

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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January 24, 1970

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• staff

[Redacted] b2c  
[Redacted] Pennsylvania [Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted] b2c

Bill Kuntzler has asked us to respond to the letter you wrote him on October 29th regarding [Redacted] b2c  
[Redacted] We are very sorry you have not received a response before this but, as you can imagine, Bill is totally involved in the trial in Chicago. But now we have set up the above Committee of Liaison, which is further explained in the enclosed Information Sheet.

One of the things we will be doing is making inquiries to the North Vietnamese about men who may be prisoners there. As you will see in the Information Sheet, we will not be able to get information about the prisoners being held by the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam or by the Pathet Lao in Laos. In your letter you said that Wayne had been shot down near the South Vietnam-Laos border so I am afraid we would have to assume he is not in North Vietnam.

We understand the anguish you and [Redacted] b2c family must be feeling and sincerely wish we could be of help in getting information about him for you. While it is unlikely that we will be able to do so in the near future we will certainly be in touch with you in the event that we can.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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The November 14, 1970, edition of the "Denver Post," published daily at Denver, Colorado, carried the following article concerning Mrs. JOAN POLLARD and her two children at Colorado Springs, Colorado, who had just learned, as a result of a letter submitted to them by COLIFAM, that Major BEN M. POLLARD was a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam.

# Air Force Family Learns Dad 'Alive and Well'—in N. Vietnam

By JIM GIBNEY

Post Colorado Springs Bureau

COLORADO SPRINGS— Mrs. Joan Pollard and her two children learned Friday her husband is alive in a North Vietnam prisoner of war camp.

The Air Force wife received her first letter in 3½ years from her husband, Maj. Ben M. Pollard, an instructor at the Air Force Academy from 1962 to early 1967 when he went to Southeast Asia.

The F-465 fighter pilot was shot down near Hanoi on May 15, 1967.

Since then, his wife and the Pollard children, Mark, 11, and Virginia, 6, have waited and prayed for the letter that came Friday.

Mrs. Pollard told reporters she received a phone call Thursday night from New York City informing her a letter from her husband was on the way to her. She said the call was made by Mrs. Cora Weiss, chairman of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. The committee reports it has confirmed the names of 338 prisoners.

## OTHERS NOTIFIED

The families of three other POWs were also notified Thursday by Mrs. Weiss that letters were on their way. The other three prisoners were reported

to be Lt. Cmdr. John H. Felowes of Virginia Beach, Va.; Lt. Col. George E. Day, Glendale, Ariz., and Lt. James J. Connell of Wilmington, Del.

The Pollard letter was delivered at 3:40 p.m. Friday by Erman F. Biondini, acting assistant postmaster, in the basement of Colorado Springs police headquarters where Mrs. Pollard waited with friends and reporters in the offices of Colorado Springs for Prisoners of War.

With Mrs. Pollard was Mrs. Helene Knapp, coordinator of the Colorado Springs POW campaign to get 100,000 letters by Thanksgiving Day to send to North Vietnam asking for the release of American prisoners. Air Force Col. Herman L. Knapp, her husband, has been missing in action since April 1967 when his F4 jet plane was shot down over North Vietnam.

Mrs. Pollard said the six-line letter (maximum length of POW letters) was written Sept. 7 and is in her husband's handwriting.

Among the 80 words were wishes for a happy 16th wedding anniversary Oct. 2, and suggested Christmas gifts for the children. It was signed "Love Ben."

Mrs. Pollard told reporters her husband didn't write anything about himself and his condition in the letter.

"But obviously he is alive and well," she said, holding up the letter. Then she shared it with Mrs. Knapp.

Mrs. Pollard is the former Joan Harlan of Lafayette, Ind. For the past three years she and her children have been living in Shelbyville, Ky., her husband's hometown.

She returned to Colorado Springs two months ago to aid Mrs. Knapp and 20 other wives, whose husbands are held prisoner, to carry on their letter-writing campaign demanding the exchange and release of American POWs in North Vietnam.

"I've always believed that one day I would hear that Ben is alive," Mrs. Pollard told reporters. "You have to make up your mind when you're faced with a situation like this that either your husband is coming back, or he's not. You can't be on the fence during this period of adjustment."

Mrs. Pollard said she has been writing her husband regularly for more than three years, but doesn't know if he received any of her letters.

Like her husband, she is permitted to write only six-line letters. And like many other POW wives, she has learned to write "tiny" to crowd as many words as possible on a line.

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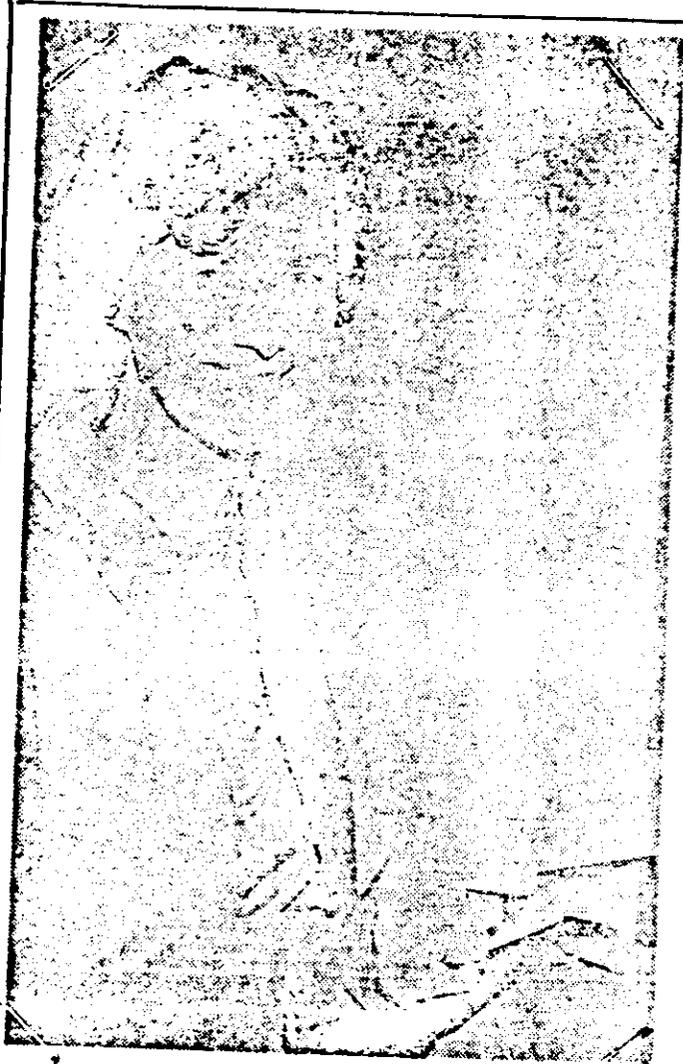
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**MRS. BEN MARKSBURY POLLARD HAPPY WITH LETTER** AP Wirephoto  
It was the first she'd received from her POW husband.

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On October 30, 1970, [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Colorado, advised he was  
active in a group known as [REDACTED] b7c  
which has been engaged in a movement to bring moral pressure on North  
Vietnam for release of prisoners held by that country.  
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]  
at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama from January to April,  
1970, he and his wife met Mrs. [REDACTED] whose  
b7c husband is an Air Force pilot currently a POW in North Vietnam.  
[REDACTED] related that Mrs. [REDACTED] had told his wife  
that she received notices from COLIFAM that letters had been  
received from her husband in North Vietnam and should be b7c  
delivered to her upon receipt of written statement by her  
declaring her husband as a war criminal. According to [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED] refused to comply to the requisite  
imposed by COLIFAM.

b7c b7c On November 9, 1970, the Mobile Division advised  
that Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Alabama, had been  
interviewed in July and again in August, 1970, and on both  
occasions she stated she had not been harassed or cajoled  
by representatives of COLIFAM in order to receive letters  
from her husband who is a POW in North Vietnam. Mrs.  
[REDACTED] was recontacted on November 5, 1970, at which  
b7c time she stated she had never received notice from COLIFAM  
that she would have to sign documents declaring her husband  
a war criminal before receiving letters from her husband. E00812-2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/8/70

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

SUBJECT: COMMISSION OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

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Re San Antonio letter to Bureau dated 8/27/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above.

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the above-mentioned LHM.

Mrs. [redacted]

Miss., advised on 11/13/70, that she had received another letter from COLIFAM. She stated that this letter did not include an enclosed letter from her husband. Mrs. [redacted] advised that her letter was not available at the present time and that she had loaned it to a friend but suggested that she be recontacted in the future so that she could furnish a copy to the FBI.

Mrs. [redacted] further advised that her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted], of [redacted] Miss., have recently received a letter from her husband through the COLIFAM organization.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT [redacted]

EX-112

DEC 18 1970

MISS [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (100-457899) (RM)
- 2 - New York (Enc. 2) (100-168469) (RM)
- 5 - Jackson

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Will interview [redacted] telephone [redacted] mother of [redacted] concerning her possibly being contacted by COLIFAM. b2c

AT [redacted] MISS. b2c

Will interview [redacted] sister of [redacted] concerning her possibly being contacted by COLIFAM. b2c

AT [redacted] MISS. b2c

Will recontact [redacted]

AT [redacted] MISS. b2c

Will interview Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] parents of [redacted] MIA.

AT [redacted] MISS. b2c

Will recontact Mrs. [redacted] to obtain a copy of the letter from COLIFAM. b2c

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed in this case were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the request of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, AAG, IS Division, USDJ.

Mrs. [redacted] b7c has indicated a willingness to testify at a later date concerning her contact with COLIFAM.

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Leads to interview [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] Fla. [redacted] wife of [redacted] serial number [redacted] and ROSS PIEROT, Dallas, Tex., millionaire who started "United We Stand," are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jackson, Mississippi

December 8, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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-9803 [redacted] 3-22-93  
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POW/MIA PRECISE

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

Included herein are FD-302's and inserts reflecting the following interviews:

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] Mississippi, whose husband, [redacted] has been a prisoner of war in Vietnam since 1965 is familiar with the COLIFAM organization and has received mail and correspondence through the organization.

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] Mississippi, whose husband [redacted] has been a prisoner of war for [redacted] years, has received correspondence from the COLIFAM organization.

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] Mississippi, whose brother, [redacted] Serial Number [redacted] has been a prisoner of war in Vietnam since [redacted] 1967, is familiar with COLIFAM but has not personally received mail through the organization.

[redacted] Mississippi, whose son, [redacted] b7c

[redacted] is a prisoner of war in Vietnam, advised he was not familiar with the COLIFAM organization and had not received mail from them.

Mrs. [redacted] b7c

[redacted] Mississippi, the mother of [redacted] had not received mail through the COLIFAM organization and was not familiar with it.

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FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM  
(COLIFAM)

Mr. [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED] had had no contact with COLIFAM. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, mother of [REDACTED] who is missing in action, had had no contact with the COLIFAM organization. b7c

Mr. [REDACTED] Louisiana, is the father of [REDACTED] who is missing in action. [REDACTED] was not familiar with COLIFAM. b7c

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Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, wife of [REDACTED] United States Army, was not familiar with COLIFAM. b7c

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, whose son, [REDACTED] has been missing in action for [REDACTED] years, were not familiar with COLIFAM. b7c

Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, wife of [REDACTED] listed as missing in action, had not been contacted by COLIFAM. b7c

[REDACTED] Mississippi, brother of [REDACTED] a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, reported that his father, [REDACTED] had not been contacted by COLIFAM. b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*b7c* Date October 6, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] *b7c*  
[redacted] Mississippi  
was advised of the identities of SA's [redacted]  
and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(FBI) and was further advised that the investigation  
was being conducted concerning the Committee of  
Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North  
Vietnam. (COLIFAM).

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that her husband, who  
is [redacted] in the United States Air Force, has been  
a prisoner of war in Vietnam since 1965 when the plane *b7c*  
he was piloting was shot down approximately [redacted]  
inside Vietnam. She stated that her husband's copilot  
was seen parachuting from the plane, but it was sometime  
before she learned that her husband was alive.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had received four  
letters from her husband through COLIFAM. She had had  
the first letter examined by a handwriting analysis to  
make sure it was from him. She stated that she has no  
doubt now that the letters were written by her husband.  
She advised that the first letter arrived on December 24,  
1969, and was addressed to [redacted] Mississippi.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that all letters received  
were addressed by her husband to [redacted] *b7c*  
Mississippi, that both his parents and her parents live  
at that address and he knows that she (Mrs. [redacted])  
will always get mail at that address.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that the second and third  
letters came together. One was dated January 30, 1970,  
and the other March 3, 1970. Both arrived in April and *b7c*  
COLIFAM addressed them with their cover page to [redacted]

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On 10-1-70 at [redacted] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595  
by SA [redacted] *b7c 3*  
SA [redacted] Date dictated 10-6-70

[REDACTED] which was Mrs. [REDACTED] residence until she recently sold it.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that the letter addressed to the [REDACTED] address in [REDACTED] arrived in June, 1970. This was the last contact she had with her husband. She stated that all letters were enclosed in a COLIFAM envelope and contained a cover letter from COLIFAM. All came in the regular mail. None of the letters were registered and the envelope usually contained an airmail stamp. b2

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Mrs. [REDACTED] made available several letters which had been received from COLIFAM and one letter from American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she understood the American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, was a quaker organization which later merged into COLIFAM.

The letter from American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, 160 North Fifteenth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102, dated January 20, 1970, states as follows:

"Dear Friend,

"I am happy to report that during my visit to North Vietnam between December 26, 1969, and January 9, 1970, I was able to deliver to the representatives of the Vietmy (Viet Nam Committee for Solidarity with American People) about 500 letters that had been forwarded on to me by you and other family members of prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

"Immediately prior to my departure from North Vietnam I was given 69 letters from 64 American prisoners of war, and in keeping with the North Vietnamese request these letters have been given to the :

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"Committee of Liaison  
with Families of Service  
men detained in North  
Vietnam  
365 W. 42nd Street  
New York, New York

for transmittal to the individual addressees. We at the American Friends Service Committee are pleased to have had a part in opening a channel for communication between the prisoners and their families and hope that this will continue.

"You may be interested to know that during my visit to North Vietnam I was able to deliver a second contribution of open heart surgical equipment to the Benh Vien Viet-Duc Hospital in Hanoi in keeping with a long-standing Quaker concern for civilian sufferers on both sides of a war.

"Following my departure from North Vietnam I traveled on to Quang Ngai in South Vietnam to visit the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker) rehabilitation project for civilian casualties.

"I have asked my colleagues in Philadelphia to mail this letter to you prior to my return to the United States, so that you might know more promptly that your letter has safely arrived in Hanoi and was given to the appropriate North Vietnamese authorities with my specific request that it be delivered to the individual addressee.

"Most sincerely yours,

*to Vietnam*  
*no. Vietnam*  
*N.Y.*  
"for: Louis W. Schneider  
Roger G. Fredrickson

"RF/h"



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*St. Cal.* *Vietnam*  
Edison Miller of Santa Ana, California. The three men were in good health, and said they had daily exercise and reading material."

The memorandum further stated that "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."

A letter dated May 15, 1970, from COLIFAM, signed by BARBARA WEBSTER, states the following:

"Today we received two packages of letters which have been sent from prisoners held in Vietnam. The total number of letters in both packages was 156. Although the packages were mailed a month apart, they both arrived here today.

We are very happy to send herewith a letter addressed to you."

A letter dated June 14, 1970, from COLIFAM, signed by BARBARA WEBSTER, stated the following:

"Dear Friend:

*U.S.*  
*Canada*  
"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

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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"

Mrs. [REDACTED] described the letter dated June 14, 1970, as a "veiled threat."

Mrs. [REDACTED] described COLIFAM as a "group of Commies run by a bunch of radicals." She stated that her husband would not like it if he knew she had to deal with such a group in order to correspond with him. She advised that the families that she is aware of that are dealing with COLIFAM are very bitter about the situation.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that COLIFAM had never asked her for anything, that they had never requested money nor had they asked that she make any statement about them. She has never been contacted personally or by telephone. Her only contact has been through the letters which she furnished.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that sometime in the month of June or July she called Reverend RICHARD FERNANDEZ, telephone number 1-212-749-8518. She was advised that FERNANDEZ was out and within two minutes after the telephone call he returned her call. She advised that she had a conversation with him which lasted approximately one and one-half hours. She advised the purpose of her call was to inquire whether or not he had been to see the prisoners

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of war when he was in Vietnam. She stated that he was very polite and that she believed that he was not really for the COLIFAM cause, but more of a "beatnik or peacenik."

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she had not used COLIFAM to send letters to her husband until recently. She advised that the reason she was using COLIFAM now was because her last letter from her husband indicated that he had not heard from her and she wanted her letter to reach him. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that ELDRIDGE CLEAVER brought a group of letters with him weekend before last (September 19, 1970) and she did not receive a letter in that group.

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] is familiar with COLIFAM, but has not been contacted by them. She stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] sister-in-law [REDACTED] who resides somewhere in Florida, has been contacted by the committee.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she is interested in making the people aware of the fact that we (the United States) have prisoners of war. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [redacted] advised that COLIFAM contacts only the "next of kin." She stated that she has learned from Senators STENNIS and EASTLAND that there are approximately 25 families in the State of Mississippi who have a serviceman missing in action or a prisoner of war. She advised that she does not have the names of all of these persons, but has been in touch with some of them. She further advised that some people prefer to remain anonymous.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she knows of only three persons who are considered next of kin and who therefore may have had contact with COLIFAM.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] lives in [redacted] Mississippi. Mrs. [redacted] advised that she was certain Mrs. [redacted] has received a number of letters from her husband, but Mrs. [redacted] is very touchy about her situation; therefore, Mrs. [redacted] did not know whether Mrs. [redacted] had received letters through COLIFAM.

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Mrs. [redacted] advised that Mrs. [redacted] Mississippi, telephone number [redacted] is the mother of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is not married and therefore Mrs. [redacted] is considered his next of kin.

Vietnam

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she has been in touch with [redacted] a sister of [redacted] who is [redacted] at [redacted] Mississippi. Through this contact, Mrs. [redacted] has learned that Mrs. [redacted] has received letters from STEWART MEACHAM of COLIFAM and also received two letters in the group brought out by ELDRIDGE CLEAVER.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she knows of no other persons in Mississippi who could be considered next of kin that may have received correspondence through COLIFAM.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/19/70

Mrs. [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence and provided the following information:

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that approximately six months ago she received a letter in the mail from "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, (COLIFAM)". She stated that the letter implied the committee was capable of contacting her husband, who has been a prisoner of war for [REDACTED] years. She advised that the letter was unsigned and she was, therefore, unable to identify the individual who sent her the letter. She stated that the letter did not indicate how the committee would be able to contact her husband, only that it could be accomplished. She stated she was very much inclined to answer the letter until she talked with Captain NANCY LANGHORN, Personnel Affairs Officer, Keesler Air Force Base. She advised that Miss LANGHORN advised her not to seek the assistance of any source other than the military in an effort to contact her husband.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that the week prior to receiving the letter herein mentioned, she and a group of approximately thirty other wives and/or parents of prisoners of war met with Senator JOHN STENNIS at the Heidelberg Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. She stated that at this time she learned that the committee herein mentioned had contacted a number of the wives. She advised she saw a number of letters very similar to the one she received which were exhibited to her by many of the other wives. She advised she remembered a Mrs. [REDACTED] exhibiting a letter to her which she, Mrs. [REDACTED] stated was from her son, a prisoner of war in Vitenam. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that the letter was typewritten and did not appear to be a letter written by a son to his mother inasmuch as the letter showed no affection and was signed with both the first and the last name. She stated she did not know the first

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DATE 7/26/93 BY 983 [REDACTED]

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On 10/12/70 at [REDACTED] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595by SA [REDACTED] 11 Date dictated 10/15/70

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name of Mrs. [REDACTED] nor did she know where she resides.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that a Mrs. [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] Mississippi, showed her a letter she, Mrs. [REDACTED] received from the committee guaranteeing that in the near future she would receive a letter from her husband, also a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that there were many such similar letters but she could not recall the names of the individuals possessing same. She advised that a few days after she returned from Jackson she received the letter herein mentioned. She stated that the letter was not threatening, nor harassing or cajoling. She advised that the relatives, i.e., wives, fathers, mothers, of prisoners of war were being used by the committee. She stated that offers of promise to receive communications from prisoners of war could very well persuade many of the relatives of the prisoners of war to openly support any committee or organization regardless of such committee or organization's underlying objectives.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she was not certain whether she still had in her possession the letter herein mentioned. She stated that she cannot remember whether she kept it or gave it to Captain NANCY LANGHORN. She stated that she would search in an attempt to locate the letter and advise the Federal Bureau of Investigation when it was located. She advised that should she be contacted again from COLIFAM, she would advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Date 11/13/70

Mrs. [redacted] Mississippi, was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] as a Special Agent of the FBI, and was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM). 670/17

Mrs. [redacted] advised that her brother, [redacted] is a prisoner of war in Vietnam and has been since [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] advised that she was familiar with the COLIFAM organization from discussions with her sister-in-law and Mrs. [redacted] a friend. Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had not had any personal contact with COLIFAM from letters through the mail or in person.

Mrs. [redacted] advised that her sister-in-law is Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Florida Mrs. [redacted] advised that she was certain that her sister-in-law had received five letters from her husband through the COLIFAM organization. b2w ED1282-i

The first letter was received May 2, 1970, and was written in December, 1969. The second letter was received through Mrs. [redacted] who is affiliated with COLIFAM.

Mrs. [redacted] stated the third letter came with a group of 142 letters that got into the country without Naval Intelligence knowing it.

She advised that the fourth and fifth letters were letters which came through ELDRIDGE CLEAVER.

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On 11/6/70 at [redacted] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/12/70

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that all letters which her sister-in-law has received indicated that [REDACTED] was not receiving letters from the family. She stated that most of the letters made inquiry as to how the family was.

She stated that one letter thanked them for the Easter package and requested that the next package contain a heating pad. Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that the Easter package had contained a heating pad.

She further stated that she did not know the exact nature of the letter but felt sure that they contained a code which the family could not read.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she was quite certain that Mrs. [REDACTED] had been writing to her husband through COLIFAM.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Mississippi, had been receiving approximately two letters per year for the past five years from her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that Mrs. [REDACTED] did not wish to jeopardize this flow of letters and, therefore, did not freely discuss matters concerning her husband. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know whether Mrs. [REDACTED] had received any letters through COLIFAM.

Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that ROSS PREROT, Dallas, Texas, the millionaire who started "United We Stand," has had contact with the COLIFAM organization, as he has stated that he personally met with the committee.

Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she has been active in efforts to publicize information concerning the prisoners of war. She stated that it had been determined that the

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"silent policy" was not helping these servicemen and that a group should come forward so that the public would be more aware that these men are prisoners of war. She stated that these efforts to publicize the prisoner-of-war situation have helped bring pressure to bear on North Vietnam.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/3/70

Mississippi, was advised of the identities of SA's [redacted] and [redacted] of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of the Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

[redacted] advised that he is the father of [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he had not been contacted by COLIFAM nor did he know of anyone who might have been contacted by that organization.

[redacted] suggested contacting his son's wife, Mrs. [redacted] Mississippi, to determine whether she had been contacted by COLIFAM.

[redacted] advised that he would immediately notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning any contact he may have in the future with COLIFAM.

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On 11/2/70 at [redacted] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595  
by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] 16 Date dictated 11/3/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/13/70

Mrs. [redacted] Mississippi, was advised of the identity of SA [redacted] as a Special Agent of the FBI and was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

Mrs. [redacted] advised that she is the mother of [redacted]. She stated that she had not been contacted by COLIFAM, nor did she know of anyone who might have been contacted by that organization.

Mrs. [redacted] furnished the address of her daughter-in-law as Mrs. [redacted] Florida [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] stated she is also acquainted with Mrs. [redacted] whose brother is in Vietnam, and Mrs. [redacted] whose husband is in Vietnam. Mrs. [redacted] stated she did not know whether any of these persons had been contacted by COLIFAM.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had corresponded with her son through the Government-approved procedures. She stated that Colonel LUTHER, Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, had corresponded with her and had warned that there may be groups trying to contact her to correspond with her son.

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POW/MIA per EO 12812 CAL 346,57 [redacted]

On 11/6/70 at [redacted] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/12/70

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/13/70

Mr. [REDACTED] Mississippi, was advised of the identity of SA [REDACTED] as a Special Agent with the FBI and was further advised that the investigation was being conducted concerning the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

[REDACTED] advised that he is the father of [REDACTED]. He stated that he has not been contacted by COLIFAM, nor did he know of anyone who might have been contacted by that organization.

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On 11/6/70 at [REDACTED] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/12/70

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 10/21/70

[redacted] was interviewed at her residence, after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

[redacted] advised that she is the mother of [redacted] Social Security Account Number [redacted] who was reported missing in action on [redacted] 1966. [redacted] advised she was personally notified by the Air Force of her son being missing in action and then received a Department of Defense Form 1300 reporting her son missing as of [redacted] 1966.

Mrs. [redacted] advised she has received no correspondence or has been contacted by anyone other than Air Force personnel, and has been notified by the Air Force that should any unknown person or persons contact her in person or through correspondence, she was to immediately notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and personnel at the Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi.

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On 10/15/70 at [redacted] Mississippi File # Jackson 100-1595

by S/ [redacted] 19 [redacted] Date dictated 10/17/70

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on October 7, 1970, at [REDACTED] Mississippi:

The following individuals were advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry:

Mr. [REDACTED] Louisiana, who advised that he is the father of [REDACTED] U. S. Army, stated that his son has been missing in action since [REDACTED] 1970. [REDACTED] stated that his son was an Army helicopter pilot and was shot down somewhere over Cambodia. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that neither he nor his family have had any contact with his son since his disappearance over Cambodia, and that he has not been contacted by any organizations or groups other than the U. S. Army regarding correspondence with his son. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he would immediately notify the FBI if contacted by any groups unfamiliar to him.

Mrs. [REDACTED] who advised that she is the wife of [REDACTED] stated that she has had no contact with her husband since prior to his being shot down over Cambodia on or about [REDACTED] 1970. Mrs. [REDACTED] further advised that the only organization that has contacted her regarding correspondence between her and her husband is the United States Army and advised that she is contacted periodically by Sergeant PETERSON of [REDACTED] Mississippi, who is her survival officer. Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that she would immediately notify the FBI if contacted by any organizations unfamiliar to her.

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[REDACTED]  
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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On October 7, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Mississippi, were contacted and were advised that they were being contacted at the direction of J. WALTER YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, concerning any contact they may have had with members of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. They advised that they have received no contact with any individual whatsoever representing themselves as being associated in any way with this committee since their son, [REDACTED] has been missing in action for the past three and a half years.

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On October 6, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mississippi, wife of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] United States Air Force, who is listed as missing  
in action advised that she has not been contacted by the  
Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in  
North Vietnam organization, nor has she heard of any other  
family that has been contacted by captioned organization.

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[REDACTED]

On October 12, 1970, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Mississippi, advised he is the brother  
of [REDACTED] who is a prisoner of  
war in North Vietnam. [REDACTED] advised that his father [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] recently had surgery and was not available  
for interview.

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[REDACTED] advised that his father had not been  
contacted by any committees or organizations concerning  
his brother. [REDACTED] related that he felt sure none of these  
organizations would contact his father due to his position  
as a judge and his known conservative outlook.

[REDACTED] advised that his sister-in-law, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Texas, may have been contacted by some group or other  
in regard to her husband, but he does not know if she has  
or not.

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH  
FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469) (P)

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

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-168469)(P) *b7c*

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
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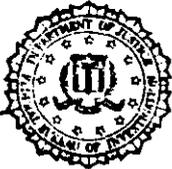
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New York, New York

December 11, 1970

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Families of Servicemen  
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On December 10, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the attached letter addressed to Mrs. Cora Weiss from the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People date November 6, 1970. The letter is attached hereto (u)

Cora Weiss

On March 19, 1956, a second source advised that Weiss, then Cora Rubin, while attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, was present at a public meeting sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor Youth League (LYL).

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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VIETNAM COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Hanoi - D. R. Vietnam

Cable Address: VIET-MY-Hanoi

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Hanoi November 6, 1970

Dear Mrs. Cora Weiss,

On your July 2 and September 9 letters inquiring about the 17 missing US pilots, we would like to inform you of the following details that we get from the contact with the DRV Defense Ministry:

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| 1/ Atterberry Edwin Lee  | 3065474    | dead                                 |
| 2/ Connell James J.      | 647438     | present in DRV detention ca          |
| 3/ Burdett, Edward Burke | 10138A     | dead                                 |
| 4/ Ellison John Cooly    | 554918     | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 5/ Grubb Wilmer Newlin   | FV 2211784 | dead                                 |
| 6/ Hamm James E.         | FV 3171400 | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 7/ Plowman James E.      | 693579     | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 8/ Cutter ( or Cutler )  |            | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 9/ Walters Jack          | 666504     | dead                                 |
| 10/ Griffin James L.     | 595955     | dead                                 |
| 11/ Brons Edward J. Jr.  |            | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 12/ Ford Randolph 654662 |            | never been captured in North Vietnam |
| 13/ Hartman Richard D.   | 643595     | dead                                 |
| 14/ Ferricone Richard    |            | never been captured in North Vietnam |

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FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-8195) (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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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and ten copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above and suitable for dissemination.

Two copies of the enclosed LHM are being submitted to the New York Division, which is the office of origin in this case.

Atlanta is continuing its investigation, interviewing families of servicemen who are missing in action or prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

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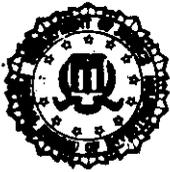
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December 15, 1970

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

On December 14, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] Georgia, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 15, 1970

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Mrs. [redacted] Georgia, when previously interviewed, on October 10, 1970, advised that she had had no contact with the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she received a letter, dated November 24, 1970, from BARBARA WEBSTER of the Liaison Committee, which enclosed a letter from the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People. A copy of the letter and its enclosure are attached.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she is opposed to the actions of the Liaison Committee and that she would be willing to testify concerning the receipt of this letter.

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Paul MIA per E012812  
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On 12-14-70 at [redacted] Georgia File # Atlanta 100-8195  
OO: New York 100-168469  
by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] Date dictated 12-14-70

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Prof. Franz Schurmann  
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November 24, 1970

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Georgia [REDACTED]

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

The Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People has sent us the enclosed letter and asked us to convey the information to the families concerned. (We are sending only the pages which are of relevance to you.)

We understand that families have written directly to North Vietnamese authorities and this represents their reply to many of those individual letters.

We are very sorry to bring this news to you.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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VIETNAM COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Hanoi - D. R. Vietnam

ble Address: VIET-MY-Hanoi

Hanoi November 20, 1970

Dear Mrs Cora Weiss

Over the past period, we have received letters from a number of American families inquiring about pilots supposedly missing in Democratic Republic of Vietnam. After inquiring of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam Defense Ministry, we request the Coliafam to convey to the interested families the following information :

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Paul M. [redacted] 0031557D

RASLYTH, John Heber

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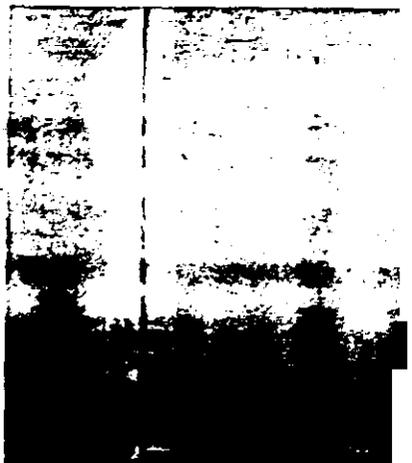
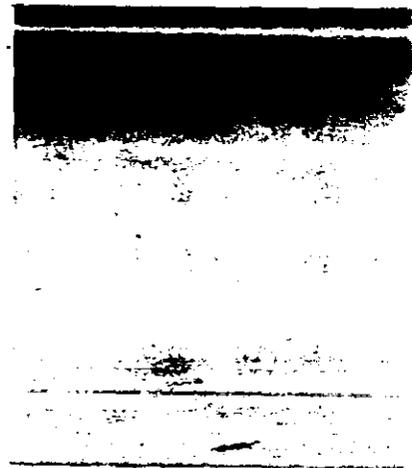
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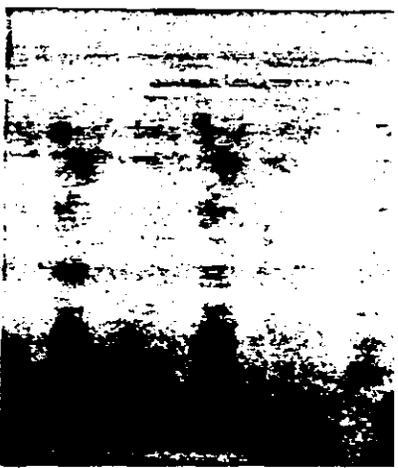
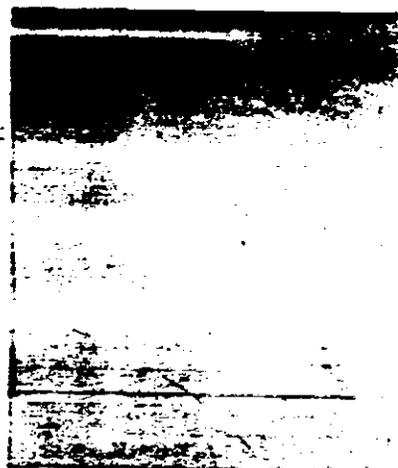
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Present in a DRV detention camp	Mr John Heber Raslyth 1238 N Delta St. St Saw Gabriel, Calif.
Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Sam A. Kott Sands Point Apts. Sarasota, Florida 33577
Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs James E. Hamm 2720 Huntington Drive San Marino, Calif. 91103
Dead	No address
Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Donald D. Payton 1112 Carper Street McLean, Virginia, 22101
Present in a DRV detention camp	Mrs Barbara Davis Pirlie 145 Grusader St Lemoore, California

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MERONEY, Virgil Kersh III FV 3177979	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Virgil K. Meroney 340 Highland Fayetteville, Arkansas
SMITH, Homer Leroy 521872	Dead	No address
ALCORN, Wendell Reed 658707	Present in a DRV detention camp	Mrs Ruth Alcorn Rd 2 Kittanning, Pennsylvania
DAVIS Robert C. 59135	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Robert C. Davis 23 East Broad Street Box 365 Burlington New Jersey 08016
BOGGS Paschal G. 078290	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs P.G. Boggs P.O. Box 602 Stockbridge, Georgia 30281
CHRISTENSEN William Murray 676700	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mr and Mrs Charles M. Christensen 112 River view "C" Great Falls, Montana 59401
SCHLIDT, Norman FR 42319	Dead	Mrs Mary Ann Schlidt 14162 Monte Verde Rd, Apple Valley, California
ESTOCIN, Michael John 602876	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs M.J. Estocin 6557 Manana Place La Jolla, Calif. 92037
TUCKER, Edwin Byron 560318	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Edwin B. Tucker Box 535 Mathews, Va. 23109
AUSTIN, Williams Remwick II FR 71588	Present in a DRV detention camp	Mrs Myrtle Looper Austin RFD No 1 Box 41 Simpson Verte, South Carolina
ALBRIGHT, John Scott FR 3195411	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mr John Scott Albright 7105 Berkshire Drive Camp Springs, Md 20031
DOOLEY, James E. 685509	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mr Henry E. Dooley Manchester Center Vermont 05255

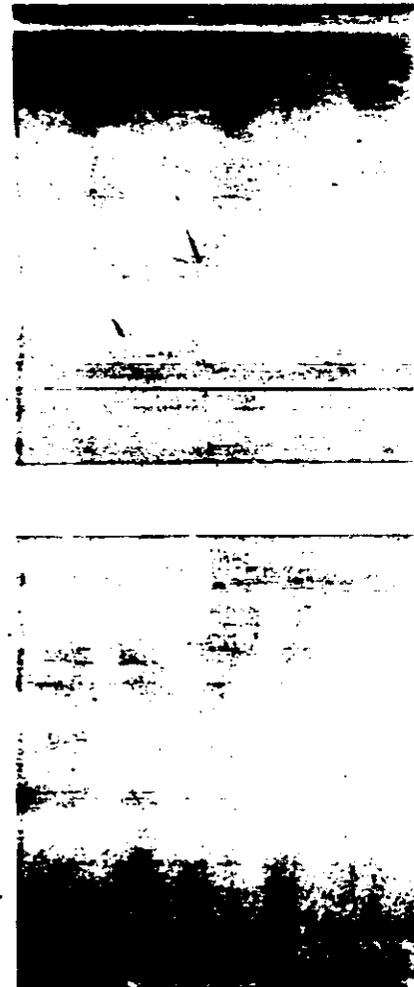


COBEIL, Earl Glenn FR 61453	Dead	Mrs E.G. Cobail 1361 Eagon Ro Pantisc Mich. 48054
HUGHES, James Lindberg FR 43211	Present in a DRV detention camp	Mrs James Lindberg Hughes 115 West Santa Fe, Avenue Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
PEARSON, Robert H. FV 3163073	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mrs Robert H. Pearson 1100 Columbia St, Apt. K Karysville, Wash. 98270
CAMPBELL, Clyde W. FV 3192970	Never detained in North Vietnam	Mr and Mrs R.H. Campbell 512 Richardson Longview, Texas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7938) -P-

DATE: 12/18/70

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

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FBI/PHIA/PERD/12812 20345570

Re New York airtel and LHM, 6/9/70; Oklahoma City airtels and LHMs dated 7/1 and 8/13/70; Oklahoma City letter and LHM dated 9/16/70, and Bulet to Albany, 10/12/70.

Enclosed for Bureau are 11 copies, two copies to Phoenix, two copies to New York, of LHM concerning captioned matter.

Individuals interviewed as reported in enclosed LHM were advised interviews were being conducted in this investigation at the request of Assistant Attorney General J. WALTER YEAGLEY.

LEADS:

PHOENIX DIVISION

AT [redacted] ARIZONA. Will interview Mrs. [redacted] in accordance with instructions set forth in re New York airtel dated 6/9/70, and Bulet to all offices, 10/12/70.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

AT [redacted] OKLAHOMA. Will interview Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] parents of [redacted] also wife [redacted] in accordance with New York airtel, 6/9/70, and Bulet 10/12/70.

AT [redacted] OKLAHOMA. Will interview Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] in accordance with New York airtel 6/9/70, and Bulet 10/12/70.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 18, 1970

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

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Date 10/26/70

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Mrs. [redacted] Oklahoma, advised that her husband, [redacted] in the United States Air Force, was declared missing in action in Vietnam on [redacted] 1966. Several months later, she learned from the Air Force that letters from unidentified prisoners indicated that he was probably a prisoner of war, but his status was not officially changed until [redacted] 1969. It was at this time that three prisoners of war were released by the North Vietnamese and returned to the United States with RENNIE DAVIS. These prisoners brought a list of names of prisoners of war being held in North Vietnam. Her husband's name appeared on the list.

On [redacted] 1969, Mrs. [redacted] travelled to Paris, France, with a group of wives whose husbands were prisoners of war. They met with the North Vietnamese representatives to the Paris Peace Talks and received promises that North Vietnam would furnish a list of the names of all U. S. prisoners of war being held. To date, the promise has not been kept.

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She first heard of the Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM) as a result of watching a television news report in the Fall of 1969. DAVID DELLINGER appeared on the program announcing the formation of the above anti-war organization.

Immediately thereafter she sent a cable to XUAN OAHN, North Vietnam representative to the Paris Peace Talks, in which she stated that neither she nor her husband wanted anything to do with any antiwar group in the United States, and that she wanted mail from her husband sent through normal mail channels.

She received her first letter from her husband December 19, 1969. The letter was forwarded to her by Women Strike For Peace, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It contained a short statement saying the organization was happy to forward her husband's letter to her. It was signed ETHEL TAYLOR, 1515 Ashford Way, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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On 10/16/70 at [redacted] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/22/70

In January, 1970, [REDACTED] Iowa, father of [REDACTED] received a letter from his son. This letter was forwarded to him by COLIFAM.

On April 8, 1970, COLIFAM forwarded to Mrs. [REDACTED] a letter and a postcard from her husband. The letter was dated November 11, 1969; however, the post card was undated. The letter from COLIFAM which accompanied the communications was signed by STEVEN HALLIWELL and BARBARA WEISS. The letter from her husband carried a Hanoi, North Vietnam postal cancellation dated January 13, 1970. The post card did not carry a stamp or a cancellation mark.

She said she believed she also received a second letter from COLIFAM subsequently during April, 1970, enclosing a letter from her husband.

In May, 1970, she received two letters from her husband enclosed with a single letter from COLIFAM. On about June 26, 1970, she received a letter from COLIFAM enclosing another letter from her husband which was dated May 20, 1970.

During September, 1970, she received a letter from COLIFAM dated September 18, 1970, bearing the signature of CORA WEISS. She furnished a copy of the letter, which is attached. This letter enclosed two letters from her husband dated June 25, 1970, and July 20, 1970. These letters were addressed to her at her father-in-law's address at [REDACTED] Iowa; however, COLIFAM mailed them directly to her in [REDACTED].

Mrs. [REDACTED] said she has never communicated with COLIFAM and is completely opposed to the organization. She has never asked the organization to forward her husband's letters to her. All of the letters from COLIFAM have been completely unsolicited on her part.

She stated she would be willing to testify to the above if necessary.

A letter from COLIFAM dated September 18, 1970, is attached:

# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

OC 100-7938

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

(212) 765-1490

MAILING ADDRESS:  
COLIAFAM

September 18, 1970

Co-chairmen:

Dave Dellinger  
Coro Weiss

Treasurer:

Mrs. Anne Bennett

Committee

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Steve Halliwell  
Prof. Donald Kalish  
Stewart Meacham  
Prof. Bea Seitzman  
Prof. Franz Schurmann  
Ethel Taylor  
\*Barbara Webster  
Trudi Young

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Dear Friends,

We are very happy to forward the enclosed letters to you. I would like to give you an account of the events that took place around the illegal seizure of these letters at Kennedy Airport on Wednesday. You would have had your mail a day or two earlier had it not been for this interference.

Robert Scheer announced when he left Hanoi that he had been given 379 letters from pilots whose names appeared on the list of 335 previously confirmed prisoners. Mr. Scheer, with a delegation of 10, had spent three months in Algeria, North Korea, China, and North Vietnam, and had accumulated a wide range of materials. However, U.S. Customs officials at Kennedy Airport were interested only in the whereabouts of the letters. Mr. Scheer opened the two packets of letters for the Customs officials to see. They then took him into a private room and demanded that he turn over the mail, saying, "We must open it and read it." He refused to hand over the letters as they had been consigned to him for immediate delivery to families. Finally, the Customs officials agreed to place the letters in bond, where the packages were officially sealed and a receipt given to Mr. Scheer.

(Last Saturday 143 letters were brought by a traveller returning from Hanoi. That brought to 1243 the number of letters from prisoners that have been delivered by hand to the U.S. without interference.)

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No explanation has been offered by anyone for the seizure of the mail, and no guarantees have been made that this will not happen again. On Thursday afternoon the State Department assured me that the mail was available to be claimed and expressed concern that it be forwarded immediately to relieve anxiety of waiting families. We reminded the State Department that it was the government that had seized the mail in seeming disregard for the families, prisoners, and the future of communication between them. Mr. Scheer offered to meet with representatives of the State Department at the airport to discuss the situation and see what could be done to prevent future occurrences of this nature. His request was rejected. When he went with Rennie Davis and myself to reclaim the mail, he was unnecessarily harrassed, and the press was ejected from observing the reclamation, despite the fact that the very same people had observed the seizure. When he finally got the letters, Mr. Scheer immediately transferred them to the Committee of Liaison for distribution.

We are very distressed about this incident. This delivery of mail brought first letters from previously confirmed prisoners for four families, some of whom had had no mail for five years. We have devoted considerable time and effort to maintaining a reliable and efficient channel for communication between you and the pilots. At the initiative of the North Vietnamese both the volume and frequency of mail has increased. The pilots have been receiving increasing numbers of packages, including a wide assortment of food, medicines, clothing and various kinds of games. We are not responsible for the consequences that acts of governmental interference may produce.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you have any questions, and kindly inform us of any changes of address. Should you wish us to forward mail to your relatives in North Vietnam we will be glad to do so. There will be several people travelling there in the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

*Cora Weiss*  
Cora Weiss

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Date 11/3/70

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Mrs. [redacted] Oklahoma, advised her son, [redacted] is a prisoner of war in Vietnam and is in the United States Air Force.

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She stated she has not been contacted by any group regarding her son and not by Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM).

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She explained that her daughter-in-law, the wife of [redacted] is Mrs. [redacted] Arizona, and she understood from talking on the telephone to her that she has had telephone calls from some individual or group concerning her husband. She stated she did not have further details and stated she would contact the FBI should she receive any contact by COLIFAM.

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On 10/30/70 at [redacted] Oklahoma File # Oklahoma City 100-7938

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/2/70

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# Memorandum

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

DATE: 12/18/70

FROM: [REDACTED], OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7938) -P-

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM) *b7c*  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO: NEW YORK

Re San Antonio letter to Bureau, 8/27/70.

During interview of Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oklahoma, on 12/15/70

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[REDACTED] COLIFAM in connection with her POW husband, [REDACTED]  
Mrs. [REDACTED] advised she forwards all mail received by  
her from COLIFAM and her husband to Personnel Services, USAF,  
Randolph Air Force Base (RAFB), Texas. She stated this mail  
is normally handled by a Col. LUTHER, Col. CARLETON, or  
Major GRATCH, and after a review by the Personnel Services  
Department, the correspondence is returned to her via the  
regular mails.

It is considered New York Office, as office of  
origin in this investigation, may desire to arrange to obtain  
copies of such correspondence from Personnel Services at RAFB  
and other such installations, if not already done.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457889)

DATE: 12/18/70

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-20689) (P)

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

Re New York airtel to Bureau and all offices, 6/9/70  
and San Antonio letter to Bureau and all offices, 8/27/70.

On 11/23/70, Mrs. [redacted] New York, stepmother of [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] originally from [redacted] New York, moved with her children to [redacted] in order to be available for any word regarding her husband's whereabouts. She furnished Mrs. [redacted] current address as [redacted] Texas [redacted] telephone [redacted]

She also advised that they have been in regular contact with [redacted] wife and are positive she had not been contacted by COLIFAM or else she would have made some mention of it to them.

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SAN ANTONIO

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AT RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

If not already done, interview [redacted] in accordance with instructions set out in referenced communications.

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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 BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>IS - MISCELLANEOUS REGISTRATION ACT</b> <i>67c</i>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED], 11/10/70, at San Antonio [REDACTED]

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SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO and AUSTIN, TEXAS. Will continue to interview dependents of prisoners of war in the San Antonio area.

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EXTREME DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED DURING THE COURSE OF INTERVIEWS. ADVISE INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED THAT IT IS AT [REDACTED]

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THE DIRECTION OF J. WALTER YEAGLEY, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL. DETERMINE ALSO IF THE INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWED  
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Office: San Antonio, Texas

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Title:

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

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - MISCELLANEOUS  
REGISTRATION ACT

Summary:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Texas, have not been contacted by COLIFAM.  
Mrs. [REDACTED], Texas, wife of [REDACTED]  
a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, has received  
correspondence from COLIFAM. Some correspondence received  
by her set forth, [REDACTED] Texas, wife  
of [REDACTED] a prisoner of war, has received  
seven communications from captioned organization, however,  
she has not retained any of this correspondence. She has not  
personally been contacted by the organization. Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Texas, has received correspondence  
from COLIFAM but has received no information about her son.

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DETAILS:

9803 [REDACTED] 3-19-93 MIA; POW Special  
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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [REDACTED]

On November 10, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED]  
Air Force Officer missing in action in Vietnam advised  
she has not been contacted directly or indirectly by the  
Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained  
in Vietnam (COLIFAM) and could therefore provide no information  
concerning this organization. According to Mrs. [REDACTED] she  
has become aware of the COLIFAM only through literature  
furnished by her by the U. S. Department of Defense (USDOD).

On November 10, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
the wife of Air Force Officer [REDACTED]  
missing in action in Vietnam, advised that she has not been  
contacted by the COLIFAM but she is aware of that organization  
having received correspondence pertaining to it from the USDOD.  
Mrs. [REDACTED] expressed a pronounced dislike for the COLIFAM  
as a result of the work they are attempting to do and explained  
that upon the release of her husband she will work actively  
to discredit the COLIFAM.

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Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] furnished the following information:

During June, 1970, she received two personal letters from her husband, [redacted], a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. The letters were forwarded by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam and were transmitted by cover letter. This was the first contact that Mrs. [redacted] had with the Committee of Liaison and it was not solicited. The cover letters explained the delay in delivering [redacted] personal correspondence to Mrs. [redacted] and indicated that the fault was that of the United States Government. By necessity, the correspondence was hand-carried from Hanoi, North Vietnam, to the United States by individual courier as Hanoi did not like to entrust the letters to the unreliable United States Mail Services. Also, according to the cover letters, the flow of mail will definitely increase in the very near future as sympathetic people are now making preparations to travel to Hanoi to act as couriers.

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Mrs. [redacted] did not keep the cover letters from the Committee of Liaison but recalled that it was inferred that correspondence transmitted by the Committee of Liaison would be the only correspondence that prisoners of war would be allowed to receive. The cover letters were not, by nature, harassing or threatening but merely set forth the above information.

Mrs. [redacted] has not personally corresponded with the Committee of Liaison except to furnish that organization with her current address. She has periodically received literature from the Committee of Liaison but has not maintained or read the major portion of it. Mrs. [redacted] has not been personally contacted by a Committee of Liaison representative and knows of no one who has been personally contacted by that group.

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on 11/17/70 at [redacted] TEXAS File # SA 100-11851  
by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 11/17/70

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Attached are copies of the only literature presently in the possession of Mrs. [REDACTED] which she has received from the Committee of Liaison.

# WERE THEY TORTURED?

**JON M. VAN DYKE**

*Mr. Van Dyke, assistant professor of law at Catholic University, Washington, D.C., is now on leave of absence doing legal research in San Francisco. He is the author of North Vietnam's Strategy for Survival, to be published this year by Pacific Books.*

Two of the American fighting men most recently released from North Vietnam held a press conference in early September to "blow the whistle" on North Vietnam's treatment of its prisoners, but their statements raised more questions than they answered—questions not only about North Vietnam's handling of its captives but also about how the Pentagon is using the released men.

At the elaborately staged press conference in the auditorium of the Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Navy Lieut. Robert F. Frishman and Apprentice Seaman Douglas R. Hegdahl said they had been tortured, by being put in small, ovenlike rooms and exposed to mosquitoes and rats. They also asserted that they had heard that other prisoners had received even worse treatment.

Until this press conference the authorities had not permitted any of the nine freed prisoners to give the press more than the most general information about their experiences. Wives of the pilots still in North Vietnam have similarly been discouraged from talking about the letters they receive from prison. The Defense Department's explanation of this muzzling has been that public discussions might dissuade Hanoi from releasing pilots in the future or cause them to retaliate against those remaining in prison.

After the torture-chamber tales of Frishman and Hegdahl, it seems hard to imagine how additional discussion could jeopardize the pilots remaining in North Vietnam, but the day after the press conference, officers of the Pentagon's Public Information Division phoned the seven other released pilots and told them to stay quiet.

Most of the seven followed these instructions and have continued to elude reporters. However, one pilot who was released in August 1968, Maj. Joe V. Carpenter, expressed surprise at the statements made by Frishman and Hegdahl. Although he would not go into any details because of the orders, Carpenter said he had not been tortured in North Vietnam nor had he heard of anyone being tortured. "In general," he stated, "my treatment was good." When asked why the Defense Department would not allow him to speak freely even after the press conference, Carpenter responded, "It's all part of a plan." The question inevitably arises: what plan?

Aside from the issue of the Pentagon's motives, the details given by Frishman and Hegdahl raise some doubts about their broad charge of "torture." The only first-hand examples they mentioned in their prepared statements were (1) being placed in solitary confinement in small rat-infested rooms with tin roofs which became inordinately hot; and (2) being exposed to mosquitoes which bit their legs until they swelled. These episodes, while certainly unpleasant, are different only in degree from the

treatment the United States Army gave the Green Beret officers who are charged in the recent slaying of a Vietnamese counterspy. They were placed in solitary confinement in 5 by 7 foot cells with no toilet facilities and only a bare light bulb inadequate for reading. The Green Beret officers complained that their cells became inordinately hot.

Frishman and Hegdahl supported their charge of torture by giving examples of more serious physical harassment suffered by two other pilots. They said that Navy Lieut. Comdr. Richard A. Stratton, who made a well-publicized confession in March 1967, gave his statement only after having been strung up by his wrists and having his fingernails pulled out.

The confession was delivered through a loud-speaker to a Hanoi press conference at which one American photographer and a Japanese television crew were present. An American voice from behind a curtain gave a long statement about the war. When this was completed Stratton appeared from behind the curtain. He bowed deeply several times and then left without speaking. When the American photographer reported this scene, the United States protested that its pilots were being brainwashed, a charge which Frishman and Hegdahl now endorse.

It is hard to believe that Stratton actually had his fingernails pulled out, however, when none of the many persons who have seen him have reported physical harm. Because of the storm of protests which followed Stratton's "confession," North Vietnam invited many visitors, including Americans, to meet Stratton. Nobody reported seeing any scars or missing fingernails. Pictures taken of Stratton when he appeared from behind the curtain show that his hands were visible to the reporters, none of whom reported any injury. Pictures taken of Stratton in prison later show him to be a bit downcast, but in good health.

The second example offered by Frishman and Hegdahl was Navy Lieut. Comdr. John S. McCain III, son of the American Commander in the Pacific. McCain was injured quite severely when he landed in a lake in the heart of Hanoi after trying to bomb the city's main power plant on October 26, 1967. According to the two returned pilots, McCain has been kept in solitary confinement during most of his captivity. "It's hard enough just being in solitary confinement," Frishman said, "but when you're wounded like John it's harder." Frishman made no complaint that McCain had actually been physically hurt by the North Vietnamese, so it is difficult to understand why this is an example of torture. Furthermore, McCain was not kept in solitary confinement during the first six months of his captivity when his injuries were most severe. Air Force Lieut. Col. Norris M. Overly said after his release, in February 1968 that he had shared a room with McCain.

There are other reasons for wondering about the charges made by Frishman and Hegdahl:

(1) None of the prisoners who had been released earlier complained of unprovoked physical mistreatment. Navy

Lieut. David P. Matheny, who was captured in February 1968, said that he was beaten on occasion but only after he had struck a guard. The other pilots, both in the limited public statements they have made and in private discussions with government officials, have uniformly described their treatment as decent. Air Force Maj. Fred N. Thompson, released in August 1968, said that he was obliged to participate in formal interrogation several times, but that the North Vietnamese did not use any threats or pressure during their questioning. When Thompson told his interrogator that a question involved classified matter, the interrogator dropped the subject.

(2) Frishman and Hegdahl gave no hint to the Americans who accompanied them from Hanoi that they had suffered physical mistreatment. Rennie Davis, the leader of the group, said he had long and frank discussions with the men and that they had said nothing about being tortured. Only after the pilots had gone through extensive debriefings did they tell their torture stories.

(3) Hegdahl is a man of limited experience and training who suffered greatly while in North Vietnam, not because of the conditions of prison life but because of his inability to adjust to a situation of confinement. One of the few prisoners who was not shot down while bombing North Vietnam, Hegdahl was captured in the South China Sea after falling off the U.S.S. *Cunberna* while it was maneuvering to evade shelling from the North Vietnamese shore. He had grown up in a small town in South Dakota, had enlisted in the Navy at an early age, was only 20 when captured in 1967, and had received none of the conditioning that pilots are given. According to Maj. James F. Low, who had shared a room with Hegdahl for a while before his own release in August 1968, Hegdahl was in a distressed mental state and it was very difficult to live with him. Hegdahl may, therefore, not be the most reliable of commentators on North Vietnam's prisons.

(4) The Pentagon's previous conduct regarding released prisoners has failed to produce a record that inspires trust. After the first group of three pilots was released in February 1968, the Pentagon, with the active assistance of William H. Sullivan, then ambassador to Laos, persuaded the pilots to return to the United States on a military plane, despite the express desire of North Vietnam that the representatives of the U.S. peace movement who had received the prisoners in Hanoi be allowed to accompany them on commercial flights all the way home. (See *The Nation*, April 1, 1968.) No additional prisoners were released until the United States promised to allow them to return on commercial flights. An even more serious breach of the spirit of North Vietnam's releases occurred in the fall of 1968 when the Air Force assigned two of the three pilots freed in August 1968 to teach other pilots to fly and bomb. It costs about \$300,000 to train a jet fighter pilot, and the North Vietnamese did not like the thought that they were saving the Pentagon money by releasing future teachers. A member of the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris complained to Averell Harriman in December 1968, and he arranged for the pilots to be assigned to other duties. Because of this incident North Vietnam apparently canceled a release it had scheduled for early 1969. Rennie Davis

thinks that, by encouraging Frishman and Hegdahl to make their statements, the Pentagon has discouraged similar gestures by Han in the future.

There are, of course, grounds for criticizing the treatment of American prisoners. North Vietnam refuses to release the names of even the total number of Americans it holds, insisting that this is a state secret which it wishes to retain for bargaining purposes in future negotiations. Partly to keep the number of captive pilots secret, North Vietnam refuses to allow many to write to their relatives. At least 388 and perhaps as many as 800 prisoners are held in North Vietnam. Fewer than 100 have been allowed to write home, and those 100 have written a total of only 600 letters. Also, perhaps, to keep the number secret, many prisoners are held in solitary confinement. This treatment is a clear violation of the requirements of the 1949 Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War (which North Vietnam signed in 1957) and it has had a demoralizing effect on many of the pilots. But until Frishman and Hegdahl spoke, that was all.

However, because the first six pilots who were released had all been in prison for less than eight months, because the prisoners whom Hanoi displayed to reporters tended to be the same ones again and again, and because many of the prisoners have yet to be identified, some U.S. officials devised the "Two Groups" theory. They surmised that North Vietnam treated some prisoners well, so that they would tell the world that the prisons were humane, and so that they could be sent home in good shape when the occasion suited, but that another group was kept in the background and treated badly. The release of Hegdahl after twenty-eight months, and of Frishman after twenty-one months, disrupted this theory, particularly when the two prisoners claimed mistreatment.

Shortly after the Frishman-Hegdahl press conference, some officials at the CIA expanded upon the "Two Groups" idea to suggest that the prisoners may be kept in three separate places. According to this theory, one camp holds those prisoners who cooperate, another those who are unusually difficult, and the third those who are neither cooperative nor difficult. This might explain the difference in treatment reported by the various pilots who have returned, but it poses another question: why would North Vietnam release prisoners who had been tortured?

Another explanation of the difference in treatment was offered by Frishman himself. He said that what he called "torture" may be the doings of jailers who act without the knowledge of North Vietnam's leaders. Frishman stated, as an example, that his conditions improved whenever a North Vietnamese general visited the camp.

North Vietnam's treatment of its prisoners and its method of choosing those it releases may be puzzling, but the behavior of the United States toward those who have been freed is at least as mysterious. After ordering all the released pilots to say nothing, the Pentagon has allowed two of them to tell melodramatic stories, while demanding continuing silence of the others. Before the accounts by Frishman and Hegdahl can be accepted, the other freed prisoners must be allowed to tell their stories.

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Dear families,

This letter is being sent to all families of confirmed prisoners of war in North Vietnam as a general information memo to respond to the many questions we have received in recent weeks. Kindly excuse the form, but so many of your concerns are similar that we thought this more efficient. We are enclosing air letters for your use. One letter a month is still allowed. Kindly seal all letters sent thru the Committee of Liaison, and staple or clip photos inside the letter form. We have no interest in seeing mail.

A delegation of lawyers is leaving shortly for a visit to the DRV. They have expressed willingness to carry mail with them. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should have mail in our office no later than Nov. 7. We guarantee only that the mail will arrive safely in North Vietnam and will be delivered to the appropriate authorities. We have no way of guaranteeing that the prisoners will get each letter. That is beyond our ability. However, if the mail conforms to the regulations we have no reason to doubt its delivery. We believe that from what we have been told by families, there is some delay, even risk, in sending mail thru postal routes. Much of the mail sent has obviously gotten thru, but some has been returned, or may wait for long periods for irregular flights. The Vietnamese are using hand delivery only for getting mail to the US because of the risky and unpredictable postal channels. Mail has been delayed and has taken months to arrive. They now wait for delegations to bring it.

Last month we sent 250 letters to North Vietnam with a group. All mail presently in the office will be delivered with the next group. As of now, over 1600 letters have been received since Dec. We do not know why some men have written more frequently than others. We also do not know if the list of 335 men announced in April is final for those being held by the North Vietnamese. When asked by family members, we have inquired about specific servicemen for whom there is substantial evidence of their capture. When we have a reply we will, of course, let the families know. It is our understanding that until there is some movement in Paris to respond to the proposals put forward by Mme. Binh on Sept. 17, there will be no further move vis-a-vis POW's. That is, until the two conditions are met, setting a fixed date for

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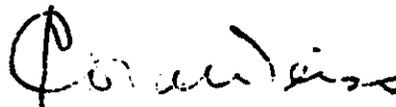
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We appreciate being kept informed as to your changes of address, and continue to welcome your questions. We hope you continue to remember that we are here, not there, have no authority in handling prisoner affairs, and have tried to maintain a clear and efficient and reliable channel for communication between you and your sons and husbands. We look forward to the end of our task, for that will represent America's agreement to conclude the war and the release of the prisoners.

Sincerely yours



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# PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIETNAM

(ED. NOTE: The following excerpts are drawn from a paper which Visiting Fellow Jon M. Van Dyke presented for discussion at a recent Center roundtable.)

For the past year and a half, the U.S. has condemned the North Vietnamese for their treatment of captured Americans. The North Vietnamese are portrayed as evil captors who unrelentingly harass American prisoners. The American prisoners are portrayed as virtuous men who find themselves in North Vietnamese prisons through an unfortunate and totally fortuitous series of events. The "prisoner-of-war problem" is depicted as an issue unrelated to the bombing and fighting that have been taking place in various parts of Southeast Asia throughout the past decade.

Although this effort succeeded in persuading the North Vietnamese to adhere more closely to the formal requirements of the Geneva Convention on Prisoners of War, it is based on two false premises: (1) that the Geneva Convention can be applied without difficulty to the conflict in Vietnam and (2) that the United States and its allies conform to the requirements of the Convention. (The Geneva Convention was drafted in 1949 to deal with the problems of conventional warfare on European battlefields. It is difficult, if not impossible, to apply these provisions to a guerrilla war in Southeast Asia.)

The United States pays only minimal attention to the Convention when it is not in its interest to do so. American soldiers frequently torture captured Viet Cong in order to obtain information about nearby enemy units. Even more frequently, the U.S. permits the Saigon forces to torture prisoners after capture and throughout their period of captivity. The U.S. has failed to punish in any significant way soldiers who have killed or mistreated enemy captives, thus elevating this practice to an official policy. The U.S. also conducts a program of terror to eliminate Viet Cong political cadre a program that operates with total dis-

regard for the safeguards of the Geneva Convention. Finally, because of its desire to give the American public the bleakest possible view of what the enemy's prison camps are like, the Pentagon has muzzled freed Americans who want to talk about the experiences they had in captivity.

The furor that has been created over North Vietnam's prison camps is understandable from a human point of view. There are men in prison who have been separated from their families for a period longer than in any previous war the United States has been involved in. One man has now been in Hanoi over six years.

The furor nonetheless does an injustice to the North Vietnamese, who have probably treated their captives better than any other nation fighting in Asia during this century. During World War II, prisoners of war in Asia were killed and allowed to die with little remorse. Twenty-seven percent of the prisoners held by the Japanese during that war died, and a shockingly high percentage of the Japanese held in Allied camps failed to survive captivity. The treatment of prisoners during the Korean war was, at best, primitive. And the handling of captives by the United States and the Saigon government is in many respects worse than that of North Vietnam and the Viet Cong.

It is in this perspective that North Vietnam's prison camps must be analyzed. The most serious charges lodged against the North Vietnamese are the accusations of physical abuse brought back by two pilots a year ago. These charges are serious indeed, but the manner in which the Pentagon has handled public information about North Vietnam's camps makes it difficult to accept the statements at face value. The other seven pilots who have been released by North Vietnam have never been formally pre-

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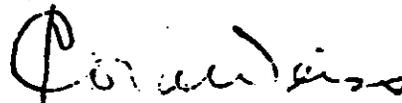
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sented to the press. In fact, they have all been told that it would not be beneficial to their military careers to say anything that would interfere with the government's attempts to put pressure on North Vietnam.

ABC News was finally able to persuade another of the freed pilots to speak last month and he gave quite a different picture of North Vietnam's prison camps. Air Force Captain Joe V. Carpenter said that he had been pushed around a bit when first captured, and was kept separate from the other prisoners, but that he had not suffered in any significant fashion. Physical conditions were not too bad, and he was able to make friends with the North Vietnamese who lived in the neighborhood of his cell.

The complaints lodged against the treatment of prisoners by the Viet Cong in South Vietnam mostly concern the extremely austere lodging and food. Many Viet Cong units are constantly on the run, so that until a prisoner can be taken to a secure area, the prisoner must also be constantly moving. Even in a secure area, the prisoner — like everyone else who lives in the area — must always be on guard for American bombing attacks.

Considering these difficulties, the treatment given to prisoners by the Viet Cong is probably as good as could ever be provided by a revolutionary army. Many of the Americans who have spent time in Viet Cong prisons during the last two years have, in fact, commended the enemy for the treatment received.

In November, 1969, three young GI's who had been prisoners for periods ranging from eight months to two years were released by the V.C. After they were transported to an Air Force Base in Japan, they were displayed to the press for fifteen minutes and proceeded to praise the Viet Cong for their treatment. Private Coy R. Tinsley of Cleveland, Tennessee, said, "I'd have to think twice before I'd fight them again after what they did for me. I was wounded. They took real good care of me."

The Army reacted typically to these stories of Viet Cong kindness. High officials decreed in January, 1970, that all soldiers subsequently



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released from enemy prisons would be kept from the press until they had undergone extensive debriefings both in Vietnam and the United States and had gone through a "readjustment" period. The U.P.I. quoted informed military sources as saying that exceptions may be made if the former prisoner is found in his early debriefings to be hostile toward his captors.

The spotlight must be focused on U.S. — Saigon treatment in order to gain perspective on the relative merits of North Vietnam's handling of prisoners.

There are six formal P.O.W. camps run by the Saigon government, with the assistance of U.S. advisors, containing some 33,000 men. These camps are subjected to scheduled and unscheduled inspection by the International Committee of the Red Cross, and they do conform to the Convention's requirements. Many of the Viet Cong who were captured never, however, make it to these formal camps.

There have been a number of trials during the past year of American G.I.s accused of killing Viet Cong prisoners. Despite uncontradicted eye-witness testimony, all of the accused have been acquitted or given extremely lenient penalties. These acquittals must be based on the knowledge of the officers on the court-martial panels that killing of prisoners take place among U.S.

forces in South Vietnam all the time, and the media has confirmed that this is true. Television crewmen have frequently taken film of interrogators torturing suspects, and newsmen have photographed captives being pushed out of American helicopters.

Another large block of captives are deemed not to qualify for formal P.O.W. status by the overly-strict standards used by the United States and the Saigon governments, and they wind up in miserable South Vietnamese civilian prisons.

After the International Committee of the Red Cross visited one of these civilian prisons earlier this year — at Con Son Island, with its famous "tiger cages" — they found a group of prisoners of war from North Vietnam and discovered that they were mistreated in the following respects: they were never allowed out of their cells, they were strapped in irons every night from five in the evening to six in the morning, they were permitted to wash only twice a week, they were not given enough fresh food or water, and they were only rarely given fresh clothes.

Subsequently Dr. Marjorie Nelson told the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations that she had regularly treated the victims of beatings and torture inflicted in a South Vietnamese interrogation center that had an American adviser. She said prisoners came to her after "being tortured by electricity with wires attached to ears, nipples and genitalia; being forced to drink concoctions containing powdered lime and other noxious substances; and being tied up and suspended by ropes upside down from the rafters for hours."

The United States government and its allies participate in such atrocities without much apparent concern, while at the same time condemning North Vietnam for its relatively tolerable prisoner treatment. ■

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Date 11/27/70

Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at her residence, [redacted]. She furnished the following information:

Mrs. [redacted] was originally contacted by the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (CLF) during May, 1970. She was not personally contacted by the CLF but received a letter advising that her husband, [redacted] was being detained in North Vietnam as a prisoner of war. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. [redacted] received a letter from the CLF containing a letter from her husband. She has received a total of 7 communications from the CLF transmitting 5 personal letters from her husband. Mrs. [redacted] described the cover letters from the CLF as being carefully prepared so as to conceal the reason for the CLF's actions. The letters were not threatening or harrassing but merely set forth the details concerning the transmission of her husband's correspondence. Mrs. [redacted] recalls that the second letter she received indicated that one Reverend FERNANDEZ had recently traveled to North Vietnam in order to hand carry letters from the U. S. POWs back to this country.

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Mrs. [redacted] has not kept any of the correspondence from the CLF and knows of no other individuals who have received correspondence from that organization. Mrs. [redacted] has never been personally contacted by a representative of the CLF. She stated that while she wishes to cooperate with the FBI and is adamantly opposed to the actions of the CLF she, under no circumstances, would testify to the above information until the U. S. POWs have all been returned to this country.

Mrs. [redacted] displayed reticence at furnishing any additional information in this regard.

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Date 12/10/70

Mrs. [redacted] advised that just prior to Thanksgiving one year ago she received a telephone call from Mrs. [redacted] Texas. Mrs. [redacted] is the wife of a prisoner of war. She told Mrs. [redacted] that a Mrs. ETHEL TAYLOR, 1505 Ashford, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was going to make a trip to North Vietnam and that it might be possible to get a letter through to the prisoners by sending it to Mrs. TAYLOR.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she was somewhat skeptical and in keeping with instructions she had received from the Air Force, she called Col. LUTHER, San Antonio, Texas, in order to obtain some information concerning Mrs. TAYLOR. She was unable to contact Col. LUTHER, but one of the other Air Force people told her that it might be possible to get a letter to her son through TAYLOR. They did not encourage or discourage Mrs. [redacted] from writing Mrs. TAYLOR.

Mrs. [redacted] wrote a letter to her son, enclosed this in an envelope which she addressed to Mrs. ETHEL TAYLOR in Philadelphia.

Some time after this, Mrs. [redacted] stated, that she either read in the paper or heard it on TV that CORA WILSS, Mrs. TAYLOR and a group of others had just returned from North Vietnam and they made the announcement that they were forming the "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam" (COLIFAM). In February Mrs. [redacted] received a form letter from ETHEL TAYLOR which told about the organization of COLIFAM. There was no letter from her son, nor was there any mention of the letter which she sent to Mrs. TAYLOR.

A month or so later she received another form letter which said that the organization was sorry that they were not able to bring back a letter for Mrs. [redacted]. Again there was no mention of the letter which she sent, nor any information concerning her son.

Mrs. [redacted] stated that she has not attempted to utilize the organization to correspond with her son, nor has she corresponded with the organization other than the first

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she has seen the letter she received from COLIFAM, Inc. At best she can recall that were simply a form letter which explained something about the organization. She stated that she would be willing to cooperate in any way and would testify if it were necessary.

Mrs. [redacted] was advised that she was being interviewed at the direction of J. CALVIN YEAGLEY, Assistant Attorney General.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-11851)

SUBJECT: *W/O* COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
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*to Mr. [redacted] b7c*

*FOIA per EO 12812-20345,570*

Re Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau, 12/18/70, pointing out that New York as office of origin in this investigation may desire to arrange to obtain copies of correspondence from Personnel Services at Randolph AFB, Texas, and other such installations if not already done.

Reference is made to San Antonio letters to the Bureau 8/27/70, copy to all offices, which furnished receiving offices pertinent pages from a list of POW's and missing in action Air Force personnel to be used as lead material in this case.

As was pointed out in referenced San Antonio letter due to numerous inquiries made by Senators, Congressmen and other Governmental agencies, the Casualty Division of the U.S. Air Force at Randolph AFB, Texas, prepared this alphabetical list to answer these inquiries.

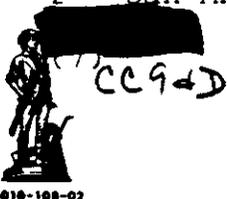
Not only was this information furnished to all offices for lead purposes, but, in addition, it was furnished to all offices so that San Antonio would not be the recipient of numerous leads from throughout the U.S. to contact the Casualty Division at Randolph AFB, Texas. The Casualty Division has been deluged with inquiries not only from Government sources but from private organizations as well regarding prisoners of war and, in addition, has to deal with POW and missing in action personnel families involved in this traumatic experience.

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*to Mr. [redacted] b7c*

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We should not be in a position as suggested in Oklahoma City's letter to adding additional unnecessary work for the Casualty Division of the Air Force. Oklahoma City is referred to Bureau letter to Albany dated 10/12/70, regarding investigation in this case. In addition, in order to comply with instructions set forth in New York airtel to the Bureau 6/9/70, as to setting forth interviews on an FD 302 (See Page 6), any documents obtained by an individual should be made a part of the FD 302.

It is for the reasons set forth above that San Antonio recommends that no further consideration be given to Oklahoma City's suggestion.

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# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 12/18/70

SAC, NEW ORLEANS (97-99)

FROM :

**COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF  
SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM);  
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(OO: NEW YORK)**

Re New Orleans letter to the Bureau, 9/30/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for New York three copies of LHM reflecting interview of Mrs. [REDACTED] La.

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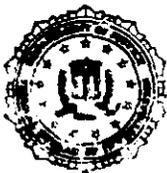
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 New Orleans, Louisiana  
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Committee of Liaison With Families of  
 Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM)

Reference is made to the Letterhead Memoranda dated  
 September 30, 1970, at New Orleans, Louisiana, captioned as  
 above.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] wife of [REDACTED] Louisiana,  
 advised on November 16, 1970, that she had not been contacted  
 by any representatives of Colifam. She stated, however, that  
 she did not expect to be contacted by a representative of the  
 organization inasmuch as her husband is not a prisoner of war  
 in North Vietnam but rather a prisoner being held in Red China.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)

DATE: 12/16/70

FROM : *Off* *601271-1-1*  
[Redacted] CHICAGO (100-48914) (P)

SUBJECT: *601271-1-1*  
[Redacted] COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES  
OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN NORTH  
VIETNAM (COLIFAM)  
IS-MISC; REGISTRATION ACT

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[Redacted] ReSAlet to Bureau dated August 27, 1970, and  
CGlet to Bureau dated October 8, 1970, copies of both  
furnished to New York.

No additional individuals have been located by  
the Chicago Office for interview that have been contacted  
by COLIFAM. Also, there has been no information received  
indicating that COLIFAM has been active in the Chicago  
area other than previously furnished the Bureau and New  
York. *601271-1-1*  
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Chicago is continuing its attempts to locate  
and contact those individuals listed in reSAlet residing  
in the Chicago area. However, as of the present, no  
admissible evidence indicating COLIFAM is, in fact, acting  
within the U.S. at the request of the Government of North  
Vietnam and is engaged in political activity as defined  
in the Foreign Agents Registration Act has been developed.

Efforts to develop such evidence are being con-  
tinued by Chicago. Contacts with logical New Left sources  
are being maintained, as well as with local military sources,  
in an effort to develop information concerning COLIFAM.  
Reviews of metropolitan and underground newspapers continue  
for any article of interest to this investigation.

Chicago continues to closely follow this matter  
and will promptly furnish the Bureau, New York, and other  
interested offices any information developed in form suitable  
for dissemination.

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- 1-Chicago

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 TO DIRECTOR  
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 FROM NEW YORK 100-168469

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 ON 7/24/93  
 AUTHORITY E.O. 12812 CN345,570

COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN DETAINED IN  
 NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM), IS - MISC.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED DECEMBER ELEVEN, INSTANT, THAT COLIFAM RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM THE VIETNAM COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, HANOI, D.R. VIETNAM, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS-

"READY TO RECEIVE RON, TRUDI AND ANN DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH - TWENTY SIXTH. CABLE BEFORE DEPARTURE SOURCE FURTHER ADDED THAT RON IS RON YOUNG, HEAD OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION, A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION AND TRUDI IS TRUDI YOUNG, RON YOUNG'S WIFE, WHO IS THE COORDINATOR OF THE WOMENS STRIKE FOR PEACE, ALSO A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION. SOURCE COULD NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY ANN.

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NYO WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ANN AND ALSO ASCERTAIN THE TRAVEL ITINERARY OF THE GROUP. NEW YORK WILL ADVISE.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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UPON VERIFICATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING TO HANOI, NEW YORK WILL SUBMIT AN LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-457899

ATTN DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 100-168469 CONFIDENTIAL

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IN NORTH VIETNAM (COLIFAM), IS - MISC.

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A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN  
THE PAST, ADVISED ON DECEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST, THAT THE  
FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAD RESERVATIONS ON SOVIET AEROFLOT  
FLIGHT SUO FOUR ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST--

TRUDI YOUNG (COORDINATOR OF THE WOMENS STRIKE FOR  
PEACE, A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION), RON YOUNG (HEAD OF THE  
FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION, A PACIFIST ORGANIZATION), AND

ANNE BENNET. SOURCE STATED THAT THIS AEROFLOT FLIGHT ARRIVED  
IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER FOURTEEN, LAST, A DAY LATE AND THE

THREE ABOVE LISTED INDIVIDUALS WHILE NOT CANCELLING THEIR DEC 29 1970  
RESERVATIONS DID NOT SHOW UP TO DEPART NEW YORK ON DECEMBER  
FOURTEEN, LAST, WITH AEROFLOT FLIGHT SUO FOUR.

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A SECOND SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON DECEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST, THAT FOUR PACIFIST REPRESENTATIVES WERE TRAVELING TO HANOI AND WOULD BE THERE BY CHRISTMAS. SOURCE STATED THAT THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS WERE SISTER MARY LUKE TOBIN, CATHOLIC PEACE FELLOWSHIP; RON YOUNG, TRUDI YOUNG AND ANNE BENNETT. SOURCE ADDED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRAVEL WAS TO HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON A PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE PEACE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, AND TO BRING LETTERS OVER AND BACK FROM THE POWS. *QK*

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FIRST SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *(C)* *LI*  
 NEW YORK WILL FOLLOW AND SUBMIT LHM UPON FURTHER VERIFICATION OF THE ACTUAL DEPARTURE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TO HANOI. *QK*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
FROM : *[Redacted]* SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10986) (P)

DATE: 12/28/70

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

(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York airtels to Bureau, 6/9/70 and 7/14/70;  
and Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 10/13/70, enclosing LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
regarding captioned organization; three copies are enclosed  
for New York.

Efforts to locate Mr. and Mrs. *[Redacted]*  
*[Redacted]* N. C., parents of  
*[Redacted]* missing in action, and Mrs.  
*[Redacted]* N. C., wife of  
*[Redacted]* missing in action, negative.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 28, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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

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On November 20, 1970, [redacted] North Carolina, father of [redacted] missing in action; and [redacted] North Carolina, father of [redacted] missing in action, advised that they had had no contact of any kind with any representative of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, (COLIFAM).

*8012712 b2c*

Mrs. [redacted] North Carolina, mother of [redacted] missing in action advised December 4, 1970, she had had no contact with COLIFAM.

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The following individuals were contacted at [redacted] North Carolina, on October 28, 1970, at which time they advised they have never heard of captioned organization or been contacted by any member:

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Mr. [redacted] phone [redacted] father of [redacted] missing in action since [redacted] 1966.

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] phone [redacted] parents of [redacted] missing in action since [redacted] 1968.

Mrs. [redacted] phone [redacted] wife of [redacted] missing in action since [redacted] 1968.

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

*EO 12812/2 b7c*

Mrs. [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]  
wife of [REDACTED] missing in action since [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 1965. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] phone [REDACTED]  
wife of [REDACTED] missing  
in action since [REDACTED] 1966. [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 5, 1970

*EO 12812/2 b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] advised she is the wife of [redacted] United States Air Force who is presently listed as missing in action in Vietnam.

She stated she has heard of The Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen detained in North Vietnam and that some of the members of this organization were convicted in the recent trial in Chicago. She stated she was aware of the above organization through television and newspaper publicity but that she does not approve of organizations of this type and their members and feels they would be more of a deterrent than a help.

*EO 12812/2 b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] stated she has never been contacted by the above organization nor has she ever contacted this organization or any organization of this type. She stated she is not a member of the local organization of servicemen's wives whose husbands are prisoners of North Vietnam. She stated she has never written to nor received any letters or other correspondence from the above organization and does not plan to contact this organization in the future.

She stated she has personally written to various "neutral countries" at the suggestion of the Public Affairs Office, Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, inquiring for help in determining if her husband is a Prisoner of War and in an effort to obtain any information as to his location.

She stated she has written to the heads of state and/or their embassies in the United States of the following countries: Sweden, Russia, Poland, Cambodia, India, Rumania, and France. She stated the names and addresses of the heads of state and embassies were obtained from the Public Affairs Office, Pope Air Force Base furnished to wives of missing servicemen.

*EO 12812/2 b7c*

Mrs. [redacted] stated in addition to the above mentioned letters she writes monthly to the Hanoi Peace Representative in Paris and to the President of North Vietnam asking that they check all prisoner of war camps to determine if her husband is in any of these camps. She stated she has never received a reply to any of the letters written to Hanoi or the North Vietnam Peace representative.

On 10/30/70 at [redacted] N. C. File # Charlotte 100-10986

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/2/70

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She stated she will continue writing to the North Vietnam Government and to Hanoi and Paris in an effort to obtain any information she can as to her husband and if he is in fact a prisoner of war. She stated, however, she will not contact any "long haired organization" for assistance as she does not believe in these type organizations and does not want to become connected or involved in any way whatsoever with this type of people.

She stated she does not want any publicity and hopes through the letters that she will eventually obtain information as to her husband and whether or not he is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

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Date December 3, 1970

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Mrs. [redacted] North Carolina, wife of [redacted] a prisoner of war held in North Vietnam, advised that her husband had made a tape in Hanoi over the Christmas period in 1969. She stated that from January, 1970, to July, 1970, she has gotten four to five letters from her husband through the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, with the return address of 365 West 42nd Street, New York City. She stated that all the letters have been transmitted to her by this committee and it has been a "one way" correspondence, since she has never corresponded with the committee itself.

She said that she does not know any of the members of this organization, has had no contact with it, and with the exception of any correspondence received from this organization, does not anticipate any contact with this organization in the future. She stated that she has never been harrassed by this organization, nor has she been asked to join this organization. She stated that she has no idea how this organization obtains letters from her husband or how they are transmitted from North Vietnam to the United States. She stated that she does not know the identity of other prisoner of war families who have received letters from their kin in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated that she desired to be contacted prior to any of the above information being made public or regarding her testimony, because she would like to make a decision at that time concerning the divulgence of the above information.

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On 11/20/70 at [redacted] N. C. File # CE 100-10986

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Date December 7, 1970

Mrs. [redacted] residing in [redacted] and [redacted] North Carolina, furnished the following information:

She is married to [redacted] who is listed by the United States Air Force as missing in action [redacted]

She has had no contact with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen detained in North Vietnam. No one representing this organization has contacted her or made any attempt to contact her.

She is of the opinion that she has heard of this organization through newsletters sent to her by the United States Air Force. She could furnish no further information regarding this organization.

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File # Charlotte 100-10986

by SA [redacted]

Date dictated 12/1/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-457899)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-21989) (RUC)

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

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York Airtel dated 6/9/70 and Bureau let to  
Albany dated 10/12/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM  
captioned, "COMMITTEE OF LIAISON WITH FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN  
DETAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM". Enclosed for New York are two  
copies of LHM.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Saint Louis, Missouri

December 21, 1970

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

*EO 12812*

On October 19, 1970, Mr. [redacted] Missouri, advised he is the brother of [redacted] who is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam and that their father is [redacted] Missouri. [redacted] stated that his father is [redacted] years old and has almost completely lost his memory. His mother is extremely concerned and distraught over the situation involving [redacted] [redacted] stated that he handles the affairs of the family and that his parents have had no contact with any persons concerning the return of prisoners of war. In view of the above, no contact was made with the parents of [redacted]

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The following are interviews with relatives of other prisoners of war or missing in action individuals.

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9803 [redacted] 32993 *with POW Special*  
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HEREIN CONTAINED  
DATE 9/3/82 BY [redacted]

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*E.O. 12812-1-67c*  
Date 10/22/70

Mrs. [redacted] was interviewed at which time she furnished the following information:

She is the wife of [redacted] U. S. Air Force, who is missing in North Vietnam. Earlier in 1970, she had been in contact with the casualty officer at Blytheville Air Force Base, Blythesville, Arkansas in regard to getting a letter delivered to her husband. She had received correspondence from KENNETH KIRKPATRICK, who was associated with the American Friends Service Committee, Inc., and KIRKPATRICK had said he was going to Hanoi and would attempt to deliver letters to servicemen held in North Vietnam. She had been told by the casualty officer that KIRKPATRICK was legitimate and that she could if she wanted send KIRKPATRICK a letter to be delivered to her husband if possible.

She stated that in July, 1970, she received a letter from KIRKPATRICK returning to her the letter she had sent for delivery to her husband. She also received a list of prisoners in North Vietnam from KIRKPATRICK. She said the list of prisoners had a heading "Committee of Liaison With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam, 365 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. 10036 212-765-1490." This list, which she got unsolicited from KIRKPATRICK, is her only knowledge of this committee and she has not been contacted directly by anyone from or acting for this committee.

She made available the following documents which she received from KIRKPATRICK in an envelope postmarked on July 29, 1970, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a return address of KEN KIRKPATRICK, AFSC, 814 N. E. 40th Street, Seattle, Washington, 98105. Also included in this envelope was her letter to her husband which KIRKPATRICK had not been able to deliver:

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On 10/19/70 at [redacted] Missouri File # SL 100-21989

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by SA [redacted] Date dictated 10/20/70

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE INC.



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Executive Secretary

*EO 12812  
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July 27, 1970

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

I deeply regret that it was not possible for me to deliver the enclosed as you had requested when I went to Hanoi in June 1970. I was told in Hanoi by Mr. Tran Trong Quat of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity with the American People that that Committee has compiled a list of 335 American servicemen who it says are held in detention camps in North Vietnam. (See attached list.) This Committee does not have responsibility for the administration of camps of detention in North Vietnam, but is the committee which invited me to visit Hanoi. Mr. Quat would accept from me only those letters which were addressed to persons on the list of 335. This is the same list which was turned over to the Committee of Liaison last April.

Mr. Quat informed me that the North Vietnam authorities have no information regarding Americans who have been captured in areas outside North Vietnam. In other words, although the name of a person who is believed to have been shot down over Laos, Cambodia, China or South Vietnam does not appear on the North Vietnam list of 335, this does not mean that that person has not survived. It only means that according to the North Vietnamese he is not a person known to them or held by them and that they, therefore, cannot deliver letters or packages to him.

Regarding those reportedly shot down over North Vietnam the refusal of Mr. Quat to accept letters for delivery because their names are not on the list of 335 implies, of course, a more somber situation, but I learned nothing more specific than that as to any particular individual.

My recent trip to Southeast Asia took me both to Hanoi and to Saigon. Both in North Vietnam and in South Vietnam, as well as here in the United States, one cannot help but see how this war has brought tragedy and sorrow into the lives of all affected by it, Americans and Vietnamese alike.

Again let me express my sincere regret that I was not able to deliver the enclosed.

*EO 12812 b2c*

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Kirkpatrick  
Peace Education Secretary  
AFSC  
814 N.E. 40th Street  
Seattle, Washington 98105

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The following 335 names have been officially confirmed by Hanoi to be prisoners held in North Vietnam; -- April 30, 1970 -- :

Alabama

Michael K. McCuiston, 71410, Montgomery  
Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, FR75446, Elba  
~~Irby David Terrell, 5095169, Anniston~~ see ba.

Arizona

Kile Dag Berg, 3103302, Glendale  
Jack Williamson Bomar, FV2251452, Mesa  
Larry Edward Carrigen, 3119504, Scottsdale  
Joseph Crecca, Jr., FR83481, Phoenix  
Laird Gutterson, 26408, Tucson  
Thomas Mack Madison, 2249519, Phoenix  
Dennis Anthony Moore, 541532, Scottsdale  
John Joseph Pitchford, Jr., FV2245522, Scottsdale  
Lewis W. Shattuck, 3036821, Mesa  
Jack H. Tomes, FR65155, Chandler  
Charles Robert Tyler, 58050, Phoenix  
Jack Linwood VanLoan, 65085, Tucson

Arkansas

James Lesley Lomar, 1909733, Little Rock

California

Wilfred Keese Abbott, 3081739, San Diego  
Everett Alvarez, Jr., 544124, Santa Clara  
Anthony Charles Andrews, FR3145551, ~~Chico~~ Chico  
Frederick C. Baldock, Jr., 555620, Lemon Grove  
Robert W. Barnett, FR31021, Hawthorne  
Cole Black, 504387, San Diego  
Terry Lee Boyer, FR3153542, Visalia  
Michael Lee Brazelton, FV3148600, Long Beach  
Philip Neal Butler, 647398, La Jolla  
William Wallace Butler, 3133430, San Rafael  
Carl Dennis Chambers, FV3133401, Yuba City  
Arvin Roy Chauncy, 614788, Lemoore  
Claude Douglas Clower, 60547, San Diego  
James Quincy Collins, 27908, Atherton  
Michael Paul Cronin, 668952, Berkeley  
~~Verlyne Wayne Daniels, 554745, Hayward~~ see Kansas  
Edward Dale Estes, 605484, Lemoore  
John Fer, 63923, San Pedro  
Herbert Kelly Flesher, 32199, Sacramento  
David Edward Ford, FV3122074, Sacramento  
Henry Pope Fowler, FR3148574, Palo Alto  
Charles R. Gillespie, Jr., 542951, Miramar  
Collins H. Haines, 593915, San Diego  
James Martin Hickerson, 561065, Lemoore  
Harry Terleton, 504424, Lemoore  
~~Theodore Frank Kopfman, 507544, Lemoore~~  
Carl William Lesiter, 55064, San Diego  
Earl Gardner Lewis, Jr., 583095, San Diego  
Alan Pierce Lurie, FR65266, Apple Valley  
John Michael McGrath, 559291, San Diego  
George P. McInain, 597713, Montrose  
John B. McKamey, 614791, Lemoore  
Edward Holmes Martin, 584587, Coronado  
Raymond James Merritt, 44729, Colton  
Edison Wainwright Miller, 054602, Santa Ana  
Joseph Scott Mobley, 701857, Manhattan Beach  
Ernest M. Moore, Jr., 553659, Lemoore  
Richard Dean Mullen, 584925, La Jolla  
John H. Nasuyth, Jr., FV3120117, South San Gabriel  
Dale Harrison Osborne, 614229, ~~East San Diego~~  
James Glenn Pirie, 614185, Lemoore  
Leo T. Profflet, 505413, Palo Alto  
Darnell Edwin Pyle, FV3145985, Santa Ana

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Ronald Mark Lebert  
FV 3176215, Rancho Cordova

California (cont'd.)

David George Rehmann, 699502, Lancaster  
Wendell Burke Rivers, 555144, Ornard  
David John Rollins, 633926, San Diego  
Kay Russell, 563567, San Diego  
Howard Elmer Rutledge, 505435, San Diego  
Paul Henry Schultz, 515795, San Diego  
Robert James Schweitzer, 571894, Lemoore  
William L. Shankel, 664291, Jackson  
Robert Harper Shumaker, 548955, LaJolla  
Charles Everett Southwick, 544716, Cupertino  
Charles David Stackhouse, 547984, Lemoore  
John Edward Stavas, 52944, Claremont  
Theodore Gerhard Stier, 569500, San Diego  
Robert Lewis Stirn, FV3035919, Foster City  
James Bond Stockdale, Coronado, VV5624  
Richard Allen Stratton, 502087, ~~Sanford~~ Palo Alto  
Gary L. Thornton, 700903, Porterville  
Robert Earl Wideman, 580953, Westminster  
Brian Dunstan Woods, 518053, Lemoore

William Robert Stark  
67888, Coronado

See Ohio

Colorado

William David Burroughs, FR27184, Aurora  
Jerry Allen Singleton, 54075, Greeley See TEXAS

Connecticut

Road Blaine ~~McClary~~ <sup>McCleary</sup>, 678398, Old Greenwich

Delaware

Robert Bartsch Doremus, 597366, Wilmington

District of Columbia  
Arthur Thomas Hutton  
FV 3152442

Florida

Ralph J. Browning, FR78555, Orlando  
~~Leon L. Brunetru, A03025441, Miami~~ See Washington  
Gerald L. Coffee, 625308, Sanford  
Kenneth Williams Cordier, 71351, Tampa  
Carl Boyette Crumpler, 27705, Orange Park  
John Howard Dunn, 059941, Jacksonville  
John Stewart Finley, III, 19805, Satellite Beach  
Kenneth Fisher, 67431, Sebring  
Robert Byron Fuller, 542942, North Miami Beach Jacksonville  
Ralph Ellis Gaither, 586355, Miami  
Danny E. Glenn, 668152, Jacksonville  
David Fletcher Gray, Jr., 3158230, Tampa  
Guy Dennis Gruters, 78580, Sarasota  
Lawrence N. Guarino, 52573, Satellite Beach  
Keith Norman Hall, FR61501, Fort Walton Beach  
Thomas Renwick Hall, Jr., 682719, Pensacola  
William Morgan Hardman, 625171, Center Hill  
John Heilig, 557042, North Miami Beach  
Robert Bruce Hinckley, 3145679, Fort Walton Beach  
James Otis Hipper, 50815, Tampa  
James Leo Hutton, 602748, Lakeland  
Charles Negus James, Jr., 544080, Sanford  
Richard Paul Keirn, A0935812, Tampa  
Wilson Denver Key, 569207, Jacksonville  
Vernon Peyton Ligon, Jr., 33825, Melbourne Beach  
John Sidney McCain, 624787, Orange Park  
Glendon W. Perkins, FV3101454, Orlando  
Douglas Brian Peterson, FR54527, Marianna  
Peter Van Schoeffel, 584717, Naples  
Kenneth Adrian Simonet, 23521, West Palm Beach  
~~Proffey E. Smith, 582780, Eagle Lake~~ See Ohio  
Wayne Ogden Smith, FR20570, Dunedin  
Thomas James Sterling, FR45475, Fort Walton Beach  
Richard George Tengegan, 559370, Sanford  
Daisy Mayne McCall, 54772, Fort Walton Beach  
Lewis Irving Williams, 594453, Tampa  
James Faulds Young, FR45511, Hollywood

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Georgia

~~Randall Crayton, 527039, La Grange~~  
Leon Francis Ellis, Jr., 3171867, Hull  
Porter A. Halyburton, 677514, ~~Barbour~~ Tucker  
Leo Gregory Hyatt, 613540, Albany  
Michael Christopher Lane, FV3134159, Atlanta  
~~Giles Roderick Nornington, 600103, Albany sec Fla.~~  
Thomas Vance Parrott, EV3103992, Dalton  
Orson G. Swindle, 078193, Camilla  
Froy O. Terrell, 3035767, Atlanta

Hawaii

George G. McKnight, A03051289, Honolulu

Idaho

~~Larry James Chesley, 3147408, Burley see Utah~~  
Donald Glenn Waltman, FR53895, Kellogg  
~~Thomas Joseph Barrett~~

Illinois

Thomas Joseph Barrett, FV3120130, Lombard  
John L. Borling, 69907, Chicago  
John William Frederick, Jr., 082847, Tremont  
Thomas F. Norris, 77071, Godfrey  
Gary Richard Sigler, FV3157864, Table Grove

Jerry Donald Ortscoll  
69973, Hinada

Indiana

~~Richard Brenneman, FV3158661, Mishawaka~~  
Hubert Elliott Buchanan, 3148528, Austin  
Ronald Edward Byrne, Jr., 27821A, Kokomo  
James Helms Kasler, FR24551, Indianapolis

Michael Thomas Burns,  
31089903, Warsaw

Iowa

~~Michael Thomas Burns, 31089583, Mount Pleasant~~ sec Ind.  
Robert John Naughton, 645287, Sheldon  
Larry Howard Spencer, 674085, Earlham

Kansas

~~Charles Graham Boyd, FR72601, Wichita~~  
Ramon Anton Hornick, FR49644  
Edward Lee Hubbard, FV3122827, Overland Park  
Gobel Dale James, FR3006133, Overland Park  
Harold Eugene Johnson, FR72372, Overland Park  
Ronald Lambert Mastin, FR79450, Overland Park  
Joseph Charles Plumb, Jr., 678505, ~~Overland Park Prairie Village~~  
Leroy William Stutz, 78935, Cummings

Verlyne Wayne Daniels, 5547,  
Ness Co

Kentucky

Robert Baldwin Purcell, 53786, Louisville  
Dewey Lee Smith, 64990, Valley Station

Louisiana

Lawrence Barbay, 3054027, Baton Rouge  
Murphy Neal Jones, FR69506, Baton Rouge  
Hayden James Lockhart, Jr. 62569, Alexandria  
Bruce Gibson Seeber, 47135, West Monroe

Maine

Robert Irwin Biss, FV3103220, Bangor  
Allan Russell Carpenter, 657951, Sanford  
Markham L. Gartley, 703544, Greenville  
Roger Dean Ingvalson, FR30713, Sanford

Maryland

James Franklin Bell, 515877, Lovell  
Arthur William Barer, 3087646, Rockville  
Hugh Allen Stafford, 614922, Cambridge

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Bernard Leo Talley, Jr. 3129281, Baltimore

Massachusetts

Paul Gordon Brown, 094575, Newton  
Leonard Corbett Eastman, 524192, Barnstable  
Charles Edward Greene, Jr. 3081054, Needham  
Lauren Robert Lengyel, FR3081554, West Peabody  
Kenneth Walter North, 53594, Wellfleet  
Frederick Raymond Purrington, 680259, North Dartmouth  
Timothy Bernard Sullivan, 585505, Springfield  
~~Russell Edward Temperley, FR 54126, No. Falmouth~~

Michigan

Robert Archie Abbott, FR81453, Sawyer AFB  
Willard Selleck Gideon, 3025283, Mt. Clemens  
Martin James Neuens, FR98831, Iron Mountain  
Donald Eugene Odell, FV3057281, Mt. Clemens  
Joseph Francis Shanshan, FR72170, Grand Rapids  
James Howie Warner, 092815, Ypsilanti

Minnesota

Richard Eugene Bolstad, FR81273, Minneapolis  
David Everson, FR56893, Coon Rapids  
David Robert Wheat, 577374, Duluth  
David Williams Winn, 35546, Minneapolis

Missippi

James William Bailey, 584790, Carthage  
Thomas Edward Collins, III, 58082, Jackson  
Carlyle Smith Harris, 46653, Tupelo

Missouri

John Warren Brodak, 3108628, <sup>St. Louis</sup> ~~Jennings~~  
John Walter Clark, 70474, Columbia  
Donald Ray Spoon, 78929, Pleasant Hill  
Robert Deane Woods, 532730, Garden City

Montana

Rodney Allen Knutson, 657751, Billings

Nebraska

~~Richard Raymond Rotoleff, 581476, St. Joseph~~ Sec 1.D.

Nevada

Richard Allen Dutton, FR22497, North Las Vegas  
Richard Eugene Smith, Jr. 57992, Las Vegas  
Dwight Everett Sullivan, 3025678, Las Vegas  
Robert F. Waggoner, 3065137, Reno

New Hampshire

~~Russell Edward Temperley, FR59825, Concord~~ see M&S.

New Jersey

Joseph Abbott, Jr., FV3057099  
George Thomas Coker, 569409, Linden  
John Arthur Dramesi, 55320  
Jeffrey Thomas Ellis, FV3135510, Madison  
Willis Ellis Forby, 3040351  
Robert Campbell Jones, FR81333, Chatham  
Edwin Frank Miller, Jr., 706510, Oakland  
Joseph Edward Milligan, 3155215, ~~Annandale~~ <sup>Annandale</sup>  
Thomas William Sims, FV3035055, ~~Elizabeth~~ <sup>Elizabeth</sup>  
Arald Santo Venanzi, FV3173807, Trenton  
Ronald John Webb, FR72823

New Mexico

James Lindberg Hughes, FR43211, Santa Fe  
Thomas Wrenne Sumpter, Jr., 32044, Holloman AFB

New York

Edward A. Brudno, 78285A, Harrison  
Arthur Corwiler, AF12454730, Bay Shore  
Myron L. Donald, FR80331, Ossining  
Wayne Goodermote, 69319, Berlin  
~~Norman Alexander McDaniel, FR55957, New York City See N.C.~~  
Kevin Joseph McManus, 78905, Brightwaters  
James Patrick Mehl, 543070, Hauppauge → Wallace Grant Newcomb  
313093, Painted Post  
Malvin Pollack, FV3149044, Long Beach  
Charles Donald Rice, 710266, Setsuket  
Charles P. Zuboski, 591550, Jamesport

North Carolina

Arthur T. Ballard, Jr., 31816, Lake Lure  
Borry Burton Bridger, 3131623, Bladenboro  
~~Rendon Crayton, 589359, Charlotte See Ga.~~  
Norman Carl Gaddis, 26772, Winston Salem  
David Burnett Hatcher, 304002, Mt. Airy  
James Edward Hiteshew, FR46668, Goldsboro → Norman Alexander McDaniel  
FR55957, Greensboro  
Thomas Mitchell McNish, FR78806, Franklin  
Jerry Wendell Marvel, 070295, Newport  
William Andrew Robinson, AF14782798, Robersonville  
Norman Louross Wells, FV3037386, Goldsboro

North Dakota

Loren Harvey Torkelson, FV3155656, Crosby

Ohio

William Joseph Baugh, 65597, Piqua  
Burton Wayne Campbell, FR70564, Amherst  
Harlan Page Chapman, 071437, Elyria  
John Peter Flynn, 15760  
Paul Anthony Kari, 66675A, Spencer  
Edward John Mechenbier, FR78807, Dayton  
Thomas Nelson Mow, 3175200, Columbus  
Cowan Glenn Nix, 74953, Warrensville Heights → Bradley E. Smith, 652750, Lake Met.  
Robt. E. Wideman, 684755, Rocky  
River

Oklahoma

Fred A.W. Franke, Jr., 513370, Midwest City  
Galand D. Kramer, FV3155965, Tulsa  
Harold DeLoss Monlux, FV3161422, Tulsa  
Thomas Shaw Pyle, II, FV3103812, Cordell  
Robinson Risner, 26905, Oklahoma City  
Hobert Clifford Walker, Jr., 3145724, Tulsa

Oregon

James Eldon Behorn, 3132084, Forest Grove

Pennsylvania

Wendell Reed Alcorn, 658707, Kittanning  
Gareth Laverne Anderson, 682482, Kane  
Arthur Neill Black, AF12666475, Bethlehem  
John Douglass Burns, 613414, Paoli  
David Jay Carey, 677935, Jeannette  
John Owen Davies, 3152430, Reading  
Edward Anthony Davis, 658959, Leola  
~~Jerry Donald Driscoll, 69970, Canton See Ill.~~  
David Henry Duert, FV3057321, Canton  
Gleum Leo Myers, 3101931, Pittsburgh  
Jon I. Reynolds, FR58634, Bala Cynwyd  
Mark John Furling, FV3159159, Goshen  
Robert Ralston Seahill, Jr., FR24101, Carnegie  
Konrad W. Trautman, FV1909945, Steelton

South Carolina

William Renwick Austin, II, 71588, Simpson, ~~W.C.~~  
Bobby Ray Begley, FV3034566, Sumter  
Robert St. Clair Pant, Jr., 553848, Anderson  
~~Arthur Thomas Hoffman, FV317442 see Wash. DC~~  
William Harley Means, Jr., 3058903, Sumter  
Herschel Scott Morgan, 3057445, Sumter  
Albert Edwards Runyan, FR49475, Sumter

South Dakota

Laurence Victor Friese, 091579, Huron  
~~Ronald Macle Liberty, FV3176235 see Cal.~~  
Leo Keith Thorsness, FV3025937, Sioux Falls

Richard Raymond Ritzelatt  
681476, Aberdeen

Tennessee

William Porter Lawrence, 543032, Nashville  
Robert D. Peel, A03117953, Paris  
Charles Nels Tanner, 588973, Covington  
Raymond Arthur Vohden, 586702, Memphis

Texas

Elmo Cinnard Baker, 30525432, San Antonio  
John Charles Blevins, 82666, San Antonio  
Ronald Glenn Bliss, FR78537, Temple  
Donald Ray Burns, FR27184, Mineral Wells  
James Arlen Clements, FV3021025, Queen City  
H.C. Copeland, 3015953, Austin  
Thomas Jerry Curtis, 47753, Houston  
Glenn H. Daigle, 667122, Corpus Christi  
Robert Nolan Daughtrey, A03058991, Del Rio  
George Robert Hall, 25106A, Waco  
Julius Skinner Jarboe, 3058598, San Antonio  
Robert Duncan Jeffrey, FV3117935, Dallas  
Samuel Robert Johnson, FR25935, Plano  
Gordon Albert Larson, FR26473, San Antonio  
Warren Robert Lilly, 57537, Dallas  
Louis Frank Makowski, FR7517, Midland  
Alton Benno Meyer, 74897, College Station  
Armand Jesse Myers, FR47337, Universal City  
James Edwin Ray, 80993, Conroe  
Robert James Sandvick, 47755, Farwell  
Thomas Gordon Storey, 73117, Austin  
Ross Randle Terry, 522502, Lake Jackson  
Terry Jun Uyeyama, 3085363, Austin  
John Henry Wendell, Jr., FR61974, Houston  
Glenn Hubert Wilson, FR54207, Universal City

Jerry Singleton, FR 64876, D.

Utah

~~Larry S. Chesley, 314749, Ogden~~  
Jay Criddle Hess, 3038504, Bountiful  
Jay Roger Jensen, FV3053604, Layton  
Jose David Luna, 3122671, Roy

Vermont

Hervey Studdis Stockman, 50435, Manchester

Virginia

James E. Bean, 35014, Arlington  
James Robert Berger, FV3119212, Lexington  
Allen Colby Fredy, 542856, Virginia Beach  
Fred Vann Cherry, 45554A, Suffolk  
Michael Durham Christian, 673624, Virginia Beach  
Kenneth Leon Coskey, 571080, Virginia Beach  
Frederick Austin Crow, Sr., 25480, Hampton  
Jeremiah A. Danton, Jr., 49503, Virginia Beach  
Dale Walter Doss, 59115  
Kenneth R. Pleanor, FR27797, ~~Richmond~~  
Paul Edward Galanti, 559047, ~~Richmond~~

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Virginia (cont.)

Howard Hill, 80413, Alexandria  
Eugene Q. McDaniel, 502046, Virginia Beach  
James Alfred Mulligan, 504324, Virginia Beach  
Edwin Arthur Shuman, III, 584738, Virginia Beach  
William Michael Tschudy, 650481, Virginia Beach  
Richard Dale Vogel, FR49594, Hampton  
Walter Eugene Wilber, 539459, Virginia Beach

Washington

~~Richard M. Brunhaver, 674218, Moxee~~ → *Alan L. Brunstrom, AD39 23-41, Tall*  
Michael Scott Kerr, 33544, Sequim  
Wesley Duane Schierman, 3058242, Spokane  
James Richard Shively, FR75909, Spokane  
Raymond Walter Vissotzky, 3005144, Veradale  
Lawrence D. Writter, FV3156989, Olympia

West Virginia

William John Mayhew, 591368, New Manchester

Wisconsin

Daniel James Doughty, 3037760, Ladysmith  
Fredric R. Flom, 3157103, Appleton  
Gerald Lee Gerndt, 3153157, Suring  
Donald Lester Heiliger, 55023, Madison  
William John Metzger, Jr., 684859, Wisconsin Rapids

Kenneth Raymond Hughey, 31352

~~Belgium~~

~~Wallace Grant Hancock, 5130931, Liege~~ *see NY.*

England

Robert R. Craner, FV3034313, <sup>Freshfield</sup> ~~Formby~~, Lancashire

Italy

Thomas Henry Kirk, Jr., 20794, Trieste

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 16, 1970

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On December 5, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] Missouri, advised that she has not contacted or been contacted by Committee of Liason With Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam regarding her husband, [redacted]. She said that she had received a letter from the Air Force advising her of this group, but because of DAVID DELLINGER'S association with it, she felt her husband would not have wanted her to deal with the group.

Mrs. [redacted] said that she had written to her husband through the American Friends, but that her letter had been returned from the government of North Vietnam, for the reason that her husband was not on the list.

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On 12/5/70 at [redacted] Missouri File # SL 100-21939

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

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Date December 8, 1970

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Mrs. [redacted] and the mother of [redacted] was interviewed, at which time she furnished the following information:

She has not had contact with any person, group of persons or any organization concerning the welfare of her son, with the exception of the United States Air Force. She has never heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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On 12/2/70 at [redacted] Missouri File # SL 100-21989  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date November 13, 1970

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On November 9, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] Missouri, was advised of the identities of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

She identified herself as the wife of [REDACTED] United States Air Force and currently being held as a Prisoner of War somewhere in North Vietnam.

She stated that she has never heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam or any organization with a similar sounding name.

She stated she has been contacted on numerous occasions by Air Force Officials at the Air Force Base at Blytheville, Arkansas and that she has corresponded, letter and package wise, with her husband on a regular basis, mailing these items through the Air Force channels at Blytheville, Arkansas, however, has never received any return mail from her husband.

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On 11/9/70 at [REDACTED] Missouri File # SL 100-21989  
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October 19, 1970

(On October 14, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] Missouri, advised that she is the mother of [REDACTED] who has been missing in action in the Vietnamese conflict since [REDACTED] 1965. She stated that she has heard no information concerning her son and has been in touch only with representatives of the U. S. Air Force at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois in this connection.

She said she has had no contact with any non-governmental groups or agencies, was not familiar with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She said she would not have contact with any group outside the military.

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Date October 19, 1970

On October 15, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Missouri, advised she is the wife of [REDACTED] who has been missing in action in the Vietnamese conflict for approximately 3 years. She stated that she has received no information concerning her husband and maintains contact only with representatives of the U. S. Air Force at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. She said she has been contacted by no other groups or individuals and would not accept contact by any such group or individuals outside the military since she deems this improper.

She is not familiar with and has not heard of the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam or any of its representatives.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 19, 1970

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On October 14, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Missouri, advised she is the wife of [REDACTED] who has been missing in action in the Vietnamese conflict for approximately 3 years. She stated she has received no word concerning her husband since his disappearance and maintains close contact with the representatives of the U. S. Air Force at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois concerning him. She stated that she did have a contact, and heard speak once in St. Louis, the Texan, ROSS PEROT (phonetic), who attempted to deliver packages to American prisoners of war in late 1969. She stated nothing resulted from this contact.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] said she would not permit contact with any other group, organizations, or individuals concerning her husband since she feels this would be improper on the part of such organization or individual involved. She was not familiar with the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date October 19, 1970

On October 12, 1970, Mrs. [REDACTED] Missouri, advised that her son, [REDACTED] has been missing in action as a result of the Vietnam conflict for nearly [REDACTED] years. She stated that during this time she has been in touch with officials of the Scott Air Force Base in Illinois for any information concerning her son, and none has been received. She has been in touch with no other group or organization for the purpose of obtaining or furnishing information concerning her son, and she stated she would not contact any groups other than the military.

She knew nothing about and had no information pertaining to a Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam. She has not been contacted by any individuals regarding her son, except by the local press who desired to interview her when representatives of the Scott Air Force Base were to exhibit pictures to her. She declined to be interviewed by the press.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

October 19, 1970

On October 14, 1970, Mr. [REDACTED] Missouri, advised that he is the father of [REDACTED] who is at this time a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. He stated that sometime in the spring of 1970 he and his wife received a letter from their son in the regular mail. Subsequent to that time, he stated that four letters have been received from their son, [REDACTED] and the last four letters have all been received by a group he called "The Committee of Liaison". He stated that the first news that had received of the fact that their son was a prisoner of war after having first been ported missing in action on [REDACTED] 1966, was an inquiry, as he recalls, by the Associated Press. He thinks this inquiry was in a telephone call to New York, but he does not exactly remember. He recalls that local newspaper, television and radio media contacted he and his wife, and they were most reluctant to grant interviews.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that sometime after this initial contact and after having received a letter from their son in the spring of 1970, a second letter was furnished to them by the "Committee of Liaison", although they had no contact initiated by themselves with this committee. He stated this was a very tense, emotional time for he and his wife and since the "Committee of Liaison" had been able to get letters from his son, he had asked his wife to send a donation to them on, he thinks, three occasions. He believes the amounts of the donations were \$25 on two occasions and \$5 the last time. He stated, however, that he would be willing to sell his house and give that money to someone if it would bring his son back to the United States.

Mr. [REDACTED] was unable to locate any of the correspondence pertaining to the Committee of Liaison as he said his wife kept this and he did not know where it was. He stated that they have had contact with no other groups or agencies other than the military, and that was limited to representatives of the Air Force at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. He said he would do nothing which in any way would jeopardize the safety of his son in Vietnam, and for this reason, even though he wished to cooperate with the U. S. Government and the FBI, he was most concerned that anything he might say would become public information in some manner and some type of action might

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be taken by the Vietnamese against his son who is a prisoner of war. For this reason, even though he said he would like to cooperate and that he was most disturbed as to what was the right thing to do, he wanted to do only that which would insure the safety of his son. He asked that this interview never be made public.

Since he could not find the letters pertaining to the Committee of Liaison, he asked that his wife be interviewed concerning this at a later time.

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Date October 19, 1970

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On October 15, 1970, Mrs. [redacted] Missouri, advised she is the mother of [redacted] who is now a prisoner of war in North Vietnam and has been since [redacted] 1966. She advised that she and her husband had first been notified by the U. S. Air Force that their son was missing in action and later that he was a prisoner of war. She said they received their first letter from him in February, 1970, and this letter was received at their home in [redacted] Missouri, in the ordinary mail from North Vietnam.

She advised that this is the only letter that has been received in this manner. She stated that it was about this time that the Associated Press, as well as local newspapers, television stations, and radio stations, contacted she and her husband concerning the fact that her son was alive and they desired press coverage and interview. This was refused by Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] and they have never consented to interview by the press since. They were afraid such an interview might jeopardize the life of their son in North Vietnam.

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Mrs. [redacted] stated after receiving the initial letter in the regular mail at their home, she received through the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam four letters from their son. The first was received in a separate letter dated April 20, 1970, from this committee; the second was received in a letter dated May 13 from this committee; the third in a letter from the committee dated September 14, 1970. She then noted that two additional letters were received as an enclosure to a letter from this committee dated September 18.

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It was noted that this totaled five letters rather than four, but she said she thought there were only four letters actually received. She stated that the letters, as received, are forwarded by her to the U. S. Air Force at Randolph Field in Texas, and that these letters are examined by the U. S. Air Force there.

She stated that since it must cost money to get letters from her son to the United States, at the instruction of

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her husband she sent two or possibly three contributions to the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam (COLIFAM), but she would prefer not to say the amount that was contributed. She also stated that in each contribution a book of stamps was sent.

She stated that there has never been any personal contact with a representative of this "Committee of Liaison", and that the first she ever knew of it was in a letter dated January 20, 1970, received by her from the American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated, in Philadelphia. She said neither she nor her husband has initiated any correspondence with the "Committee of Liaison" but has replied to each of their letters.

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 [REDACTED] For the assistance of the U. S. Government, Mrs. [REDACTED] made available all the correspondence pertaining to the "Committee of Liaison", as well as the last two letters from her son and her reply to this committee dated September 29, 1970. Each of these items is attached hereto and consists of:

1. Letter dated January 20, 1970, from the American Friends Service Committee, Incorporated.
2. Letter dated April 7, 1970, from the COLIFAM.
3. Information she enclosed in April 7, 1970, letter above.
4. Letter dated April 20, 1970, from COLIFAM.
5. Letter dated May 4, 1970, from COLIFAM.
6. Letter dated May 13, 1970, from COLIFAM.
7. Letter dated September 14, 1970, from COLIFAM.
8. Letter dated September 18, 1970, from CCLIFAM.
9. Letter dated May 13, 1970, from her son, [REDACTED]
10. Letter dated July 28, 1970, from her son, [REDACTED]
11. Letter dated September 27, 1970, from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] to the Committee of Liaison.

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Mrs. [REDACTED] stated that it was extremely difficult for them to know what to do after having received the initial letter through COLIFAM, but they were willing to do anything to maintain contact with their son.

She said they were extremely concerned about any information furnished becoming public knowledge or in any way being used so that the North Vietnamese authorities might become aware of it and might take some reprisal against their son. For this reason, she asked that the information received at this time not be made public.

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BRONSON P. CLARK  
Executive Secretary

January 20, 1970

Dear Friend,

I am happy to report that during my visit to North Vietnam between December 26, 1969, and January 9, 1970, I was able to deliver to the representatives of the Vietmy (Viet Nam Committee for Solidarity with American People) about 500 letters that had been forwarded on to me by you and other family members of prisoners of war in North Vietnam.

Immediately prior to my departure from North Vietnam I was given 69 letters from 64 American prisoners of war, and in keeping with the North Vietnamese request these letters have been given to the

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with Families of Service  
men detained in North  
Vietnam  
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for transmittal to the individual addressees. We at the American Friends Service Committee are pleased to have had a part in opening a channel for communication between the prisoners and their families and hope that this will continue.

You may be interested to know that during my visit to North Vietnam I was able to deliver a second contribution of open heart surgical equipment to the Benh Vien Viet-Duc Hospital in Hanoi in keeping with a long-standing Quaker concern for civilian sufferers on both sides of a war.

Following my departure from North Vietnam I traveled on to Quang Ngai in South Vietnam to visit the American Friends Service Committee (Quaker) rehabilitation project for civilian casualties.

I have asked my colleagues in Philadelphia to mail this letter to you prior to my return to the United States, so that you might know more promptly that your letter has safely arrived in Hanoi and was given to the appropriate North Vietnamese authorities with my specific request that it be delivered to the individual addressee.

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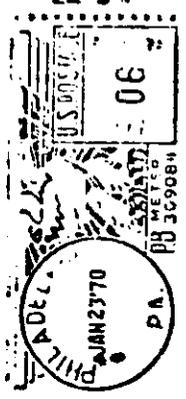
Most sincerely yours,  
*Roger G. Fredrickson*

for: Louis W. Schneider  
Roger G. Fredrickson

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Mrs. [REDACTED] MISSOURI

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# COMMITTEE OF LIAISON

## with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

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

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April 7, 1970

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Dear *M. Y. Mills* [redacted]

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Our Committee has recently received official confirmation of 81 more servicemen being held in North Vietnam. By now you should have

heard that [redacted] is on this list. The North Vietnamese have now confirmed through the Committee of Liaison a total of 335 men being held.

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This notification also means that a letter is en route from him. The enclosed release explains how mail is forwarded via our office. Because mail from Hanoi is very slow we cannot be sure when the letter will come, but we will forward it as soon as it arrives here.

We are very pleased to be able to perform this service and hope that you will feel free to be in touch with us should you have any questions.

At the same time, we are continuing to work towards the immediate and complete withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Southeast Asia so that soon all families, American and Vietnamese, can be united again.

Sincerely,

*Francis*  
Cora Weiss Dave Dellinger

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P.S. Kindly excuse the mimeographed letter, but there are many families to reach at the same time.

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**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 the 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.

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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. 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

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

Since 1965 there have been a number of meetings between people of Vietnam (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. servicemen 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 the 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.

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Rev. Richard Fernandez, a member of the Committee of Liaison, returned today from a two-week trip to Laos and North Vietnam. He brought back the enclosed letter along with 201 others from prisoners being held in North Vietnam.

While there, Rev. Fernandez held a lengthy interview with three pilots, Cdr. Robert Schweitzer, Cdr. Walter Wilber and Lt. Col. Edison Miller. He also was advised by North Vietnamese authorities that families should write letters monthly on the enclosed air-letter forms. We are therefore sending several to you at this time and will send more with subsequent mail.

We are of course very pleased to be able to forward this letter to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Steven E. Halliwell*  
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May 4, 1970

Co-chairmen:  
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From: Rev. Richard Fernandez  
To: The families of the 335 presently confirmed  
prisoners held in North Vietnam  
Re: Information on correspondence with prisoners

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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.
- 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).

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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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**Treasurer:**  
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Dear friend:

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Trudi Young

Today we received two packages of letters which we have been expecting from prisoners held in North Vietnam. The total number of letters in both packages was 156. Although the packages were mailed a month apart, they both arrived here today.

We are very happy to send herewith the letter addressed to you.

Sincerely,  
*Barbara Webster*  
Barbara Webster

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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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September 14, 1970

Dear friends:

We are very happy to forward the enclosed letter to you which just arrived with 142 others from Hanoi. This is the first mail since June because no one has travelled to North Vietnam during the summer. The Vietnamese no longer rely on unpredictable postal channels as experience has proven it delayed and risky. Therefore, they wait for travellers to guarantee safe and rapid delivery.

We are also enclosing some letter forms for your convenience.

Visitors to North Vietnam usually let us know of their departure and are willing to take mail with them. A number of people are planning to go this fall and winter, and we would be happy to forward your mail for you. Kindly seal the letter forms, even if they contain photos, and do not affix stamps.

To ease some of the administrative difficulties in North Vietnam, including translation, you might consider typing your letters on the suggested letter form, with a clear signature.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, and kindly inform us of any changes in address to facilitate further forwarding of mail.

Sincerely,

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Cora Weiss  
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September 18, 1970

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Dear Friends,

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We are very happy to forward the enclosed letters to you. I would like to give you an account of the events that took place around the illegal seizure of these letters at Kennedy Airport on Wednesday. You would have had your mail a day or two earlier had it not been for this interference.

Robert Scheer announced when he left Hanoi that he had been given 379 letters from pilots whose names appeared on the list of 335 previously confirmed prisoners. Mr. Scheer, with a delegation of 10, had spent three months in Algeria, North Korea, China, and North Vietnam, and had accumulated a wide range of materials. However, U.S. Customs officials at Kennedy Airport were interested only in the whereabouts of the letters. Mr. Scheer opened the two packets of letters for the Customs officials to see. They then took him into a private room and demanded that he turn over the mail, saying, "We must open it and read it." He refused to hand over the letters as they had been consigned to him for immediate delivery to families. Finally, the Customs officials agreed to place the letters in bond, where the packages were officially sealed and a receipt given to Mr. Scheer.

(Last Saturday 143 letters were brought by a traveller returning from Hanoi. That brought to 1243 the number of letters from prisoners that have been delivered by hand to the U.S. without interference.)

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No explanation has been offered by anyone for the seizure of the mail, and no guarantees have been made that this will not happen again. On Thursday afternoon the State Department assured me that the mail was available to be claimed and expressed concern that it be forwarded immediately to relieve anxiety of waiting families. We reminded the State Department that it was the government that had seized the mail in seeming disregard for the families, prisoners, and the future of communication between them. Mr. Scheer offered to meet with representatives of the State Department at the airport to discuss the situation and see what could be done to prevent future occurrences of this nature. His request was rejected. When he went with Rennie Davis and myself to reclaim the mail, he was unnecessarily harrassed, and the press was ejected from observing the reclamation, despite the fact that the very same people had observed the seizure. When he finally got the letters, Mr. Scheer immediately transferred them to the Committee of Liaison for distribution.

We are very distressed about this incident. This delivery of mail brought first letters from previously confirmed prisoners for four families, some of whom had had no mail for five years. We have devoted considerable time and effort to maintaining a reliable and efficient channel for communication between you and the pilots. At the initiative of the North Vietnamese both the volume and frequency of mail has increased. The pilots have been receiving increasing numbers of packages, including a wide assortment of food, medicines, clothing and various kinds of games. We are not responsible for the consequences that acts of governmental interference may produce.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with us if you have any questions, and kindly inform us of any changes of address. Should you wish us to forward mail to your relatives in North Vietnam we will be glad to do so. There will be several people travelling there in the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

*Cora Weiss*  
Cora Weiss

NGƯỜI GỬI (Addressor)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

[REDACTED]

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SỐ LĨNH (Service number):

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NƯỚC VIỆT-NAM DÂN CHỦ CỘNG HÒA

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NGƯỜI NHẬN (Addressee)

HỌ TÊN (Name in full):

[REDACTED]

ĐỊA CHỈ (Address):

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Missouri  
United States of America

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NGAY VIET (Dated) 30 May 1970

Dear Mom & Dad. I hope all is well. I feel  
sure & hope my girl friend has married by now.  
I'll have good bye. If allowed to write, please  
include pictures. If allowed to, send a 5th pack-  
age. Send some items as before, plus vitamins, no clothes,  
except total of 1 set of towels. Take care of and  
enjoy yourselves. Love [REDACTED]

CHI CHÚ (N.B.):

1. Phải viết rõ và chỉ được viết trên những dòng kẻ sẵn (Write legibly and only on the lines).
2. Gia đình gửi đến cũng phải theo đúng mẫu, khuôn khổ và quy định này (Notes from families should also conform to this proforma).

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Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Missouri  
United States of America

NGÀY VIẾT (Dated) 28 July 1970

Dear Mom & Dad, I hope all are healthy & happy. I just received a Christmas card and a 5th package from you. The contents were ideal. Send more of the same & lots of vitamins. Still looking forward to seeing pictures of you. Keep in touch with our family & friends, both my childhood & adult ones. If you want to travel abroad, use my books. Enjoy & take care of yourselves. Love,

CHI CHÚ (N.B.):

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September 29, 1970

Committee of Liaison  
365 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York 10036

Dear Committee:

We wish to thank you for the two letters recently received from you from our son, [REDACTED]. This contact with him means so much to us.

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Enclosed is a letter to him which we hope can be delivered as I am sure some word from us must be very comforting to him.

Also enclosed is a small contribution and a book of stamps for your use.

May we thank you again for the letters.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Missouri [REDACTED]

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2 encls.

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