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TO: NATIONAL OFFICERS, DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS,
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SUBJECT: *POW/MIA UPDATE*

September 15, 1995 was National POW/MIA Recognition Day. POW/MIA posters were sent to all Departments.

Listed below is a breakdown of the 2,197 Americans listed as unaccounted for from Southeast Asia. The breakdown includes a change in the Air Force numbers in Vietnam and Laos. An F-4 with two crewmen had been listed as lost over Laos. However, its wreckage was recently discovered in Vietnam necessitating a revision in the Lao (-2) and Vietnam (+2) numbers.

Component	Country of Loss				Total
	Vietnam	Laos	Cambodia	China	
Army	520	110	36	0	666
Navy	391	31	2	8	432
Marine Corps	239	22	14	0	275
Air Force	443	319	20	0	782
Coast Guard	1	0	0	0	1
Civilians	23	13	5	0	41
Total	1617	495	77	8	2197

In Vietnam, the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting continues its 37th Joint Field operation. Remains and material that may correlate to four cases of unaccounted for Americans have been recovered.

Enclosed is the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia Newsletter.

A study by Mr. Garnett "Bill" Bell and Mr. George Veitch is also enclosed.