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of the U.S.A.



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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

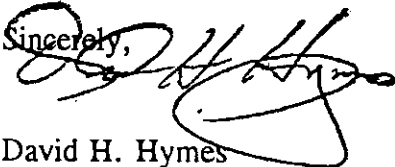
Dear Mr. President,

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) requests that the United States protest the decision by the Republic of Vietnam which ordered the expulsion of former Congressman William Hendon from the country. Mr. Hendon was on a mission to detail possible American prisoners of war still held in Vietnam.

While Mr. Hendon's action can be the subject of discussion, his claims nonetheless must be examined. Vietnam's denial that they still hold American POW's cannot be readily accepted. The fate of 2,204 servicemen missing during the Vietnam conflict still is yet to be resolved.

Do the economic prospects between our nation and Vietnam take precedence over the morality of investigating the possibility that Americans are still being held captive in Southeast Asia? Our business relationship with Vietnam must never be as important as a true and accurate accounting of every missing U.S. serviceman.

All claims of live sightings must be fully investigated. The families of those men still missing deserve that consideration, as does a nation who sent their brightest and best to serve, and has the responsibility to account for each of their whereabouts.

Sincerely,


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