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SUBJECT: American POWs in USSR -- AP News Story

In answer to the DCI's questions concerning the presentation by a senior State Department official to the Russians concerning American POWs, the presentation was not based on intelligence. The presentation was a U.S. 'working paper' of the Joint U.S.-Russian Commission on POW-MIAs presented by Ambassador Toon to the Russian members of the commission. It was based on interviews by Commission members of former American POWs and of Russians and it contains a number of circumstantial reports dealing with the capture and exploitation of Americans, primarily pilots, during the Korean War.

The above information and the attached copy of the report were furnished by members of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Joint Commission Support Branch.

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