

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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| ROGER HALL, |) |
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| Plaintiff, |) |
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| v. |) Civil Action No. 98-1319 PLF |
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| CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, |) |
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| Defendant. |) |

DECLARATION OF Hon. BILL HENDON

I, Hon. Bill Hendon, hereby declare and state:

1. I currently reside in Washington, D.C., where I work as a consultant on POW/MIA issues.
2. I was twice elected to the United States Congress from District 11 in my home state of North Carolina and served in the 97th and 99th Congresses, from 1981 - 1983 and 1985 - 1987. During my time in office, I served on the House Veterans Affairs Committee and as an ex-officio member of the House POW/MIA Task Force. Hon. John LeBoutillier, Congressman from New York, served with me on that Task Force during the 97th Congress.
3. From January through June, 1983 I worked as a consultant on POW/MIA affairs at the Pentagon.
4. I have traveled to Vietnam, Laos and Combodia many times to learn information about

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and to discuss solutions to the POW/MIA problem.

5. I am familiar with Mr. Roger Hall's efforts to seek access to records about POWs from federal agencies, including this litigation under the Freedom of Information Act that he has ongoing against the CIA.

6. I have personal knowledge of several POW-related incidents where the CIA has had documents that to my knowledge have not been publicly acknowledged or released.

7. In 1981, Hon. John LeBoutillier and I met with CIA Director William Casey at Director Casey's office at Langley, Virginia to discuss the POW/MIA issue. On at least one occasion, Casey shared with us either satellite imagery or aerial photographs which showed laundry arranged in the form of escape and evasion codes on the roof of the Tran Phu prison in Haiphong, North Vietnam. To the best of my recollection, Directory Casey told us the imagery/photographs had been imaged/taken during the late 1970's. These escape and evasion codes were information known only to U.S. pilots, and Directory Casey stated that only a U.S. pilot could have made the codes on the prison roof.

8. In early 1981 I was briefed as a member of the House Special POW/MIA Task Force by U.S. government officials regarding a prison camp near Nhom Marrott, Laos. We were shown aerial photographs showing the month-by-month progress of the construction of this camp, from the clearing of the jungle to the completion of buildings and guard towers. We were told that the completion of the camp was also confirmed by radio traffic intercepts. American POWS were reliably reported to be in the camp. In addition, an escape and evasion code was imaged inside the camp. I saw the imagery and code. I understand that ultimately a reconnaissance team was sent in to see if there were any Americans in the camp. It was reported that no Caucasians were

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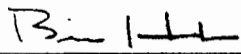
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seen; however, the occupants of the windowless buildings in the inner compound of the camp, if any, were not identified.

9. Later, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Vice Admiral Bobby Inman, USN, briefed me and other members of the Task Force on the findings of the mission. He also showed us a number of black and white hand held pictures said to have been taken of the camp by the reconnaissance team. To my knowledge, these photographs have never been released by the CIA.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed this 17 day of September, 1998.



Bill Hendon