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Dear Ann:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 24 August 1992. It was good to hear from you. Am hoping that the League will continue to operate as it's a powerful driving force in the seeking of truth. The budget has been reviewed. Do you think Ross Perot would help keep the League in operation?

Peter Williams had seven cardboard boxes delivered to the AF Casualty office at the League meeting. The boxes contained about 30,000 documents. There were no instructions or procedures to follow on how the documents should be handled. Thus, interested people just plowed through the boxes. There was no particular order or organizational scheme in the classification of the documents. It seemed that anyone was allowed to read the documents, some people even took some to the front desk to copy. Finally, at 6:00 p.m., after a bit of rethinking, the seven boxes were loaded up and taken back to Clarendon. To me, the documents were very useful and I am happy that I had an opportunity to review them. What was sad for me, however, was when people, e.g., Nigel Cawthorne, came to review the documents to be used in the writing of another book, thus making money off the POW-MIA issue. George Atkinson and I had a nice chat about this and other matters too. To my knowledge, Nigel is not a League member. Please correct me if I'm wrong. Just curious. Do you plan to "consent" to release the documents about your brother to the public via LOC?

With Scot Marciel's departure, the release of team reports has come to a grinding halt. Please thank Scott for his past efforts and encourage him to light a fire under his replacements. I would really like to get the reports as soon as possible. We need the data for further action.

Thank you for your willingness to share the "Message of Action" with JTF-FA, Charlie Salmon, DIA, DOD, State, et al. Enclosed is a slightly revised copy. Please make copies and give it to whomever you feel would do something. Time is short. We need to move now. I tried to write the "Message" in an effort to generate action without stepping on anyone's toes including foreign intelligence agencies working on Gene's case. I will be watching very carefully

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what action if any, the U.S. Government takes in response to the 27 points and various aspects related to Gene's case. I am still waiting for action taken as a result of my meeting with DIA-DOS on 12 June 1992 at DIA. (See enclosed minutes.) Being a teacher educator, I will hold the U.S. government accountable for these points and after time, I will issue a report card on how well they have done. The major points have been identified in writing, a practice I have always tried to follow over the past 29 years so nothing gets lost in the cracks. The points that I further worry about, however, are the ones that I have no knowledge of at this time in the search.

As you know, it is difficult to get anything in writing from Linthong. The last time I met him, in Washington he did indicate verbally for the first time that "...your brother could be held in an isolated village that we don't know about." He asked me not to use the circulars which "...lead to erroneous reports" and in turn he said he would try to find my brother so "...he could see his Mom before she dies." He asked, "If I find your brother in Laos you can tell your mother that he'll be on the first plane home." Ann, I am forever indebted to you for your efforts. If you could hit Linthong hard on point #27, it would be appreciated. Also, if you would recommend that an appointment be made with Linthong, I will follow through, go to Washington or wherever and meet with him. We know that he too wants something, e.g., help getting into graduate school, his four children need help in their education and help for his wife. You can tell him I would be willing to help in any way possible. Linthong reminds a great deal of Khamphanh Simpaseuth, and you know what happened to him.

Thank you for your thoughts and suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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