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Re: POW/MIAs and Glomar Java Sea Personnel Held in Vietnam;
Professor Vi Han, Ha Krong Boa, Mr. Pierce and Richard
Barker's Meeting With You January/February 1986 in
Beijing, China

Madame:

The recent attacks by the United States of America against Libya have made it necessary for me to convey my thoughts on the urgency of gaining the release of all POW/MIAs and Glomar Java Sea people from territorial Vietnam and Laos.

The United States Government, at this time, has found it necessary to engage itself in a mindless war against the Libyan Government. This action, as I am sure you are aware, could possibly result in a limited nuclear war between the United States and various Soviet-sponsored Arab nations. At the time of this correspondence, war has not yet been officially declared between Libya and the United States. However, the recent air strikes by American F-111 jets on territorial Libya could only be interpreted as an act of war by the United States Government.

The propaganda machine of the current United States Government has recently been operating at full force. The results in the United States of this machine, has been the preparation of the American people for a war against terrorism. This action by the United States Government is a duplication of the propaganda used during the early 1960's in the United States which led to the bloody conflict in Vietnam. There is, however, this time, a major difference, the potential of limited nuclear war. Escalation, by either side, during the recent conflict could potentially lead to a global conflict.

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I believe that the release of all POW/MIAs from Vietnam could defuse the pending escalation of military conflict between the United States and Libya. First of all, the release of hundreds of POWs would take the eyes of the American people off the Libyan conflict and focus attention upon military personnel the United States government chose to leave behind in Vietnam. Secondly, the release~~x~~ would remind the people of the United States of the unprecedented propaganda manufactured by the United States Government which killed thousands of people in Vietnam, similarities would be drawn by the American people between Vietnam and Libya. Thirdly, if prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict were suddenly released by Vietnam, it would certainly have a damaging effect upon the current all-volunteer armed forces of the United States, as no one would want to join a military service to fight a war for the current United States Government with the knowledge that if captured the United States government would do nothing for ten years to effect their release. Fourth, with the knowledge of live POWs held in Vietnam and the coverup implications of the United States Government's apathy concerning this issue, I believe the American people would not support military action against Libya, or any other nation in the world today.

As you are aware, the United States Government is not going to actively pursue the release of POWs from Vietnam, as it cannot for reasons of national security. In turn I doubt very much that the Canadian Government would assist with the POWs' release considering the current situation in Libya.

China, however, could become the world humanitarian nation if China's government would effectively gain the release of POWs from Vietnam. China would ~~be~~ then in a position to stop the mindless actions of the United States and Libya in potentially risking the lives of all citizens of this world. However, time is short, something must be done soon before a potential limited nuclear war becomes a reality.

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I do not represent any government at this stage. I am requesting that you try to make the current powers of the Chinese Government fully understand the urgency of the need for Chinese intervention in Vietnam. If I personally can be of any assistance, I place myself at your disposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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