

Dear Friends & POW/MIA Families,

January 4, 1996

On December 11, 1995 Jim Wold signed and sent each POW/MIA family (next-of-kin) a letter outlining the next step that needs to be taken on their missing loved ones case. You should have received a similar letter from General Wold, such as the attached letter sent the Edgar Weitkamp family.

In October 1994 analysts at the DPMO (Defense Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Office) under the direction of General James W. Wold, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (POW/MIA Affairs) began a comprehensive review to examine all information-both wartime & post-war intelligence- in a cases-by-case review. The purpose for the review (over 20 years after the Vietnam War ended) was to decide which POW/MIA cases are unresolved or unaddressed by Hanoi, in which there is clear intelligence that Hanoi has knowledge on the cases, which Hanoi has refused to provide either the live man, his remains or a complete explanation as to what happened to that individual, who was in Hanoi's hands at one point in time. These "Case Summaries" were complete and printed on 11/20/95.

You should have received a copy of the analysts review of your case, such as the attached one received by the Weitkamp family. If you did not receive a case summary, you should contact: Al Santoli in Congressman Robert Dornan's office at 202-225-2965, or address a letter to-1201 Longworth HOB-Washington-DC 20515.

I am writing to you for three reasons:

1. I would like a copy of the letter Wold sent to you.
 2. I would like a copy of the 11/20/95 DPMO case summary
 3. I would like you to point out, in a list (1-2-3) any discrepancies in the data provided to you by the DPMO.
- Please provide documents to support your discrepancies.

In the Weitkamp case we found 8 major errors and other intelligence that was left out of the review. For example a returned POWs debriefing, who saw Weitkamp's wallet, was left out. Also the NSA had 2 radio intercepts where the enemy called headquarters and reported the shoot down and capture, but the DPMO study left this information out.

If you have any data to support any major errors in the DPMO report, please provide me with the details. If you know other POW/MIA families who are having problems please pass this letter on to them, as I am offering to help.

I am trying-on your behalf-to see if the DPMO study is valid or invalid. Please help me in this review by providing copies of the requested materials. I will give you a written report on what you can do to fix the problem if there is one. Thank you,



Michael Van Atta