

Central Intelligence Agency



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Reference: *Lois Moore, et al v. CIA*, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Civil Action No: 1:20-cv-01027; F-2020-00473

Dear Mr. Clarke:

This is an interim response to your 25 November 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted by your client, Lois Moore, for the following:

1. **From the period of March 16, 1954, through 1961, all records of the CIA's efforts in undertaking "clandestine and covert action to locate, identify, and recover those U.S. Prisoners of War still in Communist custody"**
2. **An unredacted copy of this report [January 5, 1952, *CIA Information Reports*] together with all intelligence material upon which it was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.**
3. **Please produce the [following] referenced [in July 15, 1952, *CIA Cross Reference Sheet*]:**
 - a. **July 15, 1952 "Basic Communication"**
 - b. **June 24, 1953 "Basic Document"**
 - c. **Information described as "etcetera"**
 - d. **POW Information in, or otherwise "Router to, C.I. File"**
 - e. **POW information related to or bearing the "Cross Reference Number 040"**
 - f. **POW Information related to or bearing the "Classification Number 383.6 Korea."**
4. **All records regarding the June 1, 1951 shoot down and capture over North Korea of the American F-51 piloted by U.S. Air Force Captain Harry Cecil Moore, born February 11, 1924, in Elm Grove, West Virginia, service number AO 711850.**
5. **All records upon which the following statement from February 27, 1952 memo from Chief of Naval Personnel to Commanding General, Far East Air Force was**

based: "It is now believed that there is a possibility that Captain Moore survived and is now a Prisoner of War."

6. All records regarding Captain Moore's incarceration and transportation from North Korea to the Soviet Union, his locations in the Soviet Union, and all evidence that he "may have been interrogated by Soviet officials.
7. An unredacted copy of July 17, 1952, three page *CIA Information Report*, together with the materials upon which this Report was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.
8. An unredacted copy of December 31, 1953, *CIA Information Report*, together with the materials upon which this Report was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.
9. An unredacted copy of March 24, 1954, *CIA Information Report*, together with the materials upon which this Report was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.
10. An unredacted copy of April 23, 1954, *CIA Information Report*.
11. An unredacted copy of April 27, 1954, *CIA Information Report*, together with the materials upon which this Report was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.
12. An unredacted copy of December 8, 1954, *CIA Information Report*.
13. Any and all information relating to this Report [January 23, 1992 cable from Embassy Helsinki to Secretary of State]
14. An unredacted copy of March 9, 1988, CIA Memorandum to "US Army Chief, Special Office for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action," together with the materials upon which this Report was based, including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports.
15. All records relating to any of the POW/MIA's names in the attached list.
16. Any and all records relating that any POW/MIAs may have been held in the prisons identified in the attached list of Russian prison camps.
17. For the period beginning June of 1951, and continuing to the present time, please produce all POW records provided to, or receive from, any office of any component of the Department of Defense, including but not limited to:
 - a. CCRAK
 - b. Air Force 6004 Air Intelligence Service Squadron during the tenure of "Project American."
 - c. Missing in Action Office, including those provided in response to the attached February 12, 1997 letter from U.S. House of Representative James Talent seeking "Intelligence pertaining to American prisoners who were taken to China and the Soviet Union during the war" as well as:
 - i. The 389 American service members who into the 1980's were listed as unaccounted prisoners of war by the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) ii. All U.S. Air Force F-86 pilots who remain unrepatriated.
 - d. Air Force Office of Special Investigations, of AFOSI
 - e. Naval Criminal Investigative Service, or NCIS
 - f. Army Criminal Investigation Command, CID

- g. **U.S. Army Combined Command Reconnaissance Activities Far East, or CCRAFE.**
18. **All POW records prepared by any officer, agent, or employee of the CIA, prepared for the Office of the President including the President's Daily Brief, or PDB, that include information on the possibility of POW's being transferred to the Soviet Union or China.**
 19. **All records reflecting communications with Members of Congress, or Congressional Oversight committees concerning the capture of American airmen during the Korean conflict who may have been transported to the Soviet Union or China and their presumed fate.**
 20. **All records concerning POW's and KGB defector Yuri (or Yury) Rastvorov, who informed the United States Government that American military personnel were taken to the Soviet Union during the Korean Conflict. This request includes an unredacted version of the attached page with the heading, "Terminology".**
 21. **All intelligence material (including reports, analysis, correspondence, signals intelligence, imagery, and live sighting reports) concerning statements made by former Czech General Jan Sejna and other former Czech Officials concerning former US POWs held, interrogated and experiment on by Czech and Soviet advisors, and thereafter transferred to China, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and the Soviet Union.**

We are processing your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

We have identified two (2) documents that may be released in segregable form with redactions made on the basis of FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6). Exemption (b)(3) pertains to Section 6 of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, noted as exemption "(b)(3)CIAAct" on the enclosed documents, and/or Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1), noted as exemption "(b)(3)NatSecAct" on the enclosed documents. The documents are on the enclosed CD.

A final response will be provided to you on a later date.

Sincerely,



Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator

Enclosures

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9 March 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Joseph A. Schlatter, US Army
Chief, Special Office for Prisoners of War
and Missing in Action

SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of American POWs in
North Korea from 1975 to 1982 ~~(S-NF)~~

REFERENCE: Memo for the DDI fm Colonel Schlatter,
dtd 19 Feb 88, Same Subject

1. In response to your request, [redacted]

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[redacted] three separate reports of
such sightings, which are attached:

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o The first report, dated April 1980, indicates that a [redacted] NatSecAct
sighted two Americans in August 1980.

[redacted] on the outskirts of P'yongyang.

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[redacted] about 10 military pilots
captured in North Vietnam were brought to North Korea.

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o The second report, also dated in ^{MAY} April 1980, apparently NatSecAct
describes the same incident [redacted]

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o In the third report, dated March 1988, [redacted]

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[redacted] indicated sight
as many as 11 Caucasians, possibly American prisoners from NatSecAct
Korean war, in the fall of 1979 on a collective farm north of
P'yongyang. ~~(S-NF)~~

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Office of East Asian Analysis

Attachments:
As stated

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C/OEA, [redacted] (9 Mar 88)

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COUNTRY	USSR [redacted] (b)(1) (b)(3) NatSecAct	REPORT NO.	[redacted]
SUBJECT	American Prisoners-of-War Held in the USSR	DATE DISTR.	31 December 1953
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- a. As of 1951 the USSR had an interrogation center for United States POWs in the Chang-pai Shan area on the upper Yalu River. Most of the inmates were U. S. airmen, and the interrogation was done by Soviet commissars.
- b. When the North Korean forces were pushed north in Korea, the center reportedly was moved to An-t'u (N 42-34, E 128-22). [redacted] (b)(1)
[redacted] (b)(3) NatSecAct the internees passed through Mutanchiang. [redacted] (b)(3) NatSecAct E 129-37), were brought down the Sungari River by boat, and after interrogation were taken to the USSR.
- c. Natives of the area said they had seen a group of about seven persons, reportedly "US Army spies", including US Nisei soldiers, brought to the An-t'u center in the spring of 1952.

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