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DATE/TIME: 25 Mar/1545

FROM: WARREN Gray
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REMARKS: MARY/ANN: WE FOLLOWED UP ON
THE INFO FROM GENE BROWN. WE ARE
PASSING COPIES OF YOUR FAX AND THIS MEMO
TO JTF-FA FOR THEIR INFO/ACTION.
WE PLAN NO FURTHER CONTACT.

TO: MARY BACKEY
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF
OFFICE
FAMILIES; WASH, DC

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March 25, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

REFS: A. Fax From National League of Families dated 3/24/92, 4:25 PM.
B. Fax From National League of Families dated 3/25/92, 10:15 AM.

SUBJ: TELECON With Mr Gene Brown

1. On the afternoon of March 25 I contacted Mr Gene Brown to follow-up on information he provided the National League of Families (refs A and B). Conversation over one of the numbers given was impossible due to noise interference; I requested that he contact this office collect via another line. He called five minutes later; however, he did not call collect.

2. I informed him that I would like to discuss his acquisition of material evidence related to the case of LCDR James Hall. He immediately stated that he discovered he had photographs of LCDR Hall's aircraft. I asked where he got them. He stated that he took them himself a few years ago. When I asked where he took them, he replied Vietnam. He then stated that he was writing a book on the war, "The Other Side," and that it would be the best ever. He said he had been to Vietnam exactly 50 times. I asked how he knew the aircraft he took a picture of was that of LCDR Hall, he just responded that he knew.

3. I asked him where in Cambodia did he meet the source who allowed him to photograph the military ID card and Geneva Convention Card of LCDR Hall. He stated that he did not know. I then asked what province, to which he responded he did not know. He said he could draw a map and fax it to our office; I gave him our fax number. I then asked how the source could offer to take him to the crash site when it was over 400 miles from the northernmost border of Cambodia. He did not have an answer. I then told him that LCDR Hall's incident involved a flight of two aircraft. The wingman observed LCDR Hall's aircraft take a direct hit by a SAM; he saw it crash, and observed no parachute. SAR forces heard no beepers. How then could his source have a photo of LCDR Hall descending in a parachute? He offered no answer. He just said that although he did not know what type of aircraft it was that he photographed, he was sure it was that of LCDR Hall. He said that it was not too badly damaged and that it was buried deep in the ground. He told me that he thought his source was a Montagnard and that only he could lead us to him.

4. Mr Brown went on to say that in addition to the photos of the documents mentioned, he had a photo of (or had seen) a checkbook and a cracked reflection mirror belonging to LCDR Hall. He reiterated that he had been to Vietnam 50 times and that he was the first American to do so. As such, he had over 5000 photographs of bodies and crash sites. Only he had this widespread access to these sites and could lead "us" to them.

5. He stated that he has six additional photos related to the Hall crash site. I asked if he would provide us with copies of those six photos plus the other three he mentioned. He said the six photos are in Vietnam. He then stated that he has money tied up in this. He wants \$1400, the cost of a round trip ticket to Vietnam, so that he can return there to get them. In addition, he will provide us the three photos associated with the material evidence (identification cards) only if we do a favor for him. He reported that his

passport had been confiscated by the state of North Carolina. It was a set up that occurred after his nephew had run for the district sheriff's office. If we were able to get the state to return his passport, then we would receive the three photos. I then asked how he could have travelled to Vietnam without a passport. He stated that he just returned last Thursday from his most recent trip and that a friend in the courthouse would provide him his passport when he travelled.

6. He reported that he had informed Mr Hendon over six months ago of all the aforementioned information and that he had got no response. He stated the "this boy must be crazy." He also reiterated the importance of his book. He closed by telling me that he had decyphered the code on the photograph of three and sent it to Mr Hendon. Once again, he got no response. He asked if Mr Hendon had provided our office this information. I responded no.

7. I closed by telling him that I would pass on his request for assistance and money to my supervisor.