

# The Insider

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## POW News

From time to time **The Insider** comes across SECRET INFORMATION, but for the most part the data re-printed in **The Insider** is from open source documents. In some cases the data is an open secret and comes very close to compartmented CLASSIFIED information. A lot of data is put together using conjunctive positioning. Some data is subjective, but all the data is presented to prove, LIVE POWs were left behind. Thus, the point is to prove and not, not to prove. POWs have existed alive in captivity. POWs who were not released were captured, and they have not been accounted for. A lot of what has been done on live POWs, was done in SECRET, is still secret and will remain SECRET for many years to come. A lot of what the public and the press has been told was not the complete truth.

**The Insider**, since January 1982 has tried, monthly, to impart knowledge about live POWs to responsible US government officials, the public, and the press. This issue of **The Insider** is a conglomeration of data from several sources on many POW related issues.

### ARMITAGE QUIET RETURNEE PROGRAM

Richard Armitage, a CIA employee/manager drafted a quiet policy for the secret return of any live POWs or Americans still in Vietnam, who wanted to return, in 1986. The draft of this policy showed up in the

National Archives. The policy paper called for a back channel to pass Hanoi intelligence services the message that the US was willing to receive any live American who wanted to return to the USA, quietly without any fanfare or publicity. This channel opened only to handle the SECRET return of POWs, or Americans remaining in Vietnam, who desired to return home. Researchers have discovered the quiet returnee policy paper which outlines this quiet SECRET effort. If there are any disbelievers, this policy paper clearly rebuts any argument that there was no plan, procedure or open channel through which secret returnees could pass. An active SECRET ground unit put inside of Vietnam confirms that the only Americans they were able to locate and establish contact with, were those Americans who choose to stay in Vietnam with their wives and children (voluntary stay behinds). If one travels to Thailand they will find several Americans living with wives and children, for example. Thus, the notion is advanced that, all who remain are those who want to be there (whether they are deserters, collaborators, cross-overs, or former detainees who are not on the "official POW/MIA list". Private teams of researchers and investigators have met with some known defectors, but the USG still claims to hold no proof that Vietnam holds live American POWs against their will. The USG's claim is only marginally supported in the above outline, because there still is the group of last known alive POWs who have not been accounted for. Is there a SECRET plan to return POWs who are alive, quietly? Yes there is!!!

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 13003**

ON MAY 24, 1996 President William J.



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### Official Notice 1996 Evidence Kit

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

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Clinton signed E.O. 13002, which is the termination of combat zone designation in Vietnam and waters adjacent thereto. Sighting section 112 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 26 U.S.C 112 (c) (3) as on midnight on June 30, 1996 President Clinton terminated

combatant activities in the zone comprised of the area described in Executive Order No. 11216 of April 24, 1965. Well, I guess this means that the war is officially over. What do you think? Clinton really wanted to be involved in ending the Vietnam War and he has secured his place in history as having done so? Clinton forgot that the war ended on April 30, 1975? Clinton cut of combat pay for the US military who is searching in Vietnam for MIA remains and POWs who are alive? The policy people wanted to show Vietnam that the US is no longer their enemy?

### GARWOOD WAS SECRETLY DEBRIEFED

Following my debriefing of Robert Garwood he told me that he was debriefed in Charlottesville, Virginia under a drug induced truth serum. On 8 June 1984 the Defense Intelligence Agency responded to my Freedom of Information Act request stating that DIA does not have a POW/MIA Study Group in Charlottesville, Virginia. There is, however, a TOP SECRET group of classified studies and records in Charlottesville, Virginia wherein Robert Garwood's, drug enhanced debriefing is kept. The unit is so SECRET that most Senators and Congressman have not heard of the unit.

What happened in the intelligence community was that top intelligence officers decided that Congressional oversight mandated by the law required pre-approval and notification of Congress before covert action could take place. This process proved to produce leaks and compromised operations, so a new intelligence group was formed that was outside, that was inside the law. This is not a bad thing, because the CIA and the DIA are so highly known to the KGB and other foreign intelligence services that they were rendered virtually ineffective. Thus, a new intelligence service, in hiding, was created. It is through this new apparatus that Robert Garwood was debriefed. Garwood always said he told them about the live Americans he saw in Vietnam in

give information on the "bad guys" who did it. On June 1, 1995 General Wold put out a memo stating that the US will pay a monetary reward to an individual or group who directly liberates an American service member detained against his or her will in a foreign country as a result of his or her status as a U.S. combatant. This is a total reversal of a previous policy that told refugees who stepped forward with live POW information, that no such U.S. government REWARDS were available. While, this move is long over do and it is most assuredly been communicated to U.S. field units conducting investigations in the field, it is a REWARD that is not promoted, or is it. Is this REWARD put in Vietnamese, Cambodia, and Laotian newspapers? Is this REWARD notice put in refugee newspapers in France, Japan and the United States in Vietnamese, Lao and Cambodian communities? Someone who might hold the key to a prison cell, may not be getting this message and some strong effort to promote this REWARD with a flyer, or published notice, should be made, as this is a change in U.S. policy. The reward is only for results achieved, with no seed money paid up front to have individuals conduct exploratory probes. Produce the results and collect the REWARD.

### PAYING FOR REMAINS

A new subscriber to The Insider writes: "I would like to see all the live POWs come home. The idea of paying for dead bones reminds me of when the Vatican would authorize people to sell the bones of Saints. I understand that if all the bones sold as the bones of Peter, Paul, or John were put in one place there would be warehouses full of these bones all sold for a pretty penny so that the ones who bought them would feel that they were absolved of their sins. In this regard you may care to read the Palmer's tale in Canterbury Tales by Chaucer. Buying back bones is crap."

### TOUCH REPORT

The Live POW Lobby of America has set up a Search Team Advisory Group that has aimed at putting searchers on the ground in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. In February 1996 another team went into Laos and reports finding witnesses who know of the live American we had a photo of. While we ask only about one American POW, our source who knew him, also asked, "Are you interested in the others?"

### DIRTY SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN

The McCain Amendment was passed making all KIA/BNR cases not reviewable, if new information comes to light. Also, the McCain bill allows DOD employees to lie to MIA families and DOD is exempt from any criminal prosecution. Call DIRTY MCCAIN-tell him what you think.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, The POW Educational Fund, Inc.

### 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

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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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**AUDIT OF THE VVA VETERANS INITIATIVE**

I have been asked by several veterans to conduct an audit of the VVA program called the Veterans Initiative. On July 11, 1996 I put forth this idea in a letter to the VVA President and the POW/MIA Committee. The purpose of the audit is to measure the results and the effort put forth, to date. However the VVA President responded on July 18, 1996 that the VVA was unwilling to have its books audited with regard to the Veterans Initiative.

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Anyone who wishes to provide data on this VVA program, to be included in a future issue of *The Insider*, is welcome to do so. Anyone who is part of the Veteran Initiative is asked to bring forward any supportive and encouraging statements of fact. I am an member of the VVA.

**COL. CHARLES SHELTON**

The hometown of Col. Charles Shelton is looking for funds to build a memorial to the last POW. They have a VIDEO Tape on the project. All who want to help, please contact:

Army Armstrong 502-926-3661  
The Charles Shelton Memorial Committee,  
Inc. P. O. Box 1158 Owensboro, KY 42302-1158

**CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMAN**

Congressman Bob Dornan (CA) has introduced the POW RITES ACT HR4000, contact your congressman and have his aid get you a copy of this bill. Ask your Congressman to "CO-SIGN" on this bill so that with their support, it can be passed into law. CALL: 1-800-962-3524 TODAY!!!

**GHOSTS OF VIETNAM**

I was recently in Gettysburg, PA and found a brochure on the Ghosts of Gettysburg which promoted a candlelight walking tours of the past, sort of like going to Vietnam on a candlelight walking tour, looking for ghosts, but live POWs, Hanoi has refused to account for, are not ghosts. (I always found it funny, that their were Civil War reenactment's, but no Vietnam War reenactment's?)

Well, one of the ghosts of the Vietnam War has raised its head again.

**THE PAYMENT OF A REWARD!**

Bombers came along on June 25, 1996 exploded a U.S. military complex in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia killing 19 Americans. Arabia put up a \$3 million dollar REWARD and the United States put up an additional \$2 million to pay a REWARD to anyone who will

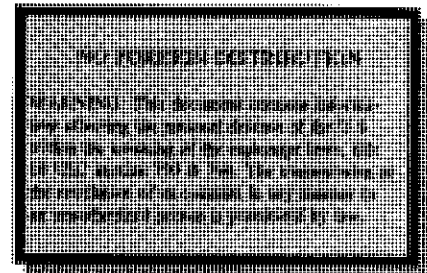
this debriefing, but Garwood never knew who "they" were. Garwood's debriefing is sitting in the SECRET files of this no name agency. The agency was called the "National Ground Intelligence Center" at one point in time. Access to its library was blocked because of security clearance requirements when I attempted to review their Garwood files. The organization changed its name and is now called Foreign Science and Technology Center, located at 220 7th St. NE, Charlottesville, VA 22903. In addition to Garwood's debriefing; contained in the history library of this SECRET institute is a 20 page briefing paper that was shared with President Reagan in January 1981, wherein live POWs were discussed including Standerwick. Secret Service agents have spoken of a meeting in the White House in which live POWs were discussed with the President, and told Congress of this behind closed doors. No one has been able to produce one hard fact sheet about the meeting, though, because the agency that conducted the briefing is so highly classified no one know about them, except top intelligence managers. Like the ISA (Intelligence Support Activity) referred to by Bo Gritz as "The Activity", this organization that uses Vietnamese agents operates off the books, out beyond view, and changes its name to avoid detection. Some POW records that the live POW movement has been looking for are located in the archives of this organization.

**KOREAN WAR ARCHIVES**

On the Korean War record groups, there is a wealth of information that is held in two little known collections. One is at the National Archives II, located at 8601 Adelphi Rd., College Park, MD 20740-6001, attention Richard Boylan 301-713-7250. There is a "finders aid" on POWs in the Textural Reference Branch. Some of the items in this collection are still classified as SECRET. There is a declassified collection of 3500 boxes of captured enemy documents, from the Korean War, in Record Group 242. Dr. Paul Cole who wrote a position paper on the Korean War for the Rand Corporation reviewed 185 of these 3500 boxes of captured enemy documents to collect part of the information used in his position paper. In the 3500 boxes there are some captured Soviet documents. As two Presidents have signed Executive Orders mandated that all POW/MIA related information should be declassified by a specific date (which has past), one would think that all POW data would have

met this requirement and been declassified, as President Clinton has made the public statement that all the POW/MIA material has been declassified. Well, try again. In Record Group 24 there are classified records (16-2) Report of U.S. Prisoners in China and (3461) Reports of American P.O.W.'s in U.S.S.R. and China.

The other Korean War archive where there are some still secret records, located at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, KS 67410, David J. Haight, Archivist. In July 1996 the Library published a guide to its historical holdings under the title of "Prisoners of War (POWs) and Personnel Missing in Action (MIAs) compiled November 1994. Contained in the holdings are several



statements that, "Portions of this collection are still closed because of security-classification" and "Eyes Only series of folders that are still classified." Write and obtain a copy of the finders aid. This collection at the Eisenhower Library is one where few have ventured to conduct research, but there is a wealth of information located in it. For example, in June 1996 when headline in the newspapers were broadcasting news that DIA analysts say North Korea may still hold POWs, there was a fleeting reference to a document declassified by the Eisenhower Library on 4/9/96 in which was disclosed that Soviet defector Yuri Rostorovov, a KGB Soviet secret police agent in Japan (formerly the MVD) provided his knowledge on 31 January 1955, that live American POWs captured in Korea were taken to the USSR. While publicly Task Force Russia has continued to claim that they "have no evidence" that Americans were captured in Korea and then taken to the Soviet Union, Rostorovov's testimony given in his debriefing clearly refutes this stated assurance. While the

MIA families from the Korean War are vocal and seeking answers to their questions about their missing loved ones, it would be of value to suggest one of two courses of action to them. One, negotiate directly with the North Koreans, or two, dig up all the old historical records to charge the USG with lying or pretending ignorance. The USG as side stepped, made stated assurances that are untrue, and deliberately attempted to thwart the surfacing of knowledge on POWs, or refused to admit how much it knew and when it knew it. So, the only reasonable approach is to go there yourself and prove them to be wrong. While I support the importance of public confidence and public support of our government's actions, I cannot support the continuation of a policy that low tones a problem that has not been solved and glosses over, with stated assurances that sound good, but ignore the problem.

#### THE CIA SCANS COMPUTERS

Many years ago I learned an open source method used by the CIA and other intelligence agencies to monitor areas of research in which collection was tasked (asked for, ordered). In other words by watching what the intelligence community was looking for one could clearly see what they were not looking for, POWs. So if the CIA were looking for POWs, in their "key word" search they would want to know what writers were publishing the results of their research and interviews. The intelligence community would "key word" search publications for published data on POWs. But, it becomes clear by looking at the CIA's tasking requirements, that they were not looking for POWs. At the Institute of Scientific Information, which is a collection of published articles on various subjects, the CIA put forth the tasking requirement to "key word" search for the following words (they left out POWs in their search). In the CIA's Research Alert Profile Status dated 17 February 1995 they looked for the following "key words" (POWs were left out of the search requirements): PICTURE TRANS, HRIR, DIRECT READ-OUT INF, DRIR, RADIOMETER, MULTI-

SPECTRAL, LARS, AERORADIO, SPECTRAL REFLECT, AIRBORNE RADIATION, DIRECTIONAL REFLECT, TELEMET, SENSING, SENSOR, SENSORS, IMAG, DATA, VIDEO, REMOT SENE, LANDSAT, PHOTOGRAM R, DETECT, AIRPHOTO, OBSERV, SCAN, SURVEILLANCE, PHOTOGR E R, PHOTOGRAMMETR, IR, INFRARED, INFRA RED, REMOTE, SATELLITE, DISTAN, NUMBUS, SHIP, AIRCRAFT, AIRPORT, AIRBORNE, ATMOSPHER, SMOKE, SO2, NO2, NO 2, DUST, PHOTOGRAPH, PHOTO, SURVEY, CAMERA, MAP, MAPPING, AIR, AERIAL ALTITUDE, HELICOPTER, DERR VE, BEAN BR, MELFI, COONEY JA, REMOTE OBSERV, THERMAL INFRARED, PHOTO INTERP, ADVANCED IMAGE SPECTROMETER, INFRARED SCANNER, RESEARCH, EARCH, SPACE POLLUT, RADAR, SPOT HIGH RESOLUTION VISIBLE, PHOTOGRAMM, REMOTE SENSING, ISPRS, ORTHOPHOTO, FORWARD LOOKING INFRARED, FLIR, SIDE LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR, SLAR, MICROWAVE SENS, ENGINE, and ANN OCUP H.

Thus, with the POWs being, ONE OF THE HIGHEST NATIONAL PRIORITIES, the agency that should be in charge of looking for information on them was not looking at published books, studies, and articles to get the benefit of the research conducted by the writers who are having their articles published. To further illustrate this point, in *The Insider* July 1996 issue I put forth several books to read. One being "The Soviet Union and the Vietnam War" by Ilya V. Gaiduk, a Soviet historian. He writes about gaining access to files in "special dossiers" wherein the KGB, GRU, Soviet leaders and Vietnamese leaders struck SECRET agreements for military weapons and sending Soviet advisors in exchange for some still classified repayment. Ilya clearly documents the archives in which he

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roads and animal corrals. The federal government purchased the entire community and relocated its residents. In May 1996 a Rhode Island electrical worker who developed cancer years after using Agent Orange to clear foliage around high tension lines successfully sued Dow Chemical for \$1.2 million. The POWs have been lost in a chemical sea of denials by the Pentagon, just as Dioxin exposure has been found by government sponsored studies, not to be harmful to soldiers and veterans but is deadly only to exposed civilians. (There is a cure to dioxin exposure that can be developed if Vietnam would enter into an agreement with Dr. Arnold Schecter to allow for an anti-body to be developed that would knock Dioxin off of the AH Receptor. A study in animals could be conducted in the United States and the product tested on humans in Vietnam, but Vietnamese guards stopped Dr. Schecter at a checkpoint and took his blood and tissue samples. Vietnam is refusing to cooperate on a cure to Agent Orange and the POW problem.)

In the last month Jack Anderson pointed out in the Washington Post, that, "The recent announcement by the Pentagon that some U.S. soldiers in the Persian Gulf War may have been exposed to chemical weapons left several observers shaking their heads with disbelief. At a hastily called June 21 (1996)

news conference, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon asserted that new information about the bombing of an Iraqi bunker prompted the sudden announcement. But a senior government official and others who have long followed the issue say the Pentagon has known about this for almost five years. The Pentagon has known about it since October of 1991, a senior official told us. The Pentagon wanted to low-key the announcement. The big questions are going to be: When did the Pentagon find out they had the evidence and how long did they have it? How come it wasn't put forward for the last five years?" The quietness by the Pentagon about live POWs, even though they hold the evidence, is exactly the same as the chemical exposure of veterans in the Gulf War, where they hold the evidence quietly until they get caught, having had the evidence for years.

#### PENETRATING THE ENEMIES PERIMETER

The only way to see the facts about live POWs is to join the enemy ranks, The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) is looking for a few new people to join its intelligence organization, salary range \$25, 061 (GG-07) to \$37,094 (GG-11). DIA offers liberal fringe benefits. All applicants and their immediate family members must be U.S. citizens and are subject to a through background investigation

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for a period of six months and then lets measure the results. No one should be professionally embarrassed if the truth is being told, the results will be the same. Try it, you'll like it. 5. The Singlaub numbers show that in 1980 there were 2,490 American servicemen still unaccounted for while the DIA June 1996 data shows that 2,153 Americans are still unaccounted for. Thus from 1980 to 1996 (16 years) the S.E. Asian Communists have accounted for 337 missing Americans. At this rate of progress (11 POW/MIAs accounted for per year) it will only take another 195 years to account for all of the Americans missing as a result of the Vietnam War. This rate of progress has been called, outstanding, and exceptional by officials of the Clinton Administration. What do you think? Let me know.

#### SECRET MEETINGS ON THE POWs/MIAs

You get a serious education when you sit in the middle of the lunch crowd at Blacky's House of Beef, in Washington, DC. During the National Families Meetings in Washington in June 1996, at a lunch break, next to me at one table sat Dr. Larry Ward with "Food for the Hungry", a private humanitarian group that takes \$100,000's of food aid into Vietnam and operates all over the country on different projects. In strolls Richard Childress, the former-NSC pointman on the POW/MIA issue at the White House, who ran oversight mission into Laos in the Reagan/Bush Administrations. Childress makes his SECRET contact meeting with Dr. Ward. Childress set up an Asian Economic Investment Group when he left the NSC. No doubt they were talking about POWs. At another table sat Ann Holland who's husband Mel Holland was left as dead at a SECRET base in Laos, part of Project 404. Mel Holland wearing civilian clothes, with his TOP SECURITY clearance, in secured communications. The Site-85 loss was covered up as SECRET and none of the MIA families could talk about it until 1985 (10 years after the war). In struts General Wold, with his TOP

SECURITY clearance, who is lead around to Mrs. Hollond's table, to pay his respects. Ann leans over to me after he leaves and says that he is a good man, who is trying to help. I am sitting with the Wietkamp family, at another table, who just finished a law suit against General Wold, as his unit, the DPMO, was withholding files on Edgar Weitkamp, who was lost in one of the first shoot downs in Laos on 3/23/61, working for a SECRET unit, the PEO (Program Evaluation Office) in civilian clothes with a TOP SECRET clearance in secured communications. All of these people with SECRET information and none were communication with one another. So it goes in the search for the live POWs.

#### LIVE POWs IS LIKE AGENT ORANGE OR DENYING THAT CHEMICAL AGENT WERE USED IN THE GULF WAR

If you will take a look at The American Legion Magazine, August 1996 issue, you will learn in a story titled "The Color of Lies" about "what is real and what is myth, what is science and what is hype", about Agent Orange. Just as you have learned about "LIVE POWs" from reading *The Insider*, in the Agent Orange issue, there is a grim tale of deception. The U.S. Army chemical corps in 1959, looked at Agent White, Blue and Orange as useful chemical weapons especially when burned with napalm, to create a super dioxin waste product. The media accepted the Pentagon's denials. The CDC maintained manipulated studies to support the Pentagon denials. Then, Columbia University linked 21 diseases, most of them deadly forms of cancer, to dioxin exposure. Other studies skewed the outcome of research by dropping those who got sick and died as a result of exposure to dioxin, from the study group. The VA referred dioxin sufferers to a mental health clinic rather than to a cancer specialist. The small Missouri town of Times Beach had been contaminated by dioxin in waste oil used to keep dust down on gravel

### Project: Unauthorized Entry

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conducted research: memos by the Glavnnoye Razvedyvatel'noye Upravleniye (GRU), CIA, NSA, NSC Intelligence Memorandums, and the 1205 document. Ilya clearly spells out that Soviet weapons were delivered through China by rail car, by ships in Hai Phong, from depots in Vinh and Dong Hai, by land through the Laotian territory, and by air through Cambodian airfields near the South Vietnamese border. Ilya had access to Soviet memos from the Soviet Embassy in Hanoi on the special group of Soviet experts sent to study American military hardware. He also accessed the SECRET AGREEMENT where in Vietnam and Soviet leaders agreed to provide access to captured American equipment that was shipped back to

the Soviet Union for study. As a result, officials decided to close the whole TKHSD collection, including documents on the Vietnam War. If the CIA were "key word" searching one of the highest national priority issues, the POWs, they would have learned of Ilva's research with Bill Burr of the National Security Archives in Washington. They would have learned about the headquarters of the Russian's Foreign Intelligence Service (the former First Directorate of the KGB) headquarters at Yasenevo, outside of Moscow, where there are records on the Soviet Involvement in Vietnam, which will open their eyes to the truth. But, of course, the POWs are not on the "key word" search list for priority collections for the CIA.

Those who wish to push forward a program for an opening of these Soviet Record Groups should make their intentions known to the powers who control progress. Contact the United States side: Sen. John Kerry (MA), Sen. Robert Smith (NH), Rep. Sam Johnson (TX), Rep. Pete Peterson (FL) and Denis Clift and James Wold at the Pentagon and Kent Wiedeman and John Herbst at the State Department. The Russian contact is:

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Joint Commission on POW/MIAs  
Staraya Ploschad, 4  
103132 Moscow, RUSSIA  
OR CONTACT:  
The U.S. Embassy  
POW/MIA Section  
Novinsky Bulvar, 19/23  
121099, Moscow, RUSSIA

To make the point one last time about how important it is to do some research on open source data given in books and published research, look at the case of a former U.S. Army clerk who worked at the NSA from 1964 to 1967 who passed information (on U.S. troop movements in Vietnam, Soviet codes that NSA had broken and which communication lines in the Eastern Bloc were being targeted to be taped by the NSA) to the Soviets in exchange for money. Robert S. Lipka was indicted in February 1996 for spying for the Soviet Union. In 1994 Oleg D. Kalugin the KGB's former chief of foreign counterintelligence described a spy in his book "The First Directorate", but the FBI did not read Kalugin's open source book according to the Justice Department. In Kalugin's book he described Lipka, but Kalugin said in an interview that,

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"he had not been questioned by anyone at Justice or the FBI about the NSA spy he wrote about in his book". If someone had looked at Kalugin's book they would have found this tip that describes Lipka. "The young soldier was a 'walk-in' who came to us in the mid-1960s, explaining that he was involved in shredding and destroying NSA documents and could supply us with a wealth of material." The soldier delivered "reams of top secret material", Kalugin wrote. "The soldier's documents, were highly classified...He handed us NSA's daily and weekly top secret reports to the White House, copies of communications on US troop movements around the world, and communications among NATO allies. He gave us whatever he got his hands on, often having little idea about what he was turning over..." So, it becomes important to look at all sources of intelligence, including open source material, when researching material on live POWs.

#### SPEAKING WITH FORKED TONGUE

One of the early books published on the POWs in the quest to find out what caused the disaster is a fictional story written by J.C. Pollock, published in 1982 called "Missing M.I.A.". In the introduction is a reprint of writings by Major General John K. Singlaub which were first published in The American Legion Magazine in August 1980 - this is what General Singlaub says:

"It is a shocking and tragic fact that today (1980) more than 2,490 American servicemen remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. All but a few have been declared presumptively dead by the Department of Defense. Since the war's end in May 1975, the grim roster of POWs - prisoners of war - and MIAs - missing in action - has relentlessly been whittled to near zero. The bureaucracy often seems more interested in 'normalizing' future relations with Hanoi than in demanding a full accounting of our POWs and MIAs as called for in the 1973 Paris peace agreement.

"From Vietnamese refugees have

come scores of eyewitness accounts of groups of emaciated Americans, some in chains, being led under heavy guard along jungle trails or through villages to unknown destinations. Some of the firsthand sightings were reported as late as this year (1980)—five years after the fall of Saigon and seven years after the return of 566 American POWs from Hanoi, supposedly the last of our survivors. (It is noteworthy that 13 French prisoners captured at Dien Bien Phu were not released by Hanoi until 16 years later.)

"Countless hours of testimony have been taken from refugees claiming to have seen American captives. As of May 10, 1980 the Defense Intelligence Agency was checking 370 'live sighting' reports alleged to have been made since 1975. Of these, 222 were said to have been firsthand sightings and the remaining hearsay. Exhaustive interrogation sessions, including polygraph tests, have convinced even skeptical U.S. authorities that many of the refugee reports are valid."

If we are to believe General Singlaub's stated assurances about the facts in 1980, lets examine the facts in 1996 (16 years later) to see what the facts are and what is being done about them:

The statistics presented by DOD to the National League of MIA/POW Families dated June 7, 1996 states that 1,782 first-hand live sighting reports in Indochina have been received since 1975. The second-hand or hearsay live sightings is not disclosed. The claim is made that there are only 26 unresolved first-hand reports are the focus of current analytical and collection efforts (20 prisoner sightings and 6 non-prisoner sightings). Also as of June 14, 1996 2,153 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for who were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia where Vietnamese forces operated during the war.

To unlock this statistical nightmare lets examine these figures and numbers in relationship to **The Insider** June/July and May 1996 issues. Please review these points:

1. If General Singlaub is accurate in his report-

ing in May 1980 DIA reported 222 first-hand live sightings

and in June 1996 DIA reports a total of 1,782 first-hand live sightings (1,560 received from 1980 to 1996)-in the last 16 years.

2. According to the JTF-FA who initiated investigations of first-hand live sighting reports in 1991, Stony Beach (DIAs live sighting investigation teams), Col. McCarthy reports 141 live sighting investigations conducted as of June 1996 (115 in Vietnam, 12 in Laos, and 14 in Cambodia).

QUESTION: How is it possible to start in May 1980 with 222 eye witness reports and by June 1996 receive 1,560 more, investigate 141 and have 26 left? If you were a math teacher and you put this math problem on the chalk board for your students ( $222 + 1,560 - 141 = 26$ ) none of the students could solve the problem, because it just does not add up.

3. In **The Insider** May/June 1996 disclosed that from 1975 to April 1992 DIA list 4287 first-hand and hearsay reports of live Americans in S.E. Asia and from April 1992 to June 1995 DIA received 1316 additional reports (eye-witness and hearsay). In addition the JTF-FA provided a list of 100 reports they received from 1992 to 1994 (which were included in **The Insider** May/June 1996 issue) which were not in DIAs database.

QUESTION: How is it possible to get the math to add up, if in April 1992 there are 4287 reports of live Americans (eye-witnesses and hearsay) and by June 1995 there are 1316 more and in June 1996 there are only 26 after 141 investigations? If you were a math teacher and you put this math problem on the chalk board for your students ( $4,287 + 1,316 - 141 = 26$ ) none of the students could solve the problem, because the numbers just do not add up.

4. Another real problem is that there is a running ground battle between the problem solvers, where DIA's Stony Beach teams headed by General Wold are claiming that they are the "ONLY" ones authorized to conduct live-sighting investigations, while they have no ground unit or personnel stationed in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, on a permanent duty assigned bases. The JTF-FA on the other hand has permanent offices inside all of these countries. General Viale who commands the JTF-FA has been told that he cannot conduct live sighting interviews/debriefings or ground investigations/searches. Thus, there is a struggle between DIAs Stony Beach Teams (who is

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not there) and JTF-FAs remains recovery/crash site investigation teams (who are there), they are under two different chain of command structures. The real pissing contest is where the JTF-FA is uncovering that the DIA has been lying about the accuracy, thoroughness and completeness of their information presented to policy makers in support of their past positions, even when new evidence, uncovered in the field, can not be supported, justified or defended DIAs past or present policy position statements.

QUESTION: How do you straighten this mess out? Let both the DIA and the JTF-FA investigate live sightings independent of one another and compare the results--they should be the same. This may sound like duplication of effort, but this is a highest national priority problem where checks and balances are missing from the system. An occasional audit is not as effective as a double checking system, by a competing organization. Let the JTF-FA check out these live sighting reports, unencumbered,

*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.*