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Via Fax No. 703-613-3007

Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, I request access to and copies of all radio and television broadcast intercepts and newspaper articles from 1968 through and including 1973 that are within the possession and control of your agency or any agency components, including those that may then have been in existence such as the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) and Studies and Observation Group ("SOG"), and which relate in any way to or mention prisoners of war (POWs) or those missing in action (MIAs) from the Vietnam war or any other conflict then on-going in South East Asia. You may omit from this request those documents which were included in the published Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) Far East volume for those years. If any of the information I have requested remains classified (either under E.O. 12958 or E.O. 12812), please provide a list by title and/or number of any such documents.

I make this request on behalf of my client, Roger Hall, a researcher on his own behalf and working with families of prisoners of war (POWs) and those still listed as missing in action (MIAs) from the Vietnam war. Mr. Hall seeks access to this information for research and educational purposes only and under the terminology of the statute qualifies as a non-commercial requester. As such he is entitled to the first 100 pages of records and the first two hours of search time free of charge.

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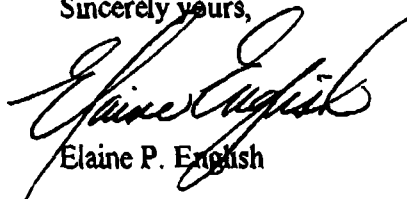
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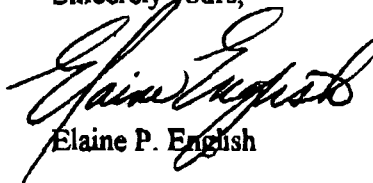
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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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CM-2730-73
4 JUN 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Subject: U.S. Prisoners of War in Laos

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum, Op-00 00173-73, dated 18 May 1973, which discussed the U.S. PW/MIA situation in Laos and recommended that a CIA briefing on the subject be provided the JCS.

2. The following are the facts as they relate to CIA involvement in the current Laotian MIA situation.

a. CIA continues to conduct an active program to acquire intelligence relative to the status of U.S. MIA personnel. That Agency accords PW/MIA matters one of the highest priorities in its overall intelligence collection effort in SEAsia.

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c. The CIA maintains close working level contacts with the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) in much the same manner as it did with the JCRC's predecessor, the MACV Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC). However, in order not to jeopardize the status of the JCRC and its humanitarian mission, any proposed covert effort should be tied to existing intelligence collection activities.

3. Since the PW/MIA intelligence collection effort in Laos is limited to that described above, it is not believed that a briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the CIA is warranted at this time.

(Sgd) T. H. MOORER

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Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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DATE RECEIVED	31May73
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RETURN TO OFFICE, CHAIRMAN, JCS
ROOM 2E346, THE PENTAGON

DOCUMENT NUMBER DJSM-895-73 COPY NUMBER

SUBJECT
U.S. Prisoners of War in Laos

THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DOCUMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE. CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENT WILL BE LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS INDICATED BELOW. THE DOCUMENT WILL BE RETURNED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR RECORD PRIOR TO DISPATCH TO ANOTHER OFFICE, OR OTHER DISPOSITION. THIS FORM WILL NOT BE REMOVED FROM SUBJECT DOCUMENT.

TO	NAME	INITIAL	REMARKS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHAIRMAN, JCS	00	1 June 1973
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE	02	1. CNO indicated that CIA is pursuing a priority effort to determine what had happened to US POWs in Laos and suggested a brief: 2. The attached report by DIA states that no special program is being undertaken and that a CIA briefing is not in order. 3. A proposed memorandum to CNO to this effect has been prepared for your signature. 4. <u>Recommend signature.</u>
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Very respectfully,

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TO: CJCS	CLASSIFICATION	FOR USE BY ORIGINATING DIRECTORATE DIA , 576/DI-6			
THRU: MAJOR GENERAL COLLADAY Major General, USAF Director Director Staff The Joint Staff		DJSM NO. 895-73	ODJS SUSPENSE DATE		
SUBJECT: U.S. Prisoners of War in Laos		DJSM DATE 31 May 73			
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REMARKS

1. Reference is made to:

a. A memorandum from the Chief of Naval Operations, OP-00 0001 73, dated 18 May 1973, which discussed the existing political impasse in Laotian negotiations relevant to a resolution of the status of U.S. MIA personnel, *data*

data It stated that the Chief of Naval Operations was informed that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is pursuing a "highest priority effort" directed specifically determining what has happened to U.S. MIAs in Laos. It further recommended that the Joint Chiefs of Staff receive a briefing from the CIA on its effort in this area.

b. ODJS Routing Slip No. 2030, dated 21 May 1973, which directed that DIA collaborate with J-3 in preparing a reply to your query.

The following facts are pertinent to CIA involvement in the current Laotian MIA situation:

a. DIA and J-3 (DOCSA) discussions with CIA points of contact and records of DOCSA monitoring of Laos activities indicate that the CIA has had, and currently conducts, an active program to acquire intelligence relative to the status of U.S. MIA-personnel. This program is among the highest priority PW/MIA intelligence objectives.

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within the overall intelligence collection effort in SEAsia. It is carried out by the assets, and within the organizational structure, of the CIA station in Laos.

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d. Since the PW/MIA intelligence collection effort in Laos is limited to that described above, it is not believed that a briefing of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is warranted.

3. DIA is collaborating closely where appropriate with CIA in regard to the current situation in Laos. A summary of the present PW/MIA situation in Laos as held in DIA files is as follows:

a. At present there are approximately 350 U.S. military and civilians listed as missing in action in Laos. Of this total, approximately 215 were lost under such circumstances that the Patriotic Laotian Front (PLF) probably has information regarding their fate.

b. Previous PLF mention of U.S. PWs detained in Laos included a statement on 3 October 1967 by the Pathet Lao Radio that, between 17 May and 16 September 1967, the Pathet Lao had "captured about a dozen U.S. pilots." Furthermore, on 2 February 1971 PLF spokesman Soth Phetrasy commented that "quelques dixaine: ("some tens") of prisoners were being held by the Pathet Lao.

c. The Pathet Lao has made repeated claims of downing many U.S. aircraft. A 16 May 1973 broadcast reported that, from 17 May 1964 to 16 May 1973, 2,496 U.S. aircraft had been shot down over Laos. This would imply an enemy ability to account for some U.S. personnel involved.

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e. All of the nine former U.S. PWs, whose names appeared on the "PLF List" of 1 February 1973, were in fact captured by NVA units operating in Laos along the Ho Chi Minh Trail and were moved to North Vietnam. Thus, the PLF has provided no accounting for U.S. personnel in its custody:

f. The cease-fire agreement, signed in Vientiane on 21 February 1973, provided for the exchange of prisoners. Article 5 of the Protocol states that all captured personnel, regardless of nationality, will be released and provides for an accounting of those personnel missing in action. The release of all PWs is scheduled to take effect within 60 days subsequent to the establishment of a Provisional National Union Government. According to the terms of the agreement, the Provisional Government was to have been implemented within 30 days of the signing of the cease-fire.

4. On the basis of the above discussion as it relates to the current CIA program of gathering intelligence on U.S. PWs/MIAs, this Agency recommends that a CIA briefing not be scheduled for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at this time.

5. All participating agencies concur in this recommendation.

Enclosure

JOHN R. DEANE, Jr.
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director



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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20320

IN REPLY REFER TO

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18 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subj: US Prisoners of War In Laos

1. The continuing failure of the two Lao parties to agree on a Provisional Government of National Union, as provided for in the Laos Agreement, has obstructed further progress toward achievement of some USG post-ceasafire objectives in Laos. Although the ceasefire has been effective in reducing the level of armed hostilities, the inability of the Royal Lao Government (RLG) and the Lao Patriotic Front (LPF) to fashion an accommodation on the political level has effectively arrested any movement toward an environment in which the status of Americans missing in action in Laos can be resolved. Additionally, ongoing bilateral, semi-official contacts between USG officials in Laos and senior representatives of the LPF have not revealed any cause to believe that this particular channel will provide helpful information in this matter; the LPF has steadfastly disclaimed all knowledge of any American POWs other than the few already released.

2. In this unsatisfactory climate it appears clear that a successful, ~~HT~~ US unilateral effort is essential if we are to properly resolve the status of these missing American fighting men; we owe them no less. I am informed that the Central Intelligence Agency is pursuing a "highest priority effort" directed at specifically determining what has happened to US MIAs in Laos.

3. In view of the direct and personal interest the Services have in this matter, I recommend that the JCS receive a briefing from the CIA on their effort in this area so that they may be confident this important humanitarian issue is receiving appropriate attention.

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E. R. ZULWALT, JR.
Admiral, U.S. Navy

National Archives at College Park



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March 4, 1998

Mr. Roger N. Hall
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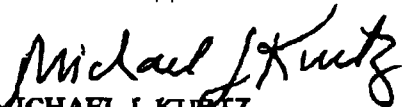
Dear Mr. Hall:

This is to inform you of the status of the project to process the records of the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs by staff at the National Archives at College Park. Review of these records was completed on January 14, 1998, and the concurrent input of information pertaining to withdrawn documents into our database was completed on January 15.

As requested, a listing of documents containing Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) equities was created. On January 21, a representative of the CIA requested that this information be transmitted to them, not in textual form, but on a computer disk which would facilitate their review. In order to meet that request, our computer staff had to transfer over 1.5 megabytes of information onto a single disk. After overcoming hardware and software problems, the disk was presented to a representative of the CIA on February 23. The review of this material will be handled in queue order, according to established CIA procedures for public requests.

The creation of a reference set of the records of the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs is well underway, with 121 boxes copied. The remaining 95 boxes should be completed prior to April 15. The copying of the documents for coordination with other agencies is progressing at a slower pace with 91 boxes completed. However, I fully expect this pace to quickly improve as staff resources are reallocated from the reference set copying, insuring that we will meet the April 15 deadline.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL J. KURTZ
Assistant Archivist
for Records Services - Washington, D.C.

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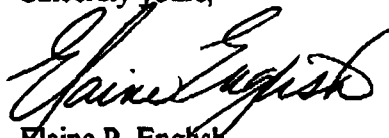
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a) **John F. O'Grady, USAF, Service # 23470A.** Major O'Grady was captured in 1967 while on a mission in Vietnam. He was flying in a F-105. He is believed to have been politically and technically exploited by both the Vietnamese and Russians after his capture. He is officially listed as having a status of "presumptive finding of death."

b) **David L. Hrdlicka, USAF.** Col. Hrdlicka, who was shot down in a F-105 over Laos, was reportedly seen alive in the spring of 1969 in a prisoner of war camp in Laos. He is officially listed as presumed dead.

c) **Maj. Donald Carr, MACVSOG,** lost in Laos in an OV10A aircraft and presumed dead.

d) **Master Sergeant Russel P. Bott, MACVSOG,** lost in Laos on the ground and presumed dead.

e) **Sergeant Jerry Shriever, MACVSOG,** lost in Cambodia on the ground and presumed dead.

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- f) **Charles Duke, civilian**, lost on the ground in Vietnam and still officially listed as missing.
- g) **Frederick D. Herrera, U.S. Army**, lost on the ground in South Vietnam and presumed dead.
- h) **Capt. Michael Marker, U.S. Army**, lost in Vietnam in a JU21A aircraft, and officially listed as killed in action.
- i) **CWO William P. Milliner, U.S. Army**, lost in Vietnam in an AH-1G aircraft, and presumed dead.
- j) **Capt. Ronald Stafford, USAF**, lost in Vietnam in a F-111 aircraft, and officially listed as killed in action.
- k) **Lt. Col. Robert M. Brown, USAF**, lost in Vietnam in a F-111 aircraft, and presumed dead.
- l) **Col. William L. Brooks, USAF**, lost in Laos in an AC-130 aircraft. His remains were returned through negotiations.
- m) **Capt. Mark G. Danielson, USAF**, lost in Vietnam in an AC-130 aircraft. His remains were returned through negotiations.
- n) **Col. Frank A. Gould, USAF**, lost in Laos in a B-52 aircraft and presumed dead.
- o) **Dean A. Pogreba, USAF**, lost in Vietnam or China in a F-105 aircraft and presumed dead.
- p) **Major Robert F. Coady, USAF**, lost in Laos in an A1H aircraft and presumed dead.
- q) **Capt. Victor J. Apodaca, USAF**, lost in Vietnam in a F-3C aircraft and presumed dead.
- r) **Capt. Harley Hall, USN**, lost in Vietnam in a F4D aircraft. His remains were returned through negotiations.
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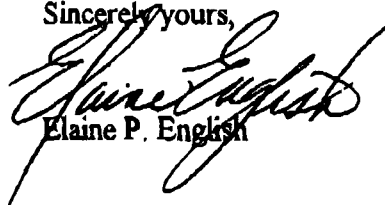
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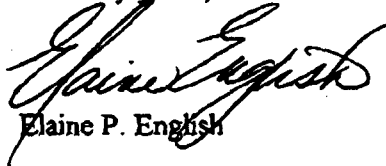
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to the public promptly. The subject of POWs/MIAs and the government's efforts to locate them are clearly of significant public interest. Presidential Decision Directive NSC-8 and E.O. 12812 required full disclosure of these documents on or before November, 1993. The fact that documents still remain in your files despite the mandates of these Presidential directives makes immediate disclosure of all remaining records a matter of public urgency.

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Sincerely yours,



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Via Fax No. 703-613-3007

Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, I request access to and copies of any and all records, reports, memoranda or other documents, in the possession and control of your agency which were prepared by or assembled by the Central Intelligence Agency, including any of its controlled American sources or any other CIA assets or agents, based upon information derived from CIA or other sources, including such foreign governmental entities as the Royal Laotian Intelligence or any other entity of the Laotian government, between January 1, 1971 and December 31, 1975 relating to the status of any United States prisoners of war (POWs) or those missing in action (MIAs) in Laos, including but not limited to any reports prepared by Mr. Horgan or any other agent or employee of the CIA for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the President or any other agency. To assist in your identification of such records, I attach other agency records reflecting Mr. Horgan's involvement in such monitoring efforts.

I make this request on behalf of my client, Roger Hall, a researcher on his own behalf and working with families of POWs and MIAs from the Vietnam war. Mr. Hall seeks access to this information for research and educational purposes only and under the terminology of the statute qualifies as a non-commercial requester. As such he is entitled to the first 100 pages of records and the first two hours of search time free of charge.

In addition, we seek a waiver of all fees associated with this request, as the information we seek is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute to the public's understanding of the operations of government, namely the actions of this government in searching for and monitoring reports of possible sightings of those civilian and military personnel imprisoned or missing in action from the Vietnam war, a subject of critical public interest. If you deny this request for a waiver of fees, Mr. Hall is prepared to pay reasonable fees up to \$100.00, but please notify me of

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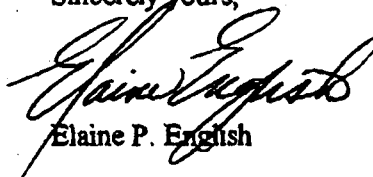
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the estimated charges if you anticipate fees in excess of this amount.

Finally, we seek expedited handling of this request pursuant to the procedures of the recent EFOIA amendments. Mr. Hall intends to disseminate this information and his past activities and published articles demonstrate that he has the ability to disseminate this information to the public promptly. The subject of POWs/MIAs, particularly those who may be or have been in Laos, and the government's efforts to locate them are clearly of significant public interest. Presidential Decision Directive NSC-8 and E.O. 12812 required full disclosure of these documents on or before November, 1993. The fact that documents still remain in your files despite the mandates of these Presidential directives makes immediate disclosure of all remaining records a matter of public urgency.

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