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FROM: JCRC-LNB

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SUBJECT: Metal Boxes for Human Remains

TO: Commander, JCRC

1. Please refer to our report T85-104, JCRC BKK message DTG 300223Z MAR 85, wherein Mr. Ngo Van Sam claimed to have manufactured metal boxes to be used as containers for the remains of American servicemen.

2. Attached is a photograph depicting one of two instances when remains were repatriated using metal boxes. We call this to your attention in the event there is any interest (or anything to be gained) in comparing these boxes to the description of those allegedly fabricated by Sam.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul D. Mather".

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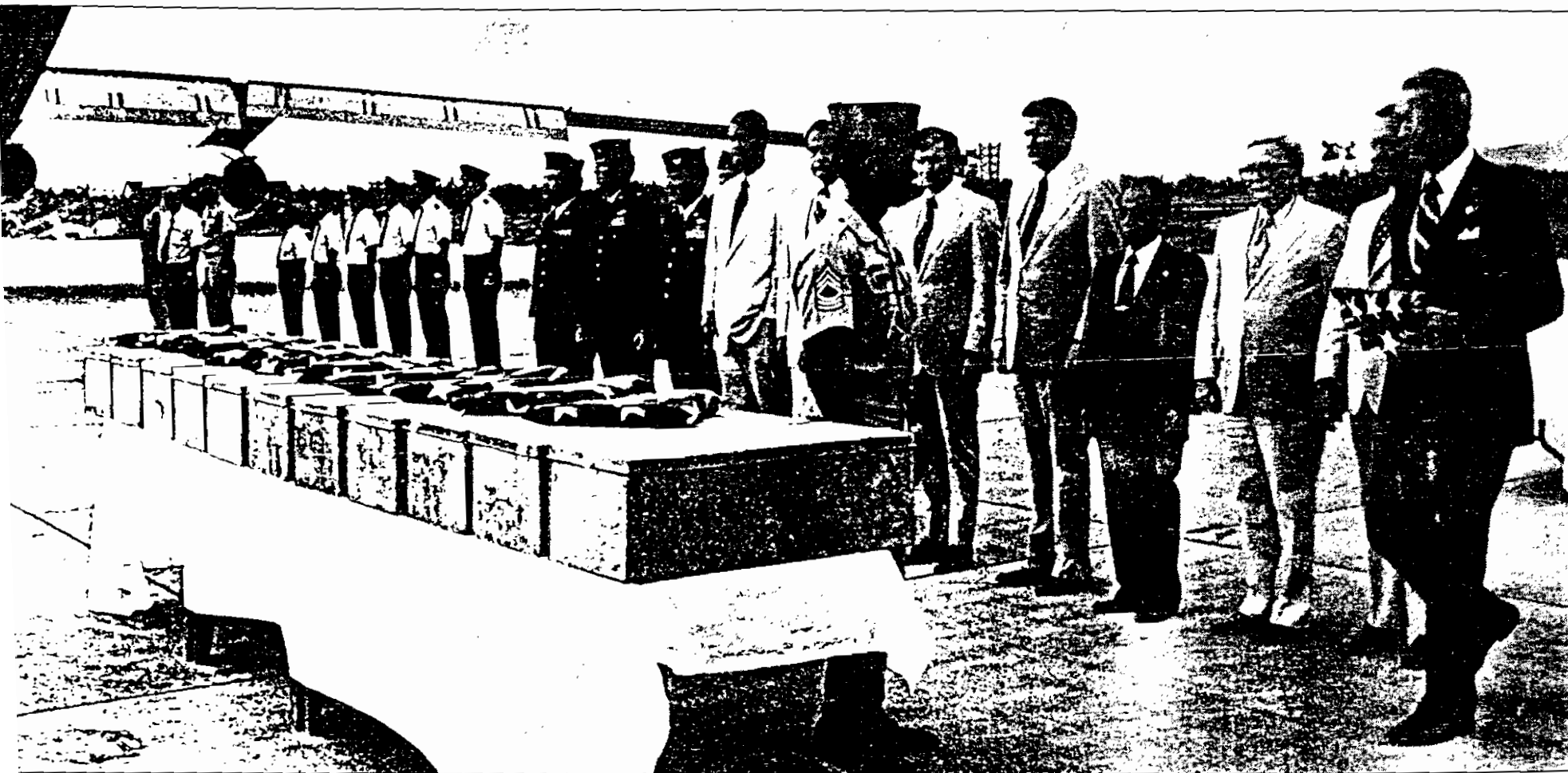
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...Vietnam, status change requests by families, military reviews had gradually depleted the MIA but despite the bureaucratic change in their status, addition of over 2,300 MIAs remained unknown. Rumors and reported sightings of MIAs in Southeast

homes, gardens, and recreational sites.

Most of the soldiers who came in contact with Agent Orange in Vietnam did not know of its possible toxic nature. Agent Orange was sprayed not only from airplanes and helicopters but also from trucks, river boats, and even



the belief that some American servicemen were and languishing in Communist prisons. In the r 1975, Southeast Asian refugees told of seeing of MIAs "enslaved by Communist authorities" ins hidden away by the government. At a Janu- enate hearing, for instance, several Vietnamese

In Hanoi on August 26, 1978, a U.S. Congressional delegation receives the remains of eleven American fliers for return to the United States.

backpacks. It was often employed to clear camp perimeters. A 1st Air Cavalry veteran recalled "After the 17 June