

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES FOR THE RETURN OF
AMERICAS MISSING SERVICEMEN
WORLD WAR II - KOREAN WAR - COLD WAR - VIETNAM

TO: ALL POW/MIA FAMILY MEMBERS AND CONCERNED CITIZENS

FROM: LYNN O'SHEA
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SUBJECT: LIES CONTAINED IN "INSIDE HANOI'S SECRET ARCHIVES"

A NEW BOOK, "INSIDE HANOI'S SECRET ARCHIVES" BY MALCOLM MC CONNELL, WITH RESEARCH BY THEODORE SCHWEITZER, HAS GENERATED MUCH DEBATE, REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BOOK.

AT THIS TIME WE CAN SAY WITHOUT DOUBT THAT, INFORMATION CONTAINED ON PAGES 265, 266, 325, 364 AND 365, IS A LIE. COL. PHAM DUC DAI, DELIBERATELY LIED FIRST TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS AND THEN MR. SCHWEITZER. NEITHER CARED.

DURING HIS NOVEMBER 1992 TRIP TO HANOI, SENATOR JOHN KERRY MET WITH COL. PHAM DUC DAI. DURING A STAGED MEDIA EVENT, AIRED ON ABC EVENING NEWS, COL. DAI PRESENT SENATOR KERRY WITH HIS WARTIME DIARY. ACCORDING TO DAI, HIS DIARY CONTAINED HIS EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE AMBUSH, KILLING AND SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF 4 SOLDIERS FROM 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE, IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE ON APRIL 21, 1967. THE FOUR MEN, THOMAS MANGINO, PAUL HASENBECK DANIEL NIDDS AND DAVID WINTERS, ARE AMONG THE LAST 55 DISCREPANCY CASES. LAST YEAR, THE DPMO ATTEMPTED TO CLOSE THIS CASE BASED ON THE DIARY OF PHAM DUC DIA.

THE DIARY IS A LIE. DAI KNOWS IT. KERRY KNOWS IT AND DPMO KNOWS IT. YET, THEY CONTINUE TO USE THE DIARY AS BEST EVIDENCE FOR DETERMINATION OF FATE. LETTERS TO THE FORMER HEAD OF DPMO, ED ROSS, DATED JANUARY 4, 1994 AND LETTERS TO GENERAL WOLD DATED JUNE 10, 1994 AND JUNE 30, 1994 REMAIN UNANSWERED.

THE FAMILIES CAN NO LONGER REMAIN SILENT. ON JANUARY 16, 1995, THEY CONTACTED SIMON AND SCHUSTER, PUBLISHER OF THE BOOK. A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE LETTER GIVING DOLORES ALFOND OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES AS A CONTACT WAS SENT TO REUTERS AND ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HANOI. A COPY OF THAT LETTER SOMEHOW REACHED TED SCHWEITZER, WHO CONTACTED DOLORES ALFOND, ASKING HOW HE COULD HELP.

ON JANUARY 27, 1995, A LETTER WAS FAXED TO MR. SCHWEITZER AT THE METRO POLE HOTEL IN HANOI. THE LETTER WAS ALSO SENT TO MALCOLM MCONNELL, REUTERS, AND ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HANOI, THE NEW YORK TIMES, USA TODAY AND VARIOUS OTHER NEWSPAPERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. IT IS NOW FEBRUARY 12, 1995 AND THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE.

SINCE THE MEDIA CHOOSES TO IGNORE THE TRUTH, THE FAMILIES HAVE DECIDED IT IS TIME THEY PRESENT THE TRUTH REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF TOM MANGINO, PAUL HASENBECK, DANNY NIDDS AND DAVID WINTERS.

THE PROOF OF THE LIE, IS CONTAINED IN THE JANUARY 27, 1995 LETTER TO MR. SCHWEITZER. AS A POINT OF INTEREST - MUCH OF THE DOCUMENTATION CITED IN THE LETTER TO TED SCHWEITZER WAS NOT PROVIDED BY THE CASUALTY OFFICE OR DPMO. IT WAS UNEARTHED THROUGH FOIA REQUESTS, AND RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. AS ONE FAMILY MEMBER SAID TO ME "I NEVER KNEW THIS MATERIAL EXISTED."

THE FAMILIES ASK THAT THIS INFORMATION BE GIVEN THE WIDEST POSSIBLE CIRCULATION. SHOULD YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON THIS CASE CONTACT DOLORES ALFOND, OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES AT 206-881-1499, OR LYNN O'SHEA AT 718-846-4350.

THE TRUTH MUST BE TOLD.

JANUARY 27, 1995

METRO POLE HOTEL - MR. THEODORE SCHWEITZER
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DEAR MR. SCHWEITZER,

WE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE SENT TO DOLORES ALFOND, OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES. WE APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER OF HELP. ALL WE WANT IS THE TRUTH REGARDING THE FATE OF OUR LOVED ONES, SP/4 THOMAS MANGINO AND PFC'S PAUL HASENBECK, DANIEL NIDDS AND DAVID WINTERS. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COL. PHAM DUC DAI AND PUBLISHED IN YOUR BOOK "INSIDE HANOI'S SECRET ARCHIVES" IS A LIE.

OVER THE LAST 2 1/2 YEARS, SINCE COL. DAI PRESENTED HIS NOW FAMOUS DIARY, WE HAVE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATED THE LOSS INCIDENT OF THE "MANGINO FOUR." OUR INVESTIGATION, SUPPORTED BY OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, PROVES THE DIARY OF COL. PHAM DUC DIA TO BE, AT BEST, A WELL WRITTEN PROPAGANDA PIECE OF THE TIMES. AT WORSE IS IT A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO MISLEAD U.S. INVESTIGATORS. WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO SHARE WITH YOU AND THE MEDIA OUR INFORMATION REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF OUR LOVED ONES.

OUR CASE CAME TO THE FOREFRONT IN NOVEMBER OF 1992 WHEN COL. DIA PRESENTED HIS DIARY TO A SENATE DELEGATION, HEADED BY SENATOR JOHN KERRY, THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON POW/MIA AFFAIRS. SINCE THAT TIME, WE HAVE UNCOVERED THE FOLLOWING:

1) SOURCE - OFFICIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY APRIL 22, 1967 - STATES FOUR WERE LAST SEEN BETWEEN 1530 AND 1545 HOURS (3:30 - 3:45 PM) THE LT. IN COMMAND REPORTED HE HEARD SNIPER ROUNDS AT 16:30 HOURS (4:30 PM) THE LT. DID NOT REPORT THE MEN MISSING UNTIL 1745 HOURS (5:45 PM) AT 18:15 HOURS 3RD SQUAD AND 2ND BLT. DEPARTED TO CONDUCT A SEARCH.

2) SOURCE "OFFICIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY APRIL 22, 1967 - THE TIME SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF INQUIRY STATES THAT LT. KRASNOMOWITZ AND OTHERS HEARD SNIPER ROUNDS, AT 1630 HOURS (4:30 PM) SOME 45 MINUTES AFTER LOSING SIGHT OF THE MEN IN THE SECOND SAMPAN, NOT THE 15 MINUTES AS STATED IN THE JTF-FA REPORT. THE BOARD OF INQUIRY ALSO ESTABLISHED THE SHOTS CAME FROM "HILL VICINITY COORD: 623983.

DURING QUESTION AND ANSWERS LT. KRASNOMOWITZ WAS ASKED

"DID YOU HEAR ANY FIRING?" A: "YES SIR."

"WHAT TIME?" A: "ABOUT 1630."

"WHAT DIRECTION?" A: "THE FIRING CAME FROM THE SOUTH AND I THINK IT ORIGINATED 623983."

"HOW MANY ROUNDS DO YOU GUESS WERE FIRED AND WHAT TYPE WEAPON?" A: "I APPROXIMATE 2 OR 3 CLIPS OR ABOUT 25 TO 30 ROUNDS ALL OF WHICH ORIGINATED FROM THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES ABOVE. I DO NOT THINK THERE WERE ANY RETURN ROUNDS."

"WHAT DID YOU THINK THEN?" A: GUN JEEP IN BUNKER POSITION #1 CALLED AND STATED THERE WAS A SQUAD FROM DELTA COMPANY PINNED DOWN..."

THE PLATOON LEADER NEVER THOUGHT THE FIRING INVOLVED THE 4 MISSING MEN. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUPPOSED "SMALL ARMS FIRE" COMES IN THE FORM OF A LETTER FROM THE DEPT. OF ARMY DATED JUNE 1967. A LETTER SIGNED BY COL. C.A. STANFIEL, ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL, STATES "THE FIRST BOAT SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THE SHORE AT APPROXIMATELY 4:15 P.M. AND THE MEN WAITED ON THE BEACH FOR THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR *****'S BOAT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WEAPONS FIRE WAS HEARD IN THE AREA, HOWEVER, THE FIRING INVOLVED A SQUAD OF MEN IN AN AREA OTHER THAN WHERE THE SECOND SAMPAN WAS LAST SEEN."

ALSO IGNORED WERE THE STATEMENTS OF OTHER PLATOON MEMBERS GIVEN DURING THE BOARD OF INQUIRY. THE QUESTION "DID YOU HEAR GUN FIRE" OR "DID YOU HEAR ANY SMALL ARMS FIRE ON THE WAY BACK TO CAMP" WAS ASKED OF SEVEN (?) MEN TESTIFYING BEFORE THE BOARD. ALL SEVEN (?) ANSWERED NO. AN EIGHTH MAN WAS ASKED "WOULD YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HEAR ANY FIRING?" HIS ANSWER WAS "OH YES SIR."

3) SOURCE - DAILY STAFF JOURNAL OR DUTY OFFICER'S LOG S2/3 196 BDE
COVERED-0001 HOURS 21 APR 67-2400 HOURS 3 JUN 67

CHU LAI PERIOD

THE FOLLOWING ARE BUT SAMPLES OF THE MANY ENTRIES THAT CONFIRM INFORMATION IN THE "OFFICIAL BOARD OF INQUIRY." THIS INFORMATION DISPROVES THE MANY STATEMENT OF COL. DAI, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF HELICOPTERS SEARCHING THE AREA 20 MINUTES AFTER THE AMBUSH. THESE ENTRIES ALSO PROVED THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE SEARCH. ONCE THE SEARCH BEGAN, IT DID NOT END UNTIL 3:00 AM. THE SEARCH RESUMED EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AND CONTINUED IN FULL FORCE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

MISSING."

"(8:00 PM) - A HELICOPTER WAS DISPATCHED TO AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A PLATOON HAD CONT. TO SEARCH AREA, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS INDIVIDUALS WERE LAST SEEN VIC BS 622982 RIDING A SAMPAN. THIS IS THE LAST TIME INDIVIDUALS WERE SEEN. SEARCH IS CONT."

APRIL 22, 1967 - "(1:00 AM) - LT. KIRIKOS: REPORTED FLYING 2 HOURS OF LOUD SPEAKER OVER AREA WHERE MEN WERE LAST SEEN FROM 4-31."

(3:08 AM) - 4/31 SEARCH PARTY NEGATIVE RESULTS AND ARE CLOSED INTO 4-31 BC.

(7:45 AM) - REQUESTED 2 AMTRACKS FROM OREGON TO ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR 4 MEN.

"(10:10 AM) - CONTACT UDT FOR DIVERS FOR 4/31 WILL SUPPLY DIVERS IF WE PROVIDE TRANS AND SECTY."

APRIL 23, 1967 - "(3:25 PM) - ROKMC (REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORP.) GRANTED CLEARANCE FOR OPN TO SEARCH FOR US MIA'S VIC BS 713922."

"(4:00 PM) - CONTACTED COAST GUARD WILL DISPATCH CRAFT TO BS 718921 TO SEARCH CRAFT DPT AREA WILL CONTACT C 4/31 ON 41.9."

"(6:05 PM) - 4/31: SPECIAL AO WHERE SPECIAL OPERATION IS UNDERWAY IS CLEARED THRU 211200 APR 67. CLEARED BY 2D ROK MARINE BDE."

"APRIL 24, 1967 - (10:00 AM) - 2 AMTRACS FOR DIVERS TO SEARCH FOR 4 MIA. AMTRACKS TO REPORT A CO 4/31 AT BT 624007 AT 1300 HOURS (1:00 PM)"

"SIT REP -- FOR THE PERIOD 232000H TO 242000H APRIL 1967 - (3) 4/31 INF: THE BN CONTINUED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AND S&D IN SECTOR ORIENTED TOWARDS LOCATING THE FOUR MISSING PERSONNEL (REF SITREP 21 APR 67). NAVY DIVERS CONTINUED TO SEARCH FROM 241555 TO 241800 IN THE AREA WHERE THE FOUR MISSING PERSONNEL ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. "

4) CIA INTELLIGENCE CABLE TDCS 314/1008 67 FIELD NO. FVS-15,314 DATED JULY 4, 1967. THIS REPORT, FROM TWO SOURCES, DETAILS THE CAPTURE OF 4 SOLDIERS, IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ON APRIL 21, 1967 "ON THE THUONG HOA RIVER BY A BINH SON DISTRICT VC MAIN FORCE..." THE REPORT ALSO STATES THAT "...THEY WERE TO BE MOVED TO A WESTERN AREA." THE TWO REPORTS, ACCORDING TO THE C.I.A., ARE "EVALUATED POSSIBLY TRUE BY EACH OF THE SOURCES MENTIONED HEREUNDER..." THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE ANALYST, AT THE TIME, MAJOR STAFFORD, IN HIS OWN HAND WROTE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE REPORT, "NOTE: ARMY E4 MANGINO, E3 NIDDS, E3 WINTERS, AND E3 HASENBECK FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT." A 1977 EVALUATION OF THE C.I.A. REPORT STATES "THE INFO IN FIELD COMMENTS RE: OTHER SOURCE REPORTING (EXC. THE FEB. 67 CAMP REPORT) RELATES IN ALL LIKELIHOOD TO HASENBECK PLUS 3 LOST ON THE TRA BONG RIVER AT BS 62x98x ON 21 APR 67."

5) REPORT OBTAINED THRU C.I.A. DATED 18 MAY 1967 FROM CO 525 MI (MILITARY INTELLIGENCE) GP (GROUP) DATE OF INFORMATION 5 MAY 1967, DATE OF REPORT 9 MAY 1967. - REPORTS THE 5 MAY 1967 SIGHTING OF 4 POWS IN THE AREA WITH 2000 NVA. THE EVALUATION DONE AT THE TIME, AND TYPED ON THE REPORT STATES "NOTE: MANGINO, WINTERS, NIDDS, AND HASENBECK ARE MISSING FROM VIC 622987 ON 21 APR 67. THE UNIDENTIFIED US PW IN THIS SIGHTING OF 5 MAY MIGHT WELL BE THEM." THE TYPEWRITTEN NOTE CARRIES THE TYPED SIGNATURE OF MAJOR STAFFORD.

6) UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM -
COMMAND HISTORY 1967 VOLUME II - PRISONERS OF WAR

"VC POLICY ON THE CAPTURE OF U.S. PERSONNEL" -- "IN EARLY 1966, CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS STATED THAT THEY HAD INAUGURATED A THREE PHASE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CAPTURING MORE AMERICANS. PHASE 1 OF THIS CAMPAIGN WAS DESIGNED TO INDOCTRINATE VC SOLDIERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PRISONERS. PHASE 2 WAS SLOGANS. ('A LIVE U.S. PRISONER IS EQUAL TO TEN DEAD AMERICAN AGGRESSORS'), FORMULATION OF OPERATION PLANS FOR CAPTURE OF AMERICANS, PROVISIONS FOR EQUIPPING VC SOLDIERS WITH SPECIAL ROPES TO BE USED IN SECURING CAPTURED U.S. SOLDIERS. THE THIRD PHASE CONSISTED OF A RECAPITULATION OF SUCCESSES AND PRESENTATION OF REWARDS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING UNITS"

THE REPORT CONTINUED "INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENTS INDICATED THROUGHOUT 1967 THAT THERE WAS A MARKED INCREASE IN THE VALUE PLACED BY THE VC ON TAKING OF U.S. PRISONERS. THIS

IMPORTANCE OF AND TECHNIQUES INVOLVED IN TAKING AND HOLDING U.S. PRISONERS..."

7) BRIGHTLIGHTS REPORT DATED 23 APRIL 1968 "WARTIME SOURCE SELECTED PHOTOS OF PFC NIDDS AS "POSSIBLY" ONE OF DOZENS OF US POWS SEEN IN MILITARY REGION (MR) THU THIEN HUE. A RECENT EVALUATION OF THE IDENTIFICATIONS OF EACH POW/MIA PHOTO WAS PLACED IN DANIEL NIDDS FILE. LISTING EACH POW/MIA BY NAME, THE DPMO STATES WHY THE IDENTIFICATIONS COULD NOT BE ACCURATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO MENTION OR EVALUATION OF THE OTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE 18 PAGE REPORT. NO MENTION IS MADE REGARDING THE ACCURACY OF DRAWINGS OF THE CAMP, THE DETAILED PERSONNEL STRUCTURE OF THE CAMP, INCLUDING NAMES, AGES, SECTION IN WHICH THEY WORKED, AND THE NAMES OF THEIR VILLAGE. WHERE IS THE EVALUATION OF THE BALANCE OF THIS REPORT? BASED ON THE EFFORT TO WITHHOLD THIS REPORTS FULL EVALUATION, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE CAMP COMMAND STRUCTURE WAS ACCURATE. ASSUMING THAT, WE MUST THEN ASSUME THE SIGHTING OF DANIEL NIDDS IS ALSO ACCURATE.

8) BRIGHTLIGHTS REPORT 3CIT/13/69 DATED 20 JANUARY 1969 - "AT APPROXIMATELY 010700H JANUARY 1969 WHILE AT THE MARKET IN PHU THUAN, HE (SOURCE) OBSERVED THREE AMERICAN, CAPTIVES OF THE NVA.... THERE WERE TWO NEGROES AND ONE CAUCASIAN... REFERENCE (A) WAS UTILIZED AND (SOURCE) SELECTED THE FOLLOWING PHOTOS:

- # 15 RAVENNA, H.M. (USA)
- # 116 NIDDS, D.R. (USA)
- # 147 BURKE M.J. (USMC)"

THE GOVERNMENT DECLARED THE REPORT OF "DUBIOUS INTELLIGENCE VALUE" BECAUSE THE SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE THREE MEN AS "TWO NEGROES AND A CAUCASIAN." WHEN ALL THREE ARE CAUCASIAN. HOWEVER, JTF-FA AND DPMO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT VIETNAMESE IDENTIFICATION OF THOMAS MANGINO AS BLACK DUE TO HIS DARK SKIN. TO QUOTE JTF-FA: "IT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR VIETNAMESE TO DESCRIBE DARK SKINNED MEN AS BLACK." IF THE GOVERNMENT STANDS BY THIS QUOTE, THEY MUST ACCEPT THIS SIGHTING REPORT AS ACCURATE. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBLE STANDARD.

9) DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT DATED 31 OCTOBER 1970. "THIS IS A BRIGHTLIGHTS REPORT." CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO TWO POWS. ON PAGE ONE OF THE REPORT AN ANALYST WRITES "DIADI-GD EVALUATION 20 JAN 71 - MRS MC AFEE POSSIBLY HASENBECK, P.A., MANGINO T.A., NIDDS, D.R., WINTERS D.M. ALSI-0CH: DETAILS WARRANT CHECKING BY TAGO" ON PAGE 5 OF THE REPORT, WRITTEN IN THE MARGIN ARE THE NAMES HASENBECK, NIDDS, WINTERS. THE NAMES HASENBECK AND WINTERS ARE CIRCLED.

10) "JOINT MESSAGE TRAFFIC" DD 173 OCTOBER 1971 - MACV FOR JPRC SUBJECT SEARCH EFFORTS - "OUR MSG 381245Z OCT 71 SUBJECT AS ABOVE. "THE FOLLOWING INFO IS PROVIDED: ...WINTERS DAVID M. PUNCH 5234 1967 POSSIBLE POW. JPRC WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DATA..." THE CABLE IS SIGNED LTC GEORGE W. JENKS.

11) TODAY, JTF-FA RELIES ON CURRENT WITNESS STATEMENTS RATHER THAN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE TIME PERIOD. THE CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION IN THE JTF-FA REPORTS WOULD FILL PAGES. HOWEVER, WE FEEL IT BEST TO NOW TURN TO THE DIARY OF COL. PHAM DUC DAI.

12) THE WARTIME DIARY OF COL PHAM DUC DAI -

IN THE PORTION OF THE DIARY REPORTED BY THE MEDIA, DAI RELATES THE AMBUSH AND KILLING OF 4 SOLDIERS FROM THE 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE ON APRIL 21, 1967. IN "INSIDE HANOI'S SECRET ARCHIVES" PAGE 265 YOU VIVIDLY DESCRIBE HOW DIA HID FROM VIEW AND WATCHED THE SOLDIERS PASS. AFTER THE AMBUSH, ACCORDING TO YOUR BOOK, "DAI TOOK COMMAND OF THE SITUATION."

ON PAGE 325 OF YOUR BOOK, YOU DISCUSS THE EFFORTS TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF THE "MANGINO FOUR." YOUR BOOK STATES THAT DAI WAS/IS WILLING TO LEAD INVESTIGATORS TO THE BURIAL SITE. THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR COL. DIA AS HE WAS NOT IN THE VILLAGE AT THE TIME OF CAPTURE.

TO PROVE THIS WE CITE: JOINT TASK FORCE FULL ACCOUNTING DETACHMENT 2, HANOI, VIETNAM FAX MESSAGE DATED 14 APRIL 1993. -- PAGE 3 ITEM 5 C. INTELLIGENCE: "ON 14 APRIL 1993, IN RESPONSE TO HQ TASKING, SSGT NEWELL, JTF-FA DET 2 ANALYST/LINGUIST, AND (BLANK), DIA RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN, INTERVIEWED SRCOL. PHAM DUC DIA, DIRECTOR OF THE PAVN MUSEUM IN HANOI, CONCERNING INFORMATION TRANSCRIBED IN HIS PERSONAL JOURNAL ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0646 AND PROVIDED TO THE KERRY CODEL IN THEIR LAST VISIT TO HANOI. SOURCE STATED THE INFORMATION IN HIS JOURNAL WAS A RECAPITULATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY VILLAGERS IN THUONG HOA HAMLET, QUANG NGAI TOWNSHIP, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. SOURCE STATED HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SHOOTING OF THE AMERICANS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE NOR DID HE PARTICIPATE IN THE BURIAL OR SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENTS AND REBURIALS OF THE REMAINS. SOURCE NEVER PERSONALLY SAW THE BODIES OR REMAINS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. SOURCE PROVIDED NAMES AND SOME ADDRESS INFORMATION FOR

13) IN "INSIDE HANOI'S SECRET ARCHIVES" PAGE 265 YOU STATE " THE U.S. PATROL THAT ENTERED THE HAMLET HAD BEEN BRUTAL, DETERMINED TO FIND THEIR MISSING COMRADES." YOU DID NOT REPORT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BALANCE OF COL. DAI'S DIARY IN YOUR BOOK. THE MEDIA DID NOT REPORT IT IN NOVEMBER 1992. THAT LEADS TO TWO POSSIBLE CONCLUSIONS. THE BALANCE OF THE DIARY WAS WITHHELD FROM YOU OR YOU CHOSE TO WITHHOLD IT. WE WILL ASSUME YOU ARE UNAWARE OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BALANCE OF THE DIARY. WE NOW PRESENT IT TO YOU.

".....THE U.S. PAINT OF DEMOCRACY, CIVILIZATION HAD GONE. THE MOST CRUEL MONSTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY REVEALED HIS TRUE COLORS. THE US TROOPS JUMPED INTO THE CROWD, SEIZED 10 OF OUR PEOPLE, BLINDFOLDED THEM AND TOOK THEM AWAY. GUN SHOTS WERE HEARD FROM THE FAR AWAY FIELDS. THEN THEY RETURNED TO FORCE OUR COMPATRIOTS TO OBSERVE ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE FOR THE DEAD. THE SAME THING HAPPENED AGAIN AND AGAIN FOR THREE TIMES. THE LAST TIME THEY ARRESTED UP TO 25 PEOPLE. THE REST OF THE CROWD, WHO COUNTED ABOUT SEVERAL HUNDRED, REMAINED INDIFFERENT, ASTONISHINGLY CALM. NOT A SINGLE CRY WAS UTTERED, EVEN THEIR BREATHING REMAINED STABLE. A QUIET ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED, FULL OF PRIDE, TYPICAL OF THE GENUINE VIETNAMESE IN FACE OF THREATS OF IMPRISONMENT, KILLING BY THE BARBAROUS ENEMY.."

IN ADDITION TO AN ACCOUNT OF OUR LOVED ONES DEATH AND BURIAL THE DIARY OF COL. DIA CONTAINED A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF A MASSACRE BY U. S. SOLDIERS SEARCHING FOR OUR LOVED ONES. IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE THE WRITTEN ACCOUNT OF COL. DAI REGARDING OUR LOVED ONES INCIDENT OF LOSS, WE MUST THEN ALSO BELIEVE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COVERED UP A MASSACRE EQUAL TO MY LAI. THE FACT IS THAT NONE OF THE DETAILS REGARDING THE DEATH OF OUR LOVED ONES OR THE MASSACRE ARE TRUE. COL. DAI'S DIARY IS PROPAGANDA PURE AND SIMPLE. SENATOR JOHN KERRY, IN A STAGED EVENT, MANAGED TO CONVINCE THE MEDIA HE HAD ACCURATE INFORMATION. THE DPMO AND JTF-FA CONTINUES TO PERPETUATE THAT MYTH. PERHAPS THE FULL DIARY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MEDIA? IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, THEY MIGHT CHOOSE TO LOOK INTO THE MASSACRE DETAILED BY COL. DAI. THAT SHOULD PUT THE DIARY IN ITS PROPER CATEGORY AS PURE FICTION.

MR. SCHWEITZER, EVERY PIECE OF INFORMATION CITED IN THIS LETTER CAN BE DOCUMENTED, ON LETTERHEAD OF ONE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR ANOTHER, DATING BACK TO 21 APRIL 1967. TOM MANGINO, PAUL HASENBECK, DANNY NIDDS AND DAVID WINTERS WERE NOT AMBUSHED AND KILLED APRIL 21, 1967. THEY WERE CAPTURED. THE INFORMATION CITED FROM U.S. FILES LEADS TO THAT CONCLUSION. THE MASSIVE EFFORT TO GIVE CREDIBILITY TO THE FICTION THAT IS COL. DIA DIARY, TELLS US THE VIETNAMESE KNOW MUCH MORE ABOUT THE FATE OF OUR LOVED ONES THAN THEY HAVE TOLD ANYONE.

THE MASSIVE EFFORTS OF THE VIETNAMESE TO DENY THE TRUTH REGARDING OUR LOVED ONES, IS EXCEEDED ONLY BY OUR DETERMINATION TO LEARN THE TRUTH. WE ARE UNITED IN THE CONVICTION THAT OUR LOVED ONES WERE CAPTURED AND THE VIETNAMESE CAN RETURN THEM TO US. WE ARE DETERMINED TO CONTINUE OUR FIGHT UNTIL OUR LOVED ONES ARE HOME.

ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE, WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED. AS BEFORE, YOU MAY CONTACT US THROUGH DOLORES ALFOND AT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF FAMILIES 206-881-1499.

SINCERELY,

THE STATESIDE AND DETERMINED "MANGINO FOUR."

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MAE & THADDEUS NIDDS	PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN - DANIEL R. NIDDS
ROBERT WINTERS	PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN - DAVID M. WINTERS