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FROM: CPT SANDRA C. CAUGHLIN  
NAME

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

PLEASE PASS TO MR. GARY SYDOW, HANOI OFFICE ASAP.

MR SYDOW;  
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO GIVE YOU  
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE REMAINS OF LUTHER E. RITCHEY, JR.  
YOUR OFFICE SHOULD BE CONTACTED SOON BY A MR TOAN, OR A  
MR CAMPAGNA. MR TOAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW IN VIETNAM, CLAIMS  
TO HAVE MR RITCHEY'S REMAINS.

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RITCHEY  
LUTHER. E. JR.  
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USMC  
LUTHERAN.

Diện 1 bả đò - tiếng Anh  
1 chiếc (như trên)

Diện : - Máy lái tay  
- Vài môn đò, không ống tay,  
chèo và một số không có (không  
không ống tay; chèo, không kéo dây.)

Vị trí : Tỉnh tự trị vùng biên Tây Bắc  
Việt Nam (gọi là sông Đé) nằm ở 19  
độ. Cách bờ 100 m, việc này đã ghi  
3 km đường chèo bay. (Huyện Quảng  
Đông, phía Tây qua Thuận Đức)

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

TO: Mary Backley  
 FROM: Mary Jo Dzaugis  
 DATE: November 25, 1991

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 RITCHEY  
 631008, UH34D  
 1602N/10734E  
 SOUTH OF HU2, THUA THIEN  
 PROVINCE  
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Mr. Robert Tiller contacted the NLF with information he received from Mr. Nguyen Toan.

Mr. Toan's relatives in Vietnam have recently located the remains of Luther E. Ritchey, Jr. along with a H-34 helicopter, deep in the brush near Da Nang. They have his dogtags which identify him.

Mr. Toan's relatives have hidden the remains at this time. He has a letter that completely details what was found and location.

I have asked for the letter and copy of dogtag to be faxed to League office.

Mr. Tiller can be reached at  
 Mr. Nguyen Toan can be reached at

\* Luther E. Richey, Jr., USMC is listed as missing  
 Incident date: 10/08/63 - South Vietnam

\*\*\* Mr. Toan needs reassurance from USG/NLF that no harm will come to his family in Vietnam. He is grateful for all help the US has given him in the past.

None of Luther Richey's family are members of the League.

In accordance with standard procedure for all POW/MIA reports received in the League office, a copy was provided to DIA via Carol Brown at the Senate Select Committee Hearings on Friday, November 15, 1991 by Mary Backley for appropriate follow-up and analysis.

Subsequently, Senator Jeffords office has also been asked to follow up on the process and has asked the NLF to fax a copy of the original letter. A copy was faxed on Tuesday, 11/25/91, with this cover memorandum.

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

10 DEC 91

SUBJECT: HANOI OFFICE TO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING REMAINS OF  
LUTHER E. RITCHEY, REFNO:0019

POW/MIA OFFICE HAS A LETTER CONCERNING INFORMATION OF THE REMAINS OF  
LUTHER E. RITCHEY, JR. ACCORDING TO OUR FILES THIS IS THE INITIAL  
DOG TAG REPORT ON MR. RITCHEY. THE LETTER IS TRANSLATED AS FOLLOWS:

TYPE AIRCRAFT H-34  
(CARGO HELICOPTER)

PERSONAL EFFECTS:

1 MAP (ENGLISH LANGUAGE)  
1 DOG TAG (COPIED ABOVE)

REMAINS:

-FEW TEETH  
-FEW FRAGMENTS OF SKULL  
ARM BONE, INCLUDING RIB BONES, FINGER BONES, TOES.

LOCATION:

WITH REFERENCE TO LOWER BUNG (BOUNG) RIVER, ALSO  
CALLED OC RIVER), LEFT BANK, APPROX 100 METERS  
FROM BANK, APPROX 3 KILOMETERS AS THE CROW FLYS  
BA GHI VILLAGE IN GING DISTRICT, QUANG NAM, DA  
NANG PROVINCE WEST OF THUONG DUC DISTRICT.

ON 10 DEC 91, 0830 I CALLED MR. TOAN . HE STATED THAT  
THE INFORMATION WAS FROM HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW, WHO HAD THE REMAINS AND  
PERSONAL EFFECTS WITH HIM IN VIETNAM. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE  
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT WOULD GET THE BODY. HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE ME  
THE NAME OR LOCATION OF HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW. I TOLD HIM THAT I COULD  
PROVIDE HIM WITH A NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER IN HANOI IF WOULD  
PREFER TO HAVE HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW CONTACT THEM HIMSELF. I CALLED HIM  
BACK TO PROVIDE HIM WITH MR GARY SYDOW'S NUMBER AND ADDRESS, AND HE  
ASKED ME TO SPEAK TO HIS FRIEND. I PROVIDED THE INFORMATION TO HIS  
FRIEND, MR. CAMPAGNA, WHO STATED THAT THEY WOULD CONTACT MR SYDOW AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE.

  
SANDRA C. CAUGHLIN  
CPT, MI  
DIA, POW/MIA

CF: NLF (NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES)  
CAROL BROWN