

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

MICHAEL DRIGGS, <i>et al.</i>)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 1:23-cv-1124 (DJN)
)	
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

AFFIDAVIT OF NORMAN D. KASS

Norman D. Kass herby declares and states:

1. The U.S.–Russia Joint Commission on POWs/MIAs (USRJC) was established in 1992 by the Presidents of the United States and the Russian Federation, George H. W. Bush and Boris Yeltsin. The USRJC was established to determine the fates of the United States's and the Soviet Union's unaccounted-for service personnel from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam conflict (Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia).

2. I served as the Executive Secretary of the U.S. side of the USRJC. My total length of service extended from June 1992 through December 2010. Senator Bob Smith served as U.S. Chairman of the Vietnam War Working Group of the USRJC.

3. The USRJC probed a range of issues that involve prisoners-of-war and missing-in-action. In an effort to account for missing service members, Commission Members and researchers interviewed former military personnel, civilians, and former Internees. Information exchanged between the two parties was then investigated by a spectrum of governmental entities.

4. Over the course of my 18 years of service I was involved with developing research programs and overseeing and directly participating in interviews with individuals


having knowledge of unaccounted-for U.S. military personnel. I have participated in well over 100 such interviews. The interviewees included former and active-duty civilian and military personnel, veterans of past military engagements, archivists, officials of the Russian government, members of the press and others.

5. I have been asked whether any Russian Intelligence official or American Intelligence or other official had ever expressed any concerns or reservations to the USRJC about the public release of any information provided by the Russians.

6. Only once were the Russians reluctant to provide unrestricted access to information regarding POWs. Regarding interrogation reports of some 50 or so Korean War American POWs, the Russians asked the USRJC that the names of these POWs not be publicly released.

7. That was the only time that a Russian Intelligence official or American Intelligence or other official expressed any concerns or reservations to me or to the USRJC about the public release of any information provided by the Russians.

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge information and belief. Executed this 17th day of May, 2025.



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