

November 24, 1992

Re: Major Peter Dean Hesford
REFNO 1100-0-01

Mr. George E. Atkinson
Chief, Missing Persons & Inquiries Division
HQ AFMPC/DPMCB
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Dear Mr. Atkinson:

During the week of November 9th, I called Air Force Casualty to ask if my son, Peter, was on a Laos list of last known alive or listed prisoner at Homecoming. I was informed he was not on either list. Enclosed you will find a copy of "Lao Cases: 15 Additional Individuals Including Both Last Known Alive and Listed POW at Homecoming." As you can see, my son is on this list. Why wasn't this information confirmed and why wasn't I told whether he was considered last known alive or listed POW at Homecoming?

I submitted a rewritten case narrative for Peter in September to which I have received no response. Enclosed for you is the information I sent to you earlier. Since I just received notification that a crash site believed to be of the F-4D is tentatively scheduled for excavation in February - March 1993, I believe it is imperative my son's narrative be corrected and contain all relevant information pertaining to my son and his crewmember.

Has the JTF-FA or representatives of the Laos investigative team ever been able to contact Soth Phetlasy concerning the Lao prisoner list?

I look forward to your immediate response to my questions.

On behalf of my son, Peter Dean Hesford, and all unrecovered POWs, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Hesford, Sr.

cc: Senator Joseph Lieberman
Senator Christopher Dodd
Senator John Kerry, Chairman, Senate Select Committee
Senator Bob Smith, CoChairman, Senate Select Committee
Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

attachments: 6

LAO CASES:
 15 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING BOTH LAST
 KNOWN ALIVE AND
 LISTED POW AT HOMECOMING

NAME	REFNO	
DEBRUIN, EUGENE H.	0018	narrative
BAKER, ARTHUR DALE	0070	
LEWIS, JAMES W.	0070	
SHELTON, CHARLES E.		0079 narrative
HRDLICKA, DAVID	0084	narrative
WOOD, DON C.	0233	
CARLOCK, RALPH LAWRENCE	0606	
APPLEHANS, RICHARD DUANE	0862	narrative
CLARKE, GEORGE WILLIAM JR.	0862	narrative
PALMER, GILBERT S. JR.	1063	narrative
WRIGHT, THOMAS T.	1063	narrative
HESFORD, PETER DEAN	1100	narrative
STOWERS, AUBREY E. JR.	1100	narrative
DEAN, CHARLES	1994	
SHARMAN, NEIL	1994	

TOTAL: 15

UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS LISTED AS PRISONER AT HOMECOMING
 DeBruin, Shelton, Hrdlicka, Applehans, and Clarke Total: 97

VESSEY DISCREPANCY LIST 1987 Total: 224 narratives, 310 individuals
 Palmer and Wright - Listed in Laos on DIA master list

The following information is what I could find for those without a narrative.

BAKER, ARTHUR D. USAF 650407 LA B57B Last seen dive
 LEWIS, JAMES W. thru thin clouds

WOOD, DON C. USAF 660116 LA F105D Possible capture
 Identified in Pathet Lao film

CARLOCK, RALPH LAURENCE
 USAF 670304 LA F105D No comments,
 listed as category 2 - possible capture

DEAN, CHARLES CIV 740910 LA GROUND No comments,
 SHARMAN, NEIL Dean listed as category 1 - captured
 Sharman not on list, same case no.

The same source listed the following information for those with narratives:

DEBRUIN - Escaped with D008 (case no?) NF 1-crew picture
pub (published?)

SHELTON - contact on ground - reported died as PW-J

HRDLICKA - 6607 Pravada published photo

APPLEHANS - Negative S&R contact
CLARKE

PALMER - No comment
WRIGHT

HESFORD - No comment
STOWERS