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[20-46127] FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST - CLARK

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Thu, Nov 5, 2020 at 1:51 PM

Dear Mr. Clark,

Please find attached our response to your request to the National Archives regarding unrepatriated United States Prisoners of War (POWs) from the Korean War. Our office was made aware of your request on June 26, 2020. For your reference, this request has been assigned case number [20-46127].

Sincerely,
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Exhibit D

Dear Mr. Clark,

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding unrepatriated United States Prisoners of War (POWs) from the Korean War. Our office was made aware of your request on June 26, 2020. For your reference, this request has been assigned case number [20-46127]. This response pertains to requests 1-16 listed in your inquiry, which refers to the records within the holdings of the Textual Reference Branch at Archives 2.

The National Archives is the repository for the permanently valuable non-current records of the Federal Government. Although only 1-3% of the records created by the Federal Government are transferred to the National Archives, our holdings consist of hundreds of thousands of records, the vast majority of which are not name-searchable. NARA maintains the files of each agency within a Record Group and keeps the files arranged in the filing schemes used by the transferring agency. While some files were indexed before they were transferred to NARA, many were not. The vast majority of records in our holdings are not described at the item/document level and identifying specific documents or specific information requires extensive research that we are not staffed to perform.

The National Archives has available finding aids relating to the topic of your request. [Reference Information Paper #102 Records Relating to American Prisoners of War and Missing-in-Action Personnel from the Korean War and During the Cold War Era](#) provides descriptions of over 190 series that provide information about American POWs and servicemen listed as missing in action for the Korean War and the Cold War era (excluding Vietnam, which is covered in a separate publication). [Reference Information Paper #103 The Korean War](#) provides over 39 series descriptions of records that provide information about the Korean War, including records on American POWs and those missing-in-action.

Your request for records is overly broad and does not give us enough specificity to retrieve the records you are requesting from among the billions of pages of documents in our custody. Below are recommendations for each of your numbered requests on researching within each record group identified.

Most series listed below are Unrestricted, meaning they are open and available for public research. Series that are Restricted Partly contain withdrawal sheets in place of the classified documents in the otherwise open folders that give information necessary for a researcher to make mandatory declassification review or FOIA requests to gain access to the records. As you included a number of withdrawal sheets in your FOIA request, you are aware that you will need to view the open records and identify the specific withdrawal sheets for the records for which you would like to request declassification. Archival material can be housed in either an "archival box" or a "FRC box." When the number of boxes is referenced below, it is likely referencing archival boxes, but there is the possibility that it could reference FRC boxes. We cannot make that determination with certainty, however, without physically viewing each of the boxes. For your reference, we estimate that an archival box contains approximately 800 pages and one FRC box contains approximately 2500 pages.

Requests 1-3 – Records related to Moore, Bibb, and Zimmerlee

As mentioned above, the vast majority of records in our holdings are not described at the item/document level, rendering broad searches by name ineffective and unreasonable. Rather, we suggest researching within specific series in record groups, as identified below, or as identified within the aforementioned Reference Information Papers.

Request 4 – Records from RG 263 – CIA Records¹

RG 263 National Intelligence Surveys: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1183056>

This series consists of intelligence reports and analyses concerning individual nations. Compilation of the reports began in the years immediately following the end of World War II and continued throughout most of the Cold War. The information in these analyses covers a wide range of political, economic, geographical, industrial, military, and sociological subjects. Topical coverage is generally similar but not exactly the same for each nation and often weighted towards military capability. Sample topics include information relating to political systems, health and sanitation, weather and climate, natural resources, transportation and communications, national economy, armed forces, and military geography. Restricted Partly. 374 boxes.

RG 263 Records Relating to the Historical Review Program (HRP) 89-2/01034, 1947 - 1968:
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6997957>

This series contains records used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Historical Review Program staff in writing various manuscripts and articles concerning the history of the CIA; and its predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the Strategic Services Unit (SSU), and the Central Intelligence Group (CIG). Unrestricted. 7 boxes.

RG 263 Records Relating to the Historical Review Program (HRP) 89-2/00022, 1947 - 1974
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6997392>

This series contains records used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Historical Review Program staff in writing various manuscripts and articles concerning the history of the CIA; and its predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the Strategic Services Unit (SSU), and the Central Intelligence Group (CIG). Unrestricted. 3 boxes.

RG 263 Records Relating to the Historical Review Program (HRP) 89-2/00286 and 89-2/002286A, 1947 – 1973 <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6997533>

This series contains records used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Historical Review Program staff in writing various manuscripts and articles concerning the history of the CIA; and its predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the Strategic Services Unit (SSU), and the Central Intelligence Group (CIG). Unrestricted. 4 boxes.

RG 263 History Review Program (HRP) 89-2/00443 and 00473 Files, 1947 - 1981

¹ Your request lists the CIA records as RG 236. CIA records are RG 263.

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7097711>

This series contains records used by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Historical Review Program staff in writing various manuscripts and articles concerning the history of the CIA; and its predecessors, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the Strategic Services Unit (SSU), and the Central Intelligence Group (CIG).
Unrestricted. 25 boxes.

Request 5 – CIA Records re the Joint Advisory Commission Korea (JACK)

We searched the finding aids and did not locate records relating to the Joint Advisory Commission Korea (JACK) within RG 263.

Request 6 – Records from RG 457 – National Security Agency

We searched the finding aids and did not locate records relating to Korean War or Cold War POWs within RG 457.

Request 7 -- Records from RG 218 – Department of Defense, Joint Chiefs of Staff

RG 218 Decimal Correspondence Files, 1942 - 1958
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7297352>

This series consists of correspondence, memorandums, messages, reports, studies, maps, photographs, and copies of numbered papers of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and their subordinate committees. Included are intelligence estimates of the military capabilities of foreign countries, policy statements regarding relations between the United States and foreign countries, and directives for the deployment of troops, weapons, and materiel. Included as well are records relating to United States contingency and war planning; strategic plans for combined United States-British operations in World War II; lend-lease; post-war occupation policy; post-war military assistance and civilian relief; base-rights agreements between the United States and foreign countries; Korean War operations; assistance for French Indochina and, later, the Republic of Vietnam; research and development of weapons, weapons systems, and materiel; and the military forces of foreign countries. This series was maintained by the Joint Secretariat and its predecessors. File numbers 000.5 (5-12-49), 062, and SSIC 2410 may be of particular interest. Restricted Partly. 1371 boxes.

RG 218 Geographic Correspondence Files, 1942 - 1958
<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7282519>

This series consists of correspondence, memorandums, reports, studies, and copies of numbered papers of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and their subordinate committees along with a smaller quantity of maps and photographs. Included are records relating to United States policies, international agreements, and international relations concerning nations in various geographic areas and certain specific foreign countries. Included are records relating to the military forces and capabilities of foreign countries; military assistance and civilian relief; and base-rights agreements with foreign countries. Included as well are

records relating to the former Soviet Union; Europe; the occupations of Germany, Austria, and Japan after World War II; and conflicts in Greece, the Balkan Peninsula, the Middle East, Berlin, China, Korea, and the former French colonies in Indochina following World War II. This series was maintained by the Joint Secretariat and its predecessors. Restricted Partly. 626 boxes.

RG 218 Declassified Incoming and Outgoing Messages Relating to Operations in the Far East, 5/29/1950 - 8/2/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/73981794>

This series consists of incoming and outgoing messages relating to military operations in the Far East between May 29, 1950 and August 2, 1953. The incoming messages to the Joint Chiefs of Staff were primarily from the Commanding in Chief, Far East (CINCFE) and the Commander in Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC). These date from May 29, 1950 to August 2, 1953. The outgoing messages from the Joint Chiefs of Staff were primarily to the Commanding in Chief, Far East (CINCFE), the Commander in Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC), and the Commanding General, U.S. Army Forces, Far East (CGUSAFFE). These date from June 25, 1950 to July 31, 1953. Unrestricted. 10 boxes.

RG 218 Classified Incoming and Outgoing Messages Relating to Operations in the Far East, 1950 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/74003284>

This series consists of incoming and outgoing messages relating to military operations in the Far East between June 22, 1950 and July 30, 1953. The incoming messages to the Joint Chiefs of Staff were primarily from the Commanding in Chief, Far East (CINCFE), the Commander in Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC), the Supreme Commander Allied Powers (SCAP), and the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. These date from June 22, 1950 to July 27, 1953. The outgoing messages from the Joint Chiefs of Staff were primarily to the Commanding in Chief, Far East (CINCFE) and the Commander in Chief, United Nations Command (CINCUNC). These date from July 1, 1950 to July 30, 1953. Unrestricted. 2 boxes.

RG 218 Monograph "History of the Korean Conflict: Korean Armistice Negotiations, May 1952-July 1953", 1953 - 1955

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/20797146>

This series consists of a four part study titled "History of the Korean Conflict: Korean Armistice Negotiations, May 1952-July 1953" compiled by the Military History Section. Topics included in the history are background information regarding negotiations, the results of negotiations, characteristics and weakness of United Nations and Communist negotiators, Communist methods of negotiation, debates on repatriation, special problems affecting negotiations, efforts to break deadlock, disposition of non-repatriated prisoners of war (POWs), the final POW agreement, implementation of the armistice, Republic of Korea (ROK) opposition to negotiations, the campaign for ROK cooperation, and an appraisal of the armistice. Unrestricted. 3 boxes.

RG 218 Correspondence, Memorandums, Reports, and Other Records, 1953 - 1970

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7281173>

This series consists of correspondence, memorandums, reports, and to a lesser extent maps and photographs created and accumulated by the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and by the Office of the Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. Included are records relating to communication between the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the President, military operations, relations with wartime allies, the lend-lease program, prisoners of war, war crimes, military assistance programs, contingency planning, base rights agreements, defensive alliances, technological developments in equipment and weapons, and the organization and mission of the United States military. Included as well are records relating to World War II such as surrender terms for Germany and Japan, Allied wartime conferences, the lend-lease program, and the occupations of Germany and Japan following World War II. Also included are records relating to the Berlin Airlift, conflicts in Greece and Palestine following World War II, the Korean War, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the relief of General Douglas MacArthur as Commander in Chief of the Far East Command by President Harry S. Truman. Following the abolishment of the Office of the Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy in 1949 its records were maintained by the Office of the Naval Aide before being transferred to the Office of the Chairman on January 12, 1953. Restricted Partly. 131 boxes.

RG 218 Records Relating to the Korean War, ca. 1951 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/18514979>

This series consists of records relating to the Korean War. Included is the "Joint Chiefs of Staff Report for the Senate Committees on Korean Operations," a study recording actions taken by the Joint Chiefs of Staff relative to United Nations (U.N.) operations in Korea from June 25, 1950, to April 11, 1951. There are also the so-called "Highlights of the Korean Situation" (July 1950-July 1953) as well as situation maps. The highlights include primarily information on military operations. Some of the highlights provide information on personnel, casualties, intelligence, logistics, and enemy losses. Unrestricted. 7 boxes.

Request 8 – Department of Defense, Army Records

Request 8.1

RG 338 Command Reports of IX Corps, 9/1950 - 6/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/571216>

This series contains historical reports, section reports, and daily journals of the IX Corps during the Korean War. The first file for each month is the overall command report; subsequent supporting documents are arranged by section and include more detailed reports. This series includes reports for Headquarters and Headquarters Artillery Battery, IX Corps Artillery. Prior to December, 1950, the reports were called IX Corps War Diaries. January-June 1952 reports are single volume summary narratives only. Reports from July 1952 and thereafter include extensive volumes of supporting documents from IX Corps staff sections, including prisoner of war interrogations and intelligence spot reports. This series also includes the IX Corps commanding general's trip logs for August to December 1952. Unrestricted. 101 boxes.

RG 338 Periodic Intelligence Reports, 1951 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/567304>

This series consists of "Periodic Intelligence Reports" issued daily, giving intelligence on enemy locations and capabilities, United States and United Nations order of battle details, and reports of recent operations of interest to Eighth Army units during the Korean War. Unrestricted. 27 boxes.

RG 338 Correspondence Files, 1951 - 1951

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/566367>

This series contains letters, memorandums, reports, and other documents relating to subjects of interest to the Eighth Army Chief of Staff including the North Korean government and army, prisoners of war, Eighth Army progress reports, and other routine administrative matters from during part of the Korean War. Unrestricted. 2 boxes.

RG 338 Intelligence Estimates, 1/28/1951 - 7/27/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/566484>

This series consists of Eighth Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, intelligence estimates during part of the Korean War. The records include enemy situation reports, maps, and intelligence observation reports. Unrestricted. 2 boxes.

RG 338 Periodic Intelligence Reports, 1/1/1952 - 7/31/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/566485>

This series consists of Eighth Army, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, periodic intelligence reports during part of the Korean War. This series includes maps, intelligence and field reports, and observations by United Nations forces on enemy activities and movements. Unrestricted. 16 boxes.

Request 8.2

We searched the finding aids and did not locate records relating to the Combined Command Reconnaissance Activities Korea (CCRAK).

Request 8.3

RG 554 General Records, 8/12/1949 - 7/8/1954

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7348011>

This series consists of a wide variety of records collected by the Prisoner of War Division and a predecessor organization. Included are many newspaper clippings from "Stars and Stripes," the "Nippon Times," and other periodicals, reporting on prisoner of war (POW) issues, including the May 1952 prison riot on Koje Island, Korea; copies of the 1949 Geneva Convention articles relevant to the treatment of prisoners of war; a list of American POWs created by Eighth U.S. Army Korea (EUSAK); a list of recovered POWs; policies and lesson plans developed by the Provost Marshal General school concerning POW camp administration; summaries of some December 1950 interviews of American soldiers concerning reported POWs; a draft copy of a 1951 "Special Report to the United Nations Relative to the United Nations Prisoners of War in the Hands of the Enemy," correspondence, and other records. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Prisoner of War Rosters, 1950 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7348045>

This series primarily consists of records created by the Provost Marshal, Far East Command or the Provost Marshal, United Nations Command, but later maintained by the division. Included are rosters of United Nations (UN) military personnel believed to be in enemy hands as of December 1951, other undated rosters of UN prisoners of war (POW), deceased, liberated, confirmed or unconfirmed POWs; lists compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross; lists of identified UN and American atrocity victims; and other records. Related correspondence is included. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Records Relating to American Prisoners of War, 10/1/1950 - 3/18/1954

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7321605>

This series consists of records relating to the identification and recovery of American and United Nations (UN) prisoners of war (POWs) during and after the Korean War. Included are transcripts of interviews with former POWs regarding the status of other POWs; lists of soldiers who were held captive by the Chinese during the Korean War or died in captivity, some of them compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross; burial reports; rosters of "punch" (non-battle related missing personnel) cases; returnee reports of POWs who were not released or refused repatriation; interrogation reports of POWs repatriated in Operation Little Switch and Operation Big Switch; summaries of interrogations; radio intercepts of communist news publications relating to POWs; radio messages relating to the armistice agreement and atrocities; news releases; and lists of letters sent to the office by family members of POWs. Many original photographs, taken by Associated Press photographer Frank Noel, of American prisoners captive in a North Korean prison camp are included. Although these records were maintained by the Casualty Division, most were created by other offices within the United Nations Command, Japan Logistical Command, or Far East Command. Unrestricted. 2 boxes.

RG 554 Change of Casualty Status Reports Relating to U.S. and United Nations Military Personnel Held as Prisoners of War, 1950 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7348069>

This series consists of reports of change of casualty status for captured U.S. and United Nations military personnel during the Korean War. Reports contain the name, rank, service number, unit, casualty control number, prison camp location, and date of status change for each individual service member. Correspondence to and from relatives of the service member is also included. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Annotated Prisoner of War Rosters, 12/18/1951 - 9/19/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7329898>

This series consists of two copies of the December 18, 1951 roster of United Nations military personnel held as prisoners of war (POW) during the Korean War; the list was compiled in the communist prison camps. Rosters include the name, rank, service number, unit, and camp location for each POW. The second copy is heavily annotated with marginalia indicating the postwar status of each POW. A statistical table showing the number of POWs per country, and the number repatriated for each country, is also included. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Affidavits from Former Prisoners of War and Related Records, 1950 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7329825>

This series consists of affidavits from former Allied prisoners of war (POW) taken captive during the Korean War, and related records. The affidavits contain basic identifying information for the interviewed soldier and his recollections of other prisoners he saw or knew of in enemy camps. A few war crimes questionnaires are included. Related records include letters of transmittal of affidavits, memorandums, lists of POWs known or believed to be in enemy camps, newspaper articles, propaganda material, and other records used to determine the status of POWs. A photograph depicts a group of American prisoners of war from Pennsylvania in a Korean camp; they are identified as William Baker of Bucks County, Philip Aaronson of Harrisburg, Robert E. Meyers of Greencastle, James Veneris of Vandergrift, Wally A. Millar of Pittsburgh, Cassidy Boyd of West Lenore, Richard W. Krepps of Belle Vernon; and James L. Hill, Joe W. Howard, Gilbert Brook, Noland F. Crawford, Lorn Hemphill, all from the Philadelphia area. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Transcripts and Related Records Pertaining to Radio Peking Broadcasts Made by U.S. Prisoners of War, 1/8/1951 - 8/20/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7324011>

This series consists primarily of transcripts of radio messages broadcast by American prisoners of war (POW), intended for their families, during the Korean War. Also known as "Peking Intercepts," the messages were recorded on wire at POW camps in North Korea by representatives of the Chinese Peace Committee and broadcast by Radio Peking. Each transcript contains the date of broadcast, date of transcription, and the name, rank, and home address of the prisoner who read the message. The 1951 file of "Peking Intercepts" includes transcripts, memorandums, and forms relating to the verification of POW status from the messages. Many numbered transcripts are apparently missing from this series. The records in this series were created by the Japanese Liaison Section, G-2, Far East Command, and maintained by the Casualty Division. Unrestricted. 2 boxes.

RG 554 Returnee Reports on the Deaths of American Prisoners of War in Korea, 8/1953 - 9/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7329823>

This series primarily consists of completed forms AFPE-545 (OT), returnee reports on the death of an individual in captured status during the Korean War. The forms record information such as the name, rank, service number, branch of service, unit, death and burial data, and family information for the deceased soldier, as well as identifying information for the returnee who witnessed the death. These reports relate only to U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force personnel. Included are various lists of names of American prisoners of war (POW) believed to be dead, along with their ranks, service numbers, and status, including many Army personnel. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Rosters of Military Personnel Missing in Action during the Korean War, 1/1951 - 2/1954

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7330337>

This series consists primarily of rosters of U.S. military personnel who were missing in action (MIA) during the Korean War. The rosters provide the rank, service number, and status dates for each individual. Included is a 1951 roster from Far East Command, U.S. Navy and Marine Corps rosters for 1951 and 1953, overall rosters of MIAs for 1952 and 1953, and a 1952 supplemental list of prisoners of war (POW) not accounted for, whose names were submitted to the communists. Some rosters are annotated, and some British and Australian personnel are also listed. Related correspondence is included. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 General Correspondence, 5/15/1951 - 7/14/1954

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323816>

This series consists of correspondence, disposition forms, memorandums, and incoming and outgoing radio messages. Subjects include the interrogation of returnees, prisoner of war (POW) exchanges, and the status of POWs unaccounted for at the end of the Korean War. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Korean War Casualty Rosters, 10/25/1953 - 11/24/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323964>

This series consists of several rosters created and maintained by the Casualty Division after the Korean War. Roster B lists personnel currently missing in action (MIA) or in captured (CAP) status. Roster D is a "Special Casualty Report for [the United Nations] War Crimes Commission (RCS A-856)," which lists personnel returned to military control (RMC) from MIA, CAP, or prisoner of war (POW) status. Roster G lists personnel who died in enemy hands (DIE). Rosters K1, K2, L1, and L2 are RMC reports, listing personnel in MIA or CAP status who were mentioned in reports of RMC personnel. All rosters include the service number, grade, duty and control branches, race, and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for each named individual. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 Radio Messages, 9/30/1950 - 4/26/1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7323881>

This series consists of incoming and outgoing radio messages relating to determination of the status of American and United Nations prisoners of war (POW) during and after the Korean War. Lists of liberated prisoners returned to U.S. military control are included. Unrestricted. 1 box.

RG 554 General Subject and Message Files, 1953 - 1957

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12404076>

This series contains incoming and outgoing messages that pertain to armistice topics such as prisoners of war (POWs), POW exchanges, displaced civilians, graves registration, and Red Cross matters. Unrestricted. 47 boxes.

Request 8.4

RG 38 Case Files of American Prisoners of War During the Korean War, 1952 - 1956

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6267130>

This series consists of original and electrostatic copies of dossiers of repatriated American Navy, Marine Corps, and Army prisoners of war (POWs) who were exchanged or returned under the provisions of Articles 109 and 110 of the Geneva Convention. Included also are dossiers of POWs exchanged during the joint United Nations Command and North Korean Operation Little Switch and Operation Big Switch. The records contain military intelligence summaries of interrogations of returned or exchanged servicemen. They provide the details of captures and escapes (dates and locations), interrogations by enemy forces, enemy strategic intelligence information, enemy military maneuvers, war crimes and atrocities, casualties, number of POWs in a camp, the proximity of foreign enemy military personnel (Chinese and Russian), and information relating to treatment, location, and condition of prisoners. The files may also contain psychiatric evaluations, social background history information, and debriefing materials. Some of the dossiers were categorized "special intelligence" because of alleged collaboration with the enemy during captivity. Unrestricted. 48 boxes.

Request 8.5

RG 319 Prisoner of War, Missing in Action, and Detainee Intelligence Files, 1948 - 1967

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12058899> - Restricted Partly. 1 box.

RG 319 Korean Conflict Prisoners of War (POW), Missing In Action (MIA) and Detainee Intelligence Files, 1944 - 1986

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1167244>

These records relate to and contain information concerning U.S. military personnel who had been declared Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA) while serving during the Korean Conflict. The series also includes some dossiers of allied foreign personnel (British, Turkish, French, Colombian, Greek, Belgian, etc.) who were captured by hostile forces during the Korean Conflict. Each dossier covers one individual POW or MIA, and usually contains debriefing reports, interview transcripts and summations, security background investigation documents, and relevant press reports and news clippings related to that individual. Restricted Partly. 786 boxes. A file list is available in the Catalog.

RG 319 Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), Detainee Intelligence, and Intelligence/Counterintelligence Source Files, 1947 - 1974

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12191906>

Restricted Partly. 1 box.

RG 319 Intelligence Reports and Files, 1950 - 1958

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7419873>

This series consists of intelligence reports and other records concerning Korea and the Korean War. Topics include brainwashing, prisoners of war (POWs), collaboration, American voluntary non-repatriated, the treatment of handling of United Nations POWs by North Korea and the Peoples Republic of China, propaganda, bacteriological warfare claims, and the Returned, Exchanged, or Captured American Personnel-Korea Program. Restricted Partly. 48 boxes.

Request 8.6

RG 319 Records Regarding Individuals, ca. 1945 - 1956

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/12069283>

Restricted Partly. 5 boxes.

Department of Defense, Air Force Records

Request 9

We searched the finding aids and were unable to locate POW records produced by the 6004th and 6006th Air Intelligence Squadrons (AISS).

Request 10

RG 341 Intelligence Reports, 1954 - 1964

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/7284008>

This series consists of Cold War Era written and photographic intelligence reports. The reports were provided predominantly by air attaches on technical developments in aviation and aeronautics, aircraft, ports and airfields, airlines, the hierarchy of foreign militaries, and the creation of war plans by foreign governments. Restricted Partly. 1628 boxes. This series is indexed by "Index to the Series "Intelligence Reports, 1954-1964", 6/20/1941 - ca. 1962" (<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6829620>)

RG 341 Prisoner of War (POW) Debriefing Reports Relating to American Aviation Personnel, 1953 - 1955

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1937740>

This series consists of prisoner of war (POW) debriefing reports. The reports cover debriefing sessions of repatriated American POWs who had served in the United States Air Force and were interned by North Korea and/or The People's Republic of China. While many of the POWs were repatriated in 1953 during Operations Big and Little Switch, some POWs held by China were not repatriated until 1955. The reports generally list the POWs name, Air Force service number, home address, unit and base, last mission, and details of capture. The reports may also contain a list of internment dates and POW camps, since many POWs spent time at several camps; as well as details of internment (conditions and treatment). Some reports also contain general intelligence information about North Korea and/or China. Unrestricted. 6 boxes.

RG 341 Prisoner of War Reports and Projects, 1954 - 1956

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6830106>

This series consists of reports and projects pertaining to the treatment of U.S. Air Force prisoners-of-war (POW) during various phases of the Korean War. Focus is also given to POW conduct in responding to the physical and mental abuse of enemy interrogations, public perception of U.S. Air Force attempts in procuring

the release of POWs, and common problems faced by POW returnees in readjusting to family, community, and Air Force life. Unrestricted. 1 box.

Request 11

RG 342 Project Files, 1948 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/2660796>

This series consists of the project records of the Operations Analysis Office of the Fifth Air Force relating to the scientific study and improvement of Far East Air Force (FEAF) weapons, equipment, tactics, and strategy. Included in the records are working files, drafts, memoranda, final reports, and various publication types, including psychological studies, Tactical Air Research (TARS) reports, and target analyses. Included in this series is the background material used in these studies, including mission reports, teletypes, transcripts of participant interviews, transcripts of prisoner of war (POW) interrogations, intelligence reports, unit activity reports, Short Range Navigation (SHORAN) and radar mission reports, strike and aerial photographs, and Korean area maps and charts. This series also contains a selection of Fifth Air Force daily mission reports, covering the period August 1950 to March 1952. Unrestricted. 300 boxes.

Request 12

We searched the finding aids and were unable to locate POW records produced by the US Air Force Security Service.

Department of Defense – Navy Records

Request 13

RG 24 General Records Relating to Prisoners of War (POWs), 1942 - 1953

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6676317>

This series contains reports, memorandums, and letters relating to the release of prisoners of war (POWs). Included in this series are press releases, United Nations publications, and intelligence reports dealing with the exchange of Japanese POWs for American POWs. Unrestricted. 4 boxes.

RG 24 Casualty Records, 1941 - 1971

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/788791>

This series contains casualty causing accidents records, war time operations records and wounded in action logs related to the 1941 Pearl Harbor attack, the USS Arizona Memorial Wall, World War II, the USS Thresher, American Prisoners of War in Korea and Japan, and Hurricane Camille. Unrestricted. 27 boxes.

RG 24 Casualty Notification Case Files, 1950 - 1956

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/837192>

This series consists of correspondence relating to the notification of the next-of-kin that a Navy personnel was missing in action and a description of the known circumstances surrounding the incident. These records relate to the individual's casualty status (remaining Missing in Action or confirmed Prisoner of War) and to the eventual determination of the case (individual or remains returned to military control). These records also relate to all 31 U.S. Navy personnel who were prisoners of war (POWs) during the Korean War and returned to military control as well as five of the nine Navy POWs who died in captivity. The remaining records relate to the crew of the Navy patrol plane shot down by the People's Republic of China on August 23, 1956. Unrestricted. 5 boxes.

Requests 14 and 16

RG 38 Records Relating to Prisoners of War, 1949 - 1954

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6829643>

This series contains correspondence, information reports, memorandums, telegrams, photographs, maps, charts, and other documents that provide information on the treatment of American prisoners of war (POWs) during the Korean War and on specific Soviet Union and Communist Chinese prison camps that may have housed American prisoners or POWs during the Cold War years. Also included are design drawings of foreign ships. Restricted Partly. 32 boxes.

Request 15

We searched the finding aids and were unable to locate identification data from missing US Naval and Marine personnel from February 1956 within RG 38.

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RG 59 Central Files, 1958 - 1963

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/2363845>

This series consists of agenda, agreements, biographies, briefing papers, correspondence, directives, itineraries, memoranda, photographs, policy papers, and reports from the Office of East Asian Affairs and its predecessors the Office of Chinese Affairs and the Office of Northeast Asian Affairs. The functions of each of these predecessors were combined in 1962 to form the Office of East Asian Affairs. Included are records relating to agriculture, American prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action, aviation, communism, cultural exchange, economic affairs, foreign relations, foreign investment, foreign aid, fishing rights, immigration, industry, international labor organizations, nuclear energy and weapons, official visits, passports, personnel, propaganda, science and technology, textiles, tourism, trade, U.S. policy, and war reparations. Also included are records relating to the Committee of One Million; the Development Assistance Group (DAG); Government and Relief in Occupied Areas (GARIOA); the International Monetary Fund (IMF); the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG); the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO); the United Nations (UN); the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the Korean War; the Olympics;

the Tolstoy-Dolan Mission; President of the Republic of China Chiang Kai-shek; the Dalai Lama; George K. C. Yeh; Bishop James E. Walsh; Ambassador Samuel D. Berger; Australia; Burma; Canada; China (Nationalist China and Communist China); Cuba; France; Great Britain; Hong Kong; India; Indonesia; Japan; Korea; Laos; Macau; New Zealand; the Ryukyu Islands; Thailand; Tibet; Vietnam; and Yugoslavia. Restricted Partly. 164 boxes.

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Since this request is now in litigation, please reach out to Assistant United States Attorney Katherine Palmer-Ball at Katherine.Palmer-Ball@usdoj.gov or 202-252-2537, if you have any questions.

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