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SUBJECT: POW/MIA

ISSUE: Americans Unaccounted For In Indochina (Statistical Data)

-Geographical Breakdown

AREA OF LOSS	TOTAL
Vietnam	1,700
Laos	545
Cambodia	82
China	6
TOTAL	2,333

-Service Breakdown

SERVICE	POW/MIA	KIA/BNR*	TOTAL
Army	371	325	696
Navy	126	332	458
Marines	107	179	286
Air Force	578	272	850
Coast Guard	0	1	1
Civilians	37	5	42
TOTAL	1,219	1,114	2,333

*BNR-Body Not Recovered
The POW/MIA and KIA/BNR classifications are how the cases were carried at the end of U.S. involvement in Indochina.

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ISSUE: Remains Identified as Americans

Number	Date Returned	To Whom
-------From SRV-------		
12	Mar 6, 74	JCRC
11	Mar 13, 74	JCRC
3	Dec 21, 75	Montgomery Select Committee
2	Feb 22, 76	Sen Kennedy's Aides in Saigon
11	Mar 18, 77	Woodcock Commission
22	Sep 30, 77	JCRC & State/Defense Team
11	Aug 26, 78	Montgomery Delegation
3	Jul 7, 81	JCRC
4	Oct 29, 82	JCRC
8	Jun 3, 83	JCRC
6	Jul 17, 84	JCRC
6	Mar 20, 85	JCRC
25	Aug 14, 85	JCRC
7	Dec 4, 85	JCRC
10	Apr 10, 86	JCRC
1	Sep 17, 86	JCRC
2	Nov 26, 86	JCRC
3	Sep 24, 87	JCRC
5	Nov 25, 87	JCRC
6	Mar 2, 88	JCRC
5	Apr 6, 88	JCRC
1	Jun 5, 88	Vietnamese National
8	Jul 13, 88	JCRC
9	Nov 3, 88	JCRC
28	Dec 15, 89	JCRC
3	Jan 23, 89	JCRC
5	Apr 27, 89	JCRC
4	Jun 21, 89	JCRC
-------From Laos-------		
1	Aug 24, 78	Montgomery Delegation
1	Jan 26, 82	Lao National
1	Feb 3, 82	Lao National
1	Sep 20, 83	Lao National
*13	Feb 10-22, 85	Joint Excavation
9	Feb 17-Mar 1, 86	Joint Excavation
1	Dec 5- , 88	Joint Excavation
-------From PRC-------		
2	Dec 16, 75	JCRC

TOTALS: **SRV 220
**LAOS 28
PRC 2
***250 - Identified as Americans

*Two individual identifications were rescinded after subsequent review.
**SRV and Laos totals are one off from above data given that the SRV repatriated one set of remains where loss incident occurred over Laos.
***Additional remains have been returned: some identified as Southeast Asian and others not yet identified.

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ISSUE: Official U.S. Government Live-Sighting Position

FACTS:

-Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. has received over 10,926 reports related to the POW/MIA issue, most of them from Indochinese refugees.

-Of the total reported, 1,249 are firsthand live-sighting reports.

-Some 90% of these reports have been resolved.

-Approximately 66% of these have been resolved through correlation with Americans who were in Indochina but have since returned to the U.S.

-Another 24% have been determined to be fabrications.

-However, some 129 or approximately 10% of the reports are unresolved and under continuing investigation in an attempt to confirm the information. Of these 129 reports, 69 pertain to individuals sighted in a captive environment and 60 pertain to individuals sighted in a non-captive environment.

-All reports pertaining to the POW/MIA issue are thoroughly investigated on a priority basis.

Official U.S. Government Live-Sighting Position Statement

Given the above circumstances, it would be irresponsible to rule out the possibility that live Americans are still being held. Thus, the U.S. Government's position is:

"Although we have thus far been unable to prove that Americans are still detained against their will, the information available to us precludes ruling out that possibility. Actions to investigate live-sighting reports receive and will continue to receive necessary priority and resources based on the assumption that at least some Americans are still held captive. Should any report prove true, we will take appropriate action to ensure the return of those involved."

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ISSUE: Principal Source of POW/MIA Information

-At the present time, the principal source of POW/MIA information available to the U.S. Government is Indochinese refugees. The continued absence of political stability in the Southeast Asian region has resulted in an unabating flow of refugees from one or more of the three countries of primary concern; Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Interviews have been conducted with numerous refugees by both government and private individuals. Reported sightings of Americans by these sources continue to reach Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) from any number of different sources.

-Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, DIA has acquired 10,926 reports pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia. These reports are categorized as follows:

Crashsite/Gravesite/Dog Tag	6,710
Firsthand Live Sighting	1,249
Hearsay	1,957
Reeducation Camp Info/Other	1,010
TOTAL	10,926

-A misinformation program has been associated with recent reporting on missing Americans. Those reports all pertain to the alleged recovery of remains and identifying data (i.e., dog tags).

-DIA has received 4,238 "dog tag" reports pertaining to 3,087 individuals.

--Of those named, 89% returned alive.
--Remains have been recovered and identified on 7% of those named.
--Only 4% of the individuals named are unaccounted for.

-The U.S. Government position is to accept information on the POW/MIA issue from any and all sources. All reports pertaining to the POW/MIA issue are thoroughly investigated.

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ISSUE: U.S. Servicemen Unaccounted For By State (Total-2,291)

Alabama	41	Nebraska	22
Alaska	3	Nevada	9
Arizona	24	New Hampshire	10
Arkansas	26	New Jersey	63
California	236	New Mexico	17
Colorado	41	New York	146
Connecticut	37	North Carolina	58
Delaware	5	North Dakota	16
District of Columbia	9	Ohio	119
Florida	78	Oklahoma	47
Georgia	44	Oregon	44
Hawaii	10	Pennsylvania	115
Idaho	11	Rhode Island	9
Illinois	96	South Carolina	30
Indiana	68	South Dakota	9
Iowa	38	Tennessee	43
Kansas	36	Texas	151
Kentucky	21	Utah	19
Louisiana	31	Vermont	4
Maine	17	Virginia	55
Maryland	36	Washington	57
Massachussetts	58	West Virginia	25
Michigan	74	Wisconsin	37
Minnesota	41	Wyoming	6
Mississippi	18	Puerto Rico	2
Missouri	50	Virgin Islands	1
Montana	21	Other	7