problem.

Currently there are three active requirements in the National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL) which request information on POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. [redacted]

[redacted]

b. Evaluation of SIGINT Efforts.

The following evaluation of the results of NSA's SIGINT efforts to date was provided by [redacted], Chief, B5 NSA. B5 is the focal point in NSA for all actions connected with the Southeast Asia POW/MIA issue.

(1) To date there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of unaccounted for U.S. POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. NSA, however, continues to task available collection resources against NSRL requirements concerning POW/MIA information.

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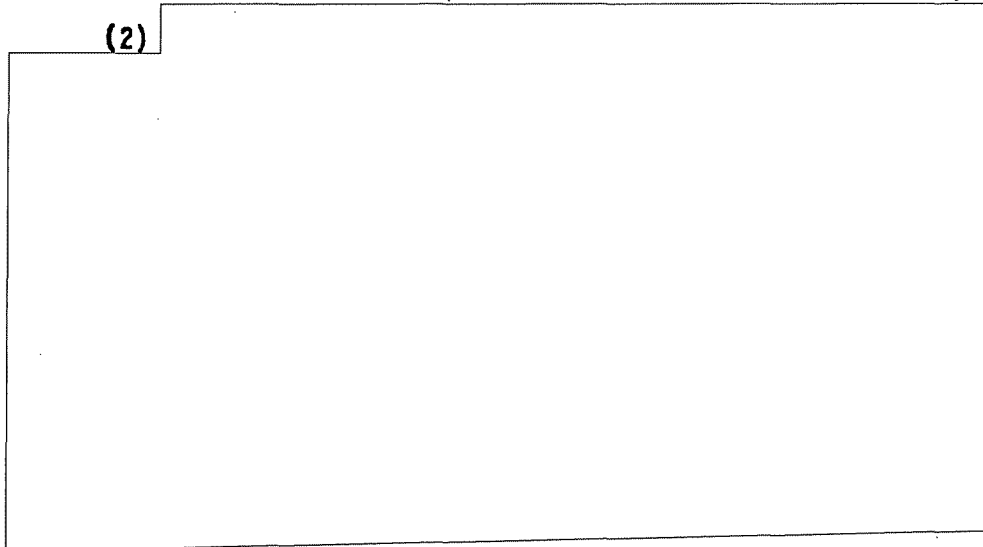
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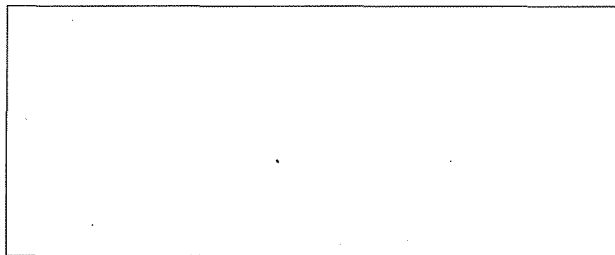


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2. The DDCI in his previous capacity as DIRNSA was aware of all NSA initiatives with regard to U.S. POW/MIAs. NSA B5 is not optimistic that SIGINT will be able to contribute information on this issue. (SCCO)



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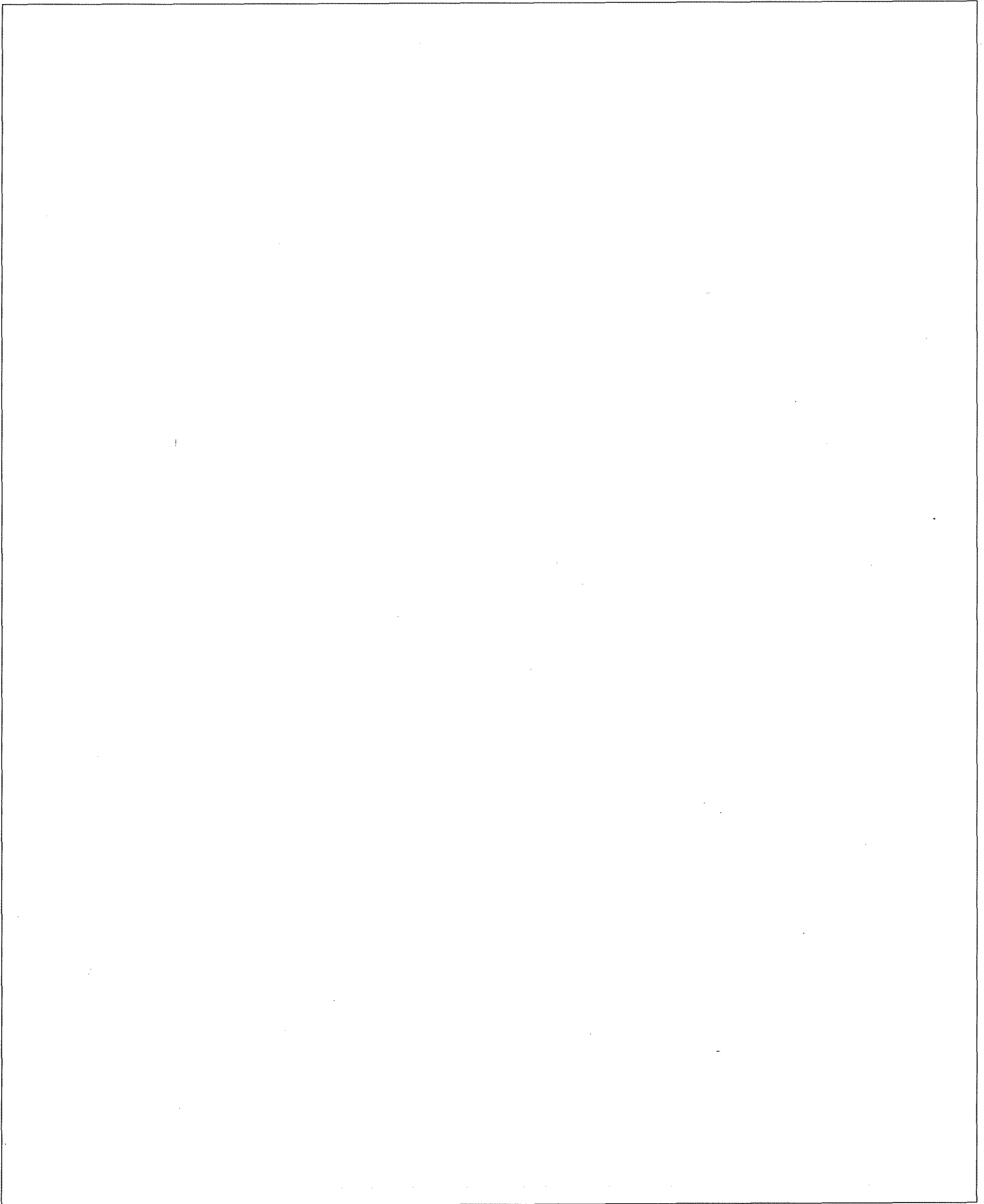
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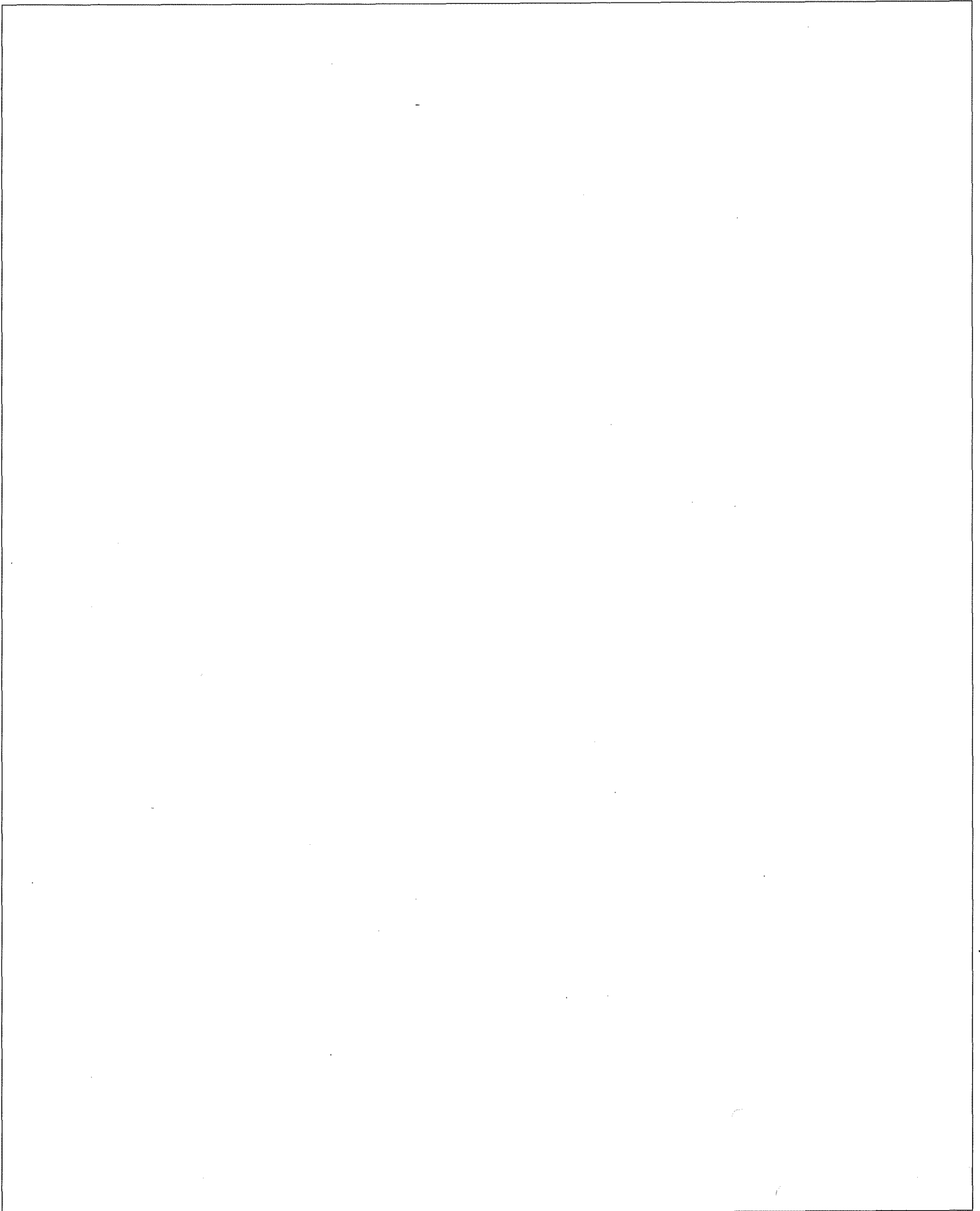
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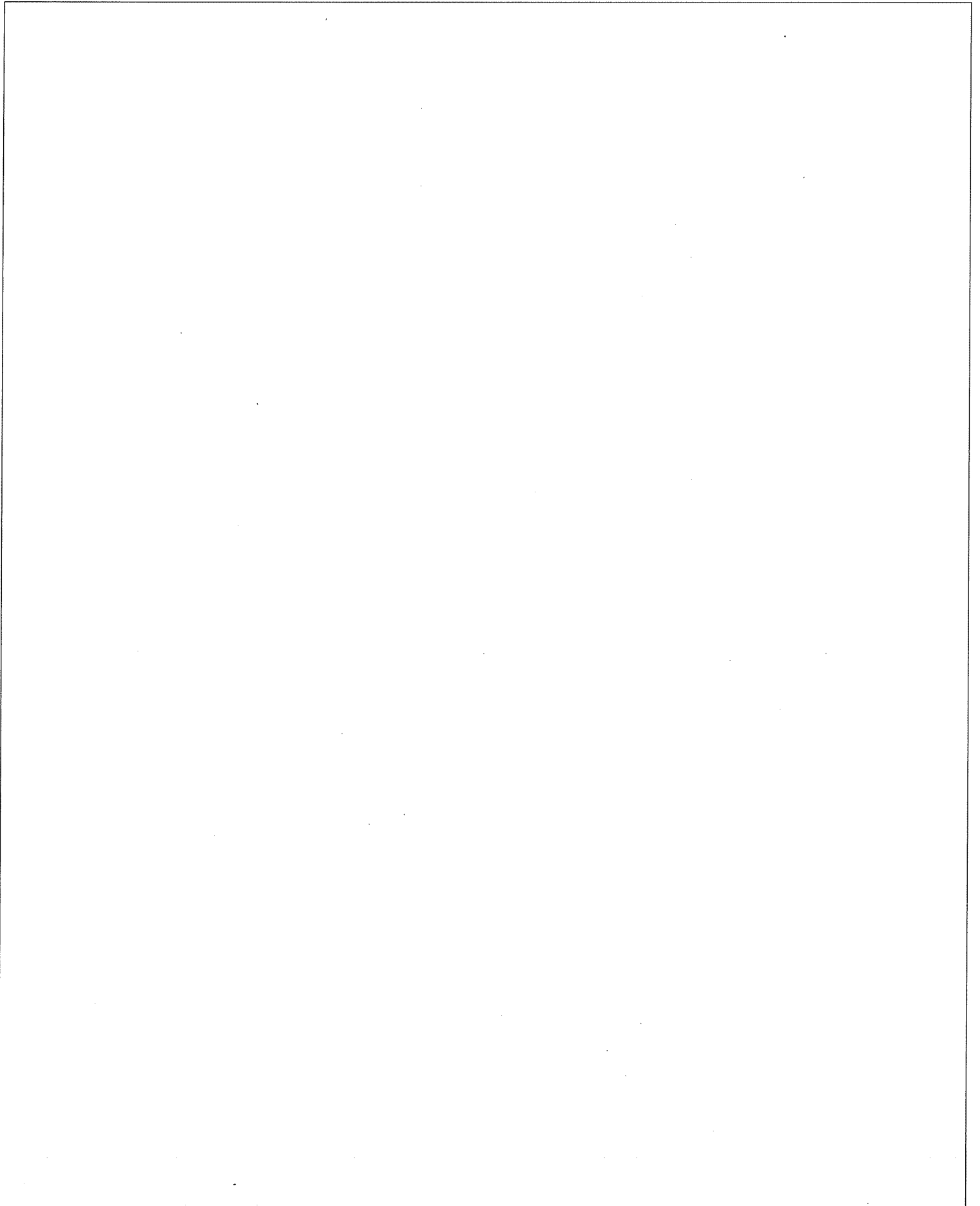
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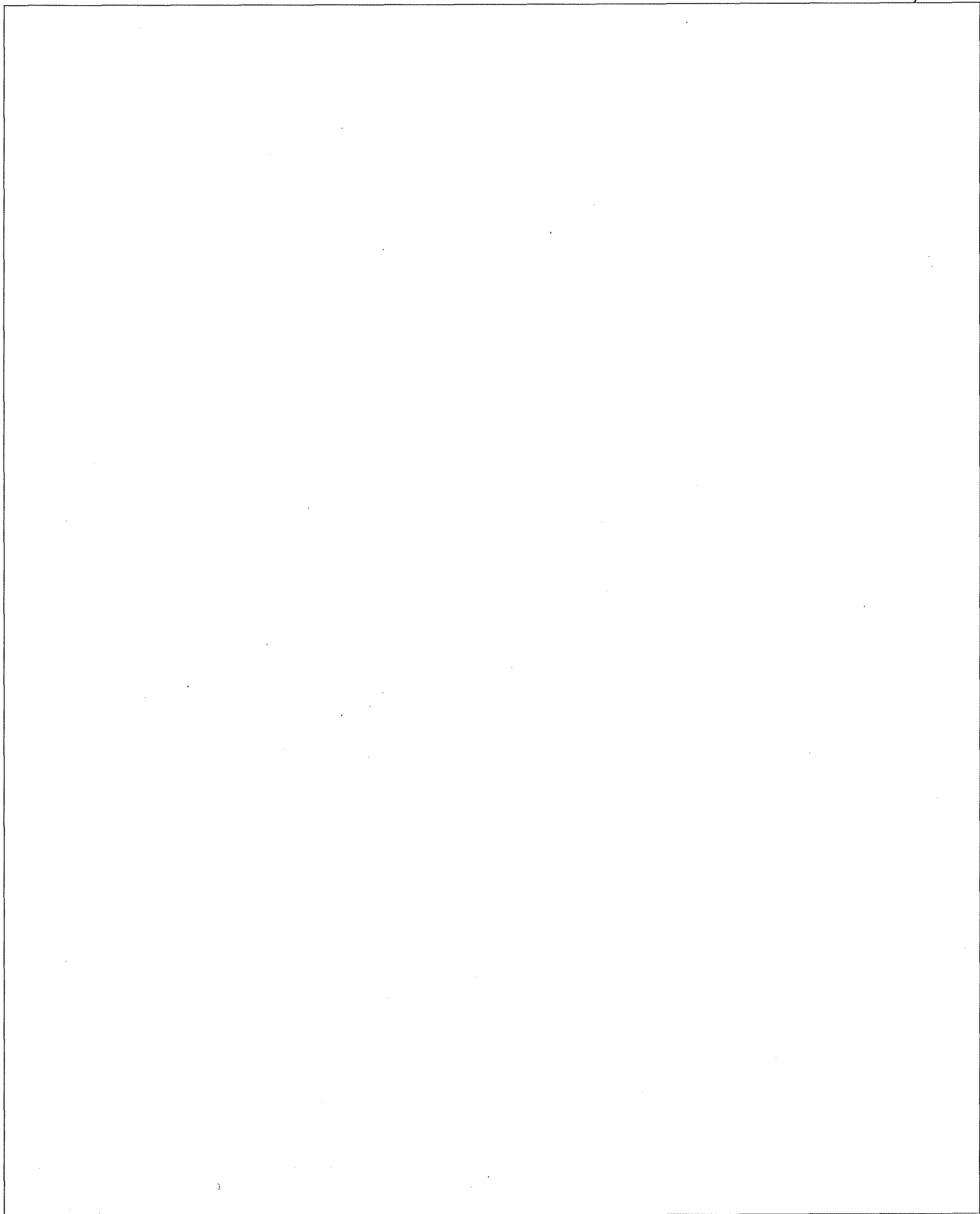
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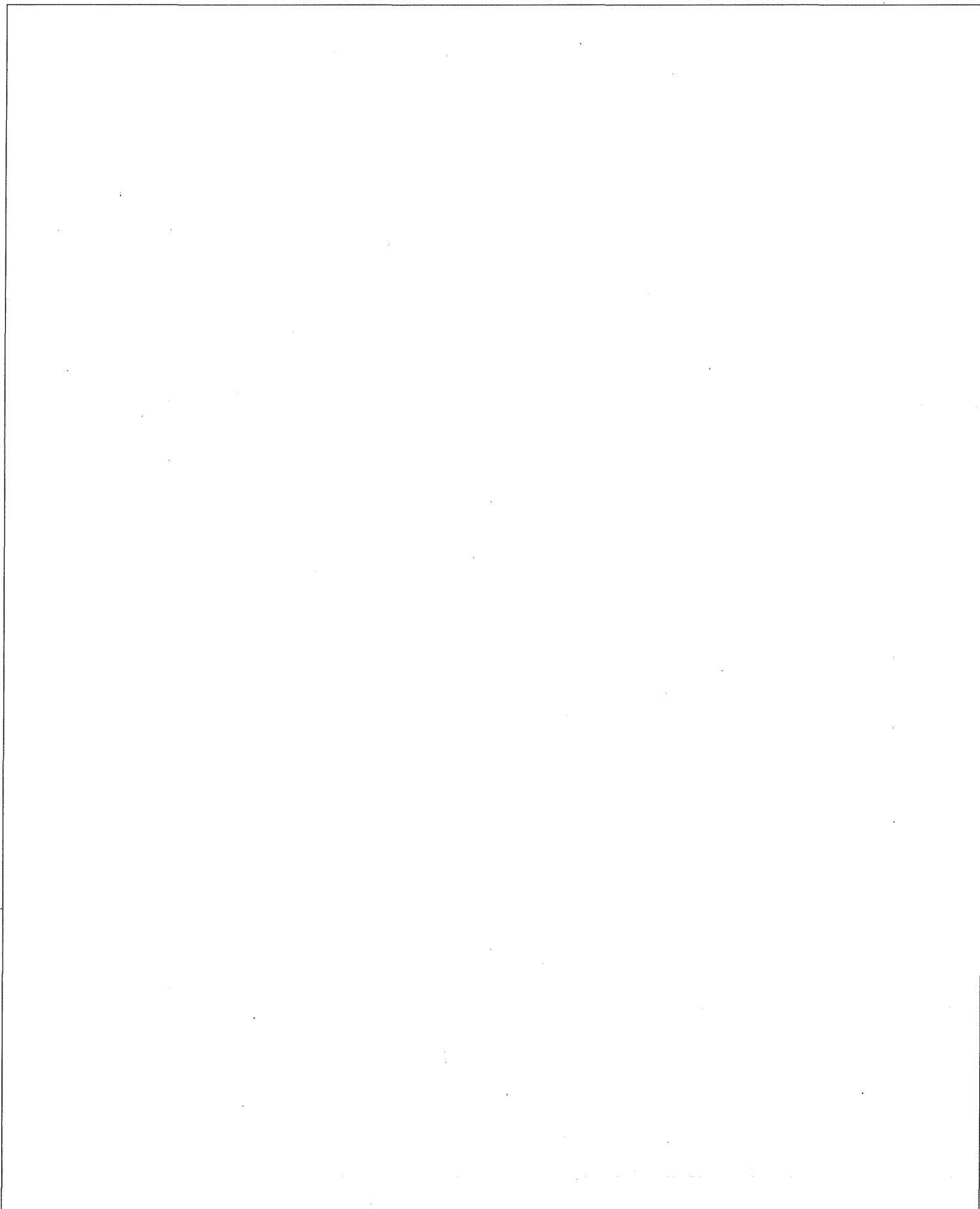
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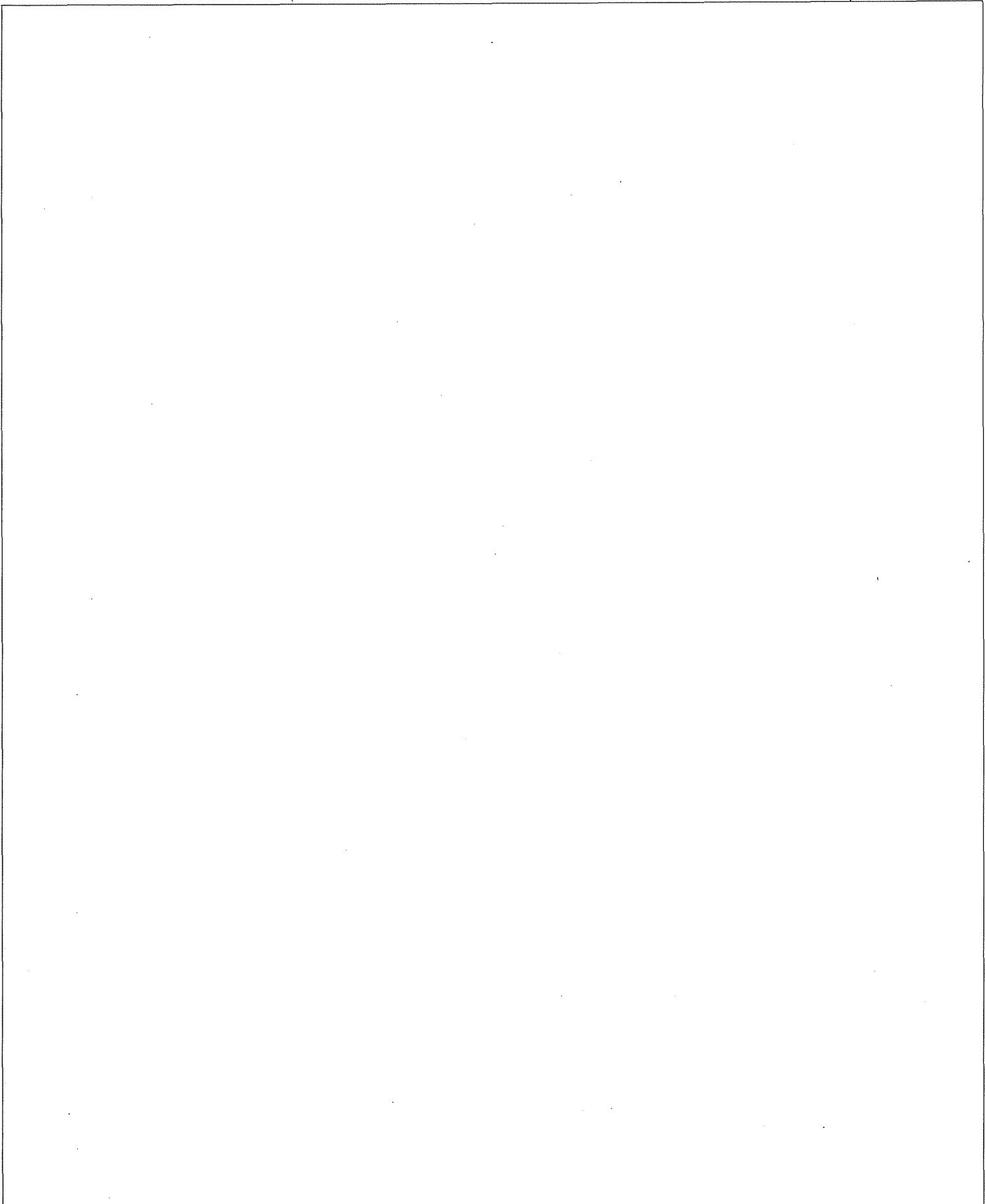
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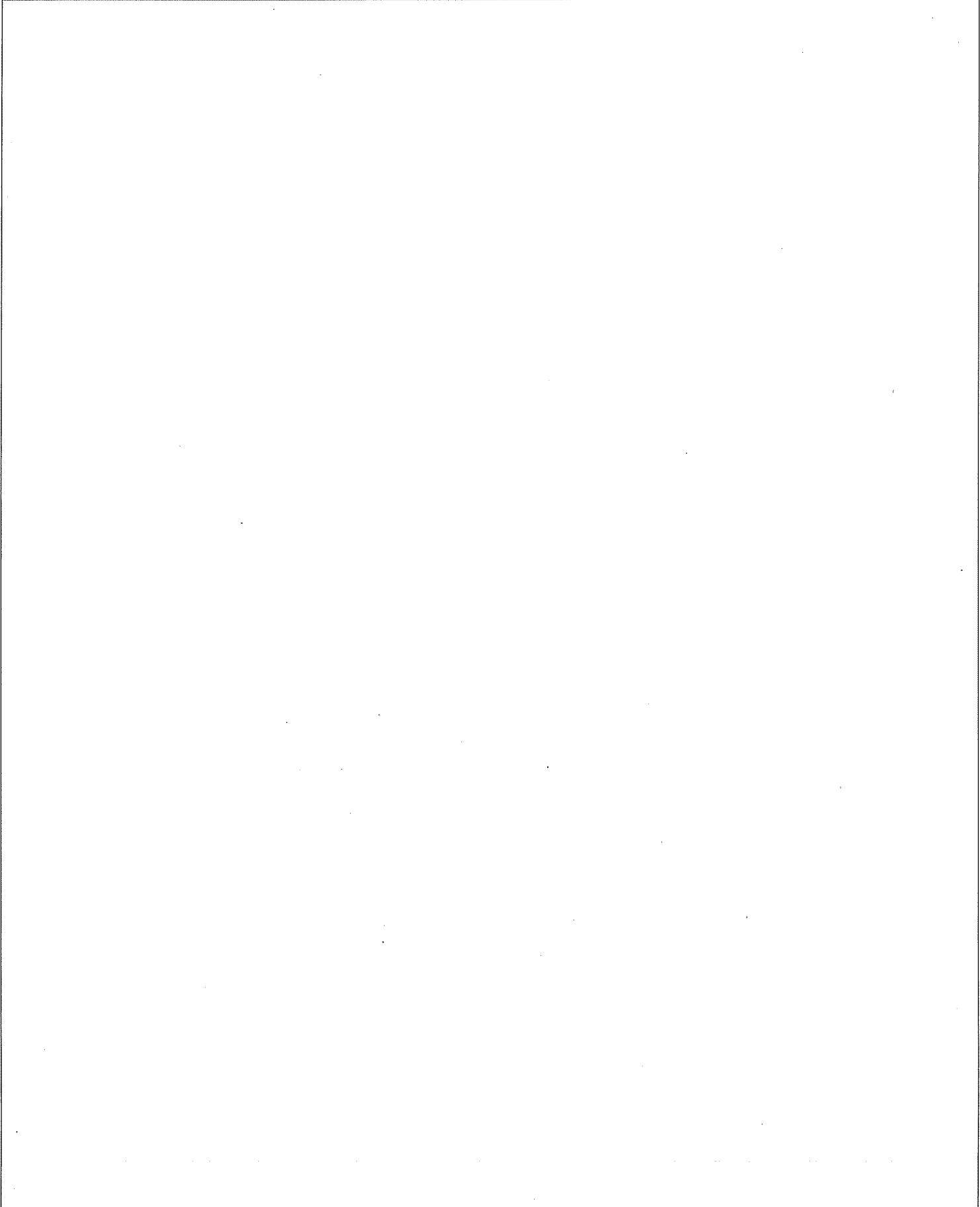
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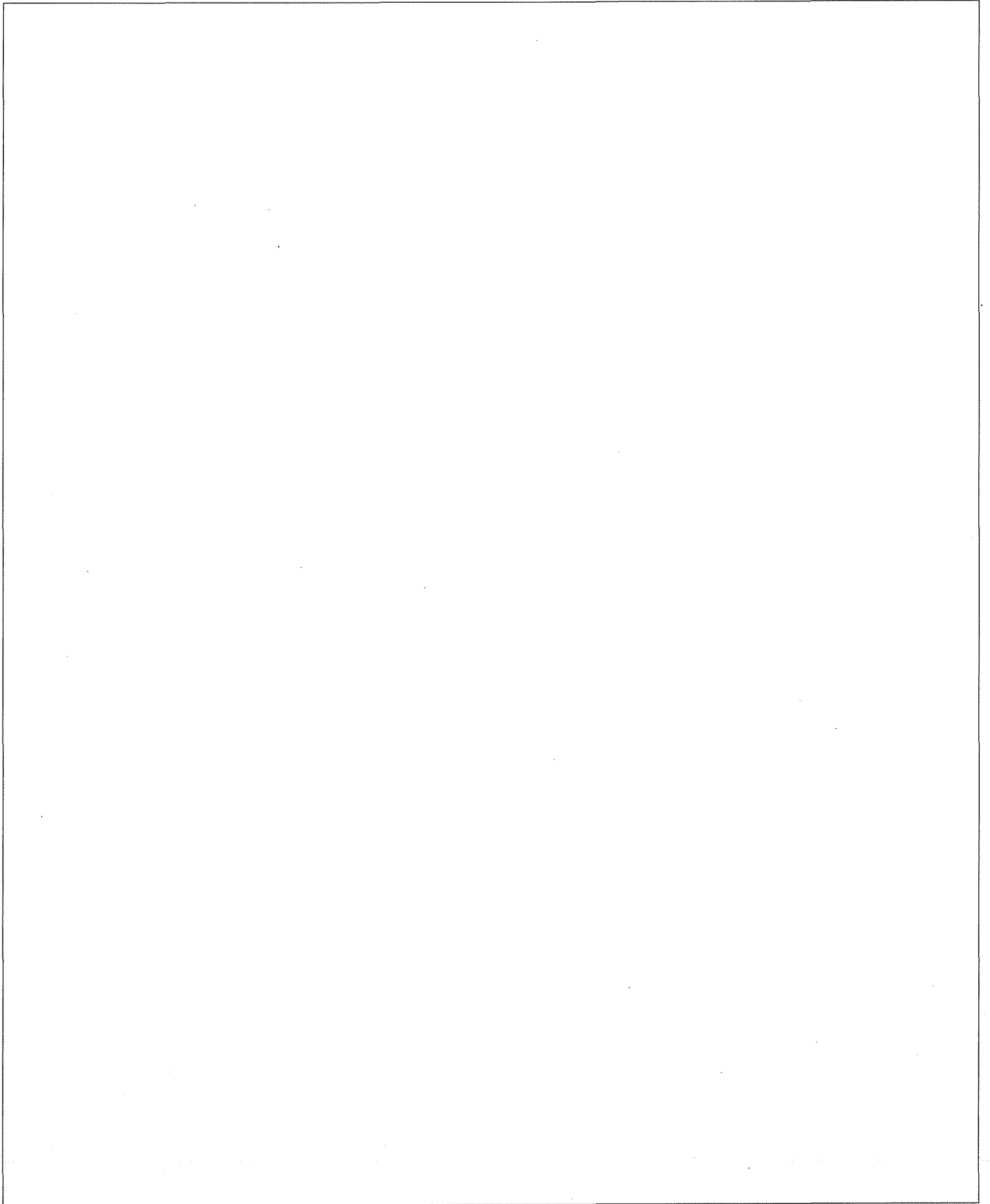
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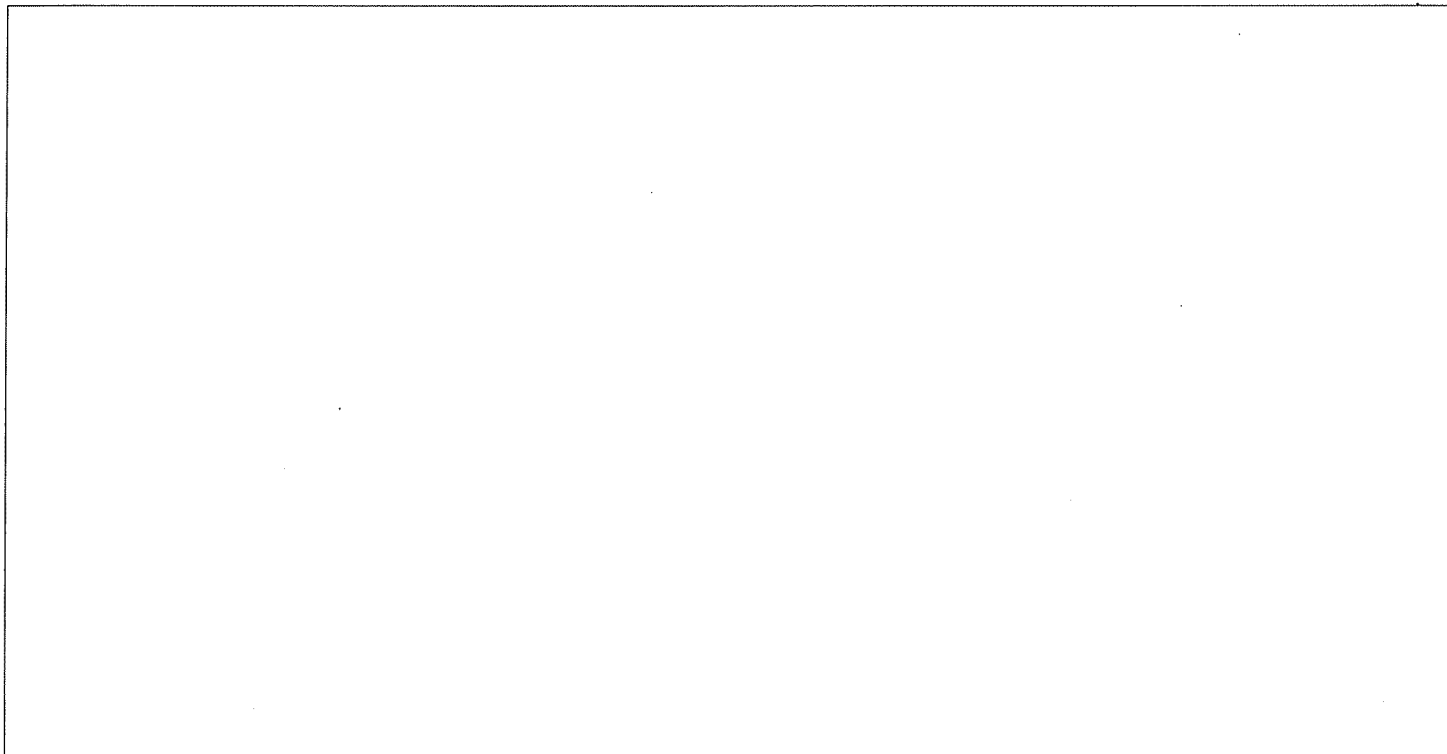
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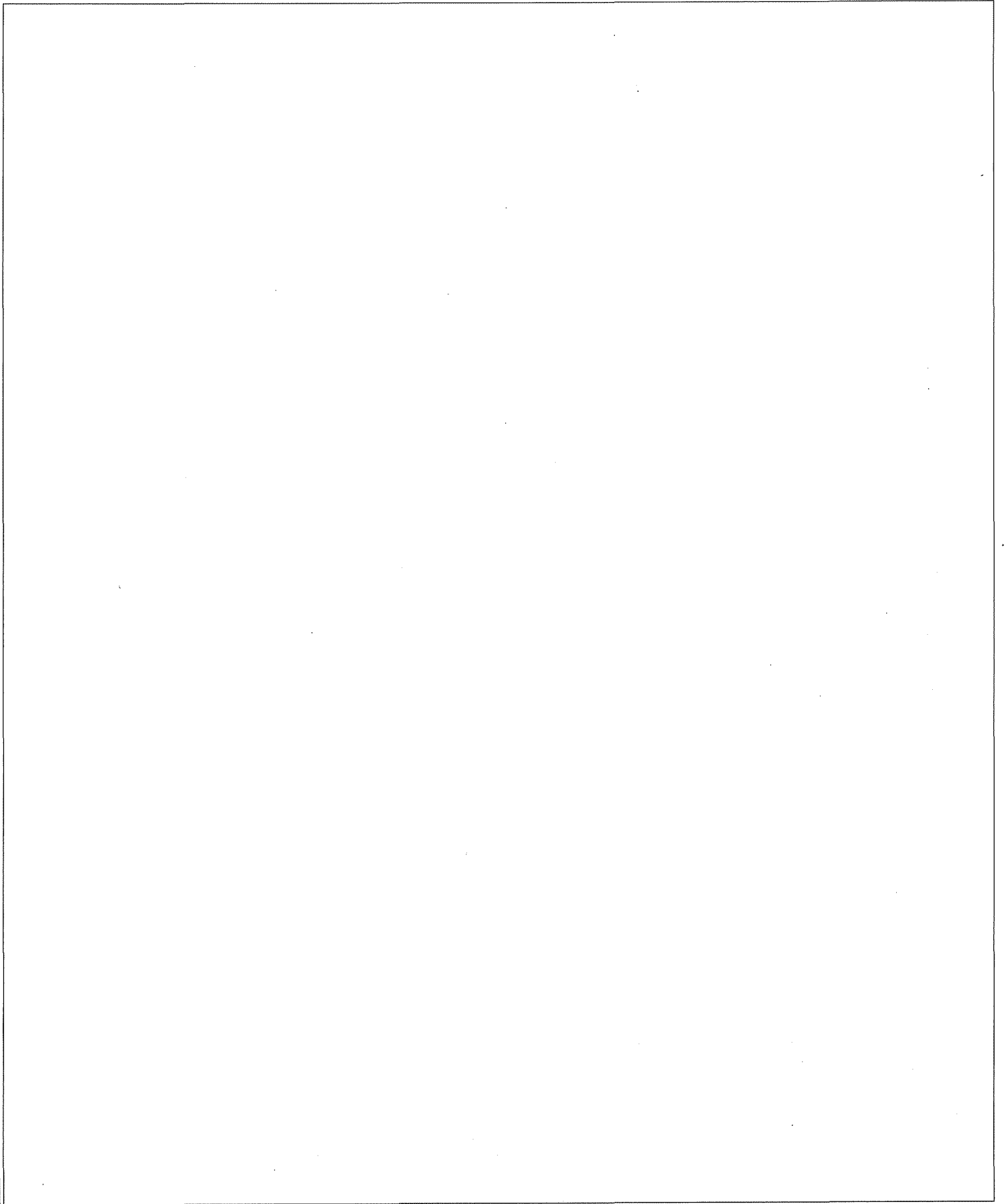




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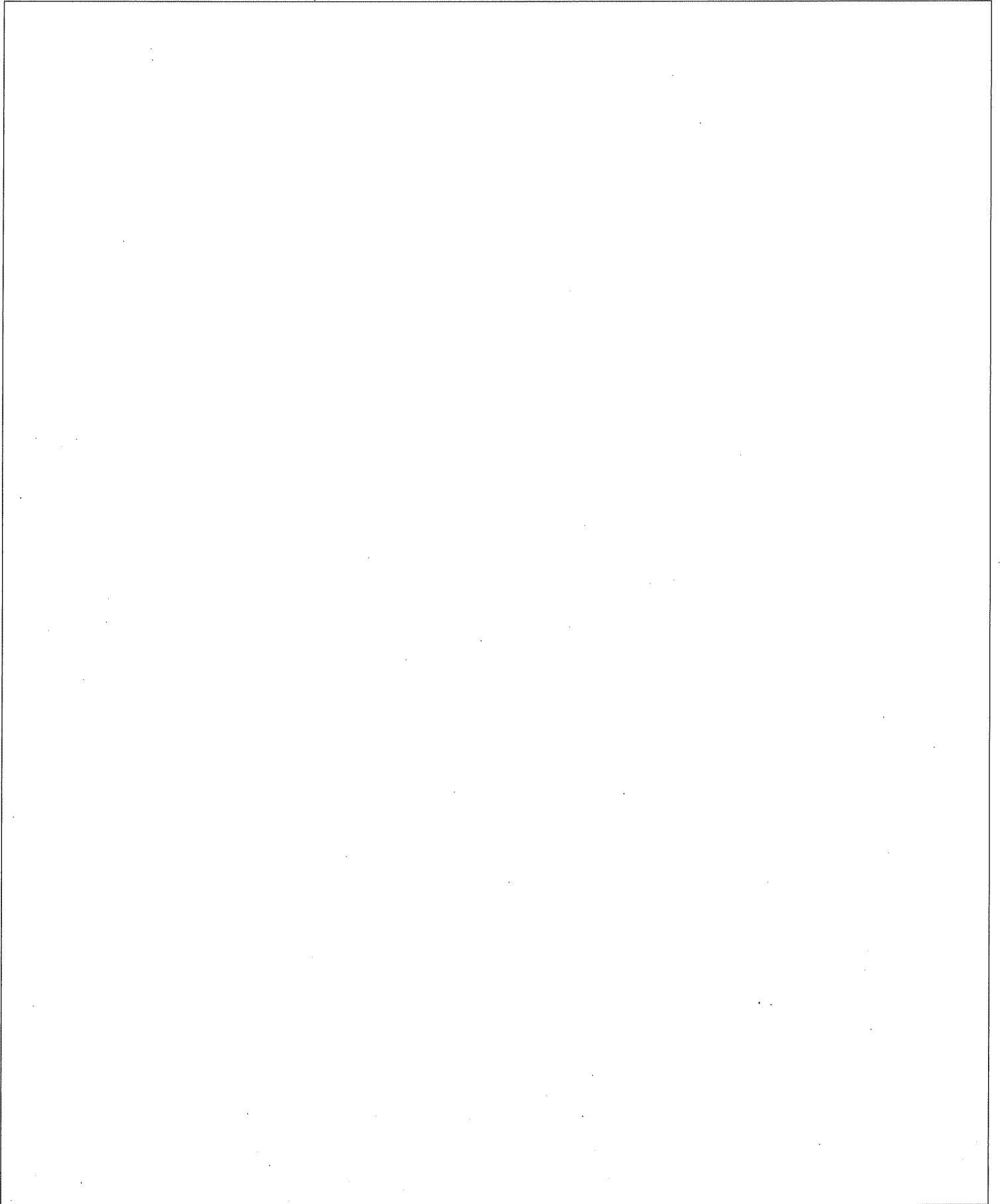
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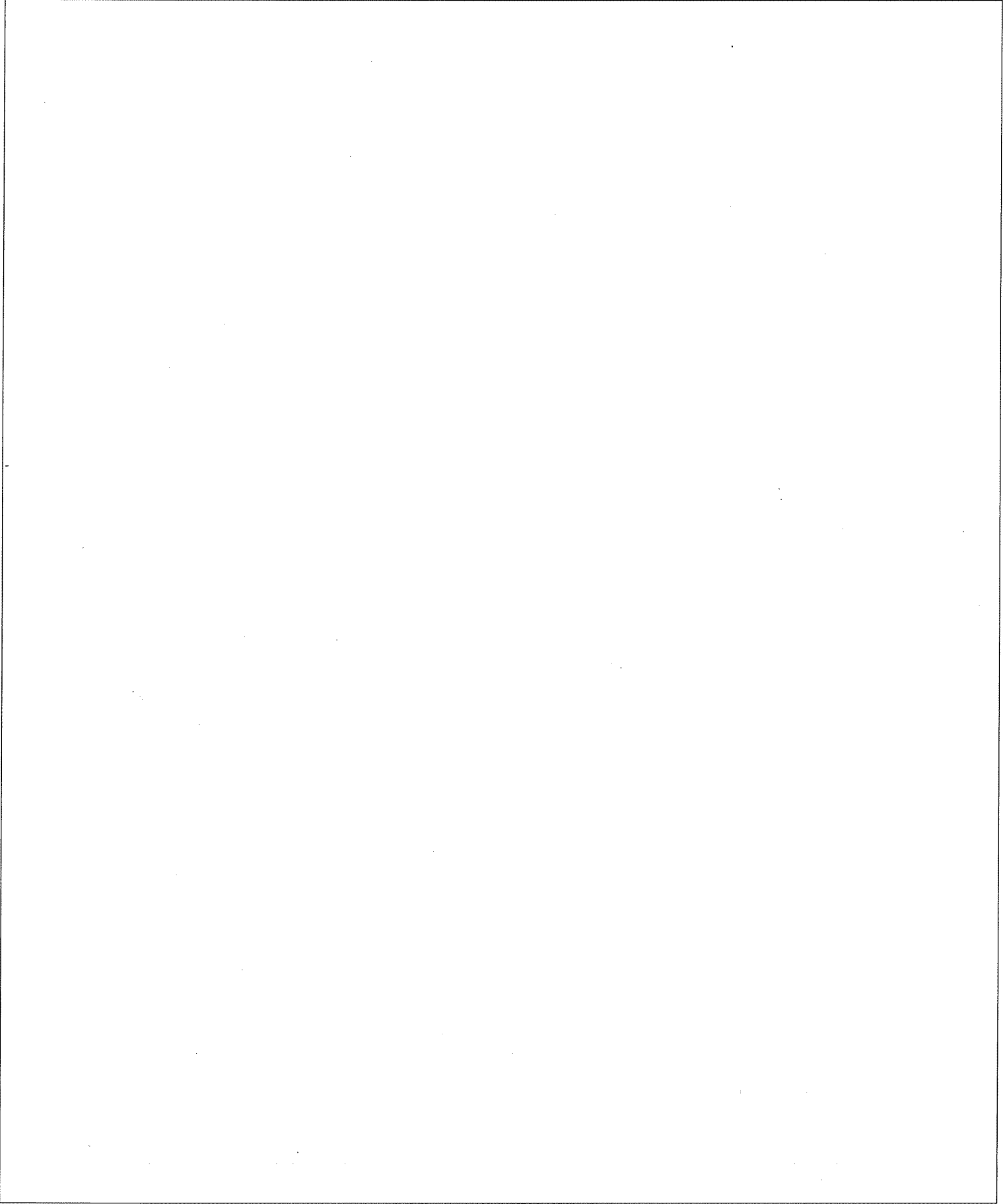
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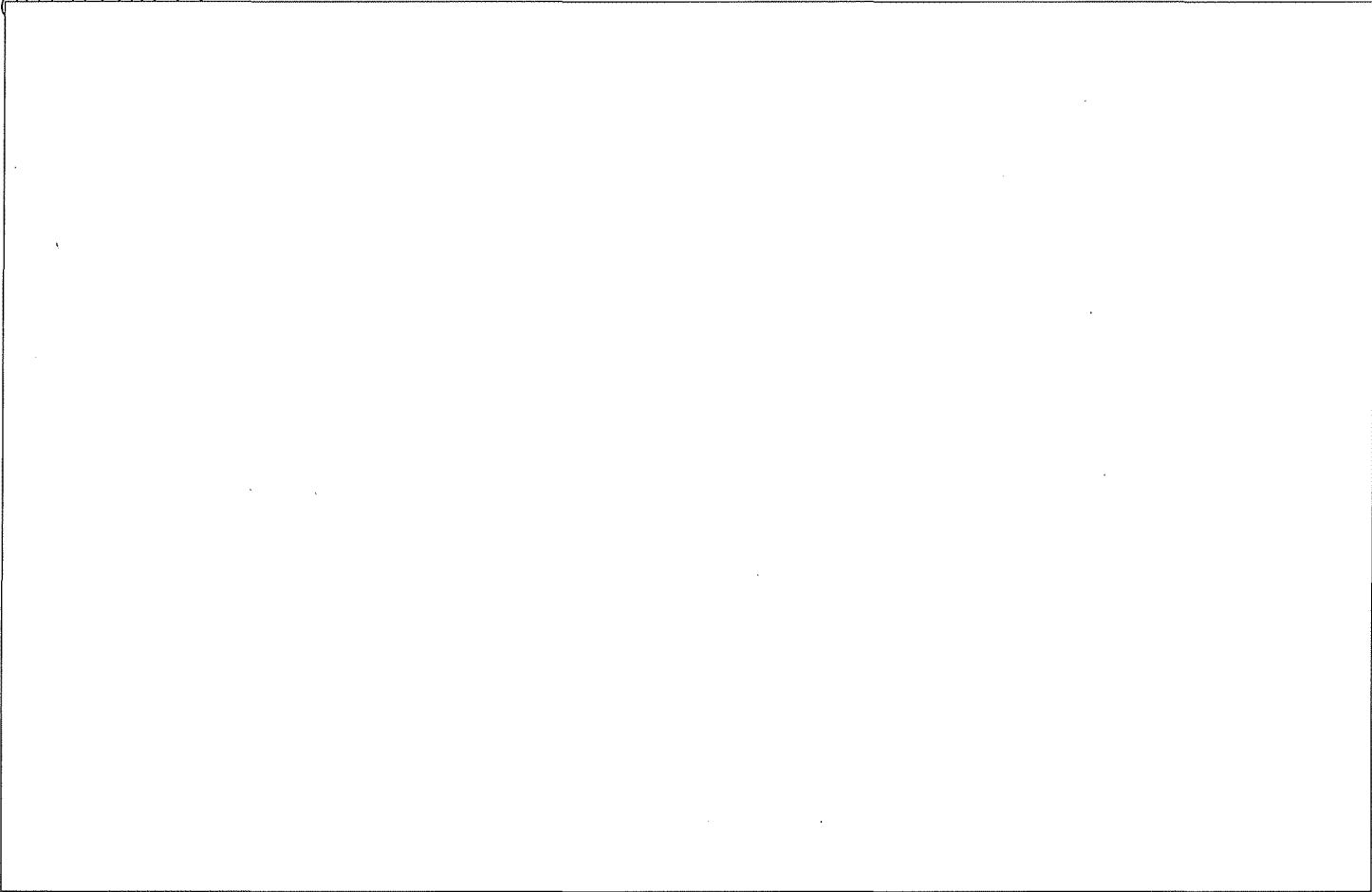


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MEMORANDUM TO:

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Director, Office of Imagery, Collection and Exploitation

FROM:

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Director, Office of HUMINT Collection

SUBJECT:

HUMINT Collection on the POW/MIA Problem in Southeast Asia

1. National concerns and priorities regarding POW/MIAs are reflected in the National HUMINT Collection Plan #34 on Indochina, issued in March 1981. HUMINT collection responsibilities for objectives on the subject as it relates to Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos are assigned to State (advisory), the CIA's clandestine service and DIA, with supporting responsibilities for the military services, DCD and FBIS. (S)

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[redacted] although queried, have no knowledge of this subject. As a result, the reporting on POW/MIAs from debriefings is meager. In the case of DoD, the debriefing and reporting is done by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, whose entre to refugee camps is on humanitarian grounds. FBIS gives the subject a very high priority; however, reporting has been limited to material from the Vietnamese media, almost all of which is general and reactive to U.S. commentary. (S)

4. In sum, HUMINT collection managers and field entities are fully aware of the importance of the POW/MIA issue and are attempting to improve collection. Collection opportunities, however, have been scarce. (C)

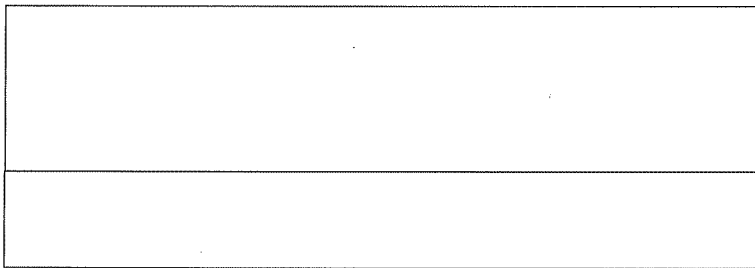
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## EAST ASIA DIVISION COMMENTS

## I. What is the priority of the POW/MIA issue at CIA?

No CIA Station is tasked in its OD with action on the MIA/POW issue.

this issue receives as much and sometimes even more attention than other priority objectives

When any believable information on POW/MIA's is obtained in the field, the highest priority is assigned to its verification.

## II. What are the resources being assigned to this problem within CIA?

At CIA Headquarters there is no DDO officer who has been specifically assigned to the POW/MIA problem.

handle POW/MIA activities as required and in addition to their regular duties.  devotes the most time to POW/MIA activities.

the highest priority to obtaining information on POW/MIA's. As mentioned above, officers at all Stations are alert for any information on POW/MIA's.

## III. What are the roadblocks to resolving this issue? How can these barriers be eliminated?

The primary roadblock to resolving this issue continues to be the uncooperative attitude of the governments of Vietnam and Laos. They claim they have no POW's and are searching for MIA's.

Repeated requests over the years by the U.S. Government for more information or entry into these countries of investigative teams have been stalled. Continued diplomatic efforts combined with intelligence community efforts to obtain positive information appear to be the best available course of action at this time.

Unfortunately, another and serious roadblock to obtaining positive information on the subject is the publicity given to leaks of confidential activities, and publicity given to the wild and inaccurate stories of various adventurers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As a result of publicity, many Lao and Vietnamese believe that claiming to possess information on POW/MIA's is a way to ensure entry to the United States, various Indochinese resistance groups view it as a method of obtaining covert U.S. Government financial and military support, and professional fabricators see it as a way of obtaining funds. The continued visits to Thailand of various soldiers of fortune working on their own or on behalf of private groups serves to additionally confuse the issue. Considerable intelligence community time and effort is wasted on the stories of fabricators and soldiers of fortune. Also, the actions of adventurers and inaccurate publicity has undoubtedly caused the Vietnamese and Lao to tighten security and to become more intransigent in their attitude towards our diplomatic efforts.

IV. Has the United States intelligence community achieved smooth cooperation among its members on this issue?

We believe there is good cooperation among the members of the intelligence community both at the Headquarters level and in the field. DIA is recognized as the focal point for all POW/MIA information and CIA passes all information obtained on the subject to DIA. [REDACTED]

We believe DIA is doing an excellent job in this difficult activity and will continue to cooperate fully.

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VI. What more can the United States Government do to assist the intelligence community on this issue?

Sufficient support and cooperation is being provided at this time. We know that if additional resources are necessary that the administration will be responsive to any requests. The problem is not one of resources or even intelligence, especially in the case of alleged POW's. It has not been demonstrated, at least on the basis of the considerable available information, that additional collection resources would lead to a definitive resolution of this issue. Sufficient assets are in place and a large volume of information is continually being screened and checked. To date, information indicating locations of POW's and MIA's in Laos or Vietnam has not proved credible. We and DIA have gone to considerable lengths to check out the more promising leads.

VII. What more can the United States intelligence community do on this issue?

The intelligence community continues to be alert and receptive to any information concerning POW/MIA's. We will actively and aggressively continue to search for, and follow up on new sources of information.

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Statement of

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... CIVILIAN AND MILITARY MEMBERS:

DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN HIM OUT OF TOWN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, LIFUTENANT GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS, HAS ASKED ME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TASK FORCE TODAY AND REPRESENT THE AGENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF DIA'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO YOUR INVITATION AND COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE TASK FORCE'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD DETERMINING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONER OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION AND WHO STILL REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IS WELL RECOGNIZED BY DIA. I ALSO KNOW THAT THE TASK FORCE IS WELL AWARE OF DIA'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN THAT REGARD, I DO WANT TO REAFFIRM DIA'S FULL COOPERATION WITH YOU IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE RIGHT FROM THE START THAT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR CONTINUED INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS IS RECOGNIZED AND I ASSURE YOU THAT DIA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AS LONG AS AMERICANS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. RADM JERRY PAULSON, WITH WHOM YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IS THE ASSISTANT VICE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION MANAGEMENT AND HEADS OUR PW/MIA STAFF.

LIKE MOST MILITARY MEN, MY PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH MEN WHO ARE NOW AMONG THE MISSING HAS KEPT ME CLOSE TO THE ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS. AS PART OF DIA'S COMMAND ELEMENT I FOLLOW THIS AGENCY'S EVERY DAY EFFORTS ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH A DAILY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR. I CAN SAY WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT DIA REMAINS DEDICATED IN ITS PURSUIT AND RESEARCH OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENT FATE OF THESE MISSING AMERICANS. ASSUREDLY, THE PW/MIA FUNCTION HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STRONG COMMAND ATTENTION WITHIN DIA.

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AFTER HINDLE SAID THAT OUR LEFT IS CONFUSED AND THE RIGHT IS UNABLE TO

ADD, AND REGRETTABLY SO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE DIA'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF SIX MONTHS AGO.

THERE ARE STILL 2,496 AMERICANS WHO WERE DETERMINED TO BE EITHER A PRISONER, MISSING OR KILLED (BODY NOT RECOVERED) THAT REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR. WE HAVE STRESSED IN THE PAST THAT DIA MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TERMS OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATUS. OUR GOAL IS TO RECOVER ANY AMERICAN - WHETHER LIVE OR DEAD. OUR COLLECTION AND RESEARCH EFFORTS RELATIVE TO REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA REFLECT OUR DEDICATION TO THAT END.

UNDERSTANDABLY, THE REFUGEE REPORTING FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUES TO BE OUR MAJOR SOURCE OF INFORMATION. SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1975 WE HAVE ACQUIRED A TOTAL OF 1,303 REPORTS BEARING ON THE PW/MIA PROBLEM. OF THE TOTAL REPORTING, 386 ARE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 33 PERCENT OF THESE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN EQUATED TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT USING A SLIGHTLY MORE LIBERAL APPROACH, THAT AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF THE SIGHTING REPORTS WOULD EQUATE TO ACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. SOME OF THE REMAINING SIGHTING REPORTS ARE FABRICATIONS AND OTHERS ARE REPORTS FROM PERHAPS WELL INTENDED BUT MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE OTHER SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH WE HAVE EXTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND OTHERS, FOR WHICH OUR FOLLOW UP EFFORTS CONTINUE. DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND OUR PERSISTENT EFFORTS, WE STILL CAN NOT PROVE THAT THERE ARE ANY AMERICANS BEING DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

AS A CASE IN POINT, WE HAD HIGH HOPES FOR ONE OF OUR RECENT LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 165 MANDAYS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN HOPEFUL PURSUIT OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE SOURCE'S INFORMATION. THE INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIONS, POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYTICAL RESEARCH COVERED A PERIOD BACK TO 1954,

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AND INVOLVED A NUMBER OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PAST.

AFTER THIS THOROUGH EXAMINATION ARE WE NOW SATISFIED THAT THIS SOURCE HAS BEEN DECEPTIVE AND UNTRUTHFUL.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS DIA HAS TAKEN EVER INCREASING STEPS TO INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS AND CAPABILITIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE.

DIA'S PW/MIA STAFF IS CURRENTLY AT A MANNING LEVEL OF 15 PERSONNEL. THE STAFF HAS ADDED PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES IN VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE, AND WITH EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATIVE BACKGROUNDS. THE EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF THE STAFF RELATIVE TO ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN BACKGROUND INCLUDING INCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE IS EXCEPTIONAL. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE REGULARLY ASSISTED IN OUR EFFORTS THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM, PHOTO INTERPRETERS, LINGUISTS, INVESTIGATORY PERSONNEL, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS ON A WORLD WIDE BASIS. NO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE IMPOSED ON RESEARCH, INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOW-UP ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S PURSUIT OF PW/MIA INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS REMAIN AUSTERE FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THIS SAME POLICY OF NO CONSTRAINTS APPLIES TO TRAVEL FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S QUICK REACTION TEAM WHICH TRAVELS WITHIN CONUS AND OVERSEAS TO INTERVIEW SOURCES OF POTENTIAL PW/MIA INFORMATION DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO OUR EFFORTS. OUR WORKING RELATION AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT. ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY IS THE COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER PERSONNEL TO OUR TASKING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO REFUGEE INTERVIEWS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING EXISTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS, DIA RECENTLY BROUGHT THE JCRC BANGKOK LIAISON OFFICER TO WASHINGTON FOR EXTENSIVE WORKING DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP. ADDITIONALLY, THROUGH DIA INITIATION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR JCRC PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT PW/MIA INTERVIEWS WITH

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DEBRIEFINGS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEIR PROFESSIONALISM GREATLY FACILITATES OUR ANALYTICAL EFFORTS.

DIA PROVIDES THE INTELLIGENCE UPON WHICH DECISIONMAKERS DEVELOP U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE MEMBERS OF THIS TASK FORCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON OUR CURRENT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS THROUGH INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION BRIEFINGS. WHEN OUR RESEARCH HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION TO A POINT THAT FURTHER PURSUIT WARRANTS ACTION BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OR CHARTER OF DIA THEN AT THAT POINT ACTION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THIS MANNER WOULD BE PROVIDED TO DIA FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION. I THINK IT WORTHWHILE AT THIS POINT TO NOTE AGAIN THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE, SOME OF THE INFORMATION MUST BE CLASSIFIED AND REMAIN SO IF OUR EFFORTS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ALSO TO PRECLUDE HARM TO ANY AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE HELD IN CAPTIVITY. SINCE PFC ROBERT GARWOOD, USMC, RETURNED FROM VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1979, DIA HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MARINE CORPS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING HIS CASE. ALTHOUGH RESTRAINED FROM DEBRIEFING GARWOOD DUE TO HIS COURT MARTIAL, DIA DID HAVE ACCESS TO PW/MIA INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE CORPS, AND BY THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND A PRESENT MEMBER OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE DURING 1979. THE MARINE CORPS RECENTLY ADVISED DIA THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF GARWOOD'S COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE SUCH THAT THEY HAD NO FURTHER RESERVATIONS IN REGARD TO AN INTERVIEW WITH GARWOOD. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT FROM DIA TO GARWOOD'S COUNSEL REQUESTING HIS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING A GARWOOD INTERVIEW DEDICATED TO THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE OF RESOLVING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO BE THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE PW/MIA ISSUE. DURING PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, DIA REPORTED THAT IT HAD JUDGED AS VALID A FORMER VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL'S INFORMATION THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS IN ITS POSSESSION THE REMAINS OF SOME 400 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LOST AS A RESULT OF HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA. THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CONFRONTED THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HANOI. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THESE REMAINS. IN OUR TESTIMONY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD PROVIDE THE REMAINS OF THREE ADDITIONAL MISSING AMERICANS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE RETURN OF THESE REMAINS WERE WELCOMED, AND IN A LARGER SENSE, IT WAS A CYNICAL REFLECTION ON THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE. THESE REMAINS HAVE SINCE BEEN RETURNED AND IDENTIFIED AS BEING THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDER EFFORTS. IN PARTICULAR, THESE CASES WERE THREE OF FOUR INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WITH THE VIETNAMESE JUST PRIOR TO AND AT THE TIME OF THE VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE EVENT OF A SIMULTANEOUS RETURN OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR LOSS, VARIED YEARS OF LOSS, AND CONFIRMED KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING THEIR LOSS, CLEARLY SIGNALS THAT THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT JUST RECOVER THESE INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDERS. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL SMALL GAINS, THE OVERALL ISSUE OF AN ACCOUNTING REMAINS VIRTUALLY UNACCOMPLISHED. RECENT PROPOSALS TO THE VIETNAMESE FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE PW/MIA MEETINGS IN HANOI THIS PAST FALL AND A RECIPROCAL PW/MIA VISIT TO HAWAII, WERE DEFERRED BY THE VIETNAMESE. A VERY RECENT PROPOSAL FOR A STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PW/MIA MISSION TO VISIT VIENTIANE WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN BY THE LAOTIANS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

HANOI. THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS IS TYPICAL OF THEIR ATTITUDE OVER THE YEARS. THEREIN LIES THE ROADBLOCK TO ACHIEVING AN ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING.

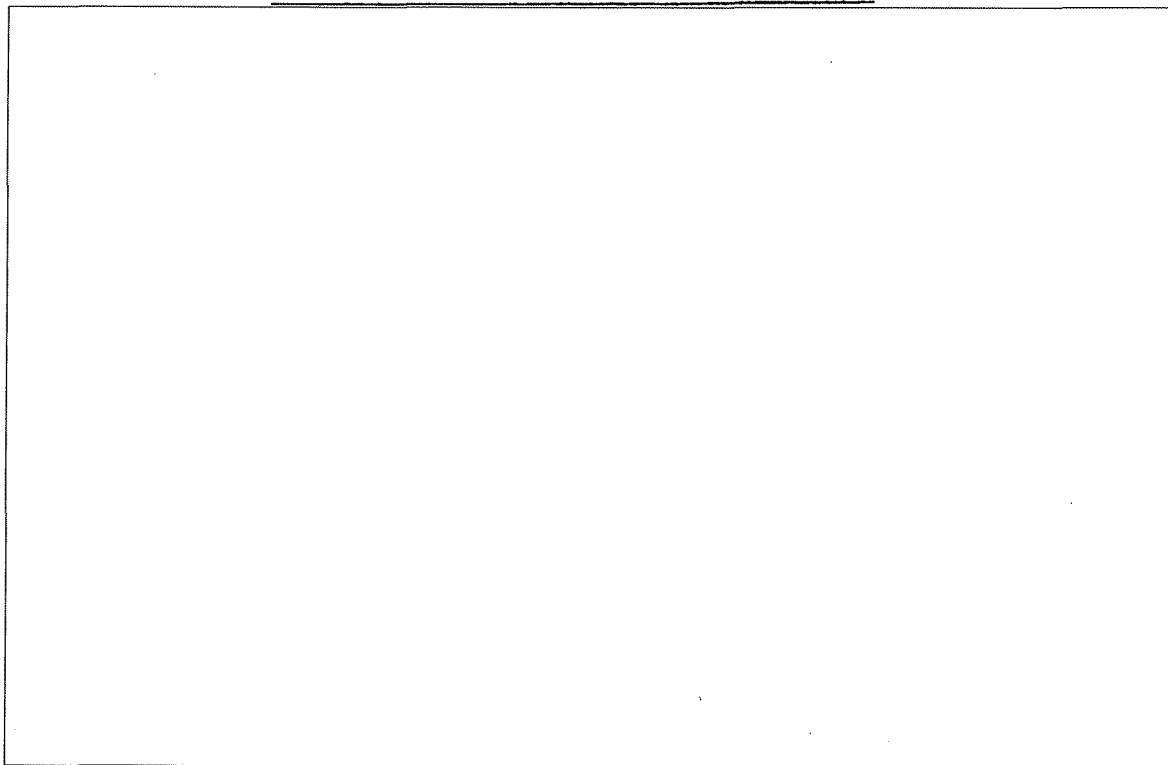
THE EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR DIA'S EFFORTS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY THE TASK FORCE AND THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN MOST ASSURING AND THAT SUPPORT WILL BE CALLED UPON SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE. AT PRESENT IT IS FELT THAT ACTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE, COUPLED WITH THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IS OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING OF OUR MISSING MEN. FURTHER RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE RESTS WITH THE INFORMATION HELD BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND NOT IN THE INFORMATION HELD BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. IN SPITE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, IT IS DIA'S INTENT AND DUTY TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

DIA HAS PLACED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON INFORMATION RELATING TO AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL EFFORT TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW DIA'S RESOLVE IS UNWAVERING. LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAMS, MYSELF, RADM PAULSON AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR TASK FORCE.

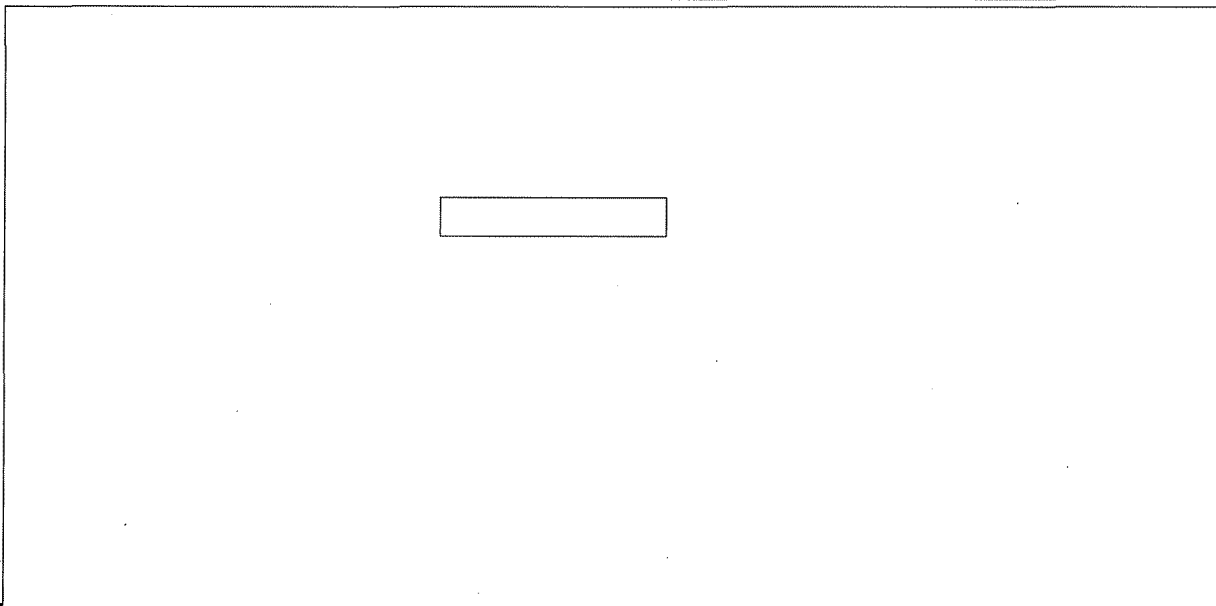
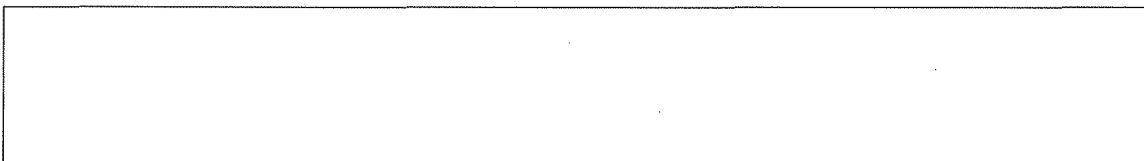
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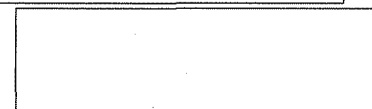
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FROM: Chief, Interdepartmental Affairs Staff, OPP

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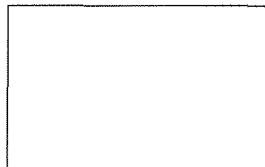
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2. Per your request, I asked John Koehler to provide a rundown of IC collection levied against the problem as well as an evaluation of our efforts. The bottom line appears to be that we have adequate tasking, but little success in collecting hard data. Leaks and insufficient cooperation from Vietnam and Laos are also obstacles. ~~(S)~~

3. DDO provided additional data on HUMINT efforts as well as an accounting of resources devoted to FOIA requests on the subject. You may find the latter of particular interest. ~~(S)~~

4. Please note that we do not have the latest version of Admiral Burkhalter's presentation. Koehler's people do not believe that it will change significantly, however. ~~(C)~~

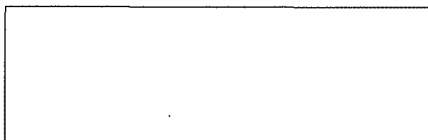
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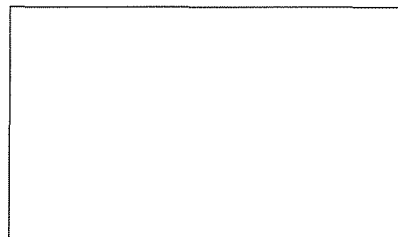
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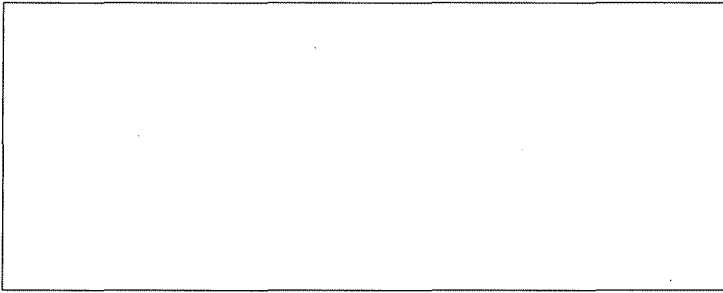
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Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff

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Director, Office of Imagery Collection and Exploitation

SUBJECT : American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

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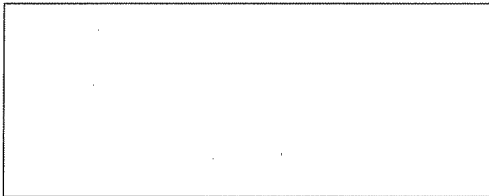
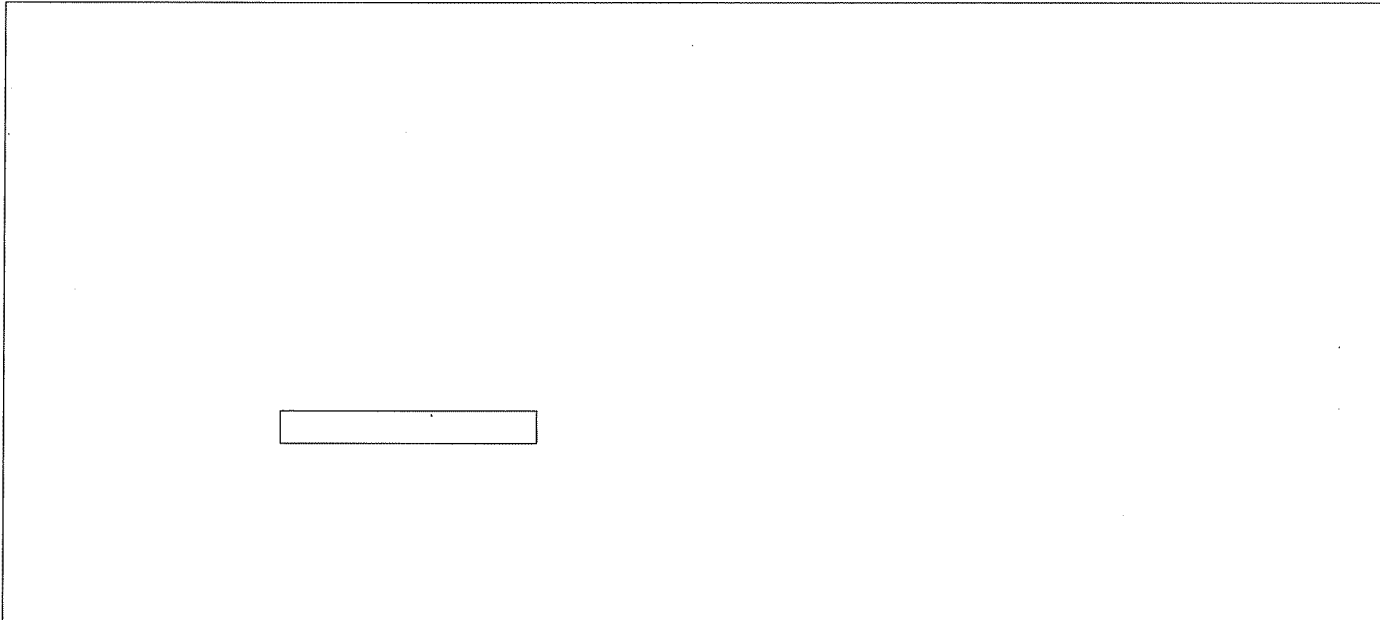
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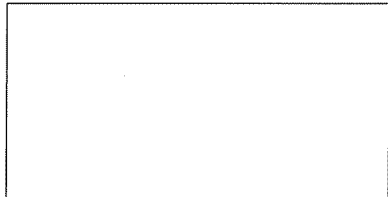


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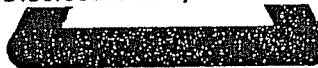
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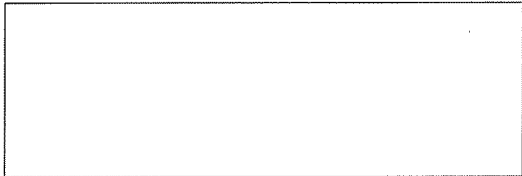
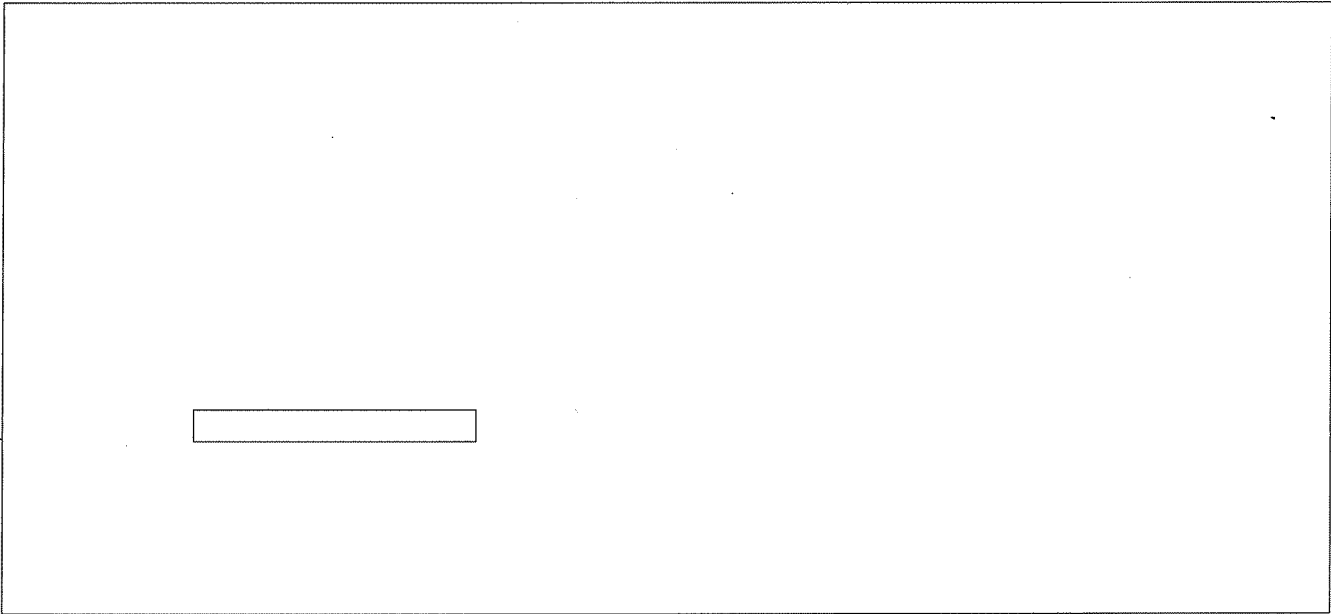
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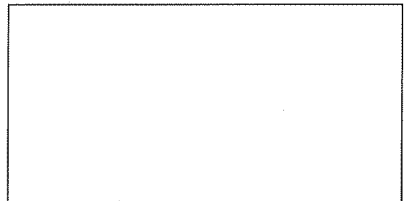
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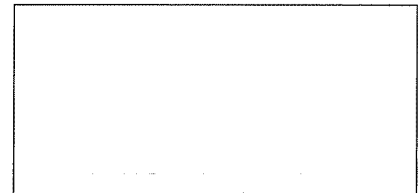


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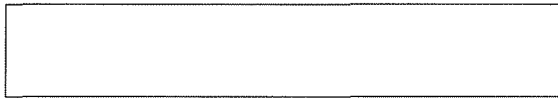
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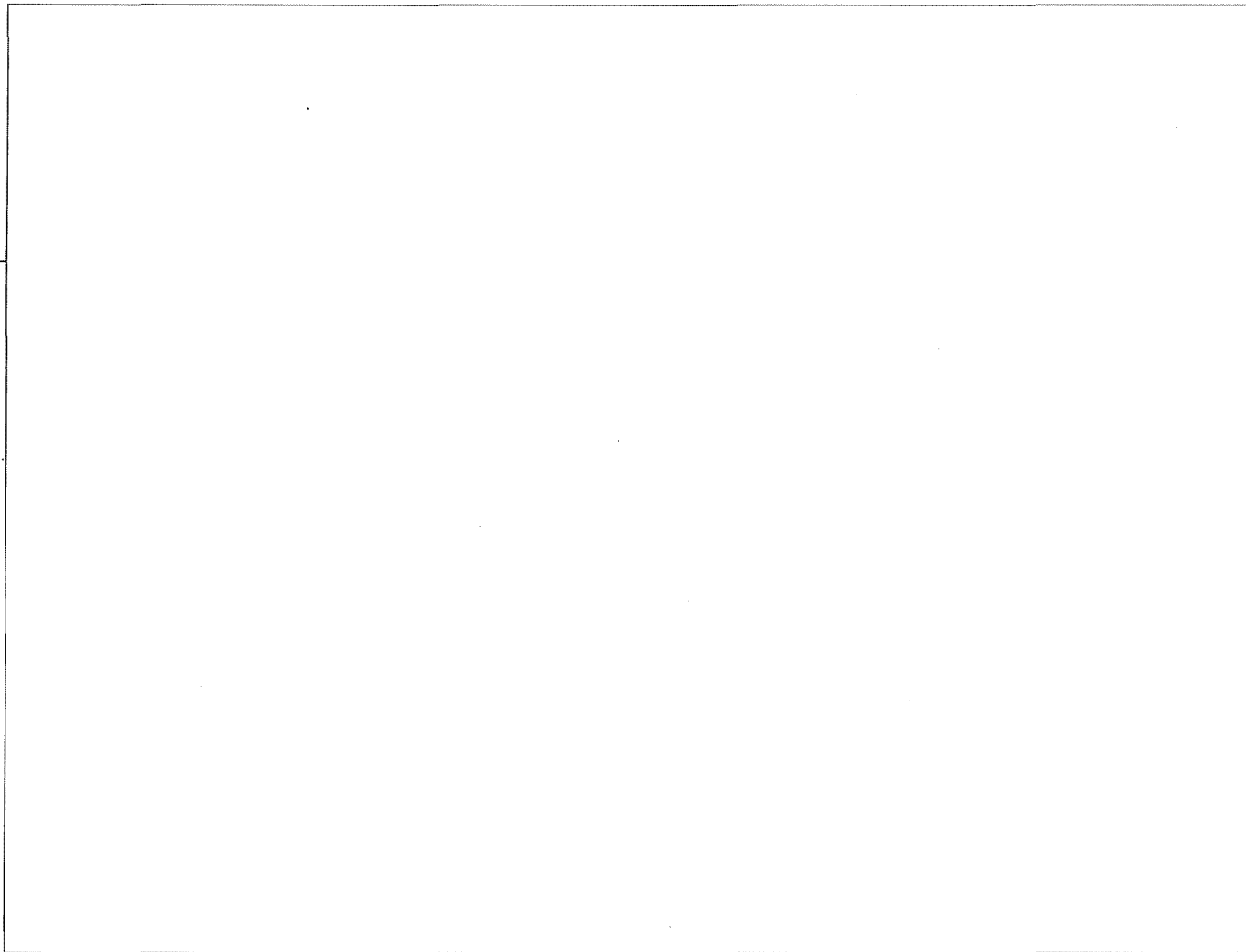
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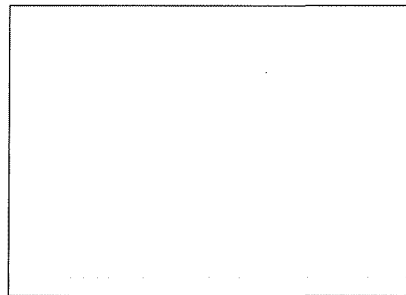


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Director, Office of Imagery Collection & Exploitation

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Director, Office of SIGINT Collection

SUBJECT: POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

REFERENCE: DD/ICS Note, Same Subject dated 27 Nov 1981

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1. In response to the above reference the following information is provided.

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Currently there are three active requirements in the National SIGINT Requirements List (NSRL) which request information on POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. [REDACTED]

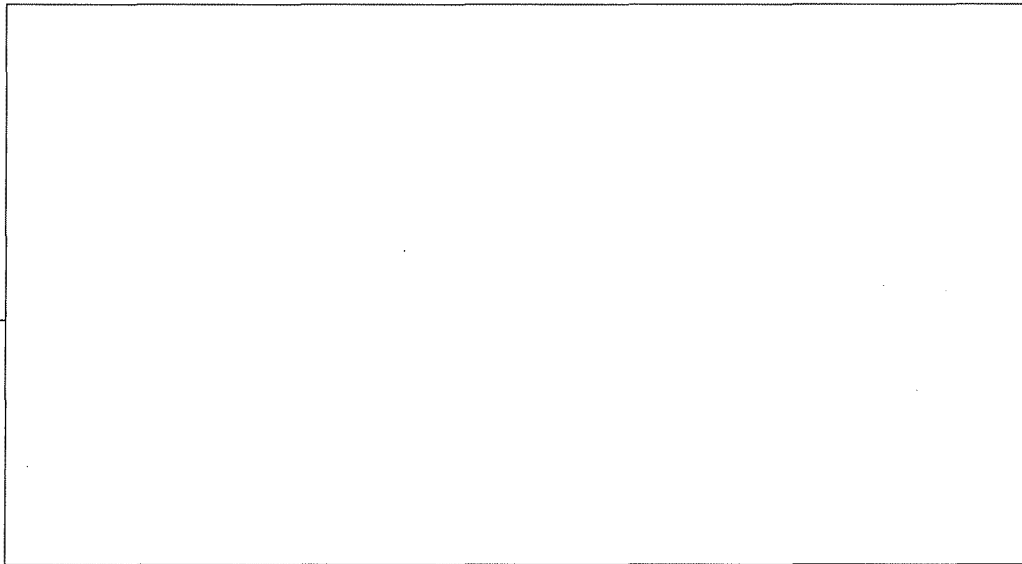
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b. Evaluation of SIGINT Efforts.

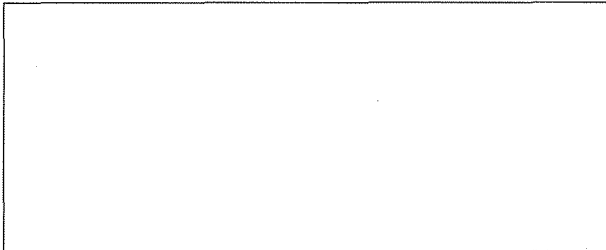
The following evaluation of the results of NSA's SIGINT efforts to date was provided by [REDACTED] Chief, B5 NSA. B5 is the focal point in NSA for all actions connected with the Southeast Asia POW/MIA issue.

(1) To date there has been no SIGINT information either substantiating or refuting the existence of unaccounted for U.S. POW/MIAs in Southeast Asia. NSA, however, continues to task available collection resources against NSRL requirements concerning POW/MIA information.

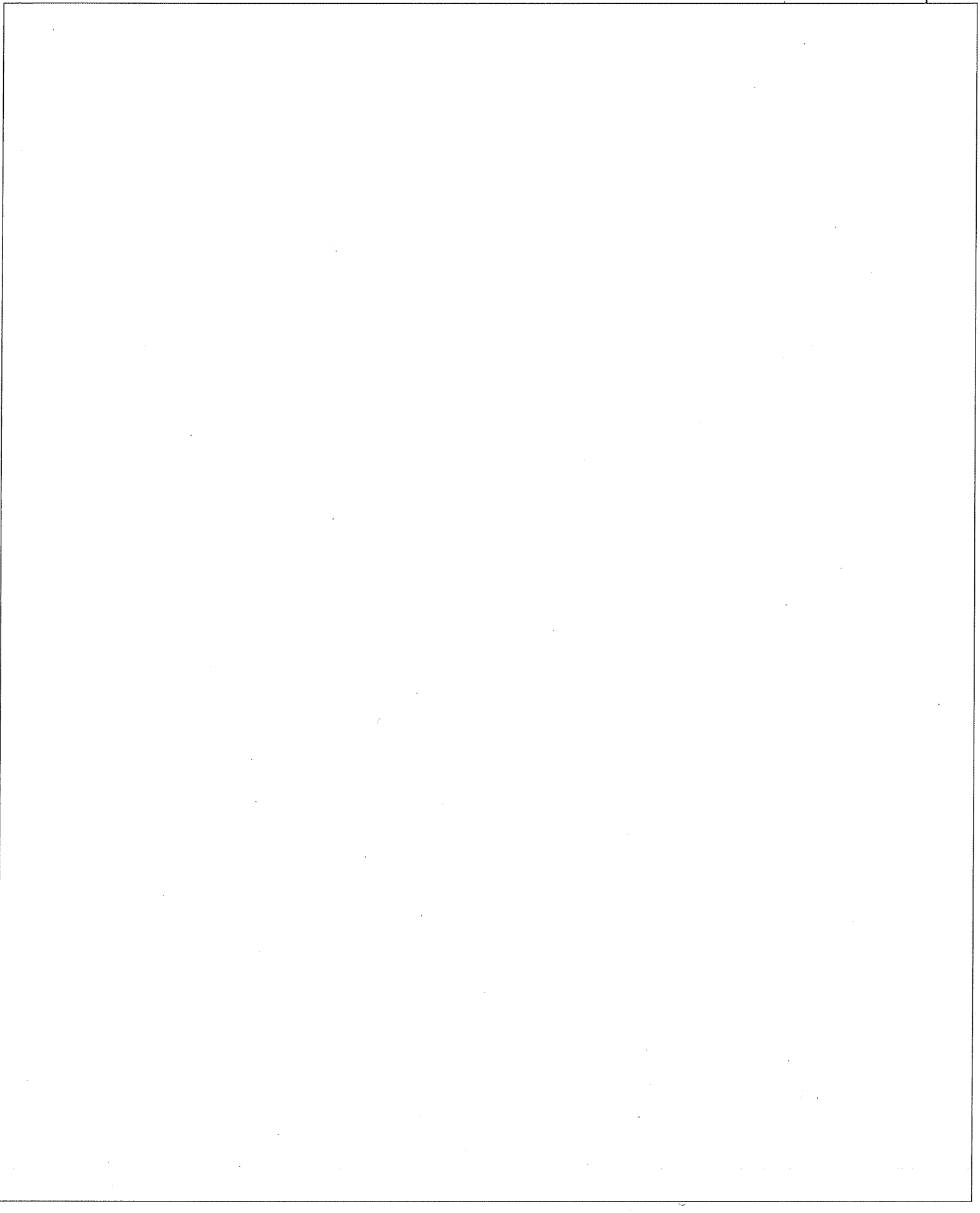
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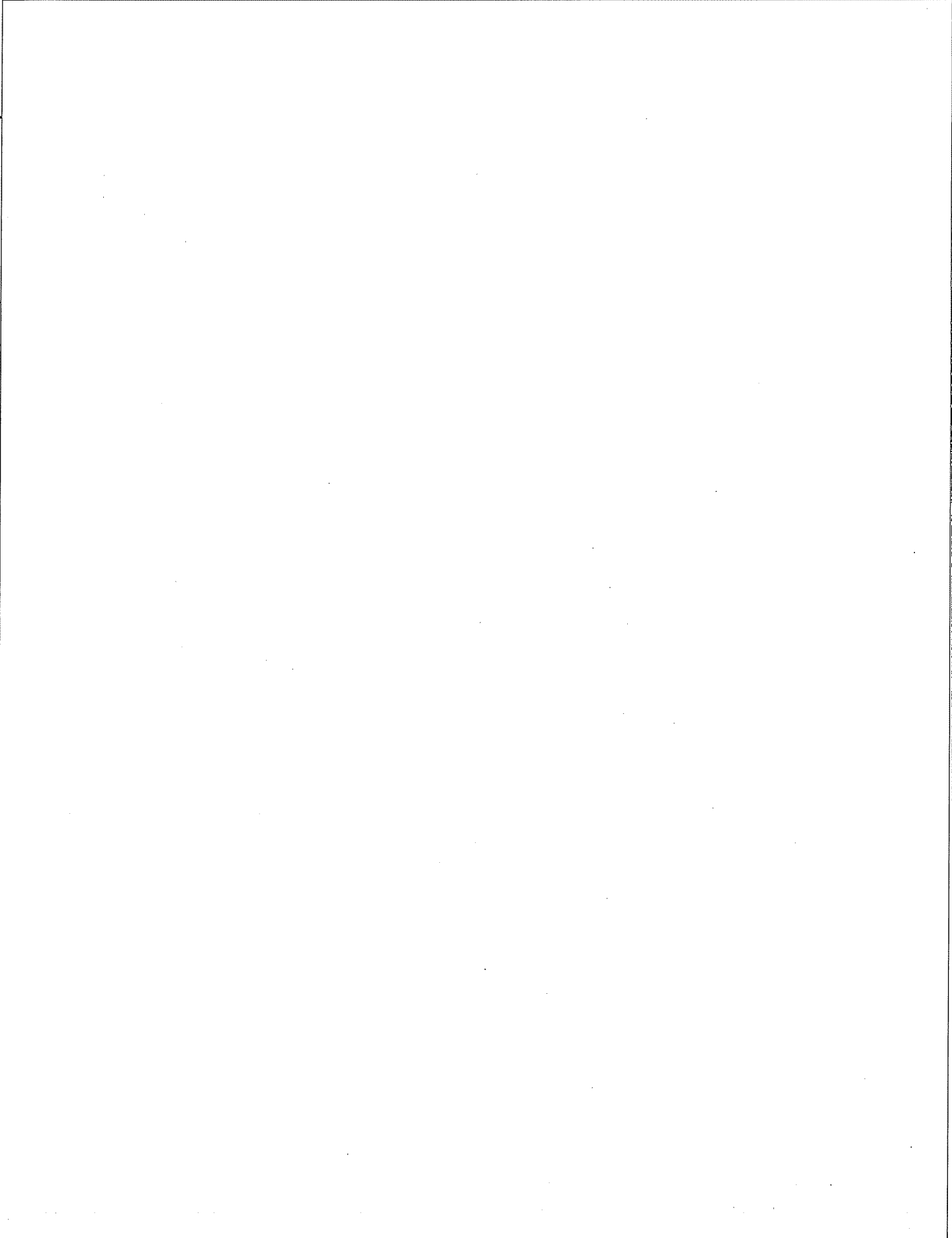


2. The DDCI in his previous capacity as DIRNSA was aware of all NSA initiatives with regard to U.S. POW/MIAs. NSA B5 is not optimistic that SIGINT will be able to contribute information on this issue. (SCCO)



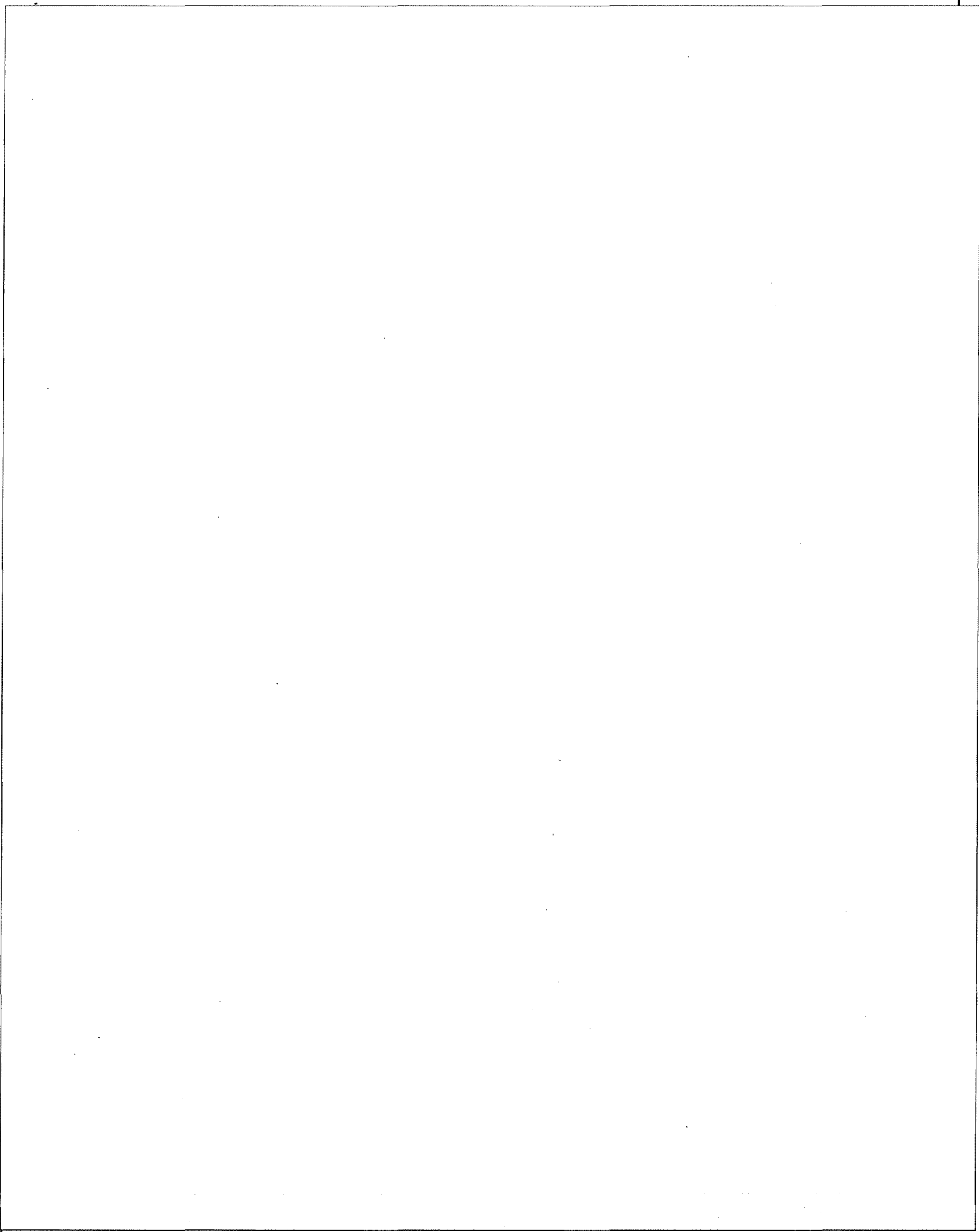
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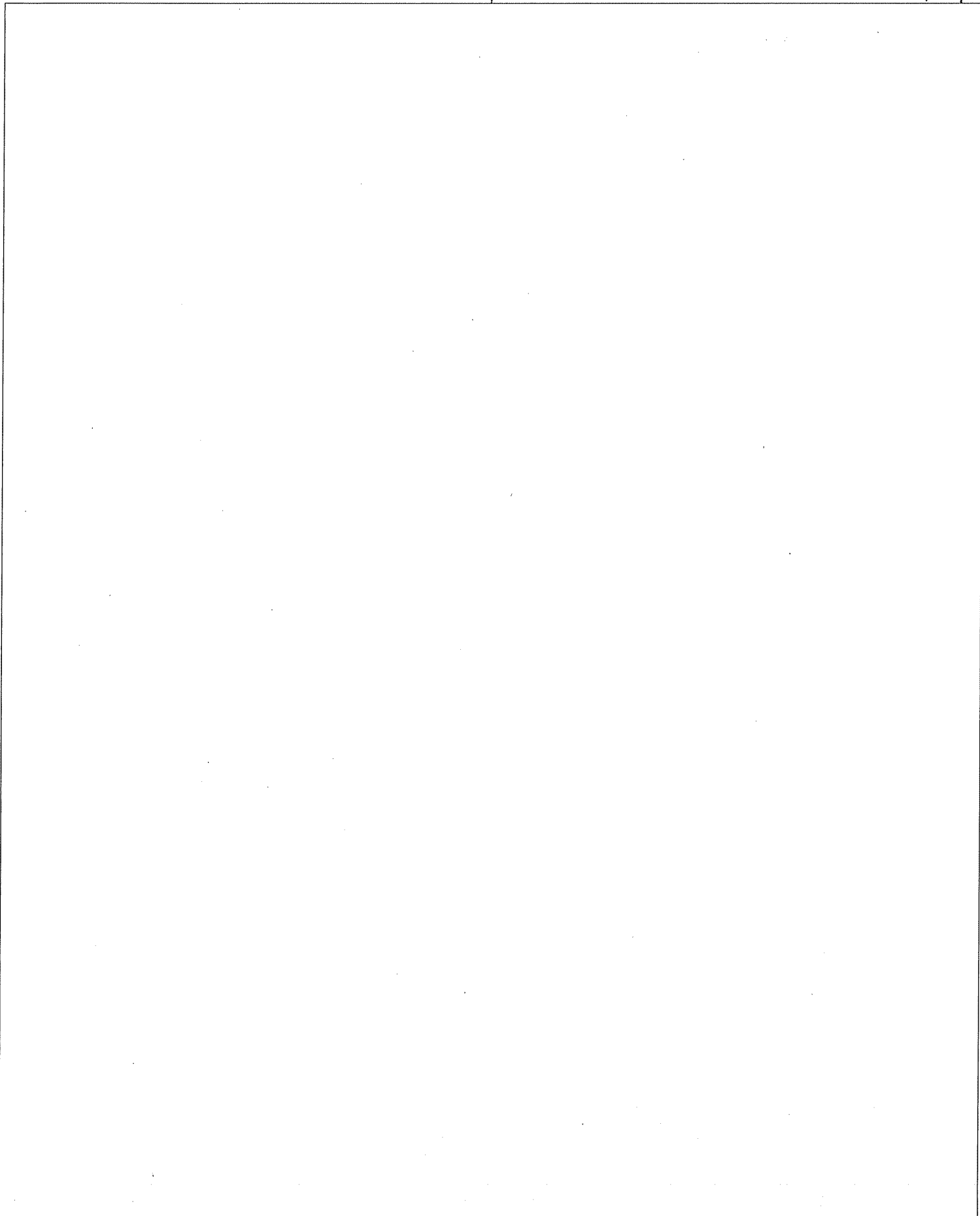
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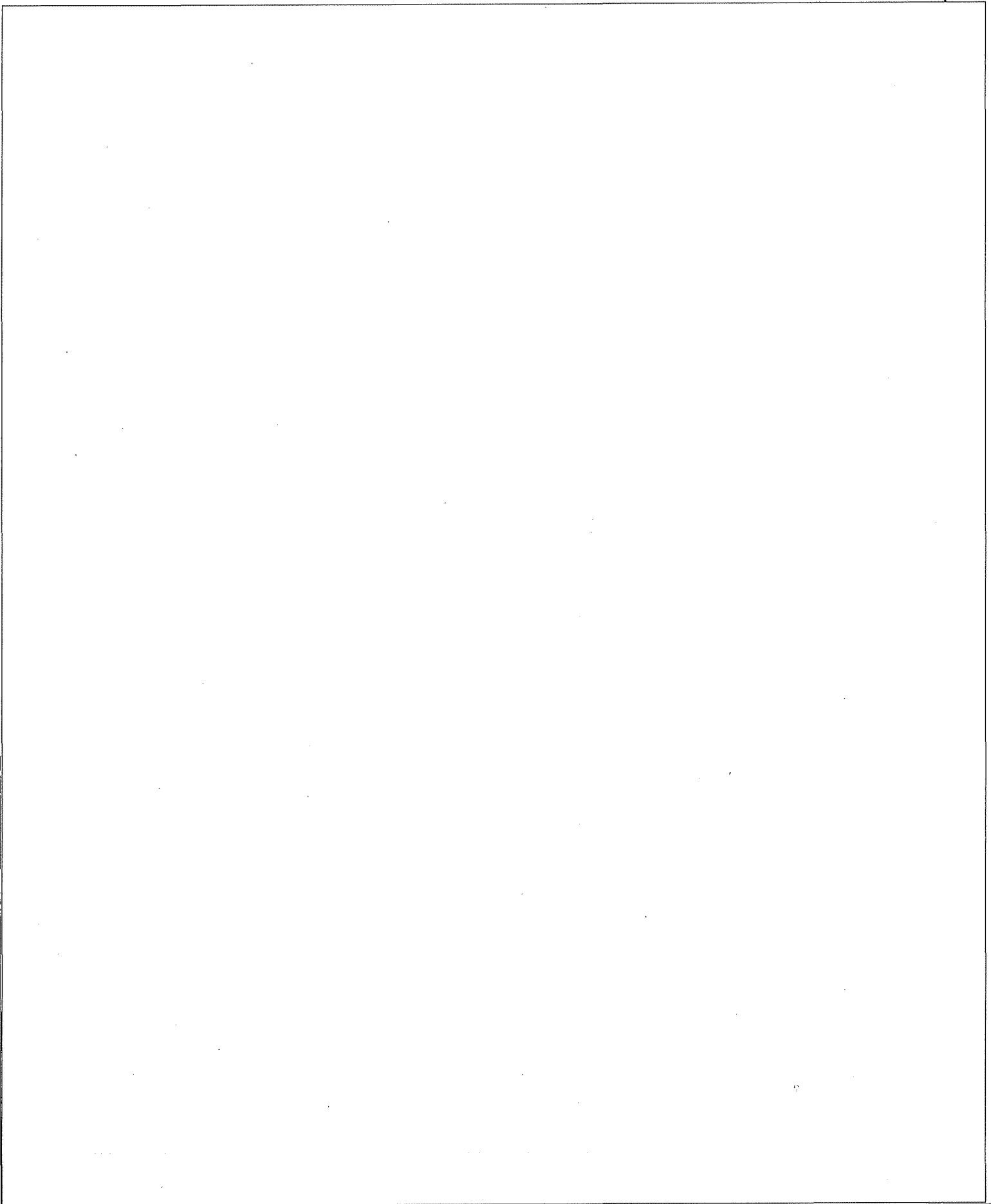
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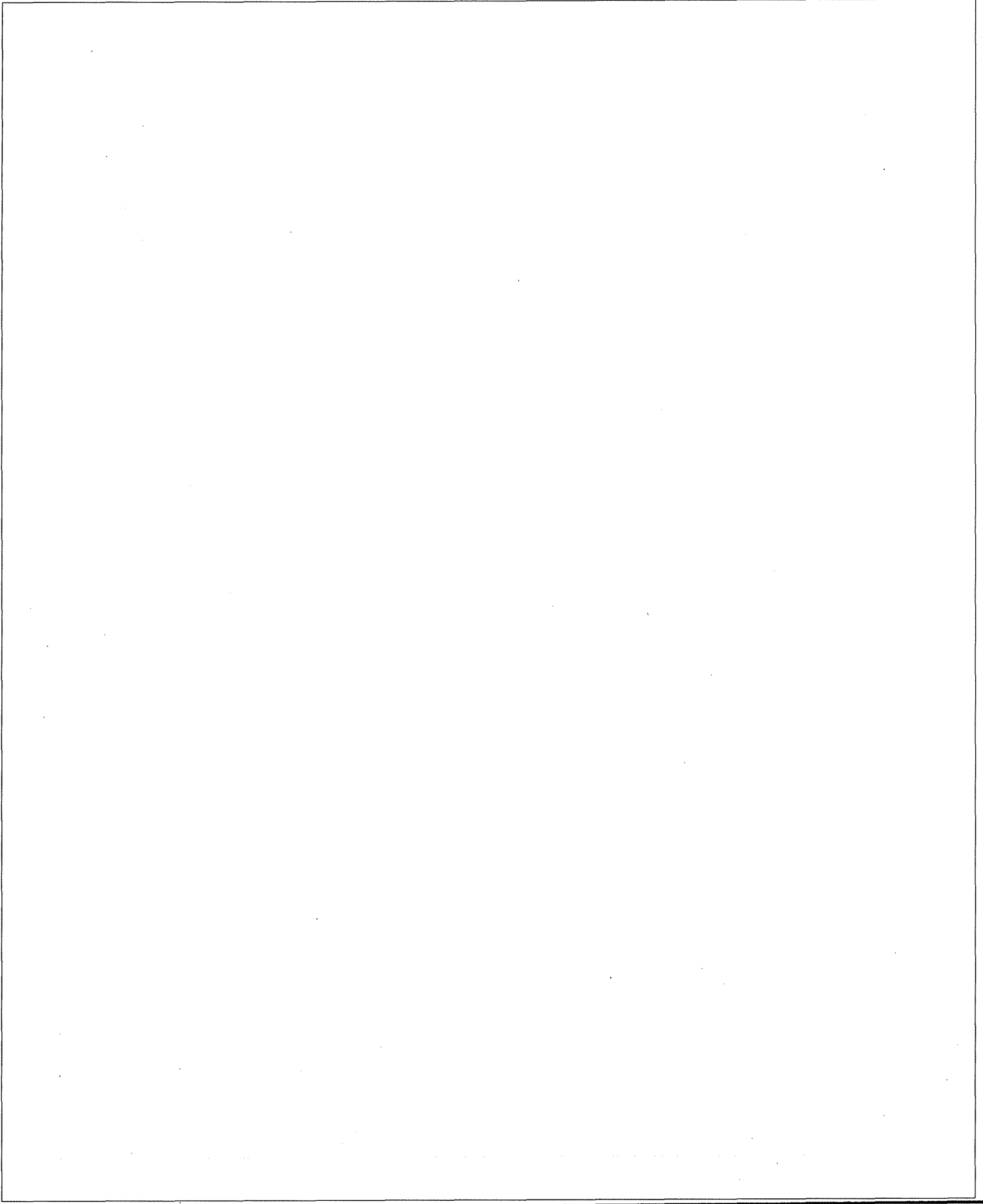
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MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

Director, Office of Imagery, Collection  
and Exploitation

FROM: [REDACTED]

Director, Office of HUMINT Collection

SUBJECT: HUMINT Collection on the POW/MIA Problem  
in Southeast Asia

1. National concerns and priorities regarding POW/MIAs are reflected in the National HUMINT Collection Plan #34 on Indochina, issued in March 1981. HUMINT collection responsibilities for objectives on the subject as it relates to Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos are assigned to State (advisory), the CIA's clandestine service and DIA, with supporting responsibilities for the military services, DCD and FBIS. ~~(S)~~

2. HUMINT collection which has been productive on POW/MIAs has been primarily from [REDACTED] from Vietnam [REDACTED] information in the Vietnamese media. [REDACTED] ~~(S)~~

3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] although queried, have no knowledge of this subject. As a result, the reporting on POW/MIAs from debriefings is meager. In the case of DoD, the debriefing and reporting is done by the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, whose entre to refugee camps is on humanitarian grounds. FBIS gives the subject a very high priority; however, reporting has been limited to material from the Vietnamese media, almost all of which is general and reactive to U.S. commentary. ~~(S)~~

4. In sum, HUMINT collection managers and field entities are fully aware of the importance of the POW/MIA issue and are attempting to improve collection. Collection opportunities, however, have been scarce. ~~(C)~~

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MEMBERS:

DUE TO PRIOR COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN HIM OUT OF TOWN, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAMES WILLIAMS, HAS ASKED ME TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TASK FORCE TODAY AND REPRESENT THE AGENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF DIA'S INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO YOUR INVITATION AND COME BEFORE YOU ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE TASK FORCE'S VIGOROUS EFFORTS DIRECTED

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TOWARD DETERMINING THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONER OF WAR OR MISSING IN ACTION AND WHO STILL REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IS WELL RECOGNIZED BY DIA. I ALSO KNOW THAT THE TASK FORCE IS WELL AWARE OF DIA'S ROLE AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

IN THAT REGARD, I DO WANT TO REAFFIRM DIA'S FULL COOPERATION WITH YOU IN THIS MATTER. I WOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE RIGHT FROM THE START THAT THE CRITICAL NEED FOR CONTINUED INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS IS RECOGNIZED AND I ASSURE YOU THAT DIA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AS LONG AS AMERICANS REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. RADM JERRY PAULSON, WITH WHOM YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IS THE ASSISTANT VICE DIRECTOR FOR COLLECTION MANAGEMENT AND HEADS OUR PW/MIA STAFF.

LIKE MOST MILITARY MEN, MY PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH MEN WHO ARE NOW AMONG THE MISSING HAS KEPT ME CLOSE TO THE ISSUE FOR MANY YEARS. AS PART OF DIA'S COMMAND ELEMENT I FOLLOW THIS AGENCY'S EVERY DAY EFFORTS ON THIS ISSUE THROUGH A DAILY REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR. I CAN SAY WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT DIA REMAINS DEDICATED IN ITS PURSUIT AND RESEARCH OF INFORMATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESENT FATE OF THESE MISSING AMERICANS.

ASSUREDLY, THE PW/MIA FUNCTION HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE STRONG COMMAND ATTENTION WITHIN DIA.

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ADD, AND REGRETTABLY SO, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION SINCE DIA'S CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY OF SIX MONTHS AGO.

THERE ARE STILL 2,496 AMERICANS WHO WERE DETERMINED TO BE EITHER A PRISONER, MISSING OR KILLED (BODY NOT RECOVERED) THAT REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR. WE HAVE STRESSED IN THE PAST THAT DIA MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TERMS OF AN INDIVIDUAL STATUS. OUR GOAL IS TO RECOVER ANY AMERICAN - WHETHER LIVE OR DEAD. ~~OUR COLLECTION AND RESEARCH EFFORTS RELATIVE TO REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN~~ SOUTHEAST ASIA REFLECT OUR DEDICATION TO THAT END.

UNDERSTANDABLY, THE REFUGEE REPORTING FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUES TO BE OUR MAJOR SOURCE OF INFORMATION. SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN 1975 WE HAVE ACQUIRED A TOTAL OF 1,303 <sup>FIRST HAND</sup> REPORTS BEARING ON THE PW/MIA PROBLEM. OF THE TOTAL REPORTING, 386 ARE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 33 PERCENT OF THESE LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN EQUATED TO AMERICANS WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT USING A SLIGHTLY MORE LIBERAL APPROACH, THAT AN ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF THE SIGHTING REPORTS WOULD EQUATE TO ACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS. SOME OF THE REMAINING SIGHTING REPORTS ARE FABRICATIONS AND OTHERS ARE REPORTS FROM PERHAPS WELL INTENDED BUT MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS. THERE ARE OTHER SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH WE HAVE EXTENSIVELY INVESTIGATED AND OTHERS, FOR WHICH OUR FOLLOW UP EFFORTS CONTINUE. DESPITE THE LARGE NUMBER OF SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH REMAIN UNRESOLVED AND OUR PERSISTENT EFFORTS, WE STILL CAN NOT PROVE THAT THERE ARE ANY AMERICANS BEING DETAINED AGAINST THEIR WILL.

AS A CASE IN POINT, WE HAD HIGH HOPES FOR ONE OF OUR RECENT LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS. APPROXIMATELY 165 MANDAYS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN HOPEFUL PURSUIT OF THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THE SOURCE'S INFORMATION. THE INTERVIEWS, INVESTIGATIONS, POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS AND ANALYTICAL RESEARCH COVERED A PERIOD BACK TO 1954,

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... AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ...  
AFTER THIS THOROUGH EXAMINATION ARE WE NOW SATISFIED THAT THIS SOURCE HAS BEEN  
EFFECTIVE AND UNTRUTHFUL.

... THE PAST TWO YEARS DIA HAS TAKEN EVER INCREASING STEPS TO INTENSIFY ITS  
EFFORTS AND CAPABILITIES COMMENSURATE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE.

DIA'S PW/MIA STAFF IS CURRENTLY AT A MANNING LEVEL OF 15 PERSONNEL. THE STAFF  
HAS ADDED PERSONNEL WITH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES IN VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE, AND  
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RELATIVE TO ANALYTICAL SKILLS AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN BACKGROUND INCLUDING  
INCOUNTRY EXPERIENCE IS EXCEPTIONAL. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE REGULARLY ASSISTED  
IN OUR EFFORTS THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM, PHOTO INTERPRETERS,  
LINGUISTS, INVESTIGATORY PERSONNEL, AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE SPECIALISTS ON A  
WORLD WIDE BASIS. NO BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE IMPOSED ON RESEARCH,  
INTERVIEWS AND INVESTIGATIVE FOLLOW-UP ASSOCIATED WITH DIA'S PURSUIT OF PW/MIA  
INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS REMAIN AUSTERE FOR OTHER PURPOSES,  
THIS SAME POLICY OF NO CONSTRAINTS APPLIES TO TRAVEL FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH  
DIA'S QUICK REACTION TEAM WHICH TRAVELS WITHIN CONUS AND OVERSEAS TO INTERVIEW  
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OUR WORKING RELATION AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND  
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO BE EXCELLENT. ESPECIALLY  
NOTEWORTHY IS THE COOPERATION AND RESPONSIVENESS OF THE JOINT CASUALTY  
RESOLUTION CENTER PERSONNEL TO OUR TASKING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE  
TO REFUGEE INTERVIEWS. IN ORDER TO ENSURE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING EXISTS ON  
VARIOUS ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS, DIA RECENTLY BROUGHT THE JCRC BANGKOK LIAISON  
OFFICER TO WASHINGTON FOR EXTENSIVE WORKING DISCUSSIONS AND MEETINGS WITH  
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OBTAINED AUTHORIZATION FOR JCRC PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT PW/MIA INTERVIEWS WITH

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DEBRIEFINGS HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS REFUGEE CAMPS IN  
OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. THEIR PROFESSIONALISM GREATLY FACILITATES OUR ANALYTICAL  
EFFORTS.

WE PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE UPON WHICH DECISIONMAKERS DEVELOP U.S.  
GOVERNMENT POLICY. THE LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND STATE  
MEMBERS OF THIS TASK FORCE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON  
~~OUR CURRENT INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS THROUGH INFORMAL CLOSED SESSION BRIEFINGS.~~

WHEN OUR RESEARCH HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION TO A POINT THAT FURTHER PURSUIT  
WARRANTS ACTION BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OR CHARTER OF DIA THEN AT THAT POINT  
ACTION IS TRANSFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION OR AGENCY. ANY  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THIS MANNER WOULD BE PROVIDED TO DIA FOR  
FURTHER ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION. I THINK IT WORTHWHILE AT THIS POINT TO  
NOTE AGAIN THAT ALTHOUGH THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN ISSUE, SOME OF THE INFORMATION  
MUST BE CLASSIFIED AND REMAIN SO IF OUR EFFORTS ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ALSO  
TO PRECLUDE HARM TO ANY AMERICANS WHO MIGHT STILL BE HELD IN CAPTIVITY.

SINCE PFC ROBERT GARWOOD, USMC, RETURNED FROM VIETNAM IN FEBRUARY 1979, DIA  
HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MARINE CORPS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING HIS  
CASE. ALTHOUGH RESTRAINED FROM DEBRIEFING GARWOOD DUE TO HIS COURT MARTIAL,  
DIA DID HAVE ACCESS TO PW/MIA INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE CORPS, AND BY  
THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND A PRESENT MEMBER OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE DURING 1979.

THE MARINE CORPS RECENTLY ADVISED DIA THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF GARWOOD'S  
COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE SUCH THAT THEY HAD NO FURTHER

RESERVATIONS IN REGARD TO AN INTERVIEW WITH GARWOOD. A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT  
FROM DIA TO GARWOOD'S COUNSEL REQUESTING HIS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN  
OBTAINING A GARWOOD INTERVIEW DEDICATED TO THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE OF RESOLVING  
THE FATE OF THOSE AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN CHRISTIAN LEADERS CONTINUE TO BE...  
PW/MIA ISSUE. DURING PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS SUBCOMMITTEE, DIA  
STATED THAT IT HAD JUDGED AS VALID A FORMER VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL'S  
INFORMATION THAT THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HAS IN ITS POSSESSION THE REMAINS  
OF SOME 400 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL LOST AS A RESULT OF HOSTILITIES IN  
INDOCHINA. THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CONFRONTED THE VIETNAMESE  
GOVERNMENT WITH THIS INFORMATION IN HANOI. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DENIED ANY

~~KNOWLEDGE OF THESE REMAINS. IN OUR TESTIMONY IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR IT WAS~~

NOTED THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAD RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD  
PROVIDE THE REMAINS OF THREE ADDITIONAL MISSING AMERICANS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED  
THAT THE RETURN OF THESE REMAINS WERE WELCOMED, AND IN A LARGER SENSE, IT WAS  
A CYNICAL REFLECTION ON THEIR INTRANSIGENCE ON THIS ISSUE. THESE REMAINS HAVE  
SINCE BEEN RETURNED AND IDENTIFIED AS BEING THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD BEEN THE  
SUBJECT OF OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDER EFFORTS. IN PARTICULAR, THESE CASES WERE  
THREE OF FOUR INCLUDED IN MEETINGS WITH THE VIETNAMESE JUST PRIOR TO AND AT  
THE TIME OF THE VIETNAMESE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE EVENT OF A SIMULTANEOUS RETURN  
OF THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THEIR  
LOSS, VARIED YEARS OF LOSS, AND CONFIRMED KNOWLEDGE FOLLOWING THEIR LOSS,  
CLEARLY SIGNALS THAT THE VIETNAMESE DID NOT JUST RECOVER THESE INDIVIDUALS ON  
THE BASIS OF DETAILED INFORMATION PROVIDED IN OUR NEGOTIATION FOLDERS.  
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VIETNAMESE ARE WITHHOLDING INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH THERE  
HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL SMALL GAINS, THE OVERALL ISSUE OF AN ACCOUNTING REMAINS  
VIRTUALLY UNACCOMPLISHED. RECENT PROPOSALS TO THE VIETNAMESE FOR A  
CONTINUATION OF THE PW/MIA MEETINGS IN HANOI THIS PAST FALL AND A RECIPROCAL  
PW/MIA VISIT TO HAWAII, WERE DEFERRED BY THE VIETNAMESE. A VERY RECENT  
PROPOSAL FOR A STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PW/MIA MISSION TO VISIT  
VIENTIANE WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN BY THE LAOTIANS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE

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THE VIETNAMESE AND LAO REACTION TO THESE PROPOSALS IS TYPICAL OF THEIR  
OVER THE YEARS. THEREIN LIES THE ROADBLOCK TO ACHIEVING AN  
ACCOUNTING FOR OUR MISSING.

EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR DIA'S EFFORTS AS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY THE TASK  
FORCE AND THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN MOST  
ASSURING AND THAT SUPPORT WILL BE CALLED UPON SHOULD THE OCCASION ARISE. AT  
PRESENT IT IS FELT THAT ACTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE,

COUPLED WITH THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONTINUE TO PRESS THE  
COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA THROUGH ALL AVAILABLE DIPLOMATIC  
CHANNELS IS OUR BEST COURSE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTING OF OUR  
MISSING MEN. FURTHER RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE RESTS WITH THE INFORMATION HELD  
BY THOSE GOVERNMENTS AND NOT IN THE INFORMATION HELD BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.  
IN SPITE OF THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ON THIS ISSUE, IT  
IS DIA'S INTENT AND DUTY TO COLLECT AND ANALYZE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND  
FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

DIA HAS PLACED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON INFORMATION RELATING TO AMERICANS WHO  
MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A  
DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL EFFORT TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL ACCOUNTING FOR AMERICANS  
MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

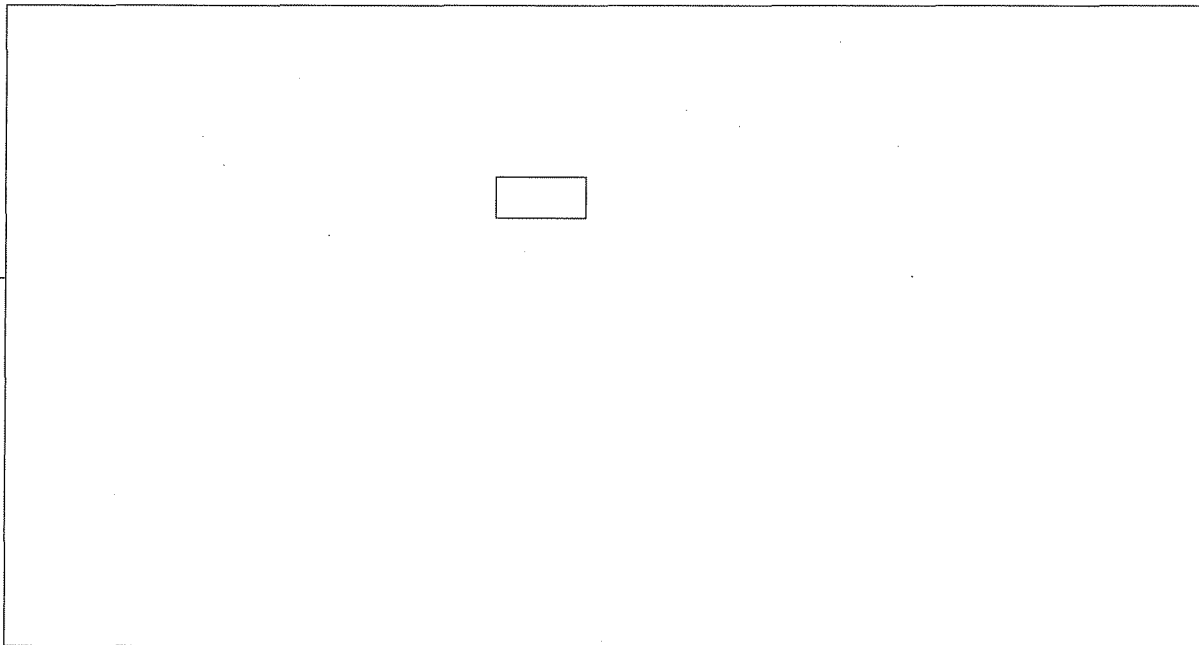
MR. CHAIRMAN, I WANT YOU TO KNOW DIA'S RESOLVE IS UNWAVERING. LIEUTENANT  
GENERAL WILLIAMS, MYSELF, RADM PAULSON AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO  
COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH YOUR TASK FORCE.

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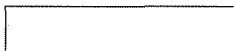
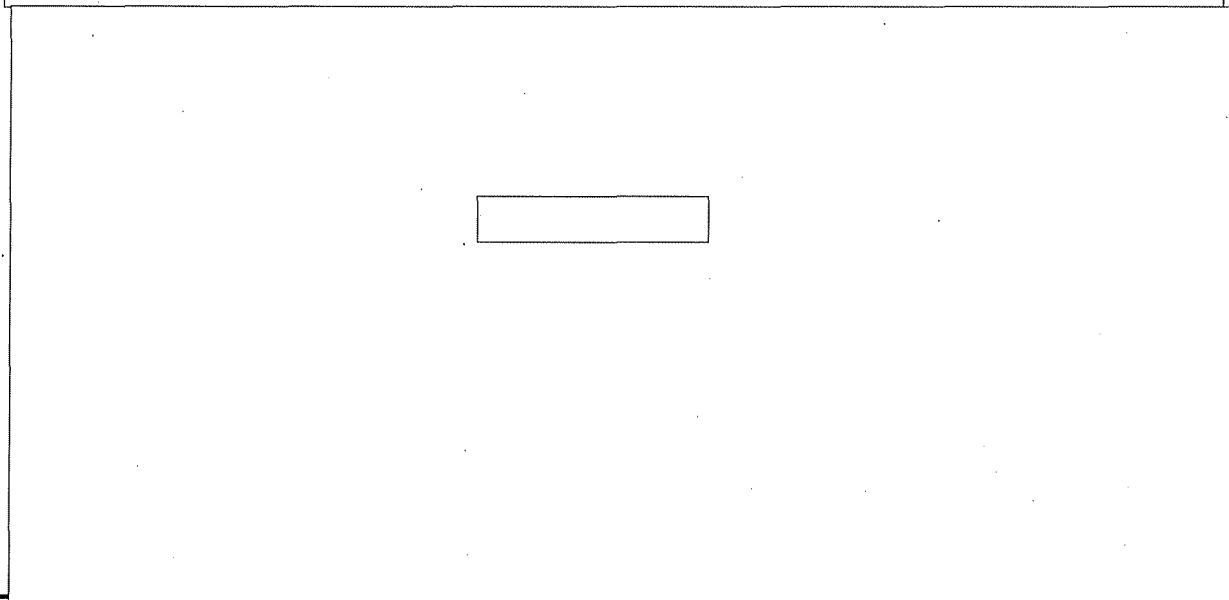
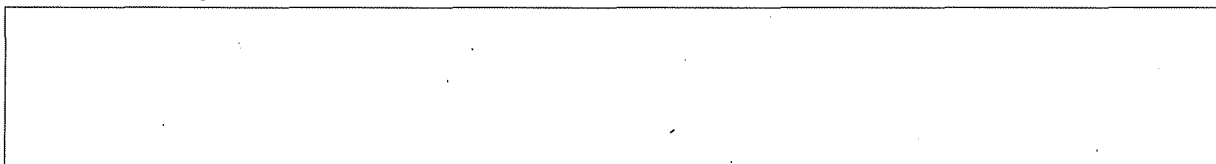
American POWs and MIAs in Southeast Asia

-- Intelligence Community very sensitive to the importance of POW/MIA problem.

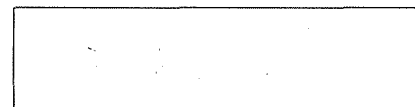


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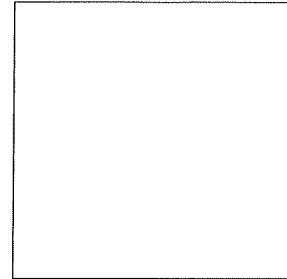
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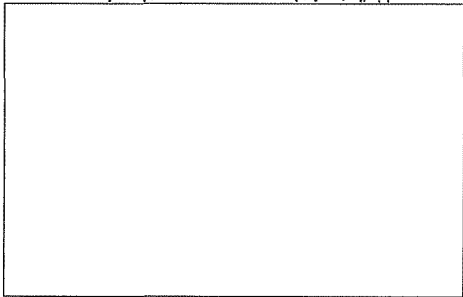
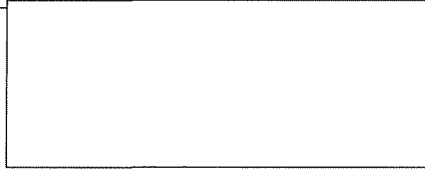
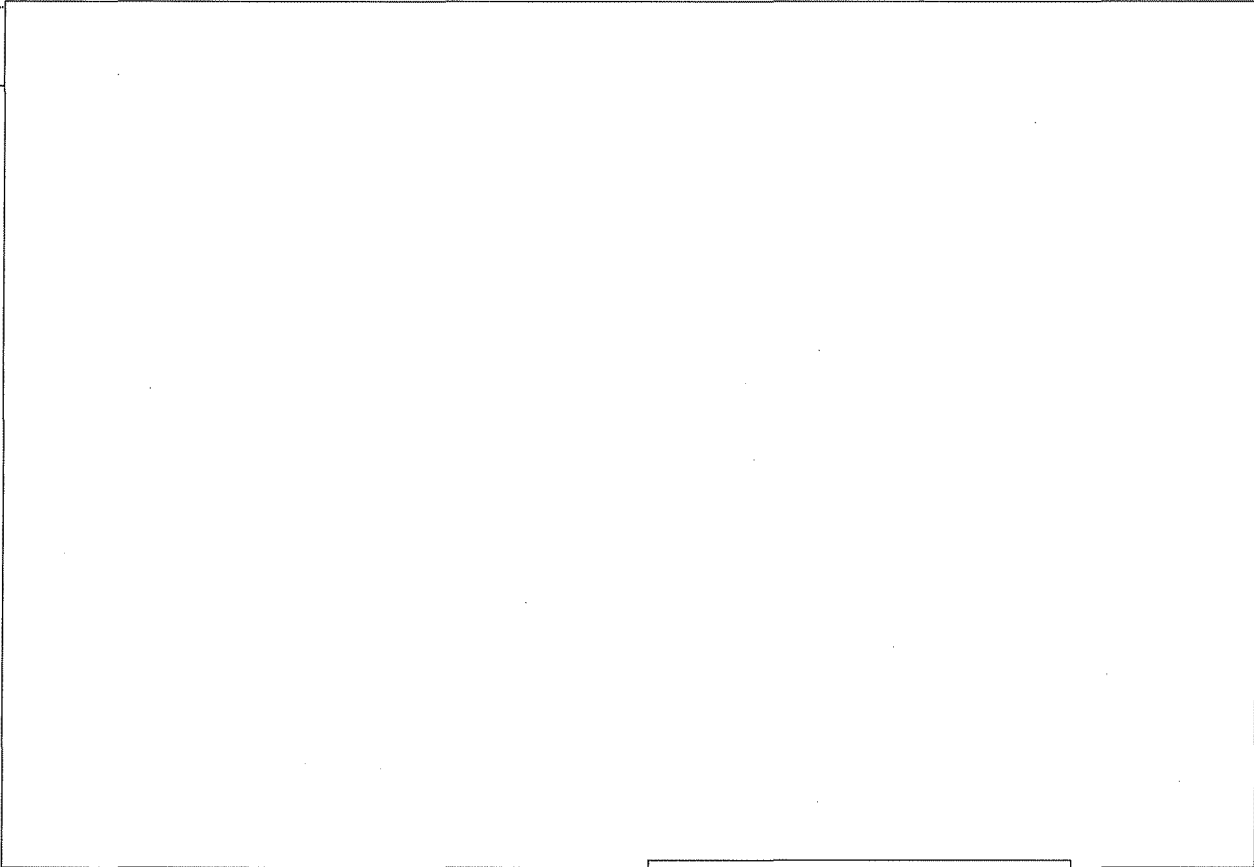
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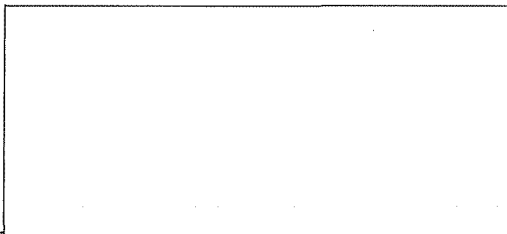
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FROM:   
Deputy General Counsel

SUBJECT: MIAs

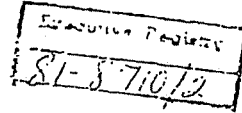


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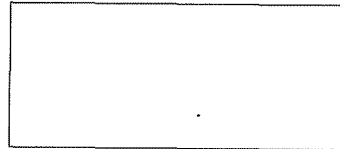
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Director, External Affairs

SUBJECT: Briefing of the House Task Force on POW/NIAs, 8 December 1981

1. Chairman Robert K. Dornan's (R., CA) staff called the close of business yesterday to ask whether Ann Mills Griffith, leader of the POW families' organization could sit in on your briefing today. We reminded them that you had agreed to appear on the condition that it would be a closed briefing. This would mean that only Members and cleared staff would be present. The staffer said she would inform Mrs. Griffith. The question about her sitting in could come up again. DIA has no objection to her presence.

2. The following Members of the Task Force have indicated they will attend this morning's briefing: Chairman Dornan and Representatives Stephen Solarz (D., NY); Daniel Mica (D., FL); Tom Lantos (D., CA); Benjamin Gilman (R., NY); Robert Lagomarsino (R., CA); and John LeBoutillier (R., NY). Representatives Henson Moore (R., LA); C. W. Bill Young (R., FL); William Hendon (R., NC); and Bob Stump (D., AZ) have been invited and will be present also.



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