



Defense POW/MIA Weekly Update

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Preliminary Assessment of SRV Documents

The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO) has completed a preliminary assessment of the documents presented to the Presidential Delegation by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) on May 15, 1995, in Hanoi. This particular turnover of documents represents the third series of unilateral reports that we have received. While the documents are still being evaluated, they are the most detailed and informative turned over to date. The documents fall into three groupings:

- (1) Documents detailing unilateral investigations of the 84 Special Remains cases;
- (2) Documents and sketches collected from five northern Vietnamese provinces by the unilateral investigations undertaken by the Ministry of Interior's Group for Seeking Special Information on Remains and Missing in Action; and
- (3) Documents on unilateral investigations in Military Region IV in early 1980 compiled by the Ministry of Defense's unilateral MIA Specialists Team.

Altogether there are 116 documents totaling 187 pages. Some of the documents received were specifically requested by DPMO during previous visits made by Presidential Delegations, DASD James Wold, Senator John Kerry, and the National League of Families.

Although the information contained in the recently received documents will not result in the immediate resolution of any cases, the documents may provide information that can result in new leads for some cases. The most useful information may be found in the work accomplished by the Ministry of Interior in locating the various provincial wartime and recent records. The reports on the Special Remains Cases address earlier United States Government requests for the SRV Government to document unilateral investigative efforts that took place as far back as the 1970's. They do not, however, include information indicating the current disposition of the remains or provide a credible explanation as to why the remains cannot be recovered. We anticipate that the ongoing DoD comprehensive review of cases will further clarify what is known regarding the Special Remains cases. The other material is being included in the comprehensive review as well.

Korean POW Camp Location Sought

The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Office (DPMO) is seeking information on the location of a POW camp or holding area in North Korea between Pyongyang and the Yalu River named **Camp Desoto**. While Korean War POW Camps were designated numerically (Camp I, Camp II, etc.) by Chinese Volunteers and the North Korean Army, American prisoners often gave the camps a name. If anyone knows the location of the camp or the name of the town nearby, please call Mr. InSung O. Lee, DPMO China/Korea Research Analyst, collect at (703) 602-2102, ext. 157.