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## Crisis Portrayal

Maj. Lang was asked a question by an MIA family, "Do you think there are any live POW/MIAs in Vietnam, today?" She responded, "None that doesn't want to be there." This statement made on August 19, 1995 is most likely Maj. Lang's personal opinion and not the official position U.S. Army, DIA, or DPMO, but the MIA family to whom this statement was made, understands this position to mean that "they" know there are live Americans in Vietnam and "they" just are not being truthful or honest about just what "they" know. There are "specific individuals" at the DIA, DPMO and others agencies who have knowledge of some Americans in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and "they" are not required to present the evidence that leads them to draw this conclusion. Thus, the POW/MIA issue proceeds and exists in silence of what officials have not said. Would anyone critics a full disclosure?

There are MIA cases where there is considerable data that capture occurred but no accounting has been forthcoming. To those who point the finger at the SE Asian governments as the root of the problem, they are right. So, where is the element of force applied to SE Asian Communist to make them comply with our request for valid confirmation of the were about or fate of the

missing who were captured alive who were held alive in captivity? There is after all no indication that the use of force has been applied. The only open visible evidence of effort is that the U.S. has given and supplied the Communist with case files on individual discrepancy cases and asked for cooperation in accounting. Someone should investigate a better approach and get rid of the approach that has not produced results.

Eleanor Hill, who took over as Inspector General of the Defense Department in March 1995, has the mission to ferret out financial waste, fraud and inefficiency from a department notoriously riddled with all three. Mrs. Hill inherited cases like that of Larry Hollingsworth, who was the director of program and analysis for the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and was arrested after a July 28, 1995 search warrant uncovered 10 false passports and other fake documents in his Falls Church, Virginia home. So, clearly there are individuals in whom there is a great deal of trust and respect, who are long time veterans in the intelligence business, who have security clearances who are involved in activities that are sub-standard. This is the kind of trouble that the POW/MIA problem faces in its up hill battle to achieve an accounting for the live POWs, like it or not.

I had the opportunity of sending 16 private search teams to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to search for the answers to some missing cases. I discovered several leads that needed follow up by the DIA and passed that information to responsible government officials. I offered repeatedly to meet



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with U.S. government officials to pass them this information and encouraged those who went on these missions to pass their "First Hand" knowledge to the U.S. government. Finally, the DPMO met in the summer of 1995 with one, then two team

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members to obtain their direct knowledge. I discovered that one individual with the DPMO was "tasked" to ask several questions about me and tried to cast me in a poor light in front of the team member who had volunteered to go to be debriefed by the DPMO.

Thus, I faxed the following:

Joann D. Travis July 27, 1995  
Defense Department POW/MIA Office

office

(DPMO) Room 800 Crystal Square  
4-1745 Jefferson Davis Hwy.  
Arlington, VA 22202  
FAX-703-602-1891  
RE: Live Sighting Data passed to DPMO

Dear Joann,

On July 14, 1995 during the debriefing of R.M. (team member) on knowledge he learned in Vietnam from a man who called him self "BACSI", you remarked that I had refused information in the past, collected by private teams, I have sent on missions in Vietnam. I must challenge as inaccurate your statement.

Please present to me by return mail any written documents to which you are referring. There has not been repeated requests by the DIA, DPMO or the JTF-FA for knowledge that I hold or have access to that has not been passed to you folks.

I encourage after action reporting and have passed to your group the names and telephone numbers of any and all who have gone on missions I have set up to locate information on live Americans in SE Asia or other countries. I have repeatedly requested that team members meet with your organization and to pass you any knowledge they hold, on a direct basis. If you pass me a written request, I copy it and pass it to the team members involved, so that they can answer you directly. My knowledge is only from team members debriefings (second hand

brother. Bailey was captured and then released on 8/15/62--he was debriefed for 1-week.) There was action taken through CAS advising Lt. Col. Vang Pao who was requested to confirm and assist in offering a bounty for the return of personnel and or equipment from my brothers aircraft. There are several reports that came from the intelligence collection efforts at the time of the loss that are all missing from my brothers file, but the summaries in the file refer to these field reports. I am simply trying to find out what is the plan to return to this crash site area and see if some evidence about my brothers can be obtained. Please let me know if you can help me.

Sincerely, Jim Weitkamp, York, PA  
PS While reviewing my brothers file at the DPMO I was told that the contents of my brothers wallet were turned over to the Hanoi Museum by a Lao Newspaper. Can you confirm this statement. Or, is there some record of who turned in these documents and when were these items from my brothers wallet given to the Hanoi Museum?

Remember that DIA BLAMES CRITICS FOR CRISIS PORTRAYAL, if you are a family member or an average citizen who questions the system. In the sea of over 2,202 missing Americans from the Vietnam War there are several hundred cases where the details, kept in each file by DIA, have been over looked. All the MIA families are seeking is accuracy, instead of the obscurity presented by DIA/DPMO. It appears as if DIA is denying access to information in hopes of containment, to starve out, ware down and ware out MIA families, until they are given a pauper's funeral-dying without the answers they seek on their missing loved ones.

If there are any MIA families that are not getting the straight answers from their government on a missing family member, please contact me and I would be glad to review the facts your case and give you some helpful suggestions on what you could do, that you have not already done. There is help available if you are seeking to press for the straight answers from your government.

I have published THE INSIDER monthly since January 1982 which contains several reviews and findings on "LIVE

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SYSOP: Chuck and Mary Schantag  
Fax 816-928-3303

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Sincerely,

Michael Van Atta 717-993-5498

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thing simply does not add up. When the people in your office tell me that the aircraft exploded in mid-air and everything was scattered all over the place, but when Maj. Bailey parachuted he did not report that aircraft exploded in mid-air. Then, I asked to see Baileys debriefing and was told, in effect, that there was no way that was ever going to happen -- something is wrong.

Thus, it is my opinion that your office is not competent to maintain a "classified file" on my brother. Since the loss was 34 years ago, the records you maintain are incomplete and your office considers my brother to be a dead file -- I am requesting that you declassify your DIA/DPMO "classified file" in its entirety and send it to

me.

It is beyond common sense that you would maintain a classified file on a man that you tell me is dead. In fact, logic states that your office is involved in some kind of gamesmanship when you encourage me to take a day off of work and drive 120 miles to Washington, DC to see a file the you say is "classified" and that file is inaccurate, incomplete, and held as SECRET on a man that you say is dead.

Please comply with my request immediately to declassify my brothers file and send it to me.

Sincerely, Jim Weitkamp, York, PA

(LETTER #3) Brig. Gen. Charles Viale  
August 21, 1995

Commander JTF-FA, Camp H.M.  
Smith, Hawaii 96861-5025

RE: My Brother Edgar W. Weitkamp,  
MIA in Laos March 1961

Dear Gen. Viale,

We met at the National League of MIA Families meeting in July 1995 at which point I provided you with the findings of the contents of the graves that were dug up by the JTF-FA in 1991. My brother was not in any of the graves and my question to you was -- given your operations plan in Laos to move Province by Province through Laos from North to South; what other action is planned to try to locate my brother, since he was not located at the graves?

There is a photo of the top portion of my brothers head which appeared in a PL film that the DIA obtained in November 1977. There is a field report from a French intelligence team that reported the shoot down of my brothers aircraft and they observed from Xieng Khouang Ville that their were two parachutes. There was information in the Hanoi Museum which were documents taken from my brothers wallet. The debriefing of Maj. Bailey was not made available to me (Maj. Bailey was on the same C-47 as my

information).

If you hold evidence or proof that I have refused to provide your organization with data requested, produce that hard copy documentation or shut up and drop the acrimony.

How is it possible to debrief someone for 2 1/2 hours without a 1/50,000 map to pinpoint the location of the BACSI and the area in which he reported (live) Americans?

I work very hard to collect data out beyond your reach on live Americans as a private, civilian, non-government sponsored organization and have volunteered to pass this data without formal requests by you to you, as demonstrated by my past actions. To tell my team members that I have not given you what you have requested is treachery on your part. Please explain why you have not contacted the team members directly to obtain their first hand knowledge, yet continue to use rhetoric that indicates that I am to blame for your groups' failure to act. I have bent over backwards to lay answers at your door and in some cases had to write to several officials to get (force) you to act; hardly an example of willing cooperation on your part.

I would like to meet with you to iron out these problems, in the next couple of weeks, unless of course you are planning to go to Vietnam to conduct an off line, search on the ground, in restricted areas, yourself.

Please call me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Michael Van Atta home  
717-993-5498

In response, I received the following letter from Mrs. Travis's boss D. Warren Gray, dated 27 July 1995:

Mr. Van Atta,

I am in receipt of your 27 July fax to Jo Anne Travis of DPMO, and I do not appreciate your comments. Inasmuch as Mrs. Travis works for me in the Current Operations Division, he aware that you will not correspond directly with anyone in this division who works for me; that includes holding personal meetings or discussing the POW issue on the telephone-no contact, period. If you have comments to submit to DPMO you

do so in writing directly to BG Wold, the Director, DPMO, and he will respond in writing.

You state that you have passed the names and telephone numbers of members of your group who have gone on missions; that you have repeatedly requested that the team members meet with our organization and to pass information to us. To my knowledge, this has never happened. You have our correct address, but have never informed this organization of any of your teams' results. In the latest instance we learned of the team's visit only through the newspaper and only after several calls were we able to determine

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who was involved. Contact with your team members had nothing to do with any information you claim to have provided the U.S. Government. As a matter of fact, your first letter about the team's visit appears to have been sent to the CIA, not DPMO; this was followed by a letter to the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, not DPMO, and then JCS, and others. You have yet to inform this office of any of the results of the 16 teams and you have never provided the names of personnel associated with this effort, not encouraged DPMO to contact them.

The correspondence to which Mrs. Travis refers was sent to you during the May-June 1993 time frame and was in response to information you provided to GEN. Vessey, and which he asked that we check out. We asked in writing for specific information regarding your claims; you never responded. You asked for hard copy documentation relative your not responding; I have enclosed a copy of the 1993 official request to you in

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writing, to which you never responded.

Mr. Van Atta, we will not engage you in polemics about the POW issue; we have an important mission to accomplish, and in that regard, will accept any information you or your reported team members wish to submit, in writing. Again, you will not talk directly to or correspond with members of the Current Operations Division. Your one POC in the U.S. Government relative to the POW issue is BG Wold; I will provide BG Wold a copy of your fax to Mrs. Travis, of this note, and a copy of our one, previous 1993 official request to you, which went unanswered. I am enclosing another copy of the 1963 request for your information and review.

BG Wold is the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs; his correct address for correspondence is:

Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office, 2400  
Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC  
20301-2400

(SIGNED) Daniel Warren Gray.  
Noting several errors in fact and in perception in Mr. Gray's letter, I sent him the following response:

D. Warren Gray August 12, 1995  
Chief, Current Ops Div.  
Research and Analysis Directorate  
Defense POW/MIA Office  
(DPMO) room 800 Crystal Square 4  
1745 Jefferson Davis Hwy.  
Arlington, VA 22202  
FAX-703-602-1891  
Dear Warren,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 July 1995. I appreciate your comments. Your command to me, that I am not to communicate with your employees, sounds as if you have issued some sort of order to your employees. Most assuredly you do not think your authority extends beyond your command, to my actions as an individual citizen.

I find your letter excessively hostile, exhibiting ignorance, full of inaccuracies and telling lies about data I know you have.

Look, my friend, you appear to harbor some hostility and are quite hostile, instead of being hospitable--that is the message I have picked up from your letter. I came forward, only after learning that you are operating under some miss conceived notion that I am trying to do something that you are in opposition to. Remember we are both trying to achieve the same objective - as full as possible an accounting of the POW/MIAs. There is no reason to get all upset when I point out your organizations failures, mistakes and problems.

You say several things that are inaccurate in your attempt to attack me, so lets set the record straight.

1. You attached a 4 page questionnaire prepared by my good friend Chuck Trowbridge on 21 May 1993 and you state that I never responded, as the basis for Mrs. Travis remarks to Mr. R.M.-a team member debriefed by Mrs. Travis on July 14, 1995. The truth is, I responded directly to Gen. Vessey on June 1, 1993. In addition in the April 1993 issue of **THE INSIDER**. I published the majority of the data you were questioning. You are on the mailing list of **THE INSIDER** and according to employees in your office, you have maintained a file drawer in your office, full of back issues of **THE INSIDER**. If Gen. Vessey did not provide you a copy of my response to his request, you can not hold me responsible by directing angry remarks or misplaced ill conceived notions. Be it clearly understood by you that I responded quickly to issues and questions raised in Mr. Trowbridge's April 1993 questionnaire.

Therefore your arguments that I never responded are groundless. You and your

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Hanoi Museum by a local Lao newspaper. Remains recovered near the crash site in 1991 produced the remains of all the missing on the C47, except my brother, according to Army Causality.

My brothers date of birth is 24 November 1929. Please see if you have any records, photos, files or CAS team data on my brothers case that is classified or declassified and let me know what items can and can not be released to me. Sincerely, Jim Weitkamp, York, PA  
(LETTER #2)  
D. Warren Gray August 21, 1995  
Chief, Current Ops Div., Research and Analysis Directorate

Defense POW/MIA Office, (DPMO)  
room 800 Crystal Square 4  
1745 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202

RE: My Brother Edgar W. Weitkamp,  
MIA in Laos March 1961  
Dear Warren,

I came to your offices on August 19, 1995 to review the "classified file" on my brother and was very disappointed.

There was no information in the classified file on the NSA Correlation Study where they indicated that they had intercepted en-

emy radio reports that my brothers aircraft was shot down (message 20...z APR 61 and 28...z Mar 61). There was no copy of the photo of the top portion my brothers head which appeared in a PL film that the DIA obtained in November 1977. There was nothing in your classified file on the French intelligence team that reported the shoot down of my brothers aircraft observed from Xieng Khouang Ville and their report of two parachutes. There was no information on how the Hanoi Museum obtained documents from my brothers wallet other than idle speculation that a local Lao newspaper turned them in. There was no indication in the classified file about the findings of the actions taken through CAS advising Lt. Col. Vang Pao who was requested to confirm and assist in offering a bounty for the return of personnel and or equipment.

I find it upsetting that a big deal was made out of telling me that my brothers case is one of the dead files and the people who I met with at your had the attitude of-why are you even bothering to look at the file. Look, I would like to find out what happened to my brother. He was not in the graves that were dug up in 1991 and I was never been told that the PL had a photo of him in a film, so some-

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your office, so why would the CIA fail to do the same, as you assert and maintain? It appears that only under the pressure of the knowledge that several others passed you the data, is it being investigated and your will power to resist receiving data from me and my teams was broken, only when you were embarrassed. I do not think that this is a way to run a department into which so much faith is placed.

I do not want to go on and engage you in polemics. Please drop the attitude and lets see if I can't give you what you say I have, that you want. Sincerely, Michael Van Atta

Thus, it becomes quite apparent that DIA BLAMES CRITICS FOR CRISIS PORTRAYAL when in fact DIA/DPMO has a mind set to simply lie or pretend ignorance when "they" are confronted with "live POW" information that is brought to their door by the private sector and DIA has simply ignored the data.

I had the good fortune of helping an MIA family look for information on their brother and accompanied that family to the DPMO offices to see the "classified file". This is what I was able to do to help them look for information:

(LETTER #1) John H. Wright August 21, 1995 FOIA Officer, CIA, Washington, DC 20525

RE: My Brother Edgar W. Weitkamp, MIA in Laos March 1961

THIS IS an FOIA or Privacy Act Request

Dear John,

On August 19, 1995 I met with the DIA and reviewed the classified file they were holding on my brother. I am the primary next of kin and I am looking to see what actions were taken to locate my brother.

The DIA suggested that I contact the CIA and see if you have any classified or declassified material on my brother's case.

My brother was TDY to the Army Attaché Office in Vientiane, Laos when the C47 on which he was a passenger was shot down 23 March 1961. On the aircraft were others: (Lawrence Bailey-captured and released 8/15/62; Alfons A. Bankowski; Frederick T. Garside; Ralph W. Magee; Glenn Matteson; Lesslie Sampson and Oscar Weston).

The file indicates that the aircraft was on a photo recon mission with a route package of Vang Vieng, Sala Phou Known, Plaine Des Jarres, Nong Het, Attopeu and Saigon. The file indicates that in November 1977 a PL film showing the ID card of Frederick T. Garside, the passport of Ralph W. Magee and the top portion of the head of Edgar W. Weitkamp was obtained by DIA. In addition the file indicates that on 23 March the French Attaché provided the U.S. mission in Vientiane with a field report it had received from an intelligence team it had in Xieng Khouang Ville that a C47 was shot down at 11:30 hours. The French ground team reported by radio that they observed two members of the crew parachute. Completely absent from the file was the debriefing of Lawrence Bailey who was released 8/15/62. Bailey indicates that he was debriefed for 1-week. The file also indicates that, "Action (was) taken through CAS advising Lt. Col. Vang Pao requesting confirmation and assistance," (and that a "bounty was offered for the return of personnel and equipment.") Thus the CIA was involved in ground collection operations, after my brothers aircraft was shot down. The file further indicates that there were informants or defectors who provided data and information on my brothers crash through the CAS team collection system.

Contents of my brother wallet have showed up in the Hanoi Military Museum, thus indication that he did not burn up in the crash. The DIA indicates that these items, from my brothers wallet, were turned into the

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employees maintain this, "unanswered position" when briefing Keating and McConnell on how to use DIAs questionnaire, to issue false statements about me in their books. So, quite clearly, your office supported by footnotes in the Keating and McConnell book, provided Mr. Trowbridge's questionnaire and knowledge to Keating and McConnell in what can only be perceived as an effort to cast a dim light or soil my reputation or community standing.

Additionally, Keating was seen by your employees in your office several times and in your company and under your escort. Keating's access to back issues of THE IN-

SIDER, to which she was not on the mailing list was most likely through your collection, with your consent and participation. Therein Keating and McConnell could not have ascertained the notions they present about Mr. Trowbridge's questionnaire without your direct consent. Your views were shared with them.

When I received Mr. Trowbridge's questionnaire, I copied it to the team leader who I instructed to copy to his team members, which he assures me he did. I asked that each team member who had direct knowledge, to respond directly to Gen. Vessey and I provided Vessey's home address. My knowledge is only from debriefings (second hand) and the team members knowledge was first hand. Thus I passed forward your message. So, how is it possible to claim that I failed to provide knowledge that I in fact did not have?

Clearly, your perceptions, that I failed to provide data are false and should be deleted from your presentation to any and all you have hand picked to attempt to discredit me. Remember that access to knowledge in your office can only be granted by you (or so you say), but attitudes and beliefs projected by your employees can only be controlled if you order them not to speak to specific individuals and instruct your employees to be professional and to delete all acrimony.

If you wish me not to correspond directly with anyone in your division who works for you, please provide me a list of their names so I can follow your instructions. Additionally, please define exactly who I should pass sensitive information that is collected by my private teams of researchers on the POW/MIAs problem. If you have instructed your employees not to communicate in any way, with me, your instructions make no sense? The path and method to pass you data needs to be clearly defined and understood as there are many in the current administration, Congress, State, the CIA and the JIFFA who have pointed to your office as the place to pass this data, but you have made it quite clear that you have instructed your employees not to receive the POW/MIA data, if I try to pass it to them. Are you confused

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by your own instructions? I am.

The point is, I am sending teams of people into Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to collect data on the POW/MIAs. I have been doing this and will continue to do so. In some cases the data these teams collect, is of interest to you and may help you accomplish your stated goals and I seek to pass it to you through the people who have directly collected the data. If I can not, by your order, communicate with your people, is this not like designed obsolescence? A program aimed at failure instead of success?

A lot of POW/MIA Activist focus on this one point, your failures, and beat the drum to sound their dissatisfaction with your "past behavior". I on the other hand see your behavior in more current light. I view your current practices and procedures, which I see as obstructionist and question your current motives.

2. Not addressed in your letter to me is a question I posed to Mrs. Travis; Why were the talking points and questions prepared by your staff and approved by you, directed or aimed at investigating my methods of operation, funding, training, targeting? The volunteers I send on missions in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia came to you, only after I argued with them to seriously present to you, in a face to face meeting, all the facts that they collected. (Their seems to be a dislike in the POW/MIA Activists community for your organization and thus an unwillingness to pass you data on which it is felt that you will botch, compromise or mishandle.) Thus I have to provide some excessive pressure on some team members to obtain their cooperation with you. These team members would otherwise resist providing you any data. I have repeatedly encouraged and counseled team members to meet with your office and pass you the direct data they collected. You claim to have no knowledge of these

repeated requests.

You clearly misinterpreted what I said. I have repeatedly requested team members to approach you directly with the data they directly collected. I have not repeatedly requested your department to debrief my team members.

So, what do you want to know about the way in which I put teams together? You clearly had questions in your debriefing agenda aimed at extracting these answers. You were instructed by the team members to obtain these answers directly from me. But, in your hostile letter to me you must have overlooked the tasking requirement to find out how I do it. Please submit to me the questions you would like to have answered, so I might address your concerns. We are all gentlemen here and if you think you can extract answers by being hostile instead of being hospitable - bring out the questions and stop the acrimony.

3. You claim that I have never informed your organization of any of my teams results and that you only learned of the teams visits through the newspaper and only after making several phone calls did you determine who was involved. If you want information sometimes you have to take the initiative to obtain it-why did you not call me instead of conducting some kind of 007 investigation?

Lets look at how I have indeed and in fact passed you this information several times, in several ways, in the past. First, when I set up the "Project: Unauthorized Entry" I requested a briefing by the State Department and the DPMO. I have the letters to prove it. From me to them and from them to me. I did in fact meet with two members of your staff, in your office, when your offices were located at 3100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, Virginia. Paul Gloria and myself met with LCDR Tom Doughty and Bill Jordan, now

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the head of CILHI. Upon the return of this first team, led by Paul Gloria I provided maps, photos of witnesses and a debriefing report to LCDR Doughty (284-0947). What you did with the data after I passed it to your group, I have no idea. I returned to your offices and met with Maj. Rick Gearing (284-0946) and LTDR Tom Doughty and passed them additional. I identified the team members, their home towns and their phone numbers in the issues of **THE INSIDER** and in subsequent issues identified by name and phone number, the team members and team leaders.

I mailed Maj. Rick Gearing remains recovered, maps and debriefing notes and provided him with the knowledge that he could access the team leaders and team members directly for their direct first hand knowledge. Ed Ross sent me a letter acknowledging receipt of the remains recovered and the data I passed to Maj. Gearing.

Subsequently, I passed maps of remains sites, photos of young Amer-Asian children and descriptions of other teams collections to Maj. Gearing. I communicated by phone and by mail with Maj. Gearing, who acknowledged that he had received the data I provided.

When data one team collected, was passed by the DPMO to a family member, the data was inaccurate, misrepresented and incomplete. This initiated direct communications between the team leader Rick Will and Col. Joe Schlater (703-284-1158). After repeated requests to have the data corrected as to accuracy Mr. Schlater postured a position in several letters, refusing to meet with the team members and team leader to correct the inaccurate way Col. Schlater presented that data to the MIA family. (The point here is that data we provide in written team member debriefings was ignored, but data picked up by DIA from a third party, who was not on the mission and who did not understand or misunderstood the data that was collected, was presented to an MIA family as the data we collected. How inaccurate an investigation do you conduct? Look, we have offered you direct access to the data and the people who collected it and you have refused this advance.

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4. I have repeatedly faxed your office the names and home towns of the individuals who were going on these missions. To claim that you had to conduct a under cover investigation and check for clippings in the news papers to see if you could figure out who was involved and after you found out who was involved, you refused to contact the team members for the data they directly collected; then you say I never gave you any access to data, is an absolute falsehood.

5. You said that I passed the data to the CIA and not your office and to others who passed it to you. Look, the CIA has a Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia Desk Office to whom this data should have been passed and then if your agency has the clear responsibility the CIA should have passed the data to you and you should have contacted me to get a classification. You are claiming that this did not happen. But, lets look at the facts. Every other agency that got the data passed it to