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I am delighted to send greetings, through my good friend Secretary Dick Cheney, to all those who are gathered for the 22nd Annual Meeting of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

I cannot stress strongly enough my resolve to obtain the fullest possible accounting of those Americans who are missing in Southeast Asia. My Administration is determined to bring to an end the pain and uncertainty that you and your families have suffered. While we have seen some progress, much more needs to be achieved; and you can be certain that my promise to you is intact: resolving the fate of your loved ones is, and will continue to be, a matter of the highest national priority. Most important, if any Americans are still being held captive, decisive action will be taken to return them home. This issue strikes at the core of American values, and my Administration will continue to work with the relevant authorities until such time as we receive the fullest possible accounting of your loved ones.

Through your determination and courage, you have inspired your fellow citizens, as well as people around the world. I am especially happy to commend you for the wonderful support that you recently gave to the families of our brave service men and women who were captured in Iraq.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes for an informative and productive series of discussions. God bless you.

G. Bush



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VIETNAM REPORTEDLY URGING INCREASED POW/MIA EFFORTS: During meetings between Assistant Secretary of State Richard Solomon and Vietnamese Vice Foreign Minister Le Mai in Bangkok, the Vietnamese indicated strong interest to expeditiously resolve the remaining discrepancy cases that have been the focus of ongoing joint field operations. ▀

U.S. POW/MIA OFFICE IN HANOI: AP and Reuters press reports, quoting technical staff members, indicate that cooperation in gaining access to historical documents and information is proceeding well. One member of the staff in Hanoi is quoted: "We have received very effective cooperation and we hope it will continue." It is not yet clear whether the archival documents relate to previously accounted for Americans or POW/MIA. Should they pertain to the latter, copies of such documents which pertain or may pertain to missing Americans should shortly be received by the primary next-of-kin.

The presence of a U.S. POW/MIA office in Hanoi also provided an immediate opportunity to investigate the urgent cases of identified photographs. The U.S. office was established to facilitate investigations into live sighting reports, access to archival records, advance planning for improved joint operations and to accelerate unilateral Vietnamese repatriations of remains. It is hoped that establishing this office will bring more rapid results from government-to-government efforts to resolve the issue. ▀

14th US/SRV FIELD OPERATIONS CONCLUDE: The latest round of joint operations recently concluded after a period of nearly four weeks. Teams of US/SRV specialists were in central Vietnam undertaking incident investigations, recoveries and surveys. In this process, eyewitnesses are interviewed to obtain more accurate information which could lead to accounting for the cases under investigation. The teams, which began their work on July 17th, were met by Chief of the U.S. POW/MIA Office in Hanoi, Mr. Garnett Bell, and others from the Hanoi-based staff who joined with other specialists to comprise the field teams. ▀

LEAGUE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRAVELS TO LAOS: Accepting an unprecedented invitation from the Lao Government, and with approval of the board of directors, Executive Director Ann Mills Griffiths departed for Laos on August 22nd for meetings with senior officials in Vientiane. The meetings are being held to discuss steps to achieve more rapid results in accounting for Americans still missing in Laos. ▀

US/LAO TEAM CONCLUDES FIELD OPERATION: The first field operations in Xieng Khoang Province of Laos were conducted just prior to the League's 22nd Annual Meeting. From initial reports, the cooperation was outstanding and good results were achieved; however, the number of incidents to be surveyed/investigated was reduced, leaving unexplored several of the cases agreed upon during the April, 1991 talks in Vientiane. It is hoped that the Lao will recognize the importance of undertaking investigation of as many cases in a given area as possible, in order to expand results. ▀

TECHNICAL TALKS WITH PHNOM PENH: On August 22-23rd, the second technical round of discussions were held with Cambodian officials in Phnom Penh. This visit was in response to Phnom Penh's public statements of willingness to cooperate fully with the U.S. on the issue. It is hoped that the talks will lead to developing cooperation to account for the 83 Americans still missing in Cambodia, previously in areas then under Vietnamese control. ▀

MISSION TO CHINA: On July 14-24, 1991, former League board member and MIA son Joe Dunn, Jr. travelled to China with his cousin, Lt. Daniel Gallagher, USN, Defense Intelligence Agency, to pursue information on the circumstances of loss and ultimate fate of CDR Joseph P. Dunn, missing since February 14, 1968.

In the absence of any government-to-government (US/PRC) process, and after years of personal effort as well as forwarding of thousands of petitions by long-time League member and MIA wife Maureen Dunn, the Chinese Government granted unprecedented access to both Joe Dunn and Lt. Gallagher to meet with the two pilots responsible for downing CDR Dunn's aircraft. They were also permitted direct contact with villagers of Hainan Island, where it is believed that wreckage from CDR Dunn's aircraft would have drifted following the incident.

In addition to obtaining firsthand information, Joe Dunn returned to the U.S. with utensils made from materials believed to have come from his father's plane; serial numbers contained on the utensils could reveal the precise origin. Though both Maureen and Joe Dunn are confident that CDR Dunn died at the time of his incident, they are hopeful that the information gained will be useful in follow-up U.S. Government attempts to possibly locate and return the remains of CDR Dunn to the United States and to his family. ▀

US/SOVIET EFFORTS: Assertions of Soviet involvement in the issue of American POW/MIA's during the Vietnam War have once again been given media attention. On several occasions in years past, Soviet assistance has been requested by the highest levels of the U.S. Government, including in recent negotiations. The Soviets have told U.S. officials that they have raised this matter directly with the Vietnamese, both in Moscow and Hanoi, after the U.S. requested Soviet intervention with Vietnam to obtain increased cooperation. To date, no evidence exists to indicate that American POW/MIA's in Vietnam came under Soviet control. *

PHOTOS IDENTIFIED BY POW/MIA FAMILIES: A photograph depicting three individuals, initially reported as originating from several sources, was identified by the Robertson, Stevens and Lundy families, plus two others, as depicting their missing relatives. Investigations of the photo, provided to Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Carl Ford and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Ken Quinn on July 12th during the League's 22nd Annual Meeting, are being pursued through technical means, field operations and diplomatic channels.

A version of the same photo has surfaced on several occasions since last fall, as have variations of second, third and fourth-hand reports mentioning COL John Robertson, USAF, and LCDR Larry Stevens, USN. No first hand reported sighting has been received. Significant follow-up has taken place since the initial source-reporting.

Two additional photos, one identified by the Borah family as their missing son Lt. Daniel Borah, USAF, another identified as Captain Donald Carr, USA, by his family, are also receiving priority attention by the U.S. Government.

Status of Investigations Into Photographs: Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Ken Quinn visited Hanoi and Vientiane, seeking both governments assistance in investigating these photographs.

The Vietnamese assured Mr. Quinn that they were already publicizing the photo of the three individuals, would immediately conduct a joint search of a prison near Da Nang and the surrounding area where a report indicates the photo could have been taken, agreed to further investigation of the case involving COL John Robertson and an immediate excavation of his crash site. Additional information from wartime records on the Robertson case, as well as recent witness statements, was provided to U.S. officials by the Vietnamese.

Vietnam promised full cooperation on the two additional photographs identified by family members as soon as they could be made available. The minority staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, initially withheld important information in their possession related to one or more of these photographs. Officials in Phnom Penh also agreed to a U.S. Government request for a team

of U.S. specialists to visit Cambodia to investigate the origins of the "Robertson, Stevens, Lundy" photo.

The Department of Defense (DOD) has now released preliminary information regarding the results of this investigation, noting that four of five photographs allegedly of U.S. personnel missing from the Vietnam War were actually taken from a January 1990 Soviet magazine and depicted Soviet citizens.

In Laos, Mr. Quinn met with senior officials who promised full cooperation, including distributing the photos with instructions to local officials to seek further information. Laos also agreed to provide unprecedented access to Lao officials who may have important POW/MIA information.

Comment: As a result of the inquiries into these recent photographs, accusations against official U.S. Government efforts to investigate this matter have once again been raised. Secretary of Defense Cheney responded to these comments during an interview on NBC on July 19, 1991. He stated "we have a massive effort underway in the Department on a continuous basis to try to account for our missing in Southeast Asia...I think the charge that we're not working on the problem simply isn't valid...There is always the possibility that perhaps some survived...so we follow up on every single report we receive and do everything we can to resolve these cases as quickly and as efficiently as possible."

While all hope and pray that the photo is confirmed and that American POWs will soon return, media skepticism is increasing concerning their validity. The League supports the intensive efforts to investigate photographs and all reports pertaining to missing Americans which are received. The government-to-government process is the only viable means to achieve answers to the fates of our missing relatives. The League strongly supports Secretary Cheney's commitment to resolution of this issue.

If the photos are not valid and purposeful misrepresentation occurred, it would constitute one of the cruelest scams yet encountered. In addition to the potential heartbreak of the families, the policy-level inquiries resulted in strong Indochinese government denials that any Americans are alive. As experience has demonstrated, such denials make even more difficult efforts to return Americans who may be found alive in Indochina. *

DISCREPANCY CASES: A great deal of media attention has recently been inaccurately focused on resolution of the "62 remaining discrepancy cases" as the primary factor in determining whether Americans are still being held against their will in Southeast Asia. At the onset of his appointment as Presidential Emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA Affairs, General Vessey presented a large number and variety of compelling discrepancy cases to

Vietnamese officials. These included cases of Americans known at one time to be alive in captivity; cases in which available evidence suggested survival of incident and subsequently in Vietnamese control; cases of Americans whose name appeared on died in captivity lists, yet no additional information was provided; and cases of KIAs where the Vietnamese should have remains and/or additional information. The cases were selected as examples of a larger number, not yet defined. Of the initial group, 119 were selected by General Vessey as the initial priority for joint investigations, survey and, as appropriate, excavation or recovery. The "62 remaining discrepancy cases" refers to those of the initial 119 where fate is still unknown. These are not the sum total of cases "last known alive" in captivity in one of the Indochina countries.

Comment: The League has consistently avoided specifying numbers; to do so potentially gives the Vietnamese with an "escape" from accountability for all possible POW/MIAs. Depending on access, both geographical and to historical documents, equal priority should be given to accounting for all Americans still prisoner, missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. □

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: On July 17th, a hearing was held before the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs, chaired by Congressman Stephen Solarz, D-NY. In addition to reporting on the status of US/Vietnamese and US/Lao efforts to resolve the issue, all witnesses were asked to prepare testimony and respond to a set of specific questions, primarily concerning allegations made by former chief of DIA's Special Office for POW/MIA Matters COL Mike Peck, USA. Copies of the relevant testimony and responses to specific questions, are available from the League upon request. Most of the 7-hour hearing was devoted to questions about the photos mentioned above.

A delegation of six Vietnam Veteran Members of the U.S. House of Representatives recently returned from a five-day trip to Southeast Asia. This long-planned trip fell on the heels of the publication of several photographs identified by POW/MIA families as their missing relatives; thus, media interest was relatively high. Participants included Representatives Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD), John Rhodes III (R-AZ), Pete Peterson (D-FL) Tom Carper (D-DE) and David Skaggs (D-CO). The League briefed some of the delegation members, and all received official U.S. Government briefings regarding government-to-government efforts.

Members of the delegation offered various perceptions regarding their findings. According to the August 26th AIR FORCE TIMES, Congressman Kolbe stated, "It seems unlikely there would be any Americans left alive after 16 years." Reportedly, he continued stating, "And it's hard to think of any motivation for the three Asian countries to be holding U.S. prisoners, he said." In

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Committee hearing clearly recognize the dangers which came from many of the witnesses who naively and wrongly claim or assume that the answers are in Washington instead of Indochina. They now have their way, and another Select Committee on POW/MIA has been formed. Much will depend upon the charter and direction; however, early statements cause concern.

Senator Wendell Ford (D-KY), Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, was quoted publicly as stating, "The American public has demanded that we resolve this issue once and for all, and I have every confidence that the establishment of this Senate investigative committee will lead us to that end." The Select Committee's sponsor, Senator Smith, was quoted as saying, "We look forward to the challenge and I hope we can resolve this thing once and for all." These words have a familiar ring to all who remember the Montgomery Select Committee on POW/MIA. The only means by which this issue can be resolved, is through greater responsiveness and cooperation by those who hold the answers; it can not be resolved by any committee or commission of the U.S. Government. Not only can misjudgments occur as they did before, but those who advocated passage have also set the stage for possible U.S. concessions to Vietnam, outside of current policy, in the hope that increased results will follow.

Following passage by voice vote on August 2nd, Senator Helms appeared in a televised interview, quoted the following day in USA TODAY, stating that he is "relatively certain that within the next 60-90 days, we will have at least one or more living POW or MIA." Per USA TODAY, "He did not elaborate." Since we have heard such promises before, though not previously from U.S. Government officials, it is incumbent upon Senator Helms (or whomever made the promise to him) to either make good on his pledge (hopefully) or publicly explain to the families and the American people why it did not occur.

Some who will be debating the POW/MIA issue have other agendas, unrelated to the central issue of accounting for our missing relatives. Hopefully, those who orchestrated this latest move are prepared to take responsibility for the outcome. The League must continue to focus on increasing the results from government-to-government negotiations, intelligence efforts, the technical exchanges and the joint research and investigative activities, while minimizing the diversion of resources which the Select Committee will require.

ADDITIONAL POW/MIA ASSETS AND RESOURCES APPROVED: On July 31st, the Department of Defense announced a long planned increase in personnel assigned to assist in resolving the POW/MIA issue, jumping the total number of personnel devoted full time to well over 200. The increase was approved in anticipation of the need for fielding additional teams to conduct on-site investigations, surveys and excavations of crash sites in

Vietnam and Laos.

Comment: The League welcomes the U.S. Government's willingness to assign additional assets and resources to resolving the fates of missing Americans, hoping that the Indochinese Governments will fulfill commitments to provide U.S. specialists the access necessary to rapidly resolve the issue. □

THE IMPACT OF PERSONAL OPINIONS: Recently, there has been significant media focus on personal opinions concerning whether Americans are still held captive in Vietnam, Laos or Cambodia. In reaction to the spate of photos recently publicized, the media has conducted several public opinion polls and pressed senior U.S. officials for personal opinions.

A CNN/Time poll was conducted on July 17-18, 1991: 1000 Americans were asked, "Do you believe that any American MIAs, those regarded as Missing in Action, are still alive in Vietnam?"

Yes:	70%
No:	19%
Not Sure:	11%

Error margin is +/- 3% points

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft stated he doesn't believe there are any, adding remarks about the cruelty of orchestrating hoaxes which raise false hopes among the families. Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Carl Ford was quoted as believing prisoners are held. In the former case, the President was pressed to defend Scowcroft's position and stated that there was no credible evidence. In the latter, press guidance was issued which clarified Ford's comment as being that there could be, amplified by the official U.S. policy which states: *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. We will continue to investigate, live-sighting reports based on the assumption that at least some Americans are still alive and held captive.*

In earlier years, President Reagan's National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane also expressed his personal opinion; based upon facts at that time, he believed strongly some must be alive.

Comment: The personal views of any individual are only important in the context of the factual pursuit of answers. Through the years, Members of Congress have often asked personal views of witnesses; both positive and negative responses have been provided. None have had any serious impact on the issue. Efforts to return missing Americans, alive and dead, depend on professionalism and objectivity, not personal opinion. While positive opinion is helpful in generating domestic support and political motivation, such high level expressions of opinion always generate strong denials from those who hold the answers, making even more difficult the task of locating and returning our loved ones.

The August 19th "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" outlined another danger inherent in pressing for personal opinions. In its column "Washington Whispers," with "War's over" as the subtitle, the article stated: *Washington insiders say the sharp condemnation of the White House of the recent hoax involving a photo of American MIAs in Indochina is one more indication that the United States will soon restore diplomatic links with Vietnam and lift its trade embargo. Normalization, the sources predict, could come by year's end. The unmasking of the photo forgeries added to the administration's belief that while a few former American servicemen may remain in Southeast Asia, they do not constitute an obstacle to renewed ties. Other developments pointing toward detente are the gradual resolution of the Cambodian civil war and a marked improvement in Hanoi-Beijing relations. Added a well-placed State Department source: "George Bush is no longer afraid of attacks from the ultra-conservatives on what he does in Southeast Asia."*

While not in agreement with the conclusion reached by "U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT," it should be recognized that when major publications begin to print such articles, it serves to undermine the basis for current policy on the POW/MIA issue. This is not an isolated text, but is one of an increasing number which speculate on the rationale for continuing the embargo.

The photographs also generated a significant number of editorial commentaries across the country, some of which summarily wrote off the accounting as an issue from the past which has no relevance and encumbers U.S. business interests. Never has there been a time when greater dangers threaten obtaining results; this may well be our last chance, and it must not be squandered. If all of the photos, claims, etc., turn out to be false, (and let us pray they are not), we must ensure that the American people do not perceive that the issue is false as well. □

22nd ANNUAL MEETING: The 22nd Annual Meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families was held in Washington, DC on July 12-14, 1991.

The families received government briefings on the official efforts to obtain the fullest possible accounting for their missing loved ones. Featured speakers included Undersecretary of State, Robert Kimmin, Congressmen Stephen Solarz and Robert Lagomarsino, Senator Frank Murkowski, Presidential POW/MIA Special Emissary John W. Vessey, and Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney. At the League's annual dinner, Secretary Cheney presented a letter from President Bush to the families. President Bush stated in the letter, "you can be certain that my promise to you is intact: resolving the fates of your loved ones is, and will continue to be, a matter of the highest national priority." Secretary Cheney also reaffirmed this commitment in stating, "rest assured, if any Americans are still captive, we will bring them home." □

ON ALLEGATIONS OF COL MIKE PECK: LTG Harry E. Soyster, USA, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, was also a speaker at the annual meeting. A portion of his remarks concerned the COL Peck situation, during which he stated, "I selected COL Peck for the POW/MIA position within DIA on his outstanding service record, and his evident familiarity with the region... however, it soon became obvious my good intentions were yielding imperfect results. COL Peck was simply poorly suited for this position. It was a case of a good officer in the wrong job. And subsequently, I removed him from the job." General Soyster went on to clarify that COL Peck was aware of his imminent removal prior to writing his now-famous memo which falsely accused the League Executive Director Ann Mills Griffiths of "intentionally impeding the effort" to account for American POW/MIAs. On May 30th, the House Subcommittee on Asian & Pacific Affairs held an open hearing to receive sworn testimony from COL Peck. Following both open and closed sessions, Chairman Solarz (D-NY) stated that COL Peck had failed to provide evidence to substantiate his charges which claimed existence of an official manipulation by the U.S. Government. □

1990 FINANCIAL AUDIT: As required by law for all 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, the League's 1990 financial audit, performed by the reputable accounting firm Peat Marwick, has recently been completed. The 1990 Annual Report and a copy of the complete 1990 audit are available upon request at the League's national office. □

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND: During the Financial Chairman's report at the 1991 annual meeting, an appeal was made to the membership for contributions to the Legal Defense Fund. The League is currently being sued by the organization Homecoming II for damages allegedly incurred due to statements the League made to the newspaper STARS AND STRIPES NATIONAL TRIBUNE (this is not related to the Pacific Stars and Stripes). In this suit, one of the plaintiffs, Ted Sampley is asking for \$50,000 and other damages as determined by the court. The board feels that these allegations are entirely unfounded and is vigorously defending itself against this action. The costs of defending against this suit are substantial, not only in actual monies spent, but also in lost administrative time of the executive director and the staff.

The League has been the beneficiary of considerable pro bono and reduced fee legal counsel. We are deeply grateful to the attorneys who have helped defend against these unfounded allegations. The costs are made even more burdensome because the League must defend itself in North Carolina, where the suit was filed. Travel expenses for our attorneys and the staff, who must testify if this goes to court, must be paid out of League funds. Dollar costs of defending this lawsuit do not include lost opportunities for focus on resolving the issue,

public awareness activities, congressional education or day-to-day League operations. The board feels that this lawsuit is without merit, yet we must still conform to operations of law as interpreted by the courts.

In order to provide timely payment of our legal expenses, the board has established a nonrestricted Legal Defense Fund through which our billed legal expenses will be paid. The League membership, POW/MIA relatives, as well as our supportive concerned citizens, are all being impacted by this lawsuit. Therefore, the finance chairman is seeking dedicated funds with which legal fees will be paid. All legal fees are closely monitored and the board will continue to ensure that proper oversight of all expenditures is maintained. It is recommended that donations be expressly identified as donations to the Legal Defense Fund. But, please include these as additional donations to your regular financial support of the League. The repressed domestic economy has hit all non profit organizations very hard; but, the League must and will remain the viable spokesman for the families and our missing loved ones.♦

A CALL TO ACTION: September 20th is 1991 National POW/MIA Recognition Day and programs are being developed all over the country to support efforts to resolve the fates of America's POW/MIA's. Please seek information out about activities in your community and participate in programs to raise public awareness about this humanitarian concern. The following are suggestions for other ways to support the National League of POW/MIA Families:

- 1) Send postage stamps to the League office. Postage costs are placing an increasing burden on League resources. In order to continue our policy of providing cost-free information, donations to offset postage are appreciated. Contact schools, auxiliaries, veteran groups etc. to donate stamps.
- 2) Recommend other points of contact which would be able to assist the League. These include individuals or organizations who provide grants, donate office supplies (such as fax and copy paper) and equipment (computer equipment), or individuals you believe would like to get involved in the POW/MIA issue. The League staff is calling on all family members and concerned citizens to use their networks to gather support that could be helpful in furthering our goals and stretching limited resources.
- 3) A great deal of time and resources is spent on following up address changes. Please forward a change of address to the League office as soon as possible, so that postage is not wasted.♦

1991/92 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Elections for the 1991/92 board of directors¹ were held just prior to the League's annual meeting. Following are the results as certified by the accounting firm of Minter, Morrison and Grant. A copy of the certification letter is available from the League office upon request. The 1991/92 board members are listed in bold print.

NUMBER	CANDIDATE	# OF VOTES
1	Joan Williams	225
2	Diane Van Renselaar	402
3	Louise Van Hoozer	378
4	Mark Stephensen	427
5	Sue Scott	421
6	Phillipe Ritter	480
7	Elaine Pond	273
8	Nancy Nystrom	414
9	Barbara Lewis	435
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Chairman of the Board Sue Scott has announced her selections for each of the standing committees of the League's board of directors. Following are the committee assignments for 1991/92:

Finance Committee:

Mark Stephensen, Chairman
Mary Carol Lemon

Misinformation Committee:

Nancy Nystrom, Chairman
Jeff Donahue
Phillipe Ritter

Publicity & Activities Committee:

Barbara Lewis, Chairman
Robert Apodaca
Diane Van Renselaar

NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT:

In response to recommendations from family members at the League's 22nd Annual Meeting, the newsletter's format was changed. The staff would appreciate receiving any suggestions, recommendations or comments so that we may better address the needs of our membership.