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June 14, 1970

Dear friend:

We are very glad to send you the enclosed letter from North Vietnam. It, along with 142 others, was brought to this country by Jean Palomdon, Nancy Rubin and Judy Claver -- anti-war activists who spent two weeks in North Vietnam.

The letters were slightly delayed in getting here because all the material they brought back with them, including the letters, was confiscated by the Canadian Customs upon their arrival in Montreal. This was totally unexpected and unprecedented; but they generated enough pressure so that everything was returned to them.

There will be another group going to North Vietnam at the end of this month. If you would like them to take a letter from you, please send it to us in the next week or so.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*

Barbara Webster

[REDACTED]  
May 2, 1970

Captain [REDACTED]  
Prisoner of War Affairs  
Bureau of Naval Personnel  
Washington, D. C.

501-412-2  
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Dear Captain Webster:

I am enclosing a letter which I have mailed to Mrs. Cora Weiss. I would like for you to insert this in my husband's record.

Thank you for all your assistance.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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1716 South Woodhouse Road  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23454  
May 2, 1970

Mrs. Cora Weiss  
Committee of Liaison  
365 West 42nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10036

Dear Mrs. Weiss:

I received the letter from my husband in North Vietnam, and I am grateful to have this confirmation of his capture. Although I believe you are being "used" by Hanoi as a face-saving device to release names and allow flow of mail, this does not bother me because I know the anguish of not having definite knowledge of my husband.

I have been relieved that Reverend Fernandez has not publicized his visit with some prisoners, and I hope that he will not. It is one thing to publicize the release of names and flow of mail. It is quite another thing to publicize forced anti-war statements made by prisoners of war. This is not even believable propaganda and I am sure you will agree that it is a cruel exploitation of helpless men.

I respect your views on the Vietnam War and I do not blame you for attempting to gain support for your beliefs. However, a prisoner of war is in no position to be "for" or "against" this war and should not be used in this way. If my contacting your committee for information should result in an "interview" with my husband, I shall regret that contact.

I remain grateful for the information about my husband. I do understand your difficult position. I hope you can understand mine.

Sincerely,

*For [unclear]*  
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- Robert Webster
- Paul Young



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Dear [Redacted]

I'm sorry for the delay in replying to your thoughtful and concerned letter of May 2nd. It took a while before I was able to get to the Post Office to claim it in person.

I understand your concerns and wish to relieve you at once of any unnecessary anxiety. While I don't share your fear of seeing prisoners, I can assure you that family contact with this Committee results in nothing but what the family requests, e.g. information, mail, suggestions for packages, whatever. Visitors to North Vietnam who have seen prisoners have not "selected" those seen. The Vietnamese decide who should be brought out for these interviews. In the cases of those seen, it is not so much what the men have said which was considered important, but rather how they looked and their apparent state of mind. Such reports have been helpful to families. Over the years nearly 20 men have been seen, aside from those released (9). Four years ago some were found to be thin, though otherwise well. More recently they evidence improved conditions in North Vietnam. With severe wartime shortages eased, more food clothing and medication is clearly available.

To the extent that we have been able to put families in touch with prisoners, and to the extent that that contact including improved and varied gifts allowed, has improved the lot of the prisoner, we are really very pleased to play this role. It has not always been pleasant. As a wife and mother I easily sympathize with families who suffer from separation or lack of knowledge. Having visited North Vietnam I also sympathize with the many women I met there who may not know for years if their sons or husbands will return. I wish more than anything that everyone may be reunited. That is why I continue to organize women here to bring an end to the war.

Of course the men are helpless. They do talk and read and think, and I'm sure everyone is grateful that they're not. They are among the victims of this war. Much of their interest is often discouraged. But the greater tragedy is the propaganda from the Perot-Wilson machinery which tries to seek support for the war by spreading campaigns of hatred towards the enemy.

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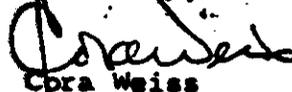
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I don't want to impose myself and go on at length, on the other hand I don't want you to feel that you haven't been fully answered. You might be interested to know that we just received a request from a wife asking that a member of our next delegation to Hanoi specifically ask to see her husband as he has not been seen for two years. He apparently has had some medical history and she thought our asking for him might give some special attention or at least bring out a report on his condition. However, that is just an individual instance

I do hope you will feel free to continue this discussion, or any other, and I do apologise for the inordinate delay in reply

Sincerely,

  
Cora Weiss

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Date 10/8/70

[redacted]  
Virginia, advised that his son, [redacted] is a Prisoner of War (POW) in North Vietnam, according to the United States Air Force. He stated he and his wife were first notified he was missing in action since October, 1967, and eight months later, they were notified by the Air Force their son is a POW in North Vietnam.

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FOIA -

Mr. [redacted] advised they have had no dealings with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). He said no representative of COLIFAM has contacted them and they have received no correspondence from that organization.

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FOIA -

Mr. [redacted] advised they have not received any mail from their son since October, 1967. He said they have not forwarded any mail to him or received any mail from him via COLIFAM.

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FOIA -

On 10/8/70 at [redacted] Virginia File # Norfolk 100-6833  
by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/7/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/8/70

*SO 10/8/70*

*b7c*

Mr. [REDACTED] Virginia, was contacted and furnished the following information:

He related that his son is [REDACTED], U. S. Air Force, who was shot down over North Vietnam and declared a prisoner of war (POW) on [REDACTED] 1967. *b7c*

*b7c*

His son is married to [REDACTED]

He stated that he and his son's mother have never received any correspondence directly from [REDACTED]

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He stated that his son has been sending letters to his wife, [REDACTED] to the parents' address with a "forward" designation on the envelope. *b7c*

[REDACTED] received the first letter from [REDACTED] in April, 1970, and has since received two more. She has forwarded them on to the parents. *b7c*

*b7c*

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he has had no correspondence from or other dealings with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) although he is aware of the fact COLIFAM has been instrumental in forwarding letters of POWs to their wives. *b7c*

He stated that all of the mail which was forwarded from [REDACTED] is sent by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] to the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. *b7c*

*b7c*

He stated that he and his wife have not traveled outside the United States in an effort to learn any information about their son. *b7c*

*SO 10/8/70*

On 10/7/70 at [REDACTED] Virginia File # Norfolk 100-6833

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/8/70

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/29/70

FROM : *Hec* [redacted] *b7c* SAC, LAS VEGAS (100-852) (RM)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM) IS-MISC. REGISTRATION ACT

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, dated 8/27/70; Bureau letter to Albany, dated 10/12/70.

Referenced San Antonio communication reflects five wives of POW's or MIA's residing in Nevada; four in Las Vegas and one in Reno.

On 9/30/70, SA [redacted] *b7c* contacted Mrs. [redacted] *NEV* the wife of [redacted], who is a POW. Mrs. [redacted] stated she is in very close contact with the other wives residing in Nevada and none of them have had any contact with captioned group. She indicated; however, that she has had contact with this group. *b7c*

At the time of the contact, [redacted] *b7c* stated she was leaving immediately for the State of Mississippi to visit her husband's father who was seriously ill. She stated she expected to return to [redacted] on or about 11/5/70, and would gladly discuss this matter at that time.

Mrs. [redacted] *b7c* will be recontacted on her return to Las Vegas.

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- 1 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Las Vegas

[redacted] *b7c*

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>PORTLAND</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>10/30/70</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>8/27/70 - 10/14/70</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT</b>	

**REFERENCE:** San Antonio letter to Director, 8/27/70;  
Director letter to all offices, 10/12/70.

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DATE 7/23/83 BY [REDACTED]

### ADMINISTRATIVE

Individuals interviewed in this matter have in some instances spontaneously volunteered information concerning groups that they were familiar with that were presently handling communications with POW's and MIA's. These groups are set out below:

National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia  
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		
							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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American Friends Service Committee

314 N.E. 48th Street  
Washington, 98105

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No attempt has been made to secure additional information on these groups.

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DENVER

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AT [REDACTED] COLORADO: If not previously interviewed, locate [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], mother of [REDACTED] stated daughter-in-law [REDACTED] has had contact with COLIFAM and believes she actually spoke to CORA WEISS by telephone from Chicago, Illinois.

PHOENIX

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AT [REDACTED] ARIZONA: If not previously interviewed, locate [REDACTED] and interview re COLIFAM IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has advised their daughter-in-law [REDACTED] had been contacted by COLIFAM and had received at least one letter from [REDACTED] (POW) through COLIFAM.

PORTLAND

- Will continue efforts to locate and interview the below-listed individuals whose names received in San Antonio letter to Director, 8/27/70:

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AT [REDACTED] OREGON:

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[REDACTED] (wife)  
[REDACTED] (MIA)

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (parent)

[REDACTED] (MIA)  
[REDACTED] (MIA)

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (parents)

[REDACTED] (MIA)

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for further

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AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (MIA)

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mrs. [REDACTED] (wife) (MIA)

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mrs. [REDACTED] (mother) (PW)

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (Parents) (PW)

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (parents) (MIA)

AT [REDACTED] OREGON: Mr. [REDACTED] (father) (PW)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

*b7c EO 12812*

Report of:  
Date:

SA [redacted]  
October 30, 1970

Office: Portland, Oregon

Field Office File #:

100-11709

Bureau File #:

100-457899

Title:

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

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Synopsis:

Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] Oregon, contacted by COLIFAM by letter dated 4/7/70 and has letters forwarded to her from her husband through COLIFAM. Mrs. [redacted] will cooperate and testify and has made available original correspondence she received from COLIFAM. All additional interviews conducted in Portland to date with relatives of MIA's or POW's negative as to their having been contacted by COLIFAM.

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DETAILS:

*See/over Serial EO 12812*  
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DATE 7/15/93 BY [redacted]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/70

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Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] was interviewed at her home on October 14, 1970, and she furnished the following information:

[redacted]

She stated she had been contacted by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in Vietnam (COLIFAM), by letter only, and this is how she in fact found out her husband was a prisoner of war and not merely missing in action.

The letter informing her of this was a form letter dated April 7, 1970, bearing the letterhead of the COLIFAM, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036. This letter merely informed her that her husband's name appeared on a list furnished by the North Vietnamese indicating he was a prisoner of war. This letter was signed by CORA WEISS and DAVE DELLINGER, and enclosed mimeographed "information sheet" indicating the functions of the committee, the background of the committee, and the membership of the committee.

The next letter she received from the committee was written May 13, 1970, and was addressed "Dear Friend," This letter indicated that the committee had received a packet of letters mailed by prisoners of war, and that the committee was forwarding her letter to her. This letter was signed BARBARA WEBSTER. U.S.

The third letter Mrs. [redacted] received was dated May 15, 1970, and indicated that any future correspondence

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On 10/14/70 at [redacted] Oregon File # PD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/15/70

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would be directed to [REDACTED] b7c  
Oregon, the previous letters having been sent to Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] previous address. This letter was signed  
BARBARA WEBSTER.

The fourth and last letter received by Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] was dated September 18, 1970, and it too indicated  
that the committee was forwarding another letter from  
[REDACTED] husband. This letter was signed by CORA  
WEISS.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c provided the original letters,  
which were retained. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c stated that she has had no contact  
with the committee other than the above mentioned letters,  
and her only letters from her husband have been forwarded  
to her by the committee, or have been placed within  
committee envelopes and postmarked New York, New York.  
She has never corresponded with the committee herself,  
nor does she know the identity of any other prisoner  
of war families who have.

Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c advised that she is willing to cooperate  
with the FBI and testify in this matter at a later date if  
she can be assured that it will in no way compromise the  
safety of her husband, [REDACTED] b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1970

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Mrs. [redacted] Oregon, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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Mrs. [redacted] advised she might have received a form letter from COLIFAM sometime in the past, but otherwise had no contact with them.

Mrs. [redacted] advised, however, that her daughter-in-law, [redacted] Arizona, had some contact with COLIFAM.

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She advised she believed a [redacted] had forwarded one letter from [redacted] (prisoner of war) to her daughter-in-law and there may have been several other letters handled through COLIFAM.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised her daughter-in-law could furnish the details and, she was sure, would willingly cooperate in any way.

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She advised she had not seen any newspaper article regarding her receiving a letter from her son, but believed any statement to that effect must be based on letters received by her daughter-in-law.

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Oregon

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by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 10/3/70

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Date 10/6/70

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 mother  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ was interviewed at  
 her home, and the following information was obtained: *b2c*

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 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ advised that she has never been  
 directly contacted by the Committee of Liaison with  
 Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).  
 Her only contact with any group concerned with imprisoned  
 servicemen has been with the National League of Families  
 or Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, whose offices  
 are at One Constitution Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

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 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ stated she has never received correspondence  
 directly from her son inasmuch as he has written to his  
 father, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
 Texas, \_\_\_\_\_ thereafter makes a Xerox copy  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ correspondence and sends it to Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ at *b2c*  
 Tigard. Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ is of the opinion that no organization  
 is even aware that she is the mother of a prisoner of  
 war except for the National League of Families.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ stated her daughter-in-law, \_\_\_\_\_ *b2c*  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Colorado,  
 telephone \_\_\_\_\_ has been in contact with the  
 Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained  
 in North Vietnam, and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ is of the opinion that  
 \_\_\_\_\_ has actually spoken by telephone with CORA  
 WEISS in Chicago, Illinois. *801212-2*

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 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ advised that in all, she has received  
 Xerox copies of 10 letters from her son since April of  
 1966, and she has successfully been able to send to him  
 Christmas gifts in 1968 and 1969, all of which were mailed  
 through \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that she knew of other families  
 of prisoners of war in the area, but did not know whether

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by SA \_\_\_\_\_ *b2c* Date dictated 10/1/70

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any of them had been contacted by COLIFAM, nor the circumstances surrounding such contact if any.

Mrs. [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> indicated that should she be contacted by this organization, she would be amenable to furnishing any and all information to the FBI.

Mrs. [redacted] <sup>b7c</sup> advised that her ex-husband, [redacted] had been contacted by the American Friends Service Committee, and she provided Xerox copies of correspondence directed to her daughter-in-law at [redacted] Texas, from that organization. These Xerox copies were retained. <sup>b7c</sup>

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October 8, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] Oregon, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

Mrs. [redacted] advised she had never had any contact with COLIFAM.

She stated it is a group with the membership confined to members of families of military and civilian prisoners of war or persons missing in action. She advised it is based on a prior organization founded in late 1966 by Mrs. [redacted] California; wife of [redacted] U.S. Navy, a prisoner of war since 1965.

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[redacted] named the following officers: National Coordinator - Mrs. IRIS R. POWERS, Lutz, Florida; Assistant Coordinator - Mrs. JOAN M. VINSON, Alexandria, Virginia; Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. BERNARD F. TALLEY, SR., Baltimore, Maryland. All officers are volunteers.

[redacted] advised it is a non-political group which works for publicawareness through posters, booths at fairs and similar activities.

The furnished the following list of official objectives:

1. Secure humane treatment of prisoners of war as outlined in the Geneva Conventions and recognized by general humanitarian standards.
2. Stimulate continuing world concern about the fate of the men and plight of their families.

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3. Improve dissemination of information concerning the prisoner of war - missing in action program not only to the press and to families of the captured and missing men, but to agencies of the Government.

[REDACTED] advised she would cooperate in any way possible.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] Oregon, advised she had never been contacted by COLIFAM representatives and knew nothing about the group. She stated she was in continuous close contact with her husband's parents and was certain they had not had any contact with COLIFAM either.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised she wished to cooperate in any way possible. She stated if any attempt to contact either her or her husband's parents is made, she would obtain as much information as possible and immediately notify the FBI.

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on 9/29/70

[redacted] Oregon

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by SA [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1970

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[Redacted] Oregon, advised he had never been contacted by COLIFAM representatives and knew nothing about the group. He advised his name must have been referred to the FBI through some mistake. He advised if he were contacted, he would notify the FBI.

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by SA [Redacted] Date dictated 10/3/70

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Date October 5, 1970

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Oregon, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. She thereafter furnished the following information: b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] son by her former marriage is [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] in the U.S. Air Force. In late 1967, [REDACTED] joined the U.S. Air Force. He went through pilot training and was subsequently assigned to Vietnam. During [REDACTED] of 1969, Mrs. [REDACTED] was notified by the U.S. Air Force that her son's plane had been shot down over North Vietnam. She was advised by the Air Force that her son's plane crashed and burned and it was questionable as to whether or not he had escaped from the aircraft before it crashed. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] has never been officially notified as to whether or not her son is a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam. Every two months she receives a written report from the Air Force concerning efforts being made to ascertain whether or not her son is a Prisoner of War. Since Mrs. [REDACTED] son was reported missing, she has never received any communications of any kind from her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised her son's Air Force pay continues, even though it has not verified he is a Prisoner of War. b2c

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has never heard of the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, also known as COLIFAM. She stated that no one, other than Air Force personnel, has been in contact with her concerning her son's current status and no one has ever contacted her concerning the possibility of delivering a letter from her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she does not know of any other families who have sons who are Prisoners of War who have been contacted by the above organization. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that should she be contacted by such an organization, she would notify the FBI. b2c

On 9/21/70 at [REDACTED] Oregon File # 100-11709

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/28/70

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Date October 12, 1970

**[REDACTED]** Oregon, advised she has not been contacted by Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), its individual members, or any other group regarding her husband, **[REDACTED]** missing in action. Mrs. **[REDACTED]** was advised the interview was at the request of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General. She stated in the event she is contacted by COLIFAM or any other group she will cooperate completely with the FBI.

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*to mother*

On 10/8/70

[REDACTED] Oregon

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by SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 10/12/70

Date dictated

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 13, 1970

Mr. [REDACTED]  
 Oregon, advised that he is the father of [REDACTED].  
 He advised he has not been contacted by the Committee  
 of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North  
 Vietnam, or by any one of its individual members, concerning  
 his son. He further advised that no one has brought any  
 mail or personal objects to him from his son. He also stated  
 that he knows of no other prisoner of war families who have  
 been approached by this committee.

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On 10/6/70 at [REDACTED] Oregon File# PD 100-11709

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/12/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 13, 1970

Mrs. [redacted]  
Oregon, was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted]  
[redacted] Milwaukie. *b7c*

She advised she has had no contact from the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, nor any of its individual members. She also stated no one has brought mail or other personal objects back to her from her son, [redacted]. *FOI*

*F. Miller*  
On 10/6/70 at [redacted] Oregon *b7c* File # PD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/12/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/15/70

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*b7c* *FOR FILE*  
Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at her home, [redacted] and she furnished the following information:

She stated that she has never been contacted by any other organization other than the National League of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, nor has she received any correspondence from an organization unknown to her as the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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She advised she has never heard from her husband, [redacted] who has been listed as missing in action since [redacted] 1968.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that she only knows one other individual in the [redacted] area whose husband is also missing in action, this being [redacted]. She stated she did not know [redacted] address, only her phone number, which is [redacted]. As to whether or not [redacted] had ever been contacted by the committee, she stated she did not know, but doubted whether she had. She stated [redacted] had just moved to this area from North Carolina, and had not had time to become established in the area as yet.

*FOR FILE*  
On 10/14/70 at [redacted] Oregon *b7c* File # PD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/15/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 14, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] the wife of [redacted] who has been reported as missing in action, was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] and advised that she has not been contacted by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She further advised that no one has brought mail or personal objects to her or have any been delivered. She further stated she knew of no other prisoner of war families who may have been approached by this committee.

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*for review*

On 9/9/70

[redacted] Oregon

File # FD 100-11709

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 9/11/70

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Date 10/15/70

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Mrs. [redacted] mother of [redacted] missing in action since [redacted] 1967, [redacted] was contacted at her residence, [redacted] and furnished the following information: *b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] advised *b7c* she has never been contacted by any group or organization with the exception of the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, and is not aware of the existence of any other organization concerning itself with the prisoner of war problem. She stated, however, that her daughter-in-law, [redacted] Texas, may have been contacted by such a group, but if so, she has no knowledge of it. *b7c b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] was extremely reluctant to furnish any information regarding her son's status or any other information inasmuch as she stated she feared for her son's safety if he is still alive, and in fact a prisoner of war.

She stated she did not know the identities of any other prisoners of war families in the area.

*10/15/70*  
On 10/14/70 at [redacted] Oregon File # PD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/15/70 *b7c*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 5, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview, voluntarily furnished the following information concerning her association with groups formed to obtain and coordinate information concerning missing servicemen in Vietnam:

[redacted] is the mother of [redacted] who has been missing in action since [redacted] 1967. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she has received some correspondence from the U.S. Air Force regarding her son and has received a couple of calls from a Mrs. [redacted] who resides in [redacted] Oregon, about different groups formed consisting of families or close relatives of missing servicemen. Mrs. [redacted] stated she has not participated in any organized activity with other families who have missing servicemen; however, she stated she believes her daughter-in-law, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Oregon, has been somewhat active with the group headed by Mrs. [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] stated she does not know what organization nationally, if any, Mrs. [redacted] is associated with, but believes it is an organization to disseminate information about conditions in the Prisoner of War camps in North Vietnam and also what the families of missing servicemen might do in an attempt to find out information about the missing Prisoners of War or men who are missing in action.

Mrs. [redacted] stated she is in poor health and does not wish to travel or become further involved in this matter.

On 10/2/70 at [redacted] Oregon File # FD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/2/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*FO 12/12-2*

Date October 1, 1970

Mr. [redacted] Oregon, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the purpose of the interview. Mr. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

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Mr. [redacted] is the father of [redacted] U.S. Air Force, whose plane was shot down over North Vietnam during [redacted] 1969. Mr. [redacted] advised he was notified by U.S. Air Force officials during [redacted] 1969, that his son's aircraft had been shot down and that the aircraft had burst into flame upon hitting the ground. He advised that the U.S. Air Force has never been able to advise him positively whether or not his son managed to escape from the damaged aircraft. Mr. [redacted] advised he does not know whether his son is presently a prison of war in North Vietnam or whether he was killed in the plane crash.

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Mr. [redacted] advised he has never heard of an organization entitled "Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam." He advised he has never received a letter or communication of any kind from his son since his son was shot down in February, 1969. He advised he has never been contacted by any individual or organization concerning his son other than the U.S. Air Force, and does not know the identity of other families in the United States having sons who are prisoners of war in Vietnam. Mr. [redacted] advised that should he be contacted by the above organization or any other organization or individual concerning his son, he would immediately contact the FBI.

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*FO 12/12-2*

9/22/70 [redacted] Oregon File # FD 100-11709

*b7c*

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/25/70

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October 13, 1970

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Mrs. [redacted] Oregon, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview. Mrs. [redacted] then furnished the following information: b7c

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she is the mother of [redacted] who is missing in action in Vietnam. b7c

Mrs. [redacted] continued by saying that she has not been contacted by COLIFAM, and until this time, had never heard of COLIFAM. She did advise, however, that she has been contacted by the "Friends," a Quaker organization, and the address is set out below: b7c

American Friends Service Committee  
Mr. KENNETH KILPATRICK  
814 NE 46th Street  
Washington 98105 b7c

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she sent one letter to her son through the Quaker organization, however, has not heard from the Quaker organization that the letter was ever delivered, and for that matter, does not know whether her son, who is classified missing in action, is indeed alive. b7c

Mrs. [redacted] then stated that she has been in telephone contact with a sergeant at McChord Air Force Base who had advised her that the Quaker group was a legitimate operation and that she may feel free to correspond through them. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was originally contacted by the Quaker group through a telephone call and then subsequently received information through the mail as to their activities. b7c

Mrs. [redacted] made available the following address of her son's wife, Mrs. [redacted] who is presently living at [redacted] b7c

On 10/5/70 [redacted] Oregon File # PD 100-11709

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/9/70

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*b2c for [unclear]*  
Mrs. [redacted] assured that she was most anxious to cooperate with the FBI in this matter and stated should she be contacted by individuals representing themselves as COLIFAM she would in turn immediately contact the Portland Office of the FBI.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 8, 1970

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Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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They have not been contacted by any group such as the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

former

Mr. [redacted] stated he was retired from the military and he would be happy to cooperate with the FBI should he be contacted by COLIFAM. Mrs. [redacted] also stated she would cooperate fully.

b2c

Both stated they would keep this interview confidential and would not even discuss the matter with their missing son's wife. Both stated they would immediately contact the FBI should COLIFAM contact them.

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Oregon

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by SA [redacted]

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Date October 1, 1970

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Mr. [redacted] Oregon, advised he is the step-father of [redacted] who has been missing in action in Vietnam since [redacted] 1967. He has heard nothing to indicate whether or not his step-son is alive or dead.

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Prior to instant contact by the FBI, he has been contacted by no one concerning his step-son. He has never heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, or of COLIFAM. He has not been contacted by, or even heard of any of the following:

DAVID DELLINGER, CORA WEISS, RENNIE DAVIS, REV. RICHARD FERNANDEZ, MAGGIE GEDDES, STEVE HALLIWELL, STEWART HEACHUM, BARBARA WEBSTER, TRUDI YOUNG, or Mrs. ANNE BENNETT.

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[redacted]

Date dictated 9/25/70

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/13/70

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (100-1595) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO: NEW YORK)

*for man*

*3 POW/MIA Special EO 12812*  
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*7/23/70 4803*  
*345.570*  
*b7c*  
*801-281-2*

Re San Antonio letter to Director, FBI, dated 8/27/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Los Angeles, and New York are copies of an LHM setting forth the contents of a letter received by Mrs. [redacted] mother of a prisoner of war, [redacted] United States Air Force. In interview with Bureau Agents at Natchez, Mississippi, Mrs. [redacted] advised that this letter was received from her daughter-in-law, [redacted] who may be using the services of COLIFAM to correspond with her husband.

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*801-281-2*

LEAD

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AS [redacted] CALIFORNIA

*b7c*

*100-457899-156*

Interview Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted], regarding her knowledge of COLIFAM and its activities.

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Jackson, Mississippi

October 13, 1970

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FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

*8012812*

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mississippi, who advised in interview with Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 5, 1970, *b7c*  
that she is the mother of prisoner of war [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], made available to the interviewing Agents  
the following letter received by her from her son's wife,  
[REDACTED]

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*Special 8012812*  
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DATE 7/23/93 BY 9103 [REDACTED]  
345,570 *b7c*

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# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

365 West 42nd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036

(212) 765-1490

## CABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAM

May 4, 1970

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Mrs. Anne Bennett

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Rev. Richard Fernandez

Norman Fruchter

\*Maggie Geddes

Steve Halliwell

Prof. Donald Kalish

Stewart Meehan

Prof. Ben Seitzman

Prof. Franz Schermann

Ethel Taylor

\*Barbara Webster

Trudi Young

\*staff

From: Rev. Richard Fernandez

To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed prisoners held in North Vietnam

Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

On April 20th I returned from a three-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. In North Vietnam I spoke with officials responsible for communication between pilots held in detention there and their families here. The following information was emphasized to me by the North Vietnamese authorities and we are anxious to make sure that you are aware of it:

- 1) The Vietnamese recommend that families use the air-letter form (enclosed) for correspondence. *Send yours to the*
- 2) Communication to pilots should be limited to matters of family and health.
- 3) Pilots are allowed to receive one letter per month and one package every other month (not over six pounds in weight).

Detention Camp authorities have said that they do not wish to receive several letters and/or packages per month for a given pilot from different members of the same family. Families should make arrangements for alternating letters each month if different members

want to write.

The North Vietnamese authorities indicated that, from this point forward, they will not feel responsible for forwarding letters and packages that do not adhere to the above.

If the letter form is mailed directly it can go in another envelope but the mail route, "via Moscow, U.S.S.R.," should definitely be included in the address. If letters are sent to the Committee of Liaison for forwarding please enclose but do not affix stamps as we send letters on in packets. The Committee cannot forward packages for families.

While I was in Hanoi, Prof. Douglas Dowd of Cornell University and I met with three pilots: Cdr. Robert Schweitzer of Lemoore, California, Cdr. Walter Wilbur of Virginia Beach and Lt. Col. Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material. The three pilots advised us that they had been getting letters and packages from their

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families, and asked that packages include toilet articles and canned foods. In particular they mentioned soap, shaving cream (no razors or blades), toothpaste, powdered milk and cream, instant coffee and non-melting candy. They said they do not need clothes.

Also, in my discussions with the Vietnam Committee of Solidarity with the American People, the Committee of Liaison's contact in North Vietnam, we confirmed that since December over 800 letters have been sent from Hanoi through the Committee of Liaison. Of those, 156 letters are still on their way from Hanoi to families here.

We hope that this information clarifies some aspects of correspondence for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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TO SAC NEW YORK (100-168469)  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-457899)

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COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED  
IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM), INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS;  
REGISTRATION ACT.

REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. AIR FORCE HAS ADVISED COLIFAM HAS  
DIRECTED LETTERS TO NEXT OF KIN OF PRISONERS OF WAR (POW)  
ADVISING THEM THAT A DELEGATION OF LAWYERS IS LEAVING FOR  
VIETNAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THOSE FAMILIES WISHING TO  
CORRESPOND WITH THEIR POW RELATIVES WERE INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD  
SUCH LETTERS TO COLIFAM TO REACH NEW YORK CITY BY NO LATER THAN  
NOVEMBER SEVEN NEXT. IT IS ASSUMED THE DELEGATION OF LAWYERS  
WILL DEPART SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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INITIATE INQUIRY TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF THE ABOVE-  
MENTIONED ATTORNEYS AND THEIR TRAVEL PLANS. IN ALL PROBABILITY,  
THEY HAVE ANOTHER REASON FOR THIS TRAVEL WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE  
ASCERTAINED. SUTEL RESULTS IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION  
INCLUDING BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA IN ORDER THAT OTHER  
INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAY BE ADVISED. NOV 5 1970

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TELETYPE TO NEW YORK  
RE: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
100-457899

NOTE:

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The above information was received from [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OSI, by SA [REDACTED]. We have been conducting  
Registration Act investigation of COLIFAM which was formed  
in January, 1970, by U.S. antiwar leaders. This organization  
has served as a propaganda ploy for the North Vietnamese.  
Above instructions necessary to ascertain identities of  
individuals traveling to North Vietnam.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
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OO: New York

Re New York airtel, 7/14/70, to Bureau.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM on captioned matter reflecting results of interviews with \_\_\_\_\_ and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois.

Enclosed herewith for the New York Office are two copies of this LHM.

AGENCY: CIA, ONR, OC, SEC. SER., STATE  
RAO (ISD, CAC, DOD, DIA)  
PH info Re: Fernandez

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

October 6, 1970

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On August 24, 1970, [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] Illinois, advised that his  
son, [redacted] United States  
Navy, has been missing in action since his plane crashed  
in North Vietnam on [redacted] 1967.

[redacted] b7c  
[redacted] advised that he has not been  
contacted in any way by any member of the Committee of  
Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North  
Vietnam (COLIFAM). [redacted] stated that his wife,  
[redacted] had made a trip to Southeast Asia in b7c  
March, 1970, to attempt to learn something of their son's  
whereabouts and if he were known to be dead or alive.

[redacted] stated at that time [redacted] had contacted  
a Reverend Richard Fernandez, who is a member of COLIFAM.  
[redacted] b7c  
[redacted] b7c advised that neither he nor his  
wife have been harassed by COLIFAM and that they have not  
received any mail or personal objects from COLIFAM.

BO 12/12/70

On August 31, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] Illinois, advised  
that she is the mother of [redacted]  
[redacted] United States Navy, who has been missing in  
action since his plane disappeared over North Vietnam on  
[redacted] 1967. b7c

[redacted] b7c  
[redacted] advised that on [redacted] 1970,  
she left Los Angeles, California and traveled to Southeast  
Asia in an attempt to learn something concerning her son's

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(COLIFAM)

whereabouts with several other individuals who also have relatives missing in action or who are prisoners of war in Southeast Asia.

Mrs. [REDACTED] traveled in Southeast Asia and several countries in that area attempting to obtain information concerning her son. Her travels took her to Hong Kong and Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Saigon, South Vietnam and then to Vientiane, Laos on [REDACTED] 1970. *b7c*

On [REDACTED] 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Laos, visited the North Vietnamese Embassy in that town during the morning and requested an appointment. She was granted an appointment at 2:00 PM on that date and she returned to the North Vietnamese Embassy again accompanied by [REDACTED]. At the North Vietnamese Embassy she met Phan Tam and advised Phan Tam that she was an American mother acting on her behalf and was not sponsored by any group, and that the sole purpose of her visit was to seek information concerning her son. *b7c*

Mr. [REDACTED] was advised by Phan Tam who apparently was the First Secretary of the North Vietnamese Embassy that she would have to obtain information concerning her son through the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), and she met Reverend Richard Fernandez in Vientiane at the hotel where she was staying. She knew that Fernandez was associated with COLIFAM. She met Reverend Fernandez and requested that Fernandez on his next trip to North Vietnam attempt to learn whether her son was being held as a prisoner of war. Fernandez stated that he would determine if her son was being held as a prisoner of war. She advised that Fernandez did not have any problem getting into North Vietnam and he entered and left the North Vietnamese Embassy in Vientiane, Laos at will. She stated that he then left Vientiane, Laos on an airplane for North Vietnam on the following Friday, and then returned one week