

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

later which would be Friday, April 17, 1970. At that time Fernandez told her that her son was not being held a prisoner in North Vietnam. Fernandez told Mrs. [REDACTED] that he had visited prison camps in the area of Hanoi and talked to a few prisoners. Fernandez would not furnish much information to Mrs. [REDACTED] concerning his trip to North Vietnam and would not furnish information concerning individuals he had contacted in North Vietnam. *62c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that shortly thereafter her daughter-in-law, [REDACTED] received information apparently from COLIFAM that she, Mrs. [REDACTED] had left Laos before Mrs. [REDACTED] had been given information concerning her son not being held a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that this was incorrect and then she sent a telegram to Cora Weiss of COLIFAM stating that Mrs. [REDACTED] had stayed in Laos until the return of Fernandez from North Vietnam and that Fernandez had told her that he, Fernandez, had no information concerning her son. *62c*

She advised that this was the only contact she has had with COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has not received any letters or mail from COLIFAM and that she has not been harassed or cajoled by COLIFAM. *62c*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 10/30/70

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (100-7801) (MUC)

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

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau, 10/8/70; Omaha letter to Bureau, 9/3/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for New York are three copies of the LHM.

In regard to the interview of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she has no desire to give testimony concerning this committee because they have rendered a great service to her.

Inasmuch as a representative number of relatives of POWs have already been contacted in the Omaha Division New York is requested to advise Omaha if it is desirable and necessary that all relatives of POWs as set out in San Antonio letter to the Bureau 8/27/70, also be contacted.

*For/inst Special (FOIA) info*  
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DATE 10/23/93 BY 6032 [REDACTED]  
545,570

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Deleted Copy Sent  
by Letter Dated [REDACTED]  
for FOIPA Request [REDACTED]

REC-73 100-457899-160

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Enc. 3) (RM)
- 1 - Omaha

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Omaha, Nebraska**

**October 30, 1970**

**Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.*

*b2c*  
On September 21, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed re the above captioned organization, the results of which are as follows: *b2c*

*POW/MSA Serial 80 12812*  
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DATE 7/29/83 BY 212 [REDACTED] *b2c*  
34570 *POW/MSA*

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**100-457899-160**  
**ENCLOSURE**

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9-23-70

*Adm*  
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Mrs. [REDACTED] *b2c*

[REDACTED] IOWA, advised her husband is a Navy Pilot and has been a captive in North Vietnam about three and one-half years. *b2c*

[REDACTED]

The letter from her husband did arrive a few days before Christmas, and was mailed at San Francisco or a west coast city.

This is the first contact she had with the Committee of Liaison. Enclosed with her husband's letter was a circular that may have been signed by CORA WEISS. It explained the Committee had been in Hanoi and brought back her husband's letter. *NY*

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] has received two more letters from her husband through this Committee. One letter arrived about April 21, 1970, and the third letter arrived September 18, 1970. The last two letters were mailed from New York City. Each letter was accompanied by a letter or circular from this Committee, and she recalls the names of MADELINE DUCKLES appeared on one of the documents. *NY*

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] explained the first letter she received from her husband was like a bolt out of the clear blue sky and it was the first word she received concerning him since he was captured. *Adm 2-2*

*b2c*  
Mrs. [REDACTED] has received only the three letters from the Committee. She has not been contacted by them in any form except to receive her husband's letters. She has not been asked to contribute anything.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said it is only natural that she has a warm spot in her heart for the Committee as this is the only

*b2c*  
on 9/21/70

*b2c*  
IOWA

*b2c*  
File # OM 100-7801

by SA [REDACTED] *b2c*

Date dictated 9/22/70

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manner in which she knows to have contact with her husband. *80 m...*

Mrs. *b2* is not acquainted with other persons who may have received similar letters.

She located three letters or circulars she received from the Committee and copies have been made. One is signed by MAGGIE ~~WIDERS~~ and another by CORA WEISS. *Ny*

**Committee of Liaison With  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

On October 20, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Nebraska, was interviewed regarding the above captioned  
organization, the results of which are as follows:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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*FOI 100-7103-2  
b7c*

Date October 30, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED] Nebraska, was advised she was being interviewed concerning the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General.

*\*b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that her husband [REDACTED] has been missing in action as an Air Force pilot for four years and she does not know if he is a prisoner of war. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated she has not been contacted by any means from COLIFAM but that she has heard about the organization from the United States Air Force Casualty Division, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

*b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that since she does not know if her husband is a prisoner she has been considering possibly contacting COLIFAM herself in an effort to develop information about her husband. She stated she has not decided as yet whether to contact them or not.

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*FOI 100-7103-2*

*b7c*

On 10/20/70 at [REDACTED], Nebraska

File # OM 100-7103

by SA [REDACTED]

10/26/70

Date dictated

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Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

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*b7c*  
*Porter*

Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, Tennessee. At the outset of the interview Mrs. [redacted] was advised that this interview was taking place at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. Mrs. [redacted] stated that her son, [redacted] was listed as missing in action on [redacted] 1967, when he was shot down over Vietnam. Mrs. [redacted] stated in August of 1969 his wife [redacted] received a letter notifying her that [redacted] was a prisoner of war. Mrs. [redacted] stated that they had received a letter approximately every two or three months since then from [redacted] however, they had not received a letter since August of 1970. Mrs. [redacted] was asked if any representatives of the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Retained in North Vietnam" (COLIFAM) had contacted her. Mrs. [redacted] stated she had been contacted by no one from this group and as far as she knows, her daughter-in-law has not been contacted by this group. Mrs. [redacted] made available two newspaper articles, one of them having her son's picture, and stated that her son was shot down over Hanoi on [redacted] 1967, and was currently a prisoner of war. This article appeared in the Sevier County newspaper on [redacted] 1970. Another article made available was entitled "Knoxvillian Missing in Vietnam." Mrs. [redacted] did not recall when this article appeared in the paper, however, she did say it was shortly after he was shot down.

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*b7c*

*b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] provided her daughter-in-law's address and name as follows:

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*Analyst J. J. (E) 12/12*  
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 24550

[redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted] North Carolina

Mrs. [redacted] stated she was willing to cooperate with the FBI in any manner she could.

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10/21/70 [redacted] Tennessee

KX 100-4162

SA [redacted] [redacted]

10/29/70

Date dictated

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/4/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-4101) (P)

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

Re New York airtel to Bureau 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy  
of FD-302 reflecting interview of Mrs. [REDACTED]  
on 10/20/70 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

The original copy of the FD-302 is being maintained  
in Knoxville File 100-4155.

Mrs. [REDACTED] also made available an article which  
appeared in one of Knoxville's newspapers which was entitled  
"Knoxvillian's Son Listed As POW." This article appeared during  
[REDACTED] of 1970. [REDACTED] stated she could not be  
seen when [REDACTED]

Xeroxed copy of the above newspaper article being  
maintained in Knoxville File 100-4155.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 1)
- 3 - Knoxville (2 - 100-4101)
- 1 - [REDACTED] (1 - 100-4155) (C)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/28/70

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*Bohm*  
Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] at which time Mrs. [redacted] was advised that this interview was taking place at the direction of S. WALTER YENGLY, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. *b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] stated that her son, [redacted] was listed as missing in action as of [redacted] 1967. Mrs. [redacted] stated that he had been shot down while he was on a mission over Laos. *b7c*

In August of 1967, Mrs. [redacted] said that she received a telephone call from an individual who said that he to had been shot down and he was calling to advise her that her son was alive and was a prisoner of war. *b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] was asked if any representative of the Committee of Liaison With Families Of Servicemen Detained In North Vietnam (COLIFAM) had contacted her. Mrs. [redacted] said that she had been contacted by no one other than officials of the United States Armed Forces. *b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] made available an article which appeared in one of the Knoxville newspapers of which is entitled "Knoxvillian's Son Is Listed As POW." Mrs. [redacted] stated she does not remember the exact date this article appeared; however, it was either in [redacted] 1970. *b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] stated she would be willing to testify in Federal court at a later date if needed. *Bohm*

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DATE 12/29/93 BY 9803 [redacted]  
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On 10/20/70 at [redacted] Tennessee File # KX 100-4155

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/23/70

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/3/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-4101) (P)

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

Re New York airtel to Bureau 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy of FD-302 reflecting interview with Mr. [redacted] on 10/19/70 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

The original of the above FD-302 is being maintained in Knoxville File 100-4159.

Mr. [redacted] advised he would cooperate with the FBI in any manner whatsoever.

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DATE 7/23/93 BY 9803  
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EX-102

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- 2 - New York (Enc. 1)
- 3 - Knoxville (2 - 100-4101)
- (1 - 100-4159) (C)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/26/70

Mr. [redacted] was advised that he was being interviewed at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General of the United States. *b7c*

Mr. [redacted] advised that his son [redacted] *b7c* is currently in the United States Army and that he has been listed as missing in action since 1967. *b2c*

Mr. [redacted] advised that two Army men came to his residence at approximately the above date and notified him of his son's status. *b7c*

Mr. [redacted] said that he has not been contacted by anyone other than members of the United States Army, and that he has taken two trips one to Nashville and another to Memphis, Tennessee, in an attempt to see if he could identify any prisoners of war as being his son. *b7c*

Mr. [redacted] was asked specifically if any member of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) has contacted him. Mr. [redacted] said that no one except representatives of the Army have been in touch with him. *b7c*

*b2c* *80 12/12/72* *see/10/10 General 80 12/8/72*  
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DATE 7/25/93 BY 345,570 *b7c*

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19/70 [redacted] Tennessee File # 8X 100-4159

Date dictated 10/22/70

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/3/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-4101) (P)

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

Re New York airtel to Bureau 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Mrs. [redacted] on 10/20/70 at [redacted] Tennessee.

The original of FD-302 is being maintained in Knoxville file 100-4161.

[redacted] also made available a photograph which appeared in the Knoxville News-Sentinel and an accompanying article. This article appeared in the [redacted] 1970 issue.

A xeroxed copy of the above picture and newspaper article are also maintained in Knoxville file 100-4161.

*For/mta Special EO 72872*

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DATE 3/5/85 BY 3123 [redacted] b7c

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 10/28/70

Mrs. [redacted] was located at her place of employment [redacted] and was told that she was being interviewed at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that her husband, [redacted] has been listed as missing in action since [redacted] 1956.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that the only people who have been in contact with her have been officials from the United States Air Force. She was specifically asked if any member of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) had been in contact with her. She stated that no one other than the officials of the Air Force have contacted her.

Mrs. [redacted] did say that a reporter from the Knoxville News-Sentinel contacted her sometime during the last part of August or first week of September and stated that he would like to write an article on her and her family.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she told him that she was not sure she could give him any information and that she would like to contact the Air Force before talking with him.

Mrs. [redacted] said that the reporter, [redacted] said he just wanted a few details which she gave to him.

On [redacted] 1970, an article appeared in the Knoxville News-Sentinel accompanied by a picture of [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was upset in that many things which appeared in the article were things she did not say to the reporter.

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10/20/70

Tennessee

KX 100-4161

SA [redacted]

10/22/70

Date dictated

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KX 100-4161

*b7c*  
[redacted] made available the photograph and  
the news story which appeared in the News-Sentinel.

*b7c*  
[redacted] also stated that she would be willing  
to cooperate if her testimony would be needed at a  
later date.

*to return*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/6/70

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-6781) (RUC)

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

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*for [unclear]*

*Full/MSA Special EO-12812*  
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DATE *7/23/93* BY *9803*  
*3/15/57*

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau 8/27/70. *b7c*

Enclosed to the Bureau are eleven copies and to New York two copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth interviews of families in the Honolulu area who have servicemen either missing in action or prisoners of war.

The interview of Mrs. [redacted] was politely terminated when it became apparent that Mrs. [redacted] was highly emotional and extremely critical of the U. S. Government for not doing more in endeavoring to locate her son, [redacted]. *b7c* *Bo 1-28-70*

No further investigation remains to be conducted by the Honolulu Office in this matter.

For information of Bureau and New York: JOHN S. McCAIN, III, a Lt. Cdr. in the U. S. Navy, the son of Admiral and Mrs. JOHN S. McCAIN, Commander in Chief Pacific (CINCPAC), is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. Since McCAIN's name has not been set out, no contact has been made with his family and none is contemplated.

*b7c* REC-13 *100-6781-165*  
EX-111

- 2 - Bureau (encs 11) (RAM)
- 2 - New York (100-168469) (encs 2) (RAM)
- 1 - Honolulu

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii  
November 6, 1970

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

80-1-112

On September 28, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Hawaii, advised she is the mother of [REDACTED] who has been reported as a prisoner of war (POW) in the Vietnam conflict. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she learned of COLIFAM through a publication circulated by the U. S. Air Force (USAF) and that she, date not recalled, corresponded to COLIFAM asking if they could furnish her any information concerning the health and whereabouts of her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after she sent this letter to COLIFAM she received a communication from this organization advising her that it would make inquiries concerning her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] said she did not know the identities of the individuals who were associated with COLIFAM, but she admired and respected them because they were the only organization which took any direct action in endeavoring to locate her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] was highly critical of the activities of the U.S. Government in this behalf and made numerous statements to the effect that the U. S. Government has done nothing to appease her anxiety as to the health and welfare of her son. Mrs. [REDACTED] did admit, however, that the USAF has been in continuous contact with her and reporting efforts on their part to locate her son.

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you [REDACTED] Special 8/28/72  
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ENCLOSURE

RE: COLIFAM

*b7c* *Bo 12/12-2* *b7c*  
On September 28, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] Hawaii advised that she learned of COLIFAM through Mrs. [REDACTED] who apparently read in [REDACTED] newspapers that Mrs. [REDACTED] was the wife of a serviceman who was missing in action. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] telephonically contacted her and informed her of COLIFAM. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after her conversation with Mrs. [REDACTED], which *b7c* was sometime during early 1970, she directed a letter to COLIFAM, New York City, New York, advising them that her husband was missing in action and requesting any assistance they may be in a position to offer her. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after she received the following letter from COLIFAM with the attached information set forth: *b7c*

[REDACTED]

*Bo 12/12-2*

*b7c*

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON**

**with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietn**

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

(212) 765-1491

**CABLE ADDRESS:**

**COLIAPAM**

**Co-chairmen:**

**Dave Dellinger  
Cora Weiss**

March 16, 1970

**Treasurer:**

**Mrs. Anne Bennett**

[REDACTED] b7c  
Hawaii 96816

**Committee (in formation):**

**Renaie Davis  
Rev. Richard Fernandez  
\*Maggie Geddes  
\*Steve Halliwell  
Stewart Macchem  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
\*Trudi Young**

\*staff

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED] b7c

We received your letter last week asking that we seek information about your husband, and we have cabled Hanoi with an inquiry.

Word may not come for a while, but we will be in touch with you whenever it arrives. As the enclosed Information Sheet explains, the Vietnamese have said that they will respond to requests such as the one we have made for you to the extent possible for them. If your husband indeed did not survive his crash, then, it is necessary to understand that they may not have word on him. But, as I said, we will certainly contact you as soon as any news that does come arrives.

We understand how difficult this situation must be for you, and we hope we can be of help in finding out information for you.

Sincerely,

*Maggie Geddes*  
Maggie Geddes

encl.

# with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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

(212) 765-1490

## CABLE ADDRESS:

COLIAFAH

## INFORMATION SHEET

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### Treasurer:

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\*Maggie Goddes

\*Steve Halliwell

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Prof. Ben Seitzman

Ethel Taylor

\*Barbara Webster

\*Trudi Young

### Functions of the Committee

The Committee of Liaison seeks to facilitate communication between servicemen imprisoned in North Vietnam and their families in the United States. The Committee receives letters from servicemen and forwards them to their families through the domestic mails. It also forwards letters to North Vietnam at the request of families. Families are, of course, still free to send letters directly but should not the correct address for both letters and packages:

Name of serviceman, serial number  
Camp of Detention of U.S. Pilots Captured  
in the D.R.V.  
Hanoi, Democratic Republic of Vietnam  
via Moscow, U.S.S.R.

\*staff

Captured servicemen may receive one letter a month and one package (not over six pounds in weight) every other month. The Committee does not forward packages. It is suggested that letters sent to the Committee for forwarding be sealed and that stamps be enclosed (not affixed) as letters are forwarded in packets.

The Committee is only able to be of help with respect to men who have been shot down over North Vietnam.

The Committee also is able to request information regarding the status of men thought to have been shot down over North Vietnam and captured there. For such inquiries the Committee needs to have the individual's service number, and any available information as to when and where he was shot down. With respect to such requests the Committee would expect to receive a letter to his family if the individual is being held in North Vietnam. If the individual is known to be dead or if the North Vietnamese have no information regarding him, the Committee expects to receive that word to the extent possible. In any case the Committee will communicate with the family concerned as soon as it receives word. In this way we expect that, as Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris, has said, gradually all families of servicemen held in North Vietnam will hear from their relatives.

### Background

The Committee of Liaison has been established in response to an initiative

created by the North Vietnamese and is an extension of previous effort. It is not in any sense representing the government of North Vietnam.

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Viet (from both the North and the National Liberation Front of South Vietnam) and Americans who oppose the war. On three separate occasions representatives of the American anti-war movement have gone to Hanoi and have returned with released servicemen. On one occasion an American peace activist went to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, to receive three American soldiers who were released by the National Liberation Front. Americans visiting Hanoi have frequently carried letters to captured servicemen at the request of their families and they have brought back letters when they have returned to the United States. On several occasions such visitors from the peace movement have met with captured pilots in Hanoi.

#### The Committee

The Committee of Liaison believes that the safe return of U.S. service members captured in North Vietnam and the half-million others that the United States maintains in South Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and aboard naval vessels can only come with a decision on the part of the U.S. government to completely withdraw from Vietnam. Because of this conviction, we who are serving on this Committee will also continue our efforts aimed at immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. armed forces and weapons.

As individuals Committee members are active in a variety of organizations and groups committed to ending the war: the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, The Conspiracy, Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, U.S. Inter-religious Committee on Peace, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Newsreel, Women Against Daddy Warbucks, Lawyers Committee on Vietnam, and Women Strike for Peace.

The Committee of Liaison is entirely dependent on donations from individuals and organizations, and welcomes any gifts to sustain its work.

RE: COLIFAM

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has not had any further correspondence with COLIFAM. *80-1-81-2*

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that the only other time she has contacted any organization or individual concerning the location of her husband, [REDACTED] was during October, 1969, when she wrote a letter to the Peace Delegate for North Vietnam during the Paris conferences. [REDACTED] said she received no answer to this letter.

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she has been advised by very close friends who are associated with the military service that she should have no further contact with any organization which proposes that they can assist her in locating her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she will respect this advice and hereafter she will rely upon information received from the USAF.

On October 22, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] *b7c* Hawaii, advised that she has never contacted COLIFAM and in turn COLIFAM has never contacted her.

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that approximately three months ago she did direct an inquiry to the International War Prisoners Rescue League, Inc., which was located at 1298 Kapiolani Boulevard, Honolulu. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she never did receive a reply from this organization. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she learned of the International War Prisoners Rescue League, Inc., through a newspaper clipping which appeared in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin," a daily Honolulu newspaper. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that it is her understanding that this organization is no longer active.

*b7c* Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she regretted that she directed an inquiry to the International War Prisoners Rescue League, Inc., because it was contrary to the advice furnished to her by the USAF. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she never forwarded any financial aid to COLIFAM or to the International War Prisoners Rescue League, Inc. *b7c*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

*b7c*  
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/13/70

FROM : *JMY* SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-4101) (P)

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

[Redacted]

*b7c*

Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy each of an FD-302 showing the interview with Mrs. [Redacted] Tenn., 11/5/70.

The original of the FD-302 is being maintained in Knoxville file 100-4156.

Mrs. [Redacted] advised that she has not been contacted by any person or group other than by a representative of the Air Force. She further advised that she has not received any word concerning her son, who is listed as missing in action. She did advise that should she be contacted by any group such as the captioned group, she will immediately contact the FBI.

*For/asa Special EO 12812*  
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7/23/83 BY 9803 [Redacted]  
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- 2 - New York (100-168469) (Enc.-1) (RM)
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Date November 13, 1970

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] advised that she is the mother of [Redacted] in the U. S. Air Force who has been listed as missing in action. Mrs. [Redacted] advised that she has been in contact with a representative of the U. S. Air Force, and that all of her dealings is with this individual. She advised that she has never been contacted by any group such as the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, nor any similar type group. She further advised that to her knowledge, no member of this group has ever made any attempt to contact her or any member of her family.

*b2c*  
Mrs. [Redacted] advised that she does not know of any other families in the area that have relatives missing that may have been contacted by this particular group. She advised that should she be contacted by any such committee or organization, she will immediately make this fact known.

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11/5/70 [Redacted] EX 100-4156

by SA [Redacted] and *b2c* [Redacted] Date dictated 11/10/70

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-37260) (P)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM) IS - MISCELLANEOUS RA

DATE: 11/13/70

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*b7c*

(OO: New York)

Re Detroit airtel to Director, 8/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for New York and Washington Field, 2 copies each of LHM revealing information relating to and an interview of [redacted] 11/6/70 at [redacted] Michigan.

At the outset of this interview on 11/6/70, [redacted] was advised that the interview relating to COLIFAM was requested by J. WALTER YEAGL, Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, USDJ.

It is to be noted that generally Mrs. [redacted] was unfriendly during this interview and was most hesitant in answering questions. [redacted] gave indication that she had been instructed to say nothing to anyone regarding the circumstances of her husband's POW status without first clearing with the nearest OSI establishment. [redacted] when asked if she would be willing to cooperate should her testimony be needed at a later date gave [redacted] that she did not feel that the information she had [redacted] worthy of such consideration and generally expressed a lack of desire to cooperate in that regard.

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- 3 - Detroit

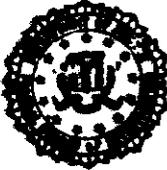
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
November 13, 1970

Re: Committee of Liaison with  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

An article captioned, "Family in Waterford Awaits POW Return", which appeared in the January 28, 1970 issue of "The Pontiac Press", a daily newspaper published in Pontiac, Michigan, of general circulation, reveals in part that Air Force Major Earl Cobell is somewhere in North Vietnam in a Prisoner of War (POW) camp, according to Mrs. Earl Cobell, the wife of Major Cobell of Waterford Township, Michigan, who reported she had not even received a letter from Major Cobell since November 5, 1967, which was the day Cobell's plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

This article reveals that on October 10, 1969, Mrs. Cobell was reportedly contacted by one of three American POWs released by Hanoi, one of whom had seen her husband in custody of Hanoi Military Police on the way to a POW camp.

Mrs. Cobell revealed in this article that late in 1969 she met in Washington, D.C., with her correspondent's friends around the country who are comprised of wives of husbands also POWs.

Mrs. Cobell was reported to have advised in this article that all she has to go on regarding her husband is word of mouth stories from the tightly knit group of wondering wives. She reported the 1400 men who are in captivity are fed pumpkin soup and two slices of bread a day with a little pig fat. The POWs are reportedly getting improper medical attention and are reportedly kept in solitary confinement, although she reportedly was not sure concerning the accuracy of that information.

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Re: Committee of Liaison with  
Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

The article reveals that Mrs. Cobeil writes every week to two addresses, one in Hanoi and one to the Red Cross.

[REDACTED] b7c b7d  
[REDACTED] stated that she has never heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). She was not familiar with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. D.C.

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] stated that she had learned of the fact that her husband, Air Force [REDACTED] was alive and a prisoner somewhere in North Vietnam, from having had direct contact in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1969 with [REDACTED] (First Name Unknown) [REDACTED] who had returned from North Vietnam as a POW and who informed her that he had seen her husband as a POW in North Vietnam. b7c A O 12 8 7 2

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] stated that to her knowledge [REDACTED] prior to her contact with him, had been completely debriefed by military and his contact with her was strictly legitimate on an individual basis.

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] stated this was the only information she had regarding her husband and under no circumstances has she ever been contacted by any organization regarding her husband, nor has she ever been harrassed or conjured by anyone concerning information relating to her husband or his plight as a POW. Further she has received no mail or personal objects delivered to or from her husband.

[REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] declined to furnish the addresses where she sends her correspondence addressed to her husband, but noted that she has no knowledge that any of

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Families of Servicemen Detained  
in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)**

her personal correspondence directed to her husband has  
ever reached him and added that she has never received  
any correspondence from her husband since he was a POW.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/12/70

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-66674) (P)

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)**  
IS - MISC;  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: New York

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Re Cleveland letter to New York dated 8/3/70 (IO).  
Sacramento letter to Bureau dated 8/10/70; San Francisco  
airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 8/11/70; WFO airtel and LHM  
to Bureau dated 8/14/70 requesting verification of travel  
by certain subjects to North Vietnam; San Antonio letter to  
Bureau dated 8/27/70; Sacramento letter to New York dated  
9/23/70 (IO); San Francisco letter to Kansas City dated  
10/9/70 (IO); San Francisco airtels and LHMs to Bureau dated  
12/8/69 and 1/20/70 bearing dual caption "Women's Strike  
for Peace Delegation To North Vietnam, 12/1/69; INFORMATION  
CONCERNING - IS." Bureau File 62-107350

Bureau File 100-440150; Bureau letter to Albany dated 10/12/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM. Two copies of LHM enclosed for New York and San Antonio.

Referenced San Francisco airtels and LHMs captioned "Women's Strike for Peace" verified travel by MADELINE TAYLOR DUCKLES to North Vietnam.

Referenced Sacramento letter to New York dated 9/23/70 requested San Francisco interview. It is noted interview with [redacted] is contained in referenced San Francisco airtel dated 8/11/70.

- ① - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-16846) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - San Antonio (100-11111) (Encls. 2) (RM)
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[redacted] California, advised on 9/28/70 that her brother, [redacted] U.S. Navy, has been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam since October 1967. Their mother, [redacted] died on 1/12/68 at her home at [redacted]. Subsequent to the above, all the family moved away from the Princeton Street address and [redacted] brother, [redacted] Kansas, has been receiving correspondence from COLIFAM.

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Re San Francisco letter to Kansas City requested interview of [redacted]

*b7c*

*PO 1-2-72*

Referenced San Antonio letter to Bureau contained the following names of next of kin of prisoners of war:

Mrs. [redacted] (Wife)

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[redacted] California [redacted] (PW)

Mrs. [redacted] (Wife)

[redacted] California [redacted] (PW)

Mrs. [redacted] (Wife)

[redacted] California [redacted] (PW)

Mrs. [redacted] (Wife)

[redacted] California (Major [redacted] PW)

[redacted] (Father)

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[redacted] California [redacted]

Interviews of Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] are contained in LHM.

Interview of Mrs. [redacted] was contained in referenced San Francisco airtel 8/11/70.

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Interview of Mrs. [redacted] as requested in referenced Cleveland letter to New York dated 8/3/70 is contained in LHM.

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On 10/29/70

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that he is the father of [redacted] prisoner of war in North Vietnam. He advised he had never been contacted by COLIFAM but that [redacted] wife, [redacted] who resides in [redacted] Texas, might have been contacted. He stated if necessary [redacted] can be contacted through Col. [redacted] at Randolph Field, Texas.

Efforts to locate Mrs. [redacted] have been negative inasmuch as she has been out of town.

LEADS

SAN ANTONIO

AT [redacted] TEXAS: Will consider interview of [redacted] regarding her knowledge of COLIFAM.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA: Will contact Mrs. [redacted] re her knowledge of COLIFAM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
San Francisco, California

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

November 12, 1970

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

The following are results of interview:

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[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED] became a prisoner of North Vietnam in 1966.

In December, 1969, [REDACTED] received correspondence from the Committee of Liaison with families of servicemen detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), 365 W. 42nd Street, New York, New York, 10036, enclosing a letter from her husband.

Subsequent to the above, [REDACTED] has received two letters from her husband through COLIFAM.

COLIFAM, by letter dated January 27, 1970, advised that letters could be forwarded to Prisoners of War (POW) in North Vietnam, via COLIFAM, and that adequate postage should be enclosed, as these letters were sent in bulk. [REDACTED] has sent two or three letters to her husband via COLIFAM, pursuant to their letter dated January 27, 1970, however, she has received no correspondence from her husband indicating that he has received these letters.

[REDACTED] has not been personally contacted by a representative of COLIFAM, and she has not been harassed or cajoled, or in any way pressured to use the facilities of COLIFAM.

No request has been made to COLIFAM to deliver personal objects, or have her husband send to her any personal objects, via COLIFAM from North Vietnam.

COLIFAM has not revealed their contacts or sources of information in Vietnam.

[REDACTED] has no knowledge of other POW families that have been approached by COLIFAM in the manner described above.

8/14/70

California

File # SF 100-66674

by SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 8/14/70

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The nature of correspondence between [REDACTED] and COLIFAM has been limited to the above.

[REDACTED] has retained copies of correspondence from COLIFAM, and she is willing to introduce this correspondence and testify as to her receipt of same in open court.

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Date 10/12/70

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Mrs. [REDACTED] was contacted at her home, [REDACTED] and at the outset of the interview she was advised that it was being conducted at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). She stated she has been contacted by COLIFAM on several occasions during the past year, although this contact has been through correspondence and telephone and she has never been contacted personally by any representative of this group. She stated that all of her recent correspondence from her husband, who is a prisoner in North Vietnam, has come through COLIFAM and that she received two letters from him through this source on the previous Saturday.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has been told names of persons who have called her but she resents this organization very much and has forgotten the names of the individuals who have contacted her. Just this past weekend she received a call from a person whose name she cannot recall, asking what she thought about the Committee and whether she would recommend the caller personally getting in touch with the Committee in an effort to help her husband.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know the individual who called and that she has no way of determining whether the caller is attempting to obtain her thoughts regarding the organization or is sincere in believing that this organization may be of assistance. She stated that she has also received a number of crank calls from various people telling her that her husband is a war criminal and should be punished and other remarks to this effect.

She stated that she resents very much the fact that she cannot receive mail from her husband except through this group. Their transmittal letters with his correspondence imply that his mail is being held up by United States Government Customs and other officials, which she knows to be incorrect.

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She stated that COLIFAM has offered to transmit her letters to her husband but that she has never corresponded with him in this fashion. As a result, he receives very little, if any, of her correspondence to him. She stated that there has never been an instance where personal objects were delivered to her or an offer was made to transmit a personal object to her husband.

In regard to the operation of the organization, Mrs. [redacted] stated that the organization has indicated that their members go to North Vietnam as private citizens and the organization urges that mail to prisoners of war be sent with them and transmitted through them, indicating that their interest was for humanitarian causes.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that the only other two persons that she knows who have been contacted by COLIFAM are Mrs. [redacted] who currently resides at [redacted] California, and Mrs. [redacted] residing in [redacted] California.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that correspondence from COLIFAM to her has been largely literature regarding the organization, which urged her to use the organization for transmittal of letters to her husband and from her husband.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she would be willing to cooperate and to testify if information at her disposal should be needed at a later date.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] California, advised on October 6, 1970 that she is the wife of [REDACTED] a prisoner of war. She stated that she has not been contacted personally by anyone associated with captioned organization, Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), but that she did receive a letter from her husband together with a letter of transmittal from the organization. She acknowledged receipt of the letter and has had no further contact. She has not received any personal objects from her husband through the organization. No representations were made concerning her husband or information concerning him, and she is not aware of any other families approached in a similar manner.

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On 10/6/70 at [REDACTED] California File # 100-66674

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

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/10/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-4161) (P)

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

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Re New York airtel to Bureau 6/9/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau and New York is one copy of FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] father of [redacted] on 11/6/70 at Cleveland, Tennessee.

The original FD-302 is being maintained in Knoxville file 100-4157.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was a prisoner of war and while his release is still the present time he has not his family have ever been contacted by any individual or group. When his son was released a great many members of the press and TV came to his home as well as military representatives, but all of these people were identified to him. He advised that no mail or objects have ever been received at his home during the period his son was a captive or after his release. His son has never mentioned to him that he was contacted while a captive by any individuals or groups.

[REDACTED]

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On 11/6/70 at Tennessee File # MX 100-4157

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/6/70

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 11/13/70

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-12042) (P)

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

OO: NEW YORK

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

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM on captioned matter reflecting results of interview of Mrs. [redacted] in [redacted] Illinois.

Enclosed herewith for New York are two copies of this LHM. Also enclosed for New York are nine copies of an FD-302 reflecting results of interview of Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted]  
Illinois, wife of U. S. Air Force [redacted] (PW)

Mrs. [redacted] respectively declined to identify other families of servicemen known to her and she respectively declined to testify in any government proceedings or make any public comment regarding any organization or political subject for fear reprisals may be taken against her husband. She stated she would deny to anyone other than a representative of the government of the United States that she had been interviewed or approached for any information whatsoever regarding her husband.

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Springfield, Illinois

November 13, 1970

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

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Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] Illinois, wife of United States Air Force [redacted]  
[redacted] advised as follows on  
October 7, 1970.

Her husband was listed missing in action in mid 1967  
and for over two years she had no information as to his fate.  
She maintained her home, cared for a five-year-old daughter,  
and taught school in the elementary school system during that  
period of time.

On December 17, 1969, she received at her Post Office  
Box in [redacted] Illinois, a letter from Ethel Taylor, 1505  
Ashford Way, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, written on stationery  
of Women Strike For Peace, 30 South 12th Street, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania. In this letter were enclosed two letters dated  
November 19, 1969 and November 26, 1969 from her husband,  
[redacted] in Vietnam.

In response to a telephone call by Mrs. [redacted] Ethel  
Taylor informed her that she had just returned from North  
Vietnam where officials stated they were getting ready to mail  
letters to relatives of prisoners of war in the United States  
and asked her if she would personally deliver such letters  
which she agreed to do. She advised the conversation lasted  
approximately four minutes, and she has had no further contact  
with Ethel Taylor, but subsequent letters received approximately  
one every other month consisting of about six lines written by  
her husband, would be identified as being relayed by the Committee  
Of Liaison With Families Of Servicemen Detained In North Vietnam  
(COLIFAM), New York, New York.

She advised that she has had no personal contact with  
any individual associated with that organization.

Mrs. [redacted] advised by prior arrangement with United  
States Air Force Directorate of Personnel Offices, Randolph Air

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Force Base, Texas, that she would respectfully decline to furnish further information or engage in further discussion on the matter.

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