

May 28, 1995

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Dear Bill:

"Sawadi" It was so nice to talk to you last week, I must tell you I am sorry however that I was upset. I received Jim's report two days prior to talking to you and some of the things that were in it came as quite a shock. I spoke to Jim Huard's Mom the same night as she sent me the report I have given you to review. His Mom is 80 years old, yet she has an appointment with her physician in July to receive more information on DNA procedures. She also has a heart condition, Jim Huard's sister just lost her husband last November suddenly, so things have been rather rough on them to say the least.

Jim's Mom Vi asked me to tell my VVA Chapter in Dearborn and my fellow board members at the POW Committee about the government report. My husband is a Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran and understands the POW/MIA issue all too well. I asked him to talk to the VVA membership as I could not do it. These are Jim's friends who went to school with him who played football with him and who attended his wedding. Jim was also a teacher before he went to Vietnam. He asked the members to keep the faith, and told them too that Jim's disappearance is still being investigated yet it looks like possibly his remains have been found and his Mom is looking into DNA procedures.

Vi asked me about the military ID card. She stated her and her husband (while he was alive) were never told about the various reports and certainly not about Jim's military ID card. She thought that when our men went out on missions, they did not have their ID card on their person. If one report stated Jim's fighter burned Bill, how could the ID card be returned to our government? How could one report state the remains are buried in Vietnam and yet there are some bones in CILHI?

As Marty Eddy stated to Sue and I, Jim's Dad must be turning over in his grave. Jack (Neil) Huard was known to tell our government to put it where the sun don't shine!! I am sending you a copy of his father's letter when the Air Force first contacted him in the fall of 1988. Jim's Dad sent the letter to the chapter membership.

We all appreciate you Bill and the VVA membership considers you a valuable asset, but first and most importantly a "brother and a friend". Thank you too for taking the time to read the report and Sue and I would be very interested in your opinion regarding Jim. I hope you are not working too hard, "keep the faith".

Warm Regards,
Eileen