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As Mr. Brown phrased it, he has been "piddling around for about 6 years in Southeast Asia." Stated that he has been in the process of writing a book, "The Other Side," which is on the POW issue; however, on his conviction, or prior conviction, that there are no Americans held in SEA.

Mr. Brown stated that he was in Southeast Asia just last week, on Vietnam/Cambodian border. While there, a Cambodian approached him and identified himself as a major during the war. He proceeded to show Mr. Brown the ID card and Geneva Convention Card of:

James Wayne Hall  
64 3304, SS #  
May 18, 1934 (DOB)  
USN, LCDR

James Wayne Hall is still missing following his loss in Vietnam. All of the above information, to include SS#, is correct.

The Cambodian let Mr. Brown photograph the cards (see att. #1, faxed from Mr. Brown). The Cambodian also showed him a photograph of an American parachuting out of a plane. The American was identified as James Hall. Mr. Brown stated that the date 10/28/72 appeared on the back of the photo (10/28/72 is James Hall's incident date. Hall was a Navy pilot of a A7C). I asked if the Cambodian indicated whether this individual was alive, or if he possessed the remains. Mr. Brown stated that it was never specified.

The Cambodian asked Mr. Brown if he wanted to see that aircraft. Mr. Brown declined, out of fear. He stated that he was informed by the Cambodian that his girlfriend works at a place where there is wreckage of U.S. aircraft. I asked for the location, which Brown declined to provide.

Mr. Brown stated that he has been to Vietnam about 50 times in 6 years, for research purposes in writing the book. Never believed there were POWs, until this report. Stated that over this timeframe and research, he has collected and/or taken about 5,000 photographs: correlating to aircraft crashsites (app. 3,000 photo's taken) and to Americans who had returned home.

Stated that while there about 6-7 months ago, he met Bill Hendon and Lamont Gaston (VietNow). He recently faxed to Lamont Gaston the information he has now provided to the League. No response. Called Hendon and left a message on his answering Machine. He believes that Hendon and Gaston may be out of the country.

Said he would cooperate with USG/DIA.

MCB, 3/24/92

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Gene Brown (see MFR of 3/24/92) called the League office again, stating that he had found some more information that he did not know he had. I returned the call.

Went through photographs last night. Found two more pictures pertaining to James Hall. Has a photograph of the plane and his personal effects, i.e., wallet, pistol, bullets, emergency pack equipment. Noted that the handle of the pistol is broken.

Location of the plane, Thanh Hoa, Vietnam. Stated that he knows where the personal effects are.

Indicated that no one from the USG has contacted him.

I asked who retained the personal effects. He stated that he could not reveal that, but would show the location. Stated that he is in a bit of trouble in the State of NC; they have taken his passport away and restricted him to NC. Stated that his nephew ran for Sheriff, and claimed that a set-up occurred. His is pursuing adjudication through the Court of Appeals.

Again stated he would talk to the US Government.

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