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Mr. William E. Kirkland
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Dear Mr. Kirkland:

Thank you for your letter concerning Virginia's MIAs and the addition of their names to the War Memorial in Richmond. I agree that public recognition of these Virginians is overdue and including their names on the Memorial is an appropriate commemoration of their bravery.

Most of Virginia's MIAs are included in the listing added to the War Memorial in 1981. However, the Virginia War Memorial Commission was notified that there are twelve Virginians whose casualty status has been revised by the United States Department of Defense. The Commission membership will be reviewing staff recommendations regarding the addition of these names to the Memorial during the next two weeks. If the recommendations are approved by the Commission, every effort will be made to complete the project before July 20, 1985.

By copy of this letter I am asking Mr. Ron Sutton, Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Conservation and Historic Resources, who serves as staff to the Virginia War Memorial Commission, to keep you informed of the progress on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Robb".

Charles S. Robb

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cc: The Honorable Betty J. Diener
Mr. Ronald Sutton