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## No Trespassing

**H**ave you ever seen a "NO TRESPASSING" sign? Something that says you are out of bounds? Something that says KEEP OUT. Something that says you will be prosecuted under the law for trespassing? When you broke the rules in High School you were punished with detention for not following the accepted norms. You may have known kids who had to stay after class as punishment for being out of step with the required procedure for trespassing where "the authority" did not want you to be or go, or for not doing what was expected of you.

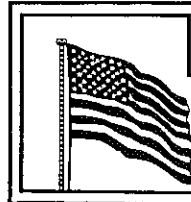
The authorities in Vietnam and Laos gave detention to American POWs, who were held back, after class let out, because they did not follow the accepted procedure. Likewise those who search for the POWs are then trespassing, in out-of-bounds areas, denied entry by the authority, who maintains that this data is still secret or the authority does not want the public to know the truth.

In response to trying to look into these denied areas a project was set up called "Unauthorized Entry" whereby the

private sector went to look and see if they could find the answer to the question, "What happened to the Americans who were captured alive, but not released or accounted for?" While trespassing on this posted, private property, secretly hidden away, out of sight, this is some of what we found:

1. The US government tried an "unauthorized entry" in March 1994 of LS-5 (live sighting #5) in Laos. While this author was in Laos in March 1994, a US intelligence officer inside the US Embassy in Laos, in a secured section disclosed: "They were conducting a crash site investigation and walked into an active prison camp that they did not know was there and the Lao counterparts had them, (the JTFFA) stop and asked them (the JTFFA) to back out of the site and so they did."

This information was brought back to the US and published in THE INSIDER in April, 1994 and the so called "POW Activist Community" had no reaction. The live sighting was called LA-5, a Live Sighting Report at the "Pha Deng Caves". This information was a week old on 3/17/94 and nothing happened! No alarm bells, no full alert, no rescue. (Because it was not JTFFA's job to investigate live active prisons - it is DIAs job, so JTFFA simply walked out and left the POWs behind.) The system of cooperation with the military and civilian authorities in Laos and Vietnam, simply is non-functioning. DIA and the JTFFA knows this



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**Official Notice-  
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Evidence Kit**

A group of current and former intelligence officers has put together an educational package of material called the "Evidence Kit" written for educators and elected officials. With the "Evidence Kit" you can show history professors at Colleges and High Schools the evidence of live POWs, so they might teach their students about the POW/MIAs. With the "Evidence Kit" you can meet with your Congressman & Senator to show them the proof & evidence of live POWs. Included in the "Evidence Kit": 4300 live sighting reports; returned POWs debriefings; CIA & DIA reports; 309 discrepancy cases; select bio-sheets; how and where to get newly declassified POW intelligence reports. With the kit you can hold "show trials" to present the live POW data to the press and the public. Buy your history teacher, congressman, and senator a live POW "Evidence Kit".

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problem area to be a fact, but has hidden the information for "National Security" reasons, as it would be a political hot potato.

2. One "unauthorized entry" team made contact with a group of Canadian

Peace Keepers from Cambodia, who vacationed in Vietnam every 6 to 8 weeks. This is what they report: "I apologize for not being able to obtain any information for you about MIAs or any POWs. Every time we tried to go somewhere or investigate any former POW camps we were met with hostile forces which usually outnumbered us. With no help from our own..." (government we could not probe past these) "hostile forces". The "unauthorized entry" team set up a relationship with stay behind agents, providing them with highly probable locations where POW camps could be found, and asked these "foreigners" to conduct a private search, as a friendly gesture. The friendly gesture turned into a confrontation with hostile forces. WHY?

3. For more "unauthorized entry" stories watch for future issues of THE INSIDER, probing behind enemy lines.

**REVIEW OF PRISONERS OF HOPE**

"Prisoners of Hope" by Susan Katz Keating Publisher-Random House 1994

To: The Washington Times  
December 15, 1994

One of my attorneys called me from Washington and read me parts of a new book review written by Sen. John McCain where my name was used. I would like to respond.

First, I am preparing to file a lawsuit against the author and the publisher for defamation, slander and false statements made by the author about me in the book.

Mr. McCain's review only points out that if I ever want to clear my name, I

historical collection of POW/MIA information as one record group to the person who offers me the highest contribution. Not all those who subscribe to THE INSIDER, today have "all" of the back issues, so I will offer this complete collection to the HIGHEST BIDDER. Send in your sealed bid by January 25, 1994 at which time all bids will be opened and the winner announced. Send no money, only the amount you wish to bid as a contribution to THE INSIDERS efforts. It cost \$186.00 to make a complete copy of this collection, so all bids over this amount will be seriously considered.

This is an effort to raise funds to send 3 or 4 US Doctors to Hanoi at the end of February 1995 to see if we can locate SE Asian Doctors who treated US POWs and an effort to see medical records, they kept on these POWs. Send your bid marked on the outside of the Envelope- "PAST-INSIDER-BID"

I have received an anonymous letter from "Your only real friend" and wish to respond: The DIA may continue its cackling with its dishonest cruel hoax-causing divisiveness but what we, average American citizens, are doing is not trying to catch smoke with a net. We acquiesce and proliferate to recalcitrant your obstentionism. Gump said, "Let me say this: bein' an idiot is no box of chocolates." I have tried to chu-hoi but I have not found the agency with a gizzard to systematically digest the truth. Where is the person who will stand up and take responsibility-point the finger at those who made the decision to leave behind live casualties and bring forward the hard copy documentation? If there is anyone out there with a conscience who wants to step forward, on the record as a witness or provide hard copy documentation proving "live POWs" were alive or are alive, please do so.

I am also looking for a witness or hard copy documentation that will prove that Susan Keating was provided direction/ material by people in the

DIA/DPMO for her book and/or that she was helped by some "state organism" in getting articles published, including her contact with the books publisher. If there is any among you who wishes to go to breakfast or lunch and have a friendly chat, off the record, call me. Before we meet, there is some background reading you must do first before we meet-get a copy of "The Nelson Rockefeller Report to the President by the Commission on CIA Activities within the United States", published by Manor Books 1975 or from the US Government Printing Office: 1975 O-377-475 and read it, so we might aim at the Truth, not at a Lie.

Sincerely,



Michael Van Atta

**Prisoners of War  
Missing in Action**

A group of current and former intelligence officers has established an educational fund to provide government officials and the general public with hard factual proof that Americans were captured alive, in war, and were not released. The group publishes a monthly newsletter called

**The Insider**

that reviews CIA documents and provides insight through review of POW sightings and discrepancy cases of captives who were not released. For subscriptions or information, please contact:

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## TELEPHONE SAVINGS PLAN

If I were to take out my wallet give you \$180.00 US dollars would you give me back \$15.00?

The Average American would take me up on this offer. So, why don't you call me and I will help sign you up. This is how it works: Let us say that you have a long distance telephone bill of \$60.00 per month and I can save you about 25% of that bill or \$15.00. If you save \$15.00 each month that is \$180.00 a year.

If I sign you up in this long distance savings program, I would ask that you contribute your first months savings to the POW Educational Fund, Inc. and help my organization raise funds to send teams to SE Asia to look for Americans who are missing there. This is out 1995 fund raising effort, so please participate. See enclosed enrollment form for details.

**THE TRUTH IS:** The author presents "her view" by plagiarizing material that others wrote, collected and published for the past 12 years, calling them fakes while promoting the exact same material to make profit on the MIA families' grief. A lot of the author's material is factually incorrect, and these misstatements of fact have been presented to the publisher and the author, but they published the book anyway. Both have chosen to publish these falsehoods in a way that slanders individuals personally. The book puts quotes in the mouths of some who did not make them and takes credit away from

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others when they actually did the leg work to collect the research. The book provides no footnotes crediting some individuals as the original source on some material, nor did the author seeking to obtain permission to reprint the discoveries of others.

I ask that the Publisher and Author to pull the book out of circulation, like a recall on a defective auto part, that will hurt people.

Several people have no other remedy but to seek damages for libel. In the law suit many plan to name the publisher, Random House Publications. In addition some will name as co-defendants in the law suit very specific employees with the DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) who helped the author by sharing "secret files" the DIA maintains on private American citizens. The book may even prove to be a "covert program" directed by DIA to discredit all those who seek to find out what happened to the live POWs.

**IN SUMMARY:** It appears that the author has been "intellectually dishonest" by presenting only evidence that support her theory that "there were no POWs who were kept back alive". When she works her way through the same evidence presented here, today, she only presents cases that support her theory and none that show her presentation could be false or invalid.

Should you buy and read the book: "Prisoners of Hope"--Yes, to see what yellow journalism looks like and to be aware that there are those who are frumpy - not a very complementary word.

To celebrate the 14th year that THE INSIDER has been in publication I have copied all of THE INSIDER's published from January 1982 through January 1995 and will give this

must sue to recover damages, as the injustice has already been done to my name.

Second, the book contains 62 factual errors, in addition to the 18 errors about Sen. Bob Smith (NH), all of which were pointed out to the author prior to publication. Keating's manipulation of the data on the POW/MIA question presents absolutely provable falsehoods.

Third, the book is a poor attempt at propaganda that paints a scarlet picture around anyone who asks his government to account for the missing, or who questions what happened to the Americans who were captured alive, who Hanoi refuses to account for, and who Washington had no leverage to force an accounting.

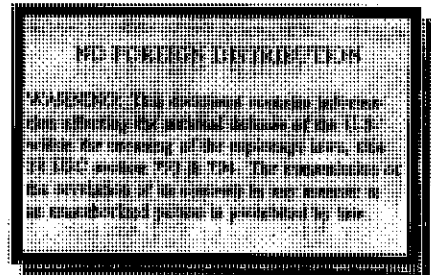
Fourth, I found the book to be very light reading, like a Department of Defense position paper that only states what DOD wants you to know. The presentation puts apples in a barrel. Some are good ones and some bad ones. So the bad ones will make the good ones go rotten, in the minds eye of the reader.

Fifth, Mr. McCain refers to me as a "Bo Gritz wanna be". Lets examine that statement: I have published a newsletter for current and former intelligence officers, monthly, for the past 13 years, which is in the CIA, DIA, FBI, NSC, NRO and NSA files, and is called THE INSIDER. It reviews intelligence data on American POWs in Russia, Korea, and SE Asia. I have met with Soviet Generals in their Pentagon on the POW issue. I have sent fourteen teams to Asia, Cuba, and Russia, all armed with intelligence. I sent them to work and to find POW data, and have provided DIA with after-action reports on these efforts. I have testified before the US Senate and the Soviet parliament on POWs, and have been brought to Washington to meet with a group of intelligence officers who are seeking to solve the MIA problem. Gritz made 3 trips to Asia in the early 80's and dropped out. In March, 1994 I was in Laos meeting with doctors who treated American POWs after the war was over, and all POWs were to have been

released. I am not trying to like Bo Gritz.

Clearly, DOD has hung a sign on the door behind which the POW information is kept that reads NO TRESPASSING, and Keating has presented the way trespassers will be treated, with public scorn, if they dare to look behind the door.

Mr. McCain, as well as the author, owe me an apology for attacking my credibility publicly, as a predator, when all I have done is advance the idea that we do not leave our prisoners alive in our enemy's hands after a conflict ends. I am in



the apple barrel with a lot of bad apples, only because the author put me there, not because I volunteered.

## A REVIEW OF THE BOOK

It contains 62 factual errors, at 3 points it plagiarizes the original material collected and published by others, but gives no footnotes crediting the original collections. The author paints a picture that all the missing are dead or have been accounted for, which is factually inaccurate, and the author is being intellectually dishonest by presenting this image in her book. She quotes from notes of some phone conversations that never took place.

As a mother of 3 children she says that she would, in effect, abandon the search for her children if a stranger took them alive from a mall. The book does a disservice to anyone who would put forth an honest effort to try to help account for

the missing from the Vietnam war calling them explorers, worthless fund-raising profiteers, and hecklers who push forward false hope.

The author presents herself as "hoping for a scoop" as a writer for a Washington newspaper and part time housewife who has these great visions and insights into the world of intelligence on the POW/MIA issue. How she hopes to help account for the missing Americans by trying to expose some people as charlatans is beyond my comprehension. She presents truly accurate factual data on her section about defectors, but weaves into her stories false, misleading and totally bogus information in her attack on individuals who have put forth the notion that it is a "just cause" to try to find our missing, expressly those who were alive and in the enemies hands, who have not yet been accounted for.

The author wants the families of the missing and the US government to give up all hope of finding POWs and curtail or bring to an end the search for the missing. I think Keating does a masterful job of stabbing controversy to promote her profit taking at the expense of the MIA families.

#### FACTUAL INACCURACIES

Psychologists debate whether weirdness is a result of heredity or environment, and the writer or the supplier of data for the "Prisoners of Hope" should be judged by these rules. The author, publisher, and key Defense Intelligence Agency officials who collaborated on the book have no rules. Instead of reviewing the facts and the evidence about discrepancy cases and live sighting reports the book, attacks the individuals who have

expressed their opinions and views, but the book only attacks those who express the view that "We left live POWs behind when we left the Vietnam war". None of the individuals who expressed the view that we left no one behind alive came under attack. (Put the book under a microscope and divide up its innards and see how it fits together.

Several people are outraged by the book, who have presented to the publisher and the author, a written rebuttal to the remarks attributed to them in the book. Many remarks are inaccurate parodies of the truth. These falsehoods go beyond the author's perception to "secret files" the DIA maintains of private American citizens. It appears that these SECRET files were shared with the author. Some of the people outraged by the book include:

A) Senator Bob Smith (NH) 202-224-2841

Someone posted his rebuttal on CompuServe computer network, for details and computer access contact the Senators office 202-224-2841 or Anne Daugherty 219-294-6026 with a group called Americans for the Return of Our Forgotten Warriors.

B) William Bennett, Attorney 202-293-1414

Secretary of the National Vietnam Veteran Coalition, representing 54 veteran groups. Bennett has placed a letter before Tom Perry at Random House Publishing presenting the factual inaccuracies he has observed in the book.

C) Capt. Red McDaniel, former POW 703-519-7000

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5-General Singkapo: He was a Lao general who had two American POWs stay at his home and they were guarded as prisoner.

C) Over 235 DISCREPANCY CASES:

-They tell of individuals who were confirmed in captivity, alive on the ground, in the enemies grasp, and last known alive, but Vietnam and Laos has refused to account for these specific individuals, who they can be easily accounted-for.

THE AUTHOR SAYS: These cases have only confused the issue.

-The author only shows cases where her theory works.

THE TRUTH IS: (In a letter from DPMO head Gen. James Wold)

When the DIA told Airman magazine that there were 77 discrepancy cases in Laos for a February 1993 article there was in fact 139 individual discrepancy cases (3 confirmed by the enemy and 136 last known alive). The DIA in fact had passed "bad information" showing lower numbers, than there were in reality.

THE AUTHOR SAYS: The 1205

document located in the Soviet archives was planted by the CIA to throw dirt on the current administration's efforts to open trade with Hanoi.

THE TRUTH IS: The Soviet 1205 document was inside a bound volume in a number sequence logging system. The Soviets have verified that it is an authentic Soviet historical document. The only people who want the document to be a fake are DIA and the author presents the document in that light. DIA has continued to maintain that there was no evidence that American POWs were in direct contact with the SOVIET KGB while they were held prisoner, yet "here is" a photo of Wilfred Burchett, a known KGB agent, who covertly entered South Vietnam during the Vietnam War and had direct contact with American POWs, some who were never released. The DIA has had this information in its "secret files" for many years but has told the American public that they have no evidence.

THE AUTHOR SAYS: All POW/MIA advocates are, in effect, frauds and are involved in exploiting the POW/MIA myth in America.

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**COMMENTS FROM READERS**

Position Papers and Reviews of the "Live POW" issue, by Average American are requested by THE INSIDER. Anyone who wants their opinion expressed, should drop me a note. Here are a few items I have received from Average American citizens who believe we should account for our missing:

1. Rosanne Verolin, the State Coordinator for Ohio for the Live POW Lobby of America reports that a Mass will be offered on January 21, 1995 to help elected officials get and stay in a state of grace when working on the POWs-this is a big deal!

2. John Czenszak of Liberty, West Virginia writes to say: "I am a Nam Vet Army, a wheel and track mechanic (who was) stationed north of Pleiku in the Central Highlands. I do make 12 copies and circulate THE INSIDER as well as post a copy of it in the break area at work."

3. Perry Myers of St. Louis writes: I've been moved for some time by your dedication to the POW/MIA issue. Just wanted to drop a line and say, Thanks! People like you out there make me that much more proud to be a Vietnam Veteran."

4. Laurie Garret of River Edge, NJ writes: "I do not believe that one person can make a difference, but I do believe that a group of dedicated people can."

5. Maj. Kurt Tek writes: "Our door is always open to you, please stop in."

in the prison.

7-Hestle, Roosevelt: B091, C083, D060 and P063 all reported on him. He was observed in Heartbreak being taken from Room 5 to a Quiz. Some returnees heard the story from Maj. James Young but Young's debriefing is not provided.

8-Johnson, Allen: C168 provided

first hand knowledge on him as of 12/27/72.

9-Johnson, Edward: B194 reports first hand that he personally observed him 12/20/72. A040 and N040 also reported on him.

10-Jones, Bobby: M113 reported him first hand as seen at a movie in Nov. 72 at Loung Lang and dogpatch. S126 reported him as a PW based upon first hand personal observation. M131 and V010 also reported.

B) Over 4,300 LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS in DIAs database:

-They tell stories by defecting guards, food service and medical treatment personal who saw, touched and talked to the live American POWs who were not released or accounted for.

THE AUTHOR SAYS: These stories are unverifiable or untrue.

-The author only shows cases where her theory works.

THE TRUTH IS: (Look at these 5 examples)

1-Le Dinh: He was an NVA Col. who defected in 1979 and brought his knowledge of live Americans, who were held back by Hanoi.

2-Dang Ten: Defected with first hand knowledge that while Hanoi claimed publicly to hold only 368 POWs, they were holding, secretly, several 100 more.

3-Bui A: He was an NVA newspaper reporter, he claimed in his interrogation to have taken photos of US personnel being held in Hanoi. The photos were taken for propaganda.

4-Arkadiy Poltorak: He was a Soviet member of an International Commission who conducted a taped interview with three US pilots in Hanoi.

## Project: Unauthorized Entry

The Live POW Lobby of America sponsors trips back to Vietnam and Laos to look for the Americans who were captured alive but not released. We provide maps and put you with a team of searchers in an area with lots of live sighting reports. You stay in a hotel at night but search for POWs during the day. We have a search team advisory group that will help you with every detail. We have sent 16 teams in the last 2 years into Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Russia, and Cuba.

**Ever thought of going to look for the live POWs?**  
Call us today, because you can help.

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As the President of the American Defense Institute, Red is one of the most respected and most tortured returned POWs. He can offer his professional insight and experience as a returned POW and one who hunts for the men who are still POW.

D) Michael Van Atta, Average American Citizen 717-993-5498

Seeing the intelligence on live POWs and presenting it to the responsible government officials, he has put forward an honest effort to locate the missing, sending 14 teams into Vietnam. Secretly

avoiding K-20 (Vietnamese Secret Police) he located a monk who was in prison with 3 live Americans from 1973 to 1989, when he himself was released. Van Atta teams have also collected several first hand and second hand sources who were located in the last two years.

E) Many others have put in writing their complaints:

They include: Maj. Mark Smith, Kathy Borah Duez, Col. Ted Guy, Richard Smith, Joe Sorensen, Ted Samp-ley, Joe Jordan, Dolores Alford, Peter Kessler, Jack Bailey, Marsha Ledeman, Shelby Stanton, and on November 21, 1994 the Ft. Worth StarTelegram listed some 20 or so MIA families who were mentioned in Keating's book as "her supporters" when in fact they were never contacted by the author.

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 1994 Van Atta held a press conference at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC and showed the author and the publisher how to recall the book, like a defective automobile, before it hurts someone. Pull it from the book shelves. Local Washington, DC TV filmed the press conference. A copy of the film can be obtained from Tim Reed 202-962-5164

### PAGES WHERE FALSE INFORMATION IS PRESENTED IN THE BOOK

THE CLAIM: THE PUBLISHERS BOOK COVER: "...never-before published photograph of Garwood after his capture..."

(See the-February 1986 issue of THE INSIDER where Van Atta published UI#2 with this statement "...Bob identified this as himself recently."...for THE TRUTH)

F-1 PROLOG xviii "He is also said...(to have been) rescued...in 1976 and then recaptured by enemy forces." Speaking about Col. Shelton (see Van Atta's speech notes before the NVVC breakfast

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on November 12, 1995 for the TRUTH.)

F-2 PROLOG xviii "Duck Soup" (see THE INSIDER December 1994 issue for the TRUTH.)

F-3 PAGE 12 "a group of activist went to Cuba to find Fidel" (see THE INSIDER December 1994 issue for the TRUTH.)

There are 62 factual errors in the book (F-1 to F-62) and as a result several reputable publications have refused to review the book including Washingtonian Magazine.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 1994, Michael Van Atta gave a speech at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. He said:

WE ARE HERE FOR THE LIVE POWs!-  
THEY, THE POWs, ARE OVER THERE  
AND NOT OVER HERE!

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY  
AS A GROUP OF PARA-MILITARY,  
COVERT ACTION, PRIMARY COL-  
LECTORS OF INTELLIGENCE ON  
POWs. THE BOOK:

A. Tries to discredit anyone who dares to seek an answer to the question-"What happened to the Americans who were captured alive, but not released?"

B. Tries to discredit the MIA servicemen, the MIA families, and those who would search for the missing.

C. Tries to present those who search for answers as buffoons, incompetents, fakes and frauds.

I can only speak for myself-I am not

any of these. I have simply put forth an honest effort to locate the live POWs

The book exposes covert actions I have undertaken to find our missing Americans. One operation code named "Unauthorized Entry" which is aimed at collecting "fresh" sources, sets up foreign agents to access material, and finding live pows."

This information was found, out beyond the current Hanoi and Washington agreement of pre-notification to investigate.

Working "up front" with Hanoi the US has produced disappearing sources and intelligence as Hanoi manipulates the POW issue, after all the pows are in their hands.

Before you today stands some of the CAS (covert action staff) team members we have sent into Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to search for POWs.

WE HAVE SENT 14 CAS TEAMS INTO POW HOLDER COUNTRIES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. THIS IS ONLY SOME OF WHAT WE HAVE FOUND: DEAD Gis - We have located the graves or the remains of 10 MIAs.

LIVE Gis - We have found archives in Laos and Vietnam that the US government had not been permitted to see. We have located several witnesses (sources)...

1) A monk who was in prison with 3 live Americans from 1973 to 1989, when he himself was released.

2) A doctor who treated a live American prisoner, in 1974, after all American prisoners were released in 1973.

3) Several others saw them being moved, under armed guard, some gave their names. These witnesses would step forward and testify to these facts if asked to do so.

4) We have been to the prison gates and talked to the guards at remote prisons.

5) We have solicited the help of Soviet officers and officials to help us find live Americans in exchange for our assistance in locating Soviet POWs missing in Afghanistan.

-WE ARE GOING PUBLIC BECAUSE THIS BOOK "Prisoners of Hope" presents us and our effort as non-existent, fake, and false. The book presents all evidence as invalid.

#### LIVE POW EVIDENCE

A) 591 RELEASED POWs DEBRIEFINGS:

-They tell of 622 other US POWs who were not released

THE AUTHOR SAYS: These are nothing more than names written on prison walls or tap code messages, with no visual sightings.

-The author only shows cases where her theory works.

THE TRUTH IS: (These are only 10 examples from the database)

1-Burns, Michael: B096 reports 2nd hand through prison communication channel that Burns was a prisoner. T036 gave a first hand report that Burns was alive and in good physical condition and was personally observed as a prisoner.

2-Kier, Larry: S098 reported first hand that he saw him as a POW in HaLo prison the day before the release isolated in Bldg. 33. The man did not know the prison communication hand gestures, but learned he was shot down, probably a pilot, was isolated since capture. Possible

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an O3 downed in DEC 72. CPT Nasmyth and CMDR Plumb communicated with the man according to S098.

3-Paschall, Ronald: A073 reports first hand personal contact with him as a prisoner, seen alive.

4-Ransbottom, Frederick: L031 reports first hand knowledge that he was a prisoner.

5-Shank, Gary: A073 saw him first hand making a visual observation in HaLo/Vegas prisons, he was in good physical condition. A073 never knew Shank by name but identified him by reference to photo #S203 page 1-A-524 in DIAs Volume 1 booklet. Shank was kept with US POWs who had been captured in Laos.

6-Cobeil, Earl: A massive amount-173 returnees reported on him - 29 with first hand direct personal contact with him

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