

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

ER 93-0551/1
9 November 1993

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As directed by Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-8, "Declassification of POW/MIA Records," I am reporting on the completion of CIA's "review, declassification and release of all relevant documents, files pertaining to American POWs and MIAs missing in Southeast Asia in accordance with Executive Order 12812" by the deadline of 11 November 1993.

Since the issuance of Executive Order 12812 in July 1992, all Agency documents and files responsive to the Order have been continually forwarded via the Department of Defense Central Documentation Office to the repository for POW/MIA data at the Library of Congress. Our review included a thorough, exhaustive search of operational files, finished intelligence reports, memoranda, background studies, and open source files. To date, 1,756 documents have been forwarded to the Library of Congress, while only 574 documents have been denied. All denied material was withheld based on the need to protect sources and methods, ongoing clandestine operations, negotiations on foreign policy issues such as the normalization of relations, or privacy issues related to returnees and the families of POWs and MIAs.

I am confident that we have made every effort to be forthcoming in the declassification of POW/MIA material. We will continue to be responsive to this issue through our active participation on the POW/MIA Intelligence Review Panel and in handling future FOIA requests.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Woolsey".

R. James Woolsey
Director of Central Intelligence

E4h. 37