

AMERICANS (AND SELECTED OTHERS) KNOWN TO BE STILL
IN VIETNAM AS OF 16 OCTOBER 1975
(INFORMATION CURRENT AS OF SEPT. 9, 1975 AND BELIEVED
STILL VALID)

1. RICHARD M. (MIKE) MIELKE -- Volunteer worker for Voices in Vital America (VIVA) a POW-MIA group based in Los Angeles. Former Special Forces and U.S. government employee, now retired.
2. MISTY S. MIELKE -- Naturalized American of Vietnamese origin
3. MADALENE X. T. MIELKE -- (2 YEARS OLD)
4. LEONARD D. JUDSON -- Retired man was living in Da Nang. Left there voluntarily in August, now living at the International Red Cross (IRC) compound. Has severe cataract problems and is legally blind.
5. FREDERICK GULDEN -- USAID contract architect, Bangkok-based. Missed evacuation while aiding employees to boats.
6. FRED RIVERA -- Contract aircraft maintenance man for Lear-Siegler. Was based at Bien Hoa. Missed evacuation apparently (he says) because didn't realize things were falling apart so quickly. Last known address Miramar Hotel.
7. FORD THOMASEN -- Contract worker with FEC. Missed evacuation because he was in Delta either a) trying rescue employees or b) trying to blow up commo sites, he says. Last known address with Vietnamese woman at 8, Tu Do. Likely at IRC by now.
8. STERLING H. BENNETT -- Released from Saigon jail April 27, remained in Saigon
9. LARRY FAIGAN -- "Hippie" school teacher, whose parents live in Jerusalem and are very worried about Faigan. Was under detention 51 days for vague reasons, released and living at IRC.
10. JERRY POSNER -- ex-GI, Brooklyn, N.Y., postal employee, attempting to marry fiancée. Living at IRC since "liberation."
11. WILLIAM SMITH -- ex-GI, employee of Trailways or Greyhound in Chicago, stranded while attempting to find former sweetheart apparently in Da Nang area. Residing at IRC.
12. MICHAEL BAILEY -- 4 years old, U.S. Passport holder issued at Saigon. Mother is VN citizen married to a helicopter maintenance man currently based in Alaska.
13. JOSEPH BRICKMAN -- Tour operator, owner of Vietnam Tourist Bureau, Tu Do and Gia Long streets. Brickman claims dual citizenship (British-born, naturalized U.S.) but employs U.S. passport.
14. CLIFFORD RANDOLPH -- Apparently retired former contract worker. Garbled story of his says he missed evacuation due confused situation around Tan Son Nhut, but apparently missed because of his own confusion. Residing IRC.
15. JOSE RIOS -- Claims to be former Major or Lt. Col. USAF, Puerto Rican-born American, married to VN citizen. Resides IRC.
16. KERRY HUBECK -- former CARE worker, residing IRC. His wife, a VN citizen residing with him, is Paul Struharik's wife's sister, on which see below for Struharik.

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17. FRANCES STARNER -- Pacific New Service. Only American "journalist" in Vietnam.
18. HERMAN McDONALD -- Released from jail in Saigon April 27 and travelled to Xuan Loc. Believed detained there after April 30.
19. GUGELMAN (?) -- Myster man in Saigon, believed to be U.S. government employee. Seen by several other Americans. Believed under detention in Saigon, likely at the Chi Hoa prison compound.
20. TERESA REED -- Believed to be a nun or religious worker. No one I knew had talked to her, but her name showed up on a flight manifest in mid-August. She was scrubbed from the flight with four other Americans that day. She was seen at the airport and described as a youngish, plain American woman, Caucasian. Was not seen after that to my knowledge.
21. Y. L. CHING -- Native of Hawaii, tear-gassed by Marines as he tried to board evac helicopter with wife and children. "Wife" is Vietnamese citizen, as are children. Has another "wife" in the Philippines. Says he is an engineer and is Singapore-based. Served 23 years, he says, with U.S. Navy as merchant seaman(?). Living at Saigon Hotel at Le Van Duyet circle, corner Pham Ngu Lao.
22. Paul Norton -- Living at Bien Hoa at the ^{working} mental hospital there. ~~But~~ Believed to be a patient. ^{Former IVS}
23. FONG FILLER -- Legally adopted and naturalized American son of Lt. Col. Charles L. Filler, Newport News, Va. Married to VN citizen who is employed at the PTT in a minor clerical-type capacity.
24. MIKYO MAI-LAN -- Vietnamese artist (painter), female. Unknown how she obtained U.S. passport, but presumably by marriage.
25. RICHARD HUGHES -- Former Shoeshine Boys director. The group is no more. Hughes living in the Astor Hotel at last word. Brother Tom exited Vietnam prior to U.S. vote.

The following persons were detained after the battle for Ban Me Thuot in mid-March. All were known alive as of May 28, when letters from their detention camp just outside Thanh An district town, Pleiku province, were smuggled to Saigon. Since then, they have been moved, but no one knows their exact location.

26. PAUL STRUHARIK -- U.S. provincial representative for Darlac.
27. Betty Mitchell -- HUSBAND ARCHIE a POW in 1962 but never reappeared.
28. JOHN MILLER
29. CAROLYN MILLER
30. LUANNE MILLER (5 years old)
31. DR. RICHARD PHILIPS
32. LILLIAN PHILIPS
33. JAY SCARBOROUGH
34. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ NORMAN JOHNSTON -- CANADIAN
35. JOAN JOHNSTON -- CANADIAN
36. ENRIQUE TOLENTINO -- FILIPINO -- longtime U.S.AID employe
37. PETER WHITLOCK -- AUSTRALIAN -- ABC employe, based in Chiang Mai

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38. JAMES LEWIS -- missing at Phan Rang and widely believed dead in the rather ferocious battle there in mid-April.

As of Oct. 16, 1975, there are 33 Americans known alive in Vietnam South, plus Lewis. Information from Saigon indicates all but the Mielke family (1-3) and Frances Starner (17.) have applied for exit visas, and I know many had received them when I left Sept. 3. Mielke says he wants to continue VIVA work until gets a solid "no" from the government. Ms. Starner is doing research.

The mother of Michael Bailey has been told by low-ranking immigration officials her son cannot leave. She has not pursued the case to higher authorities. ~~XXXXXXXX~~

There are unconfirmed reports of other Americans under detention in the provinces. I rate these reports ~~as~~ very, very low -- first because Saigon is rumor capital of the world right now, and second because they do not tie in with other information tidbits.

According to government officials, mid-level and speaking off the record more or less, it is "known" that Struharik and Tolentino work for the CIA and Whitlock works at least for Australian intelligence and likely for the CIA as well. Since they were in effect asking my opinion, I referred them to the U.S. telephone book for Struharik's job and job title and told them I knew none of the three personally. There are, however, a fantastically large number of Vietnamese quislings pointing fingers and if the government tries to get "the goods" on anyone, there will be no lack of accusers at the people's courts. One of Mielke's frequent visitors, a particularly nasty North Vietnamese hard-core package of goods, told him he had several eye-witnesses who were prepared to testify Mielke was in Phu Cuong the previous day at a particular soup shot to get his regular report for the CIA. I don't doubt for the moment the eye-witnesses were available for testimony on a moment's notice. Mielke pointed out he could get his reports, if he desired, from any member of his family, since they travel almost daily back and forth to Phu Cuong, completely legally. Point of the story is that if desired, the heat can be turned on to boiling on any foreigner at any time.