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## Foot in Mouth

**T**he US and Vietnam government have been lying all the while about the live POWs that the US left behind and that Vietnam held back. This lying has gone on since 1973 and continues today. Some call for the devastating files to be closed, so no one will find out, what really happened. Basically, America told the MIA families lie after lie and then covered it up. Now there is no cover up and no conspiracy, they say. In order for there to be no lies, no cover up and no conspiracy (an agreement to hide the truth - expressed or implied) all of the once captured POWs must now all be accounted for. Well, this simply has not happened! POWs that we knew they had captured, who were alive in their hands, have not yet been accounted for. The US has agreed to look the other way while Hanoi refuses to answer for some very specific cases in which a POW was in captivity. A case by case review, will prove that POWs in Hanoi's grasp are not accounted for.

Politically, all who have promoted trade with Hanoi have justified their actions by saying that there is no proof any POWs survive today in captivity. Note that this policy statement shifts your vision away from the POWs we knew they had and we knew they refused to account for and places the reason there are no live POWs upon the "lack

of evidence". Note that no one can be convicted of lying, covering up, or a conspiracy, if there is no evidence - no proof. So, it is now clear, if there is no evidence of POWs, then there are no POWs! This is a logical argument, so why are there a group of people who just will not buy into it and accept that the POWs are all gone, as our government spokespersons have assured us?

About a year ago US owned businesses were trying to get the support of POW/MIA groups to lift the trade embargo against Vietnam. These US companies used the argument that if the POW/MIA groups supported the lifting of the trade embargo US businesses would put hundreds of people in the field in Vietnam and very quickly the POWs (if any) would be discovered. By getting American businessmen running around Vietnam we could expect an accounting to take place on the "Discrepancy Cases" in short order. This rhetoric sounded good a year ago, and some bought into it, supporting trade with Vietnam as a way to account for our missing, and particularly the missing POWs.

Now, a year after the trade embargo was lifted, I revisited several business leaders and learned that they have now changed their rhetoric to a position statement that says the POW/MIA problem is an issue of government to government cooperation and is best left up to the governments involved. Business leaders now claim that they do not want to get involved in solving the POW/MIA issue because the issue is too politically sensitive to Vietnamese leaders. Is this double talk, or am I missing something here?



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**Official Notice****1995 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".

To order, send \$25.00 for each "Evidence Kit" to:

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The promise by business was that they would help solve the POW/MIA problem, but now they are putting forth an excuse that allows them to conveniently escape responsibility. Business is now afraid to inquire about POWs and MIAs out of fear that it might

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damage their business opportunities. Is this double talk, or am I still missing something?

Why would business owners be afraid that they will lose something they don't have if they ask about the once captured alive POWs? Now they don't want to rock the boat, but they promised, a year ago, that they would. These unfulfilled promises have no visibility, because they are simply ignored by business and the public. Is this lying, covering up and a conspiracy, or just double talk, or a double cross?

Everyone - the US and Vietnam governments, the business community and the so called POW/MIA activists are all quiet about the broken promise! Why?

How did they make the live POWs disappear? Simple; they said there was no evidence and they were not obligated to act without first seeing current hard, factual proof.

**LOOK AT THE PROOF**

In an on going effort to educate the public about the POWs who were captured alive but not released, the KIT OF EVIDENCE was made available which combines several years of archival research and pulls together data from multiple sources. If you have not yet acquired this KIT OF EVIDENCE, you might do so, as it contains records and reports that allow you to bring all of the best live POW details into your hands. The KIT OF EVIDENCE for example tells you how, for \$1.00, your local library can obtain on inter-library loan micro-film from the Library of Congress containing CIA and DIA reports and records on live Americans, discrepancy cases, and allow you to see & learn how the US hid information on POWs.

Using the KIT OF EVIDENCE you could have obtained reel #520 and learned that an "Inter-Agency POW Intelligence Ad-Hoc Committee (IPWIC) was established on 23 August 1967 and they met once a week to

dated 8 DEC 1988, are two POW/MIA reports of interest in a CIA report written for DIA, attention John Keihn, from the deputy director:

*A) LIVE AMERICANS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS:*

*A former US Special Forces Green Beret Lieutenant Colonel named Armstrong "Lion" Queer and his deputy Major Jack are living in the Central Highlands under the protection of 21 montagnard guards. (BLANKED OUT) has established contact with Colonel Queer via third parties. Colonel Queer wishes to establish contact with the US Government, but was unwilling to trust any Vietnamese until he made contact with (BLANKED OUT).*

*C) Denry Ball (or BALL DENRY):*

*A US MIA named Denry Ball or Ball Denry was smuggled out of Vietnam in 1986-87 by anti-Communist South Vietnamese resistance forces. Ball traveled initially to Bangkok and then on to the US. Ball's home is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he is presumably now living.*

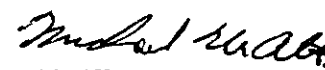
In the past a Vietnamese official came to the US and told of Bunker Queer and two others being alive in Vietnam. The issue was over looked, hushed up and dismissed as a mistake. But, IR 316/06977-88 presents, as fact, that Queer is/was in Vietnam in the Central Highlands.

Dewey Ball is the subject of report #4956, #6093 & #41724 in DIAs database (as reported by THE INSIDER on page 3 issue April 1993 Vol. III, No. 4). #4956 states it is a POW-hearsay. 1 PW Kontum Ball Dewey, 4/88, non-prisoner. #6093 states it is a POW-hearsay, 1 live US Dewey Ball, under analysis. #41724 states it is a POW-hearsay, Dewey Ball at An Khe Pass 135900N 1080000E ZA240478. What appears to have happened is that Ball was returned to the US but how? In a future issue of THE INSIDER, look for the answer. (IF you would have purchased The Evidence Kit you would have a copy of DIAs database.)

The US has denied or refused to discuss secret returnees and the Vietnamese have repeatedly denied that any Americans servicemen were in Vietnam. IR 316/06977-

88 contradicts these stated assurances by both sides.

Sincerely,



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PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS POW INFORMATION AT LEAST 10 TIMES PASS IT OUR TO YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS!

**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?**

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**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 our 1995 fund raising effort, so please participate. See enclosed enrollment form for details.**

efforts, but McConnell took the liberty to write derogatory remarks about other private back channel effort. For example McConnell put forward, for his own profit, criticism of written works by others on the POW/MIAs and belittled the private back channel efforts of others. No one seems willing to challenge McConnell on his double standards, of promoting one private effort while down playing other private efforts, all of which are attempting to achieve the same result, accounting for the last know alive POWs. So, an intelligent person would ask - Why?

**POW/MIA POSTAGE STAMP APPROVED**

The Postal Service will issue a new

stamp honoring American veterans who were prisoners of war and those still missing in action. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon announced the new 32-cent stamp that will be issued on Memorial Day, May 29, 1995. Design of the stamp has not been completed. The Postal Service will waive its usual royalty fee for nonprofit organizations that want to reproduce the stamp on T-shirts, mugs, and other products for use in fund raising.

**CLUSTER MAP**

Data on the map flags is a cluster analysis with 928 pins. The data is taken from 16,000 SI (Source Intelligence) Reports which filtered out all non-prisoner or accounted-for reports (Garwood, Kay, Gay, Gougelman, plus Yachtsman, Smugglers, Stragglers, Freely Living, Foreign Nationals, Dog Tag Reports, Remains Reports and Crash Sites). The data is a picture of DIAs database with 928 live sighting, prisoner reports, pinpointing their locations. Date of the Data is as of April 8, 1992. The color of each pins are: 216 Blue-1970s Eye Witnesses; 484 Red-1980 to 1990 Eye Witnesses; 228 Yellow-Date Not Reported, Hearsay Accounts; # unknown Black where Blue and Red are an exact match (where first and second hand reports coincide).

The indication is that the NIH (Not-Invented-Here) factor is quite high, as DIAs stated public position is anti-cluster analysis. DIA claims the cluster "theory" is not proof or evidence. DIA maintains that the data in its SI Report data base cannot be clustered to produce any meaningful results. Many intelligent people disagree. (A copy of the 11" X 17" color map showing the cluster sightings is now available for a \$10.00 donation to the POW Educational Fund, Inc.)

**SECRET RETURNEE & AMERICANS LIVING FREELY IN VIETNAM**

Provided as part of IR 316/06977-88

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go over intelligence reports on POWs. Members were from the CIA, DIA, and all military service intelligence groups. Minutes of their weekly meetings are on reel #520. The IP-WIC was set up to provide a focal point for intelligence on POW/MIAs. Members had Top Secret and SI Clearances. The group determined status, location, detention areas and treatment of live POWs. The records of these meetings establish a time line of intelligence reporting on status. For example, as of 22 Jan 1968 the POW/MIA count was 942.

MIAs: 68 Army, 95 Navy, 435 Air Force, 71 Marines, 7 Civillian, totalling 676  
POWs: 8 Army, 120 Navy, 116 Air Force, 9 Marines, 13 Civillians, totalling 266.

In Laos there were 62 MIAs and 5 POWs: (1 Navy, 2 Air Force, 2 Civillians)

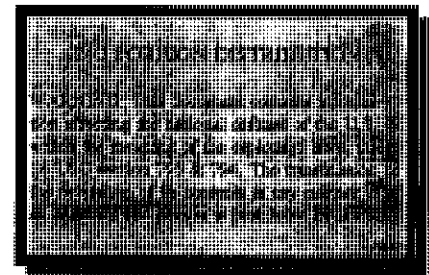
Releasees and Escapees were returning to draw maps of the POW camp in which they were kept and they were giving the names of the POWs who were alive with them in the POW camps.

As of 12 April 1968 the CIA said it had 42 POW tapes and 85 film clips showing POWs, that had been broadcast by Hanoi or the film was among captured documents. The "Unidentified US POWs - Photo Album" was first completed and made available for use as an intelligence tool on 26 April 1968. By 14 June 1968 there were 39 photos in the UI photo album of which there was 33 tentative ID's. In 8 Jan 1971 the CIA's photo ID expert was J.P. Tyykla. With all the captured enemy film footage and published photos and films by the East Germans and the Japanese, someone was put in charge of the photo ID project. So, the intelligent question is, where are J.P. Tyykla's records and notes?

Repeatedly there are references in the Ad-Hoc meetings to "de-emphasize" the POW intelligence publicly and to keep it quietly secret. One report that came before the Ad-Hoc group was from a source who saw US POWs in North Vietnam wearing prison clothes bearing the letters "TP" which is Vietnamese abbreviation for "criminal". The analytical question, now more that 20 years after the Vietnam war ended, is to look at the returnee debriefings (which are all still classified) and see who these POWs were by

time/date/location and see who was in the group. If there are no returnees who were wearing "TP" on their prison clothes, then where did Hanoi put these "criminal" Americans? What is the answer to this question?

Reel #520 talks about "Authentically Doubtful False Propaganda" These are creative ideas presented by the enemy that are truly false and purposefully misleading. In a meeting at Arlington Hall Station on 17 July 1970 the Ad Hoc group discussed that the CIA will compile a 3-volume set called the "Authenticator Book". The authenticator data was provided by PACAF in the PACAF intelligence index of USAF Personnel MIA/POW



in SE Asia. Clearly, the records were in PACAF's and CIA's hands. So, the intelligent question presents its self - where are these declassified 3 volumes?

In the case of Jon Sweeney who went missing 2/19/69, and was taken to Russia and was released/escaped in Stockholm Sweden on 8/17/70. (Note that when the DIA published its 10/11/79 listing on POW/MIAs it showed Sweeney "released in Hanoi on 700817" - remember there is no lying, cover up or conspiracy.) Well, in the September 1970 meeting of the Ad Hoc group they discuss, in detail, the case of Jon Sweeney and his debriefing. He clearly identifies a POW by the name of L/CPL Tallier and the Ad Hoc committee discusses that the MIA mother was notified of the ID made by Sweeney based of his first hand contact with L/CPL TALLIER. Sweeney said he felt that Hanoi would kill L/CPL TALLIER if it was made public that he was a POW. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed and the mother

agreed to keep it quiet while she kept sending packages to her son through Stockholm.

There is only one problem: there is no "L/CPL TALLIER" on the MIA/POW list as ever having been missing or captured, so the intelligent question is, who is he and what is his status?

At the 9 May 1975 meeting of the Ad-Hoc group the group (chaired by CMDR. Chuck Trowbridge, the current chief of DIA's POW/MIA DPMO Intelligence Analysis Section) discussed that the "CIA reportedly told the Next-of-Kin that M.B. Varnado USA (DIC) was alive as of July 1974 in Kratie Province, Cambodia". Is there anyone who reads this who might have a question or two about this case? (Michael B. Varnado went MIA on 5/2/70 and his status was POW, category #1, enemy knowledge, remarks "700921 died in CB on PRG list". The data does not add up, because it is physically impossible to have died in captivity on 9/21/70 and to be alive in July 1974.

On the case of Dean Pogreba - MIA 10/5/65, on 27 Sept. 1993 there was a "Joint Investigation" conducted in the field in Vietnam with both US and Vietnamese officials involved. They interviewed 3 witnesses, two who said the pilot ejected and the third that said he saw two parachutes. In Pogreba's file there is a note talking about archival research that was uncovered on 2 March 1993 in the Central Army Museum that correlated based on name, rank, service number and date of birth, to Pogreba. In order for Hanoi to have this data, they had to capture Pogreba dead or alive. He did not go into the crash in the cockpit of his aircraft, or Hanoi would not have this very specific data. So, the intelligent question is what did they do with him?

If you would have ordered the KIT OF EVIDENCE you would have found out how to do this kind of research on open source records. You would have also, been able to

draw the conclusion that someone is lying, covering up and there may be a conspiracy. Order your KIT OF EVIDENCE and wake up!

Enclosed in this months INSIDER is a letter from Congressman Bill Goodling, dated February 6, 1995 after he reviewed the KIT OF EVIDENCE, he said, "I applaud your educational initiative regarding this matter. As a former teacher, principal, and superintendent, I support efforts to facilitate historical research and the pursuit of knowledge." Congressman Goodling (PA) is the ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor.

#### THE BALTIMORE PROJECT

"The Baltimore Project" was created to bring forward, to the public, the case files of individuals who were taken prisoner at the point of contact, who survived in captivity and who were reported alive in the prison system, but who were not released or accounted for. If you would like to be involved in this "public awareness" project, contact the following:

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Meetings are once a month in the Baltimore, Maryland area. There will be an open forum and briefs and discussions. Briefs will be on Captured Americans - Not Released Program 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch, 12:30 - 1:30 Briefs, Discussion Group and Reports - Subjects:

1. Case Briefings, 2. Live Sighting Reports
3. Discrepancy Cases, 4. Other.

A. Kissinger's List--A. Books

B. Vessey's List----B. Intelligence Assets

C. Wold's List-----C. Position Papers

Obtain permission from Colleges & Universities & Libraries to sponsor these meetings by providing a meeting room.

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magazine than there were in reality. The confusion in the numbers comes when DIA tries to damage-limit its answers to reporters who do not have the background knowledge to ask intelligence questions of the DIA. Thus, the understated numbers were explained away, by DIA, saying that the reporter misunderstood what DIA said. (Remember, there is no lying, no cover up and no conspiracy.)

While the number of "unresolved cases" put forth by the administration is 55, the 55 number only reflects what is unresolved from an original 135 cases Vessey took to Vietnam in 1987 and has nothing to do with the 139 additional cases in Laos and 35 additional Cambodia discrepancy cases; all were losses that occurred in Vietnamese controlled areas. So there is no misleading, no understatement and no lying. There is only total confusion when looking at the numbers and the public statements. (If you would have purchased The Evidence Kit you would have these lists in your hands.)

The Cary story in US News and World Report claims that Ted Schweitzer was a simple, former United Nations refugee officer. Had Cary done his home work he would have uncovered that Schweitzer was in busi-

ness in Thailand with Richard Armitage (a former Assistant Secretary of Defense under Reagan) and Gen. Hienie Aderholt (who was the USAF General assigned to the CIA, to run the air war in Laos.) Ted Schweitzer, under cover agent for the DIA, is a little more than a refugee officer. So, why did DIA resist from September 1989 to March 1992, 2 1/2 years, in hiring Ted? An intelligent man would ask this question and expect an answer? US officials in Hanoi compromised Schweitzer, so the Vietnamese took Ted in a room and grilled him. Why?

On the other hand DIA hired Gene Brown, who was facing charges for having given a pornographic videotape to two minors, and DIA sent a paid Pentagon lawyer to intervene with the court, getting Brown a suspended 5 year sentence. Then Brown, in another under cover operation managed by DIA, purchased the same POW/MIA photos Schweitzer got by paying between \$50.00 US and \$100.00 US. So an intelligent man would ask, why did the US pay twice for almost all of the same photos? Wake up, Mr. Cary and ask the right intelligent questions!

Malcolm McConnell authored "Inside Hanoi's Secret Archives", a book about Schweitzer's POW/MIA private back channel

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appointment was a compromise, seen as a less controversial political move, because Perot was looked at as a loose cannon. Following the HR129 defeat in committee there was enough political leverage to get Vessey appointed to a study group to look at DIA's database, and to produce a Presidential report to then President Reagan in about April 1987. (Perot was also given the ability to examine DIA's database and provide an independent report to then Vice President George Bush. Perot verbally delivered his report to Bush in about May 1987.)

Vessey went to Vietnam in August 1987 with a list of MIA cases to demand Hanoi's cooperation. One demand was that Hanoi return the skeletal remains of an American MIA, that was hanging, on display, at a medical school. Lt. Cdr. Edwin B. Tucker was shot down on 4/24/67 and he died on the operating table. His skeletal remains were hanging as a teaching aid at a medical school in Quang Ninh Province in Hoa Gay City. Tucker's remains were returned after Vessey made a payment of humanitarian aid, in the form of cash US dollars. Clearly, there was nothing humanitarian about it. The US purchased Hanoi's cooperation.

Vessey started with a list of 80 cases which Hanoi could easily account for and Hanoi could demonstrate its willingness to cooperate. DIA, then added about 55 additional names to the original 80 (Vessey's list), making the list 135 cases. Note that these cases were only in Vietnam and none were of "discrepancy cases" in Cambodia or Laos. DIA admits that 80% of the MIA cases in Cambodia and Laos were losses that occurred in areas under the control of Vietnamese troops along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Field reports during the war showed a policy, particularly in Laos, of turning over captured Americans to the Vietnamese Army. Ted Schweitzer obtained information from his

Vietnamese contacts that the Vietnamese maintained a log book of shoot downs and captures along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Cambodia and Laos where about 550 US MIAs were lost, but Hanoi officials refused to give up the Ho Chi Minh Trail log book.

In September 1994 Gen. Wold, the head of the Defense POW/MIA Office (DPMO) produced a list of 139 last known alive, confirmed and unconfirmed discrepancy cases, listing the POW/MIAs in Laos, all who could be easily accounted for. Hanoi has not been forth coming with the remains, the records on these individuals, or even an explanation of what they did with these individuals.

So, how can political appointees justify their remarks that say Hanoi is being fully cooperative and we should move forward with normal ties? It makes no sense.

The Blue Files are prison records on each individual Hanoi had in its prisons. Hanoi has only provided parts of the blue book, but given none of the actual Blue files. Hanoi is still foot dragging on 1,122 cases, of which about 900 are KIA and about 222 POW/MIA. The records of the Vietnamese unit that handled the POWs, the "559 Group", have not been produced by Hanoi. US MIAs in Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia total about 2215.

So, if anyone makes the public assurance claim that Hanoi is being fully cooperative on the MIAs, they are lying, covering up or conspiring to cover up or they are stupid!

When the DIA told Airman magazine that there were only 77 discrepancy cases in Laos for a February 1993 article, there was in fact 139 individual discrepancy cases, of which three were confirmed by the enemy and 136 were last known alive. There were 77 lost incidents involving 139 POW/MIA cases. The DIA in fact had passed bad information showing lower numbers to Airman

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## 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 where there are 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.

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#### GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Assemble a private collection of files on US Prisoners
  - Provide an open forum for discussion on US POWs
  - Present findings (Position Papers) to key decision makers
  - Invite select US Officials to participate
- Key Decision Makers who advise the President on actions to take on the missing US Prisoners are: NSC, CIA, DIA, State, White House, Lao Officials, Vietnam Officials, POW/MIA groups

Open Forum Rules: Leave ego and anger at the door. No drifting from subject to

subject. No anti-American positions. Only a good clean discussion on the "briefs" presented.

Participants are assigned a brief for presentation at the next monthly meeting. Any one who wishes to present a matter to be briefed, before the group may do so at the questions and answer section in the business section of the meeting.

A case file will be presented by each briefer, containing the support data, used in the brief, to be maintained in The Baltimore Project historical record section. All the records are collected from open source documents, available to the general American public in archive collections, computer files, and various intelligence agency files. No classified files are part of these records. Addenda:

12:30-12:40 Introduction of Project & Last Meeting Results, 12:40-12:50 Brief Case #1, 12:50- 1:00 Brief Case #2, 1:00-1:10 Brief Case #3, 1:10- 1:20 Brief Case #4, 1:20- 1:30 Open Discussion - Next Meeting Assignments

Cases that have been briefed are shown by the following: CASE #1-Dean Pogreba; CASE #2-David Hrdlicka; CASE #3-Di R. Ibanez, and CASE #4-Jerry W. Winfree/Retumees

(Winfree returned from Vietnam on April 12, 1980 after having vanished on February 7, 1969. He was not on the MIA list. For more details see March 1993 issue of THE INSIDER.)

If you would like to attend and/or participate the next monthly meeting please contact Michael Van Atta 717-993-5498.

If you have a case that you would like to have briefed at one of the future meetings, please submit a case synopsis for review by the case officers.

There is a Board of Directors for "The Baltimore Project," some of whom have requested that their identities be withheld. There is a fairly large group of current and former intelligence officers who have an interest in this forum, provide data regularly and helped in the formation of the ideas for this project. The Baltimore Project is a re-creation of the "Junto Club" created by Ben

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Franklin as a discussion group that produced suggestive writings. After two years of the Stamp Act, Franklin stirred up the public temper. It has now been two years after the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs went out of business and it is time to stir up the public temper.

#### NEWS IN THE FIELD

On page 59 of US News & World Report February 20, 1995 there is a story submitted by Peter Cray who looks at the issue of the photos collected in a spy operations in Vietnam in 1989-1992 and beyond. A true copy of this report follows with end notes. "World Report: A Treasure Trove of Vietnamese Horrors, Does Hanoi know about more POW/MIAs?"

*"In the gleaming marble rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, DC, hangs an exhibit of photographs, haggard and bloodied faces of American prisoners of war in Vietnam. Most Americans won't see the rest of the photos: a pilot lying on his back, a bullet hole in his head; an airman burned beyond recognition; a mangled corpse in a wood coffin.*

*The photos are part of a trove of secret photos and documents from the Vietnamese military archives, now held under close wraps by the US government. Their status is a matter of debate: The Pentagon refuses to release the materials out of deference to the families of the men pictured. Others say they should be public-proof of how closely the Vietnamese documented the war and how Hanoi could provide far more information about the missing men than it has.*

*FUZZY FACTS. In defending its decision to move toward normal relations with Vietnam, the Clinton administration insists that Hanoi has made substantial progress in solving the cases of missing American ser-*

*vicemen. A US News analysis, however, finds that the Pentagon's method of accounting for missing servicemen obscures some facts-facts about how cooperative the Vietnamese have really been.*

*In 1987, retired US Army Gen. John Vessey was named as a special envoy to examine the issue of missing and unaccounted for servicemen in Vietnam." (Article Continues)*

STOP and go get the article in your hand before continuing.

#### END NOTE

The Rotunda photo display was arranged by Deloris Alford of the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families and Congressman Bob Dornan (R-CA). Hanoi, in its Central Army Museum has some of these photos on display to show the world how their military defeated America. Rep. Dornan was censored by Congress after he remarked on the floor of the House, in January 1995, that President Clinton was a traitor who aided the enemy during the Vietnam War. Dornan's remarks were expunged from the Congressional Record. Remember, there is no lying, covering up, conspiracy or censorship in the USA.

The DIA put the photos on display at the National League of MIA Families meeting in the summer of 1994 as a direct result of Gene Brown having provided the photos to Joe Jordan and as a direct result of Jordan putting the photos on display at the National Alliance of MIA Families meeting, a competing, rival MIA family group which was meeting at the same time, across the street. DIA's move to display the photos was only to counterbalance Jordan's claims that the photos were kept secret and hidden while the US Senate Committee on POW/MIAs (that was involved in the business of examining the POW/MIA issue from January to December

of 1992) ran its course and went out of business. DIA kept the intelligence collection program secret, that was collecting these photos (most likely, so that the Senate Committee would not compromise the on-going undercover operation, directed at the Vietnamese by the DIA). The Senate was demanding release of all POW/MIA data and succeeded in getting two Presidents, Bush & Clinton, to sign executive orders mandating that all Intelligence Services declassify and release all POW/MIA data. The key to the Jordan photo display in the summer of 1994, which most people miss, is the fact that it forced the DIA to disclose data that it had kept secret from the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, avoided two Presidential executive orders, and hid the data from the MIA families as well as the general American public. All the while DIA maintained in public testimony and official statements that it was not lying, covering up, and it had not conspired to hide the truth. DIA also maintained that Vietnam was being fully cooperative on accounting for the POW/MIAs, when in fact DIA was running an under cover spy operation to get POW/MIA data that Hanoi was hiding. DIA deceived and defrauded the legal governing body in the United States. Thus, the logical intelligent question is, how powerful is DIA, that it can escape prosecution for avoiding Administration's orders and Congressional mandates for oversight?

Hanoi has not provided all the data it holds as secret on Americans who fell into their hands. (See the next issue of THE INSIDER for more details on locations. Hanoi has hidden away data on POWs that Hanoi has refused to admit it holds and refused to release.) While Clinton lifted the trade Embargo against Vietnam in February 1994 and established a diplomatic office in Hanoi in February 1995, there seems to be no justification for these economic and political actions. US government officials site the reasons for these actions as related to an increase in POW/MIA cooperation. Clearly the US has had to employ spies to collect the intelligence Hanoi was secretly holding back and Hanoi has not been directly forthcoming with these records on Americans missing POWs.

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Gen. John Vessey's appointment as special envoy to Vietnam on the POW/MIA issue, occurred in August 1987, under Reagan, as a direct result of political pressure. This pressure was created by HR129, a House bill introduced by former Rep. Billy Hendon (R-NC). HR129 would have had H. Ross Perot appointed as the special envoy to Vietnam. The bill had over 271 co-sponsors. The bill was killed in a last minute committee hearing in late September 1986 just prior to the November 1986 election. The vote in the committee hearing recorded that Congressman John McCain voting against the Perot Commission. McCain also voted against the formation of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. With an overwhelming majority of Congress signed on as co-sponsors of HR129, (271 VOTES) there were enough votes to pass the bill into law, if it went to the floor of the House for a vote. Vessey's

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