



## U.S. Policy on POWs

According to Joseph A. Schlatter, Jr. Col. USA, the Acting Deputy Director of DPMO as of 24 January 1995: "The United States Government has for many years used every possible means and method to investigate the possibility that American POWs remained alive in Southeast Asia following the war. No investigation, no evidence, and no information collected to date has proven the presence of American POWs alive in Southeast Asia after Operation Homecoming in early 1973."

Everyone who writes to the DPMO (Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office) will receive this exact same "policy statement". Your Congressman, your Senator, your friends-will all get the authoritarian conclusion, presented as fact. No one will be able to challenge this authority unless they have facts that Mr. Schlatter and his DPMO buddies are lying. What Mr. Schlatter has created is what some call an "imaginary overhead obstacle", something that hangs over your head, that you can't see, but you are afraid of it, anyway. Or Mr. Schlatter's statement of policy is like saying "How much is not enough?". Mr. Schlatter is full of double talk. Studying this policy statement and comparing it to DIAs data base of live sighting reports-all re-

ceived after the Vietnam War ended-all telling about live POWs-these reports do not support the "policy statement". Reviewing the "last known alive" and "confirmed in the enemy hands" list of discrepancy cases-this list does not support the "policy statement". Go to the National Archives and the Library of Congress and review the intelligence on live POWs provided by defectors, guards, food service & medical service personnel who cared for live U.S. POWs who were not released-these intelligence reports do not support the DPMO "policy statement". Looking at all the former Vietnamese and Lao prisoners who were in prison with "live American POWs" who they saw and who were not released or accounted for-all of these reports are listed in DIAs own database-these records do not support the DPMO "policy statement".

What is clear, is that the DPMO continues to put forth a fictitious "policy statement" even though the "facts" do not support it and average American who get Mr. Schlatter's letter is being misled and conscience that there are no live POWs.

So, how does the contrary or minority opinion, get expressed to the American people? It doesn't!

The ironic tragedy of the POW Problem is that the minority opinion is never expressed in the press. The minority opinion being the view that when the U.S. pulled out of Vietnam in 1975 it left behind live POWs that Hanoi refused to release and the U.S. was willing to accept as live casualties. This minority opinion is held by many



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who study the evidence.

The DIA considers the POW/MIA issue their own private matter-only in their Jurisdiction. Quite clearly DIA has a machiavellian attitude, trying to lock out any private sector review or over any site of DIAs

performance, attitude, conclusions, effort or lack of effort. If one took the time to examine DIAs performance they might conclude that DIA takes no pride in their work, on the live POW question. DIA has defined who can work on the live POW question and concluded that they are the only organization that can address the issue intelligently and therefore DIA has built a wall around the live POW data and not allowed American citizens or the private sector inside the "secret circle". Congressional committees and inquires have come and gone and DIA has approached them as a necessary evil, into which confusing and misleading information is to be dumped. DIA has never been put on the open, public record-then challenged on their position statements, that are not supportable by hard contradictory evidence that is in DIAs own hands.

Given the opportunity to testify before a Congressional Committee, this author would put forth implications in testimony that would not so easily be defused, because this author has spent the time to locate the eye witnesses, written **The Insider** publication about the live POW problem monthly for the past 13 years and sent over 16 teams of researchers into SE Asia to look for the live POWs.

One year ago when I tried to come before a Congressional Committee my testimony was refused and two years ago when I tried to give testimony before the Senate I was refused. I called on the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs and they ignored my request to bring them evidence on live POWs in open public testimony. In early 1994 I offered to bring evidence before the House Committee of Asian and Pacific Affairs, but my requests were ignored. I communicated directly with: Russ Wilson, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, o/o Rep. Gary Acker-

5. Cooperation by Russia to open the KGB archives for review by the DIA has not been obtained.

6. Economic and Diplomatic cooperation has moved forward with Hanoi, without a requirement that POWs be accounted for. The current administration has acted irresponsibly.

7. The current administration has ignored the Senate recommendation (see January 13, 1993 SSC final report).

8. The North Korean government, who could account for well over 2,000 Americans, has still refused to do so. Why?

9. Hanoi has failed to provide the medical records on Americans who were treated by Vietnamese Doctors. Why?

10. There has been (for the past three years) no over site on the POW issue and the DIA has taken on a posture of attacking private citizens who have pressed for a POW/MIA accounting. Why?

11. MIA families are saying that DIA is ignoring them. Why?

**CONCLUSION**

It does not take a mensa member to figure out that the DIA/DPMO is telling a lie and/or omitting from the POW/MIA story much like the apocrypha.

If the readers of **The Insider** would like to rent a VIDEO that tells about the reason the live POWs are not being brought home, try renting "Hidden Agenda" copyright 1991 Hemdale Film Corporation. The film puts forth the notion that some in the intelligence community got together and decided that to allow for a stabilizing form of government to be empowered, it would be necessary to take actions that would insure a pre-arranged outcome as the alternative was seen as destabilizing the power and authority of the state and an investigation into "the problem" had to be diverted. Pull your copy of the Senate Select Committee final report dated January 13, 1993 and look up the footnote on page 284. "408 However, in December, 1992 the Committee also depose Mr. Max Hugel, CIA's Deputy Director for Operations in 1981, and a personal friend of then CIA Director William Casey. Mr. Hugel testified under subpoena. Several months earlier,

Sen. Smith states he was told by Mr. Hugel that he was, indeed, aware of the offer-that it was common knowledge at the higher levels in the intelligence community. He further told Sen. Smith that the date January 26, 1981 was a date he associated with the offer, and that the POWs were to come out of Laos. During his deposition, he testified that he had no knowledge of an offer, nor remembered telling anyone he had." A Secret Service agent (Syphrit and a colleague) allegedly overheard part of a meeting in the White House in which President Reagan discussed and offer by Vietnam to sell 50 POWs for \$4 billion, with VP George Bush, NSC Advisor Richard Allen and CIA Director William Casey. The Secret Service Agent was NOT issued a subpoena and refused to testify under oath unless a subpoena was issued that would allow him to circumvent his security clearance. Those who voted NOT to subpoena the Secret Service Agents (Kerry and McCain) were clearly involved in what some call a cover up.

The SSC Final Report contains many discrepancies, but one glaring error in on page 283 and 264. Richard Allan first told the Committee that his notes show that the \$4 billion offer for POWs was discussed with POW Activists on September 24, 1986 (pg.283). Then he told the Committee that he had discussed the offer with VP Bush in January 1986 (pg.284).

NOTE: The Senate Final Report discrepancies are provided by Attorney William Bennett, Secretary of the National Vietnam Veterans Coalition representing 75 veterans groups. Who reads **The Insider**? One reader writes, I was USAF 62-66 Cryptography and Air Radio, Search Radar, last duty site on board weapons direction center opposite Providyna Air Base USSR. I first heard of American military in captivity from a Wel--- trooper captured at Stalograd who learned English from American Servicemen in Soviet Gulags in early 50's.

Sincerely,

Mike Van Atta

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hold diplomatic and economic contacts from Hanoi.

Perry's report continues: "With respect to live sightings, investigations...63...have been conducted over the past two years..." NOTE: The Department of Defense in April 30, 1992 gave the Senate a list of over 4,287 live sighting reports it had received. With only 63 live sighting investigations, in two years, when there are over 4,287 live sighting reports, can hardly be called progress and cooperation.

Using Perry's report dated February 17, 1995 there is some under-reporting and over-reporting problems that have created confusion, when comparing Perry's report to General Wold's reporting on September 12, 1994 on the same subject.

Perry lists 261 Americans as discrepancies while Gen. Wold lists 229 Americans as discrepancies-an increase of 32. Perry discusses 55 unresolved discrepancy cases in Vietnam as of February 17, 1995 and Gen. Wold discusses 55 unresolved discrepancy cases in Vietnam as of September 12, 1994-the exact same number of outstanding cases of discrepancy-so how can Perry draw the conclusion that there is progress and cooperation, if no accounting has taken place in 5-months on the priority cases, which the DIA clearly has identified?

On page 11 of the Department of Defense POW/MIA Newsletter (March 1995) is a list of the MIAs accounted for in 1994-the names given are of 22 individuals from Vietnam, 1 from Laos, and 1 from Cambodia. None of these 24 individuals are on the priority discrepancy list of last known alive individuals, so how can Secretary Perry label his report with conclusions of progress and cooperation? Something is real wrong here!!!

How is it possible to have 229 (55 in Vietnam, 139 in Laos, 35 in Cambodia)

discrepancy cases, that have not been resolved, according to Wold as of September 12, 1994 and for Perry to attach a list of 261 discrepancy cases to his report on February 17, 1995 and call this progress? Simple math says that DIA revised its records or located records in Vietnam's archives that support the conclusion that Hanoi knows more about Americans, which it had in its hands, than the DIA had evidence that Hanoi had in their hands, thus the number of outstanding cases of discrepancy has INCREASED based upon records provided by Hanoi. Perry's report to Congress omits a factual accounting or explanation for the increase, while concluding that there is outstanding cooperation & progress.

How can Perry state that the U.S. has only been allowed to investigate 63 of 4,287 live sighting reports and call this effort-"EXTENSIVE PROGRESS and FULL CO-OPERATION"? Something is real wrong here!!!

Who are we kidding? In the face of assurance by the Department of Defense that "extensive progress" has been made and that the governments of SE Asia, namely Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia have given there "full cooperation", a political decision was made by the Clinton Administration to move forward with lifting the trade embargo on Vietnam and opening a diplomatic office in Hanoi. What a crock of B.S..

The DIA continues to hold TOP SECRET data on live POWs and Washington politicians like John Kerry and John McCain are having a party with the Vietnamese Communists to celebrate their efforts to cover up or hide live POW information-while they lead President Clinton toward full diplomatic recognition of Vietnam. If

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China, he head home aboard a boat that Chinese men use to smuggle goods from South Korea. The Chinese crew brought him to South Korea's western coast, then used a flashlight to attract a South Korean fishing vessel, that took him aboard, the spy agency (NSP) said.

- 45 North Korean defectors escaped to South Korea in 1994.

- He worked in coal mines for most of his 43 captive years.

- He said he had seen thousands of ROK POWs in reeducation camps in North Korea.

- There were several concentration camps in Aoji.

On February 14, 1995 U.S. officials debriefed Lt. Cho:

1. He observed approximately 700-800 South Korean Army POWs and approximately 70-80 American POWs at the 5th Corps HQ.

2. All of these South Korean and American POWs were moved on foot from Changsan to Sinan, Kangwon-do (30-40 miles away).

3. After arriving in Sinan, the American POWs were separated from the South Koreans and taken by truck to an unknown

destination.

4. He heard from South Korean POWs that there was a large number of American POWs, together with South Korean POWs at the Ust and Choima camps.

Work still to be done in Korea: 1. War Museums 2. Return Remains 3. Accounting for the last known alive POWs.

### THE BLACK SIDE OF THE ISSUE

On October 30, 1993 the Philadelphia Inquirer quoted Ed Ross, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW-MIA affairs said, "There isn't one shred of evidence-that any U.S. airman was taken from North Korea to the Soviet Union and not returned." Clearly, those who are in charge of the POW issue in Korea / Russia / SE. Asia continue to lie.

### PUSH CONGRESS FOR AN INVESTIGATION HR-21 HOUSE SELECT POW/MIA AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Deena Linquist, the Live POW Lobby State Coordinator from California, is coordinating an organized effort to get this bill passed, so if you need any additional data on the bill or a list of Congressman from your state please contact Deena at 3131 S. Bristol St.; Costa Mesa, CA 92626-3037;

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Congressman-----

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Dear Rep.-----

I am a voter and have --- friends who vote in our state. I would like you to co-sponsor HR-21 HOUSE SELECT POW/MIA AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. The bill introduced by Congressman Ben Gilman (NY) would investigate the POW/MIA issue. The last serious investigation by the

Senate ended in December 1992, leaving several unanswered questions about what happened to Americans who were captured alive, but not released. On the 17th of February 1995 the Secretary of Defense William Perry produced a report listing 261 Americans who are cases of discrepancies. Our former enemy has refused or failed to let U.S. investigators find these missing Americans in SE Asia.

Some MIA families are still being run around in circles and lied to by the Department of Defense about their missing loved ones. There are, in addition to discrepancy cases, some live sighting reports that U.S. MIAs are still held as POWs. In fact there are over 4,200 "live reports" and the communists have only allowed 63 of these "live reports" to be looked into. Something is wrong!! Please check into this and sign on as a co-sponsor to HR-21. Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Your name, address and phone

### WHY YOU SHOULD CO-SPONSOR HR-21-SELECT COMMITTEE OF POW/MIAs

1. After December 1992 when the Senate POW/MIA Affairs Committee stopped its investigation the DIA received more "live sighting" reports.
2. Of the over 4,200 live sighting reports DIA reported to the Senate in April 1992 only 63 have been investigated.
3. While the Senate was promised by the DIA that all POW/MIA files were declassified and released to the public they still hold some "live POW" intelligence classified. Why?
4. Cooperation by Hanoi has still not been obtained on key "Discrepancy Cases" where individuals were once alive in captivity. These individuals have not been accounted-for.

man (NY), 707 O'Neil HOB, Washington, DC 20515 and was told that they planned no hearing into which my testimony could be received-this was now over a year ago. Prior to the trade embargo being lifted and prior to the opening of a diplomatic office in Hanoi the U.S. Congress refused to hear the evidence collected on live POWs, by this writer. Why?

The Congress, simply locked out the opinions and views of the evidence by someone who had studied the live POWs issue since 1982. Why? Just maybe the Congress should contact the FSK Director Sergei Stepashin (the new KGB) and request the KGB file on Mr. Michael Van Atta (the DIA has a file, the CIA has a file and the FBI has a file). Why has it become important to ignore and discredit Mr. Van Atta and refuse to receive his testimony on the evidence? Why?

To illustrate: What clearly happened to Rep. Robert G. Torricelli when he told the press about the CIA paid agent in Guatemala who killed two Americans, and the fact that the CIA had covered it up? Mr. Torricelli, a long standing member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence was attacked for his disclosures. We in the POW issue, are at this exact same point in time on the live POW issue-those who have evidence and want to step forward with it, are placed under attack by DIA. Clearly, Keating and McConnell in their books were given data by the DIA to attack the credibility of private sector citizens, in a deliberate attempt to discredit people who continue to tell the public about live POWs. Exactly as Rep. Torricelli came under attack, because he refused to go along with the cover up and maintain his silence on knowledge.

Gen. Singlaub writes to one of my colleagues "Gen. Singlaub who said you've been seriously discredited, urged me to read Mr. McConnell's book...". NOTE that Gen. Singlaub has been on **The Insider** mailing list for several years and in fact signed address change cards requesting to have his address changes made, to stay on **The Insider** mailing list as he moved from place to place. If there is no value in **The Insider** then why would Gen. Singlaub

continue to request to be on the mailing list for a subscription to **The Insider** ?

Pat Buchanan, on the live POW issue, wrote: "My opinion from all I have read, is that some of our men were left behind. Whether any are alive now, I don't know. But, we ought to have a presidential commission hear all the evidence from the last three wars."

YES-there are many opinions on what should have been done or what, now, should be done, but one fact remains: how can some evidence about "live POWs" be still held TOP SECRET hidden by classification, while the Clinton Administration

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continues to maintain a policy that there are no live POWs because he has no evidence and all records were released?

On February 17, 1995 the Secretary of Defense wrote to Congress in response to Public Law 103-337, Section 1034: On "the Priority Discrepancy Case section...55 individuals... fates have yet to be confirmed", in Vietnam. These are the last known alive individuals who were alive and in captivity. William Perry continues, "In Laos there are 44 priority discrepancy cases involving 81 individuals which are still being investigated." These are last known alive individuals who were in captivity. (Perry completely omits any priority discrepancy cases in Cambodia from his report!) William Perry had AN attachment to his report to Congress, a listing 261 Americans who are cases of discrepancies. NOTE: Our former enemy has refused or failed to let U.S. investigators find these missing Americans in SE Asia and the U.S. has refused to with-

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in their hands in Laos and Cambodia. If Gen. Wold's figures are accurate Hanoi should be made to account for 229 POW/MIAs (55-Vietnam, 139-Laos, and 35-Cambodia or a total of 229 individuals.)

**LYING TO THE MIA FAMILIES:**  
On April 10, 1995 this writer sent the following letter to four members of Congress: Rep. Bill Goodling (PA), Sen. Bob Smith (NH) Rep. Ben Glimmer (NY) Rep. Gary Ackerman (NY) .

RE: Brother of Edgar W. Weitkamp, MIA Laos

Dear Rep. Goodling, Rep. Ackerman, Rep. Gilman & Sen. Smith,

I have been asked by Mr. Jim Weitkamp to call to your attention violations and improprieties in the case of Mr. Weitkamp's brother, who is missing in Laos. The Defense POW/ MIA Office (DPMO) has ignored repeated requests by Mr. Weitkamp for information on his brother. Their seems to be a willful lack of attention to detail and a failure to answer Mr. Weitkamp's questions, which Mr. Weitkamp considers a clear attempt to cover up knowledge and withhold access to information mandated by the Senate and two Executive Orders.

These are the facts as presented to me by Mr. Weitkamp:

1. Mr. Weitkamp requested of DPMO an explanation why his sick, dying and now dead sister who was next of kin was not notified that the crash site was excavated in July 1991. DPMO responded through Maj. Tinsley and Col. Brooks that they had a copy of the letter they sent to the now dead sister and promised to produce a copy for Mr. Weitkamp. No copy has yet been provided. Why?

2. In discussions with the DPMO it was disclosed to Mr. Weitkamp that all of the others missing on the flight have been

accounted for, except Mr. Weitkamp's brother. Mr. Weitkamp has request an explanation as to how it was possible to excavate 7 graves and only have 4 bodies, and why was his brother the only one who was not accounted for? Mr. Weitkamp wants to know what happened to his brother. But the DPMO has not responded with any explanation. Why?

3. Two Presidents signed Executive Orders mandating that all classified POW/MIA files be declassified and sent to the National Archives or shared with MIA family. Mr. Weitkamp asked the DPMO to send him a copy of the declassified data on his brother which was newly declassified under these Executive Orders. DPMO promised to send the file containing this newly declassified data to Mr. Weitkamp. But, to date no file was sent to Mr. Weitkamp. The release of this once "Secret Material" has not taken place in the Weitkamp case. Why?

4. When the DPMO received notification from Mr. Weitkamp's married sister's family relatives that she had died and they no longer wanted to receive information on Mr. Weitkamp, who is still MIA, the DPMO did not contact other relatives, who were listed in the file, to see if they wanted the data. DPMO made the unilateral decision not to share the data with anyone. Why? Mr. Weitkamp wants to know how many other MIA cases there are in which the DPMO has information to share with the MIA's family, but has no one listed as NOK. Mr. Weitkamp feels that he is not the only family that the DPMO is withholding data on. Why?

5. Mr. Weitkamp obtained a copy of an article (with quotes from Lawrence Bailey-the only released POW from this loss incident-released in 1962) in which the crash site survey is pictured and described.

When Mr. Weitkamp challenged the DPMO with the contents of this article, they claimed that they did not know anything about the article (the DPMO claimed not to be aware of this article) and asked Mr. Weitkamp to fax a copy of it to the DPMO, which he did. Mr. Weitkamp followed up with a phone call and was told that they, the DPMO, had never seen the article and that they, the DPMO, were checking with their field people to see what the story was all about. When Mr. Weitkamp asked for an explanation, the DPMO could not give any kind of an answer. Why?

6. The DPMO has stopped all communications with Mr. Weitkamp. He has mailed and faxed the DPMO material and they have failed to respond as promised. There is an outstanding offer by the DPMO to Mr. Weitkamp - that he drop everything he is doing, plan to take two days off of his job and come to Washington, DC at his own expense and the DPMO will show him his brother's "classified file". Mr. Weitkamp thinks the DPMO are a bunch of "DODGERS" and "LIARS" who have resisted telling him of the site survey information, the excavation data and the results in his brother's case. In addition, the DPMO has misled the American public and the press into believing that all on his brothers crash have been accounted for. The truth is that Mr. Weitkamp's brother is still missing, and the DPMO has treated him like a non-person.

7. If four sets of remains were at the grave site and two persons on the flight had their ID cards shown in a propaganda film (whose remains were not at the crash site), and one POW was released in 1962 - Larry Bailey - then what happened to the explanation for Mr. Weitkamp? Why is his information hidden away?

I would hope that there is an honorable man among you who can respond to Mr. Weitkamp's brother's concerns in a timely manner.

Sincerely,  
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Quite clearly Mr. Weitkamp is getting the run around while DIA maintains that everything with the MIA families is O.K. Therefore, it appears that DIA/DPMO is lying again.

### NORTH KOREA COOPERATION

On February 5, 1995 Gen. James Wold gave "The Stars And Stripes" an interview on the efforts DPMO has made to get access to Russian records on the Americans who were taken from North Korea to Russia. The article states: "...the Russians will not open the archives of the now-defunct KGB without definitive proof that prisoners were taken -- proof the U.S. government doesn't have." "We believe the Russians would have liked to take American prisoners, especially U.S. Airmen, to the Soviet Union," said a Pentagon spokeswoman. But "we have no hard evidence that it did take place." "The KGB archives are still a closed book," said Wold. The Article says Russian officials on the commission have said that their search of available records produced no evidence that U.S. servicemen were taken to Russia. "We are at an impasse... Unless we have proof to confront them with...", Wold said.

The Insider has published several items of evidence and proof that the Soviets took American POWs captured in Korea:

ISSUE #25-March 1, 1991-(4-pages)  
Gave an accounting of the Prisons in the soviet Union where American POW's from the Korean War, were taken inside the Soviet Union.

ISSUE #30-August 1, 1991-(3-pages)  
Tells of, "The Secret Order", how the Soviets took Americans from Korea for their military value knowledge.

Vol. II, No. 2 February, 1992 (4-pages)  
U.S. POWs captured in the Korean War who were shipped to the Soviet Union.

Vol. II, No. 6 July 1992 (2-pages)  
The Insider data published on captured Americans kept in Korea, Vietnam, China, and Russia.

Vol. II, No. 7 August 1992 (4-pages)  
Malcolm Toon misspoke About U.S. MIAs

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Held In Russia, with CIA report. **The Insider** met with Task Force Russia at their request and for six hours video recorded - in December 1992 - providing evidence and proof that the Soviets took Americans from Korea and **The Insider** was paid to provide this intelligence collection on the transfer of Americans to the Soviet Union. **The Insider** has provided the DIA with a copy of Na Strazhe May 9, 1991 and access to the writer who wrote "Our Men Among Foreigners". Basically, the article tells how a Soviet writer went to VA Hospitals in the Soviet Union and interviewed Soviet officers who were secretly in Korea to capture Americans and their aircraft and transport them back to the Soviet Union. **The Insider** suggested to the DPMO that by going to VA Hospitals in Russia to interview former Soviet officers that the individuals involved in the transfer can be found.

In addition on July 1, 1992 **The Insider** provided the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, as well as Ambassador Malcolm Toon & Gen. Dmitri A. Volkogonov, with a list of 9-back issues of **The Insider** in which the transfer of Americans out of the war zone and into the Soviet Union took place. In addition on September 5, 1992, at the request of an MIA family member, **The Insider** provided the Senate Select Committee with a list of 25 documented items of proof that Americans captured in Korea were taken to the Soviet Union. **The Insider** compiled these MEETING NOTES January 5, 1994: I met Ho Jong, Ambassador to United Nations from North Korea, who has been posted here for 5 years, and his Counselor Han Song Ryol, who had been posted here 4 months (with others). We discussed the Senate report on POWs captured in Korea who were transferred to the Soviet Union. We set in motion a system to cooperate in locating this

evidence.

**The Insider** gave a speech on March 26, 1995 before the Maryland Chapter - Korean War Veterans Assn. Inc. NOTE: 10-24-94 Associated Press-PAUL SHIN: South Korean POW says he escaped North Korea after 43 years. Lt. Cho became the FIRST South Korean Army Officer to escape from North Korea. Statement was released by Seoul's internal intelligence agency-the Agency for National Security Planning (NSP). 2 Lt. Cho Chang-ho, 64, was found semi-conscious in a small wooden boat by a South Korean fishing vessel attracted by flash lights in the Yellow Sea off the Southwest coast of the Republic of Korea, early October 23, 1994.

South Korea says the North never returned more than 40,000 South Koreans from the war. The ROK Defense Ministry in 1986 said that, "At the time of the armistice, North Korea repatriated only 7,142 ROK soldiers and 4,417 U.S. soldiers." Mr. Yi Ki-pong, a military expert said, "North Korea detained many POWs to use them in post-war rehabilitation." The Defense Ministry said he had been listed as killed in action.

Within 36 hours the DPMO submitted questions to the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in Seoul. Cho was hospitalized with pneumonia and an apparent brain hemorrhage. He had trouble speaking. Cho was in very poor health as a result of harsh conditions over his years in captivity. His story:

- 43 years after captured on May 18, 1951 by Chinese troops.
- In 1994 he escaped with the help of Chinese smugglers.
- He said he crossed the Yalu River border into the Peoples Republic of China on the night of October 3, 1994 and that 16 days later, with the help of ethnic Koreans living in the North Korean border area of

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this sound RIGHT to you, you are a very sick puppy. Something is real wrong here!!!  
 Is this the way business should be transacted?--with total ignorance of the facts about live POWs?

FACT: General Wold, the head of the DPMO wrote to this author on September 12, 1994 and said DIA had a list of 139 discrepancy cases in Laos where the individuals were "last known alive" cases. In Cambodia, Wold said there were 35 individual "last known alive" discrepancy cases. Wold provided a list of the individual cases: 139 in Laos and 35 in Cambodia (which is included in the "KIT OF EVIDENCE").

THE LIE: When a friend of mind wrote to Wold at the DPMO on September 1, October 23, and November 17, 1994 requesting the Lao list of 139 names and the Cambodia list of 35 names; Col. Joseph Schlatter responded on January 24, 1995 that, "You request(ed) two lists, "the names of the 139 live POWs in Laos, also the names of 35 live POWs which the DPMO is looking for (in Cambodia). No such lists exist."

CONCLUSION: The DIA/DPMO and specifically Col. Joe Schlatter mislead the public, covered up facts, hid the truth, and flat out lied to the American public. Col. Schlatter should be fired and eliminated from his job as a "fable" story teller. Military officers and elected or appointed officials who hold office or over see intelligence collections, operations, and management, with security clearances, should not be allowed to flat out lie to the public. Some would seek the death penalty for perjury against Mr. Schlatter, but simply eliminating him from his job, an Article-15 reprimand in his file, a public flogging, or simply firing him, will be sufficient.

Col. Schlatter continued to lie when he wrote to a friend of mine that, "Garwood's conviction was upheld by the United States Supreme Court." This statement is absolutely not supportable by the facts in the Garwood cases. Garwood never appealed his conviction to the Supreme Court and Col. Schlatter is lying or a stupid idiot. Who wants to employ a stupid idiot or a liar? Kick Schlatter off or the team.

NOTE: The DIA continues to put forth the notion that Vietnam is only responsible for Americans who were lost in Vietnam. It is a fact that 90% of the individuals who went missing in Laos and Cambodia were lost in areas of Laos and Cambodia that were under Vietnam's control. (As an example on May 2, 1970 an UH1H was shot down in Cambodia and at least one American captured by the Vietnamese - because Varnado's remains (who was on the UH1H) were returned 8/1/89 by Vietnam.) So, quite clearly Vietnam should be made to account for the discrepancy cases that were

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*This information service is designed to help President Clinton's appointees and other officials understand that there are unresolved problems of Americans who were captured alive and taken prisoner (POWs), but who were not released.*