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11 December 1969

Dear Air Force Next of Kin

The Fairchild Hiller Corporation is deeply concerned over the plight of American personnel who are missing in action or captured in Southeast Asia and their families back home. Resulting from its desire to be of assistance, the company is making the attached greeting card, with inclosure, available to all next of kin to be sent to their relatives, friends and acquaintances in conjunction with the forthcoming holiday season. If you are interested, you may obtain, free of charge, as many copies of the card as you desire by writing to the Public Relations Office, Fairchild Hiller Corporation, Germantown, Maryland 20767. This does not constitute an official endorsement of that firm by the Department of the Air Force or any other agency of the government. However, we extend our gratitude for making the greeting cards available.

On 26 November 1969, Dave Dellinger, co-chairman of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, released to the news media a list of names which he said had been provided by the North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks. The list which contained 59 names was carefully checked, and it was determined that 36 of them belonged to Air Force personnel. Of these members, 32 were already known to be prisoners. All concerned next of kin have been notified of this development.

Six more ladies have volunteered to be area contact representatives for their sections of the country. Please add the following names to your list:

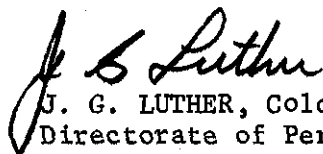
Mrs. Patricia G. Claxton
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In the last newsletter, we indicated that the families of personnel downed over North Vietnam or Laos may send Christmas cards to the "Camp of Detention" address in view of North Vietnam's prior statement that Christmas cards would be accepted for American prisoners. We believe it imperative that the forwarding of cards be limited to relatives and very close friends of specific missing in action or captured members. Any organized campaigns to deluge the Hanoi Post Office with Christmas cards for our personnel, whether they are individually identified on the envelope or not, could conceivably result in North Vietnam indiscriminately discarding next of kin correspondence and packages.

It is our sincere wish that 1970 may bring an honorable end to the hostilities in Southeast Asia, an accounting of all our missing in action personnel, and the swift reunion of American prisoners and their families.

Sincerely



J. G. LUTHER, Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Personnel Services

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