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Dear Friends,

Attached is the intelligence report for this week. A lot of frustration, anger, and madness is out there on the live POWs. Reagan has had five years and "failed" to bring home one "live POW". It should be obvious that Reagan does not intend to rescue the live POWs. The State Department has "failed" to negotiate one man home. Congress has "failed" to enact an investigation. The Justice Department has "failed" to enforce the law and make the U.S. government rescue live POWs.

This week, let's focus in on the White House and Capitol Hill, on December ~~4th~~ 11th, let's call:

1. Gerald Solomon
   2342 Rayburn House Office Building
   Washington, D.C. 20515
   Phone: 202/225-5614

Tell him that we demand that Andy Zarutsky be fired for his action against public awareness, and we want open monthly hearings until the live men are brought home.

2. Robert McFarlane
   National Security Council
   Washington, D.C. 20506
   Phone: 202/456-6526

Tell him that we want the government to rescue the live POWs and respond to the Smith and McIntire lawsuit. We want our men home by Christmas.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Atta

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INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

1. Attached is an article that appeared in the "Washington Post" on November 22nd. It appears that an action group has surfaced that will produce pressure on the U.S. government. "The Insider" has learned that a group identifying themselves as "Special Forces" delivered a press release to the National Press Building in Washington, D.C. It appeared to be a letter to President Reagan stating that he had five years to rescue live POWs in SE Asia, but had made the conscious decision not to rescue these live hostages. Apparently, barricades and a sign were placed on four bridges leading from Virginia into Washington, D.C., along with oil spilled on the roadway. A sign that read, "Ask Reagan to rescue the live POWs in SE Asia" was placed in the road on Key Bridge, Roosevelt Bridge, Memorial Bridge, and the 14th Street Bridge. Bureaucrats driving to work on Thursday, November 21st were backed up and delayed because of this action. All Washington, D.C. TV stations carried the shocking story, along with all radio stations. Someone is trying to ask Reagan to rescue the live POWs in SE Asia. How shocking!!!

2. Radical action seems to be the method being used to demand that Reagan rescue the live POWs. Last Spring, someone attacked the Pentagon with 150-200 POW/MIA bumper stickers. The same action took place in Massachusetts at a military installation where 50 POW/MIA bumper stickers were put all over the place.

   Attached is a letter I sent to Dick Childress of the National Security Council in the White House, to point out that the White House is under seige by people who are dissatisfied with Reagan's lack of action on the live POWs, they are handcuffing themselves to the White House fence.

3. "The problem has less to do with national security than with the desire of every administration to have history recorded in its favor", "Washington Post", November 24, 1985.

4. On December 5th, the Task Force on POW/MIAs is going to hold a hearing. Everyone who can come should plan to attend. On December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, demonstrations are being planned. The week after Thanksgiving many Americans are upset because our government is goofing over the family members of the POW/MIAs. In Florida, there are a lot of screaming people because Ann Hart's casualty officer has demanded that the remains she was given, be turned over to be entombed in Arlington National Cemetery. A certified anthropologist has stated that Ann Hart's husband's remains "can not be identified as anyone". The military has tried to bury the problems where CIL has given name tags to bone chips that are unidentifiable. The problems at CIL are widespread.

5. On December 2, 1985 a lady who has gone out and purchased a pink dress specifically for the event, is bringing every vet in Florida who can take off of work, to Washington, D.C. to handcuff herself to the White House fence. She is mad, angered, and frustrated because the U.S. government is looking the other way on burying men who may very well be alive and failing to rescue the live POWs.

6. A month ago I sent out a survey form. Many people responded and many did not. Those of you who did not yet respond, please complete the attached survey form if you wish to continue to be involved in the telephone tree, live POW lobby. I will publish the results next week.

7. On November 14, 1985 the federal government filed an answer to the Smith and McIntire suit against President Reagan and others. Their answer - "It is a political decision (not to rescue live POWs) and not one for the courts to decide." What a lot of garbage. Apparently, Reagan's advisors have told him to stay away from the live POW problem and tried to duck out on his responsibility.

8. Last week when the POW/MIA Task Force had a meeting, Andy Zarutsky with Ben Gilman's office, complained to the wrong person. He complained to a member of "The Insiders". He said he had "received 70 to 90 phone calls since 1:00 PM the day before when the meeting was announced." Once learning that 20-30 "Insiders" were waiting down the hall for the meeting, Andy said, "tell them to go away as it is a closed hearing." The hearing was "open" and Andy lied. Is this the dedication that Gilman's office gives to public awareness on the live POW problem?

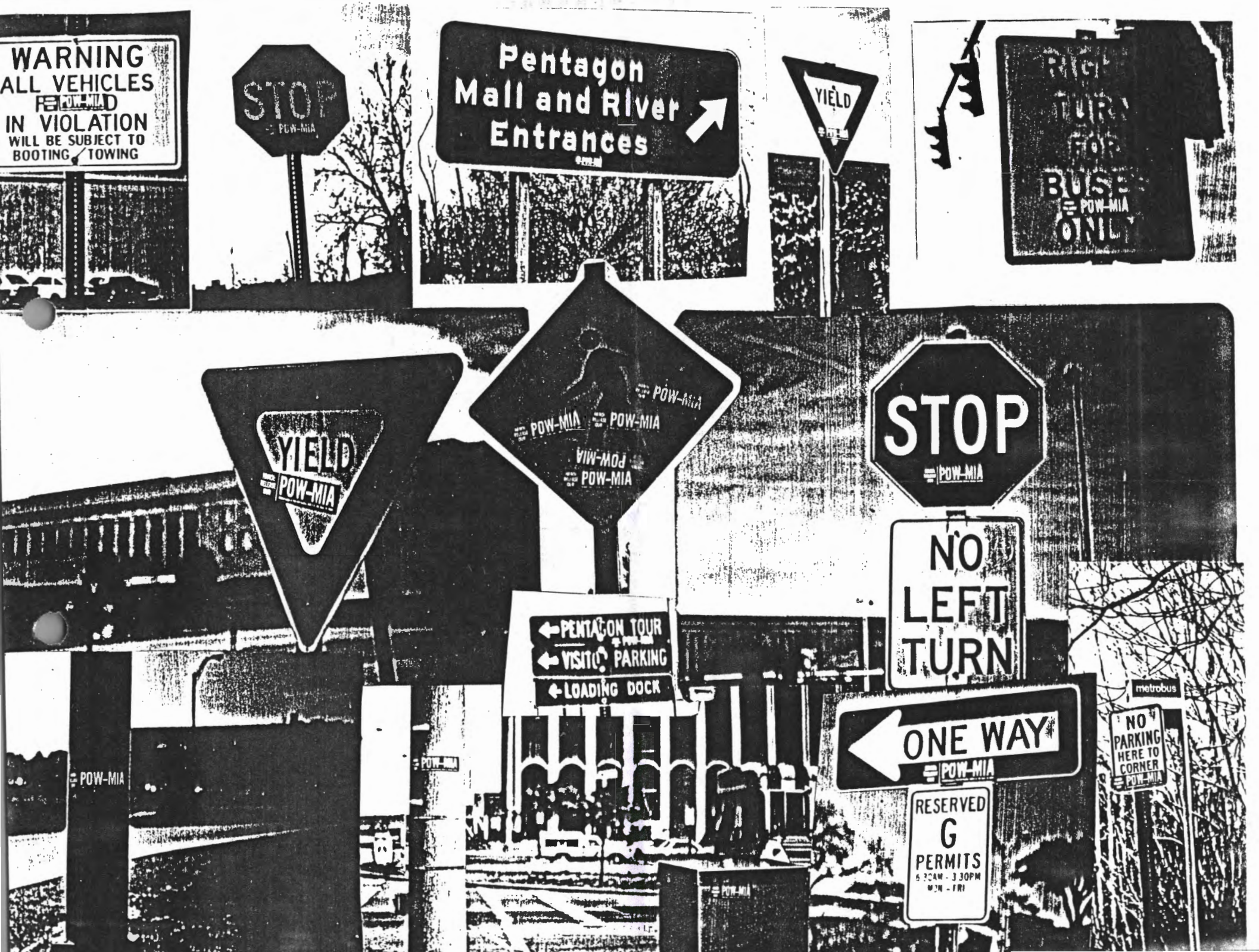
9. Attached is 20 reasons why the V.V.A. (of Connecticut) thinks that HCR 129 should be enacted by Congress.

Oil, Barricade Slow Key Bridge

■ Some motorists crossing Key Bridge from Virginia into Washington during yesterday's morning rush hour were greeted with a slippery mess after oil and a barricade were placed in their path, apparently as part of a protest effort.

The incident occurred around 8 a.m. in the far right inbound lane of the bridge and slowed traffic for 20 minutes while crews for the National Park Service, which has jurisdiction over the Virginia side of the bridge, removed the barricade and threw sand on an estimated four quarts of motor oil, according to park police Lt. Carl Clipper.

A banner and a letter to President Reagan found at the barricade indicated that it had been placed on behalf of American prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action in Southeast Asia, Clipper said. No one was at the barricade by the time U.S. Park Police arrived.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Congressman Gerald Soloman
US House of Representatives
2342 Rayburn House Building
Washington, DC 20515

Gentlemen:

Mr. George Bush is aware of your lack of effort to keep the "live POW" problem a non-issue. The White House has come under siege with family members, Vietnam veterans, returned POWs, and concerned Americans chaining themselves to the fence. Congressmen, town mayors, and Americans have written asking for a meeting on POW/MIA issues but have been ignored.

It is unfortunate that we left live POWs in Southeast Asia as prisoners. It was not Reagan's fault but it is Reagan's problem to solve. You are aware of the lack of attention given this "live POW" problem in the last five years under Reagan's leadership. Your name is on the check that came back from the bank stamped "insufficient effort".

It took from Saturday, May 9, 1970 when Sgt. Norval located Son Tay POW camp to November 21, 1970 at 2:18 AM for Operation Kingpin to hit Son Tay with a raid to rescue live POWs. It has taken you five years and you have not brought home one live POW.

On October 19, 1985 eight people handcuffed themselves to the White House fence protesting the lack of a rescue of the live POWs. They were:

1. Bruce Adams, NLF State Coordinator, POW son;
2. Lynn Standerwick, POW daughter;
3. Karen Standerwick, POW daughter;
4. Sherrill Standerwick Long, POW daughter;
5. Karen Hill, concerned American;
6. Jeff Marker, POW son;
7. Kendra Aaron, concerned American;
8. Ted Sampley, Vietnam veteran.

On November 9, 1985 six people handcuffed themselves to the White House fence protesting Reagan's lack of effort to rescue live POWs. They were:

1. Mike Clark, NLF Board of Directors, POW son;
2. Lynn Standerwick, POW daughter;
3. Karen Standerwick, POW daughter;
4. Margaret Nevin, concerned American;
5. Diane Thompson, concerned American;
6. Robert Garwood, returned POW, 1979.

Reagan was sued by two former Special Forces men who were employed in Thailand to locate live POWs. Once the live POWs were located, a rescue plan put together, the operation was canceled and these men were told to destroy the evidence, the proof.

Kathryn Fanning, Ann Hart, and several others have had the remains they were given under the Reagan Administration, examined by qualified professionals who could not identify these remains as being their husbands. Casket openning is producing criminal negligence on the part of the military.

The Department of Defense put out a letter denying any military personnel permission to participate in live POW activities on Veterans Day weekend. What happened to the boastful effort at public awareness spoken by all of you as the measure of success on the MIA issue accomplished by the Reagan Administration?

Corruption, deception, intimidation, cover up, and lies surround your efforts to stonewall on the live POW problem. Simply bring home the live POWs. As co-conspirators in the effort to leave these live American prisoners in Southeast Asia, it will cost you more than the price to gain their freedom.

If you wish the White House to stay under siege, continue to make bone deals and fail to rescue the live POWs. What have you done to rescue a live POW today? Let me know so I can take your name off of the criminal list.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Atta

cc: Stephen Solarz
Ben Gilman
General Vernon Walters
Robert McFarlane
Colonel Richard Childress
Vice President George Bush
Ann Griffiths
George Brooks
Richard Armitage
Sal Ferr
Chuck Trowbridge
Colonel Oburst
Paul Wolkowitz

POSITION PAPER - POW/MIA TRAGEDY

TO: CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES

FROM: CONNECTICUT CHAPTERS of NATIONAL FORGET-ME-NOT ASSOC. FOR POW/MIA'S, INC. AND VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

We strongly urge you to co-sponsor and actively support House Concurrent Resolution 129, the Perot Commission on Americans Missing in Southeast Asia.

We strongly urge you to oppose lifting the ban on aid to Laos when it is presented by the House Appropriations Committee.

We believe that there are live American POWs being held against their will in Southeast Asia today for the following reaons:

1) Reference date - March 1985 - The total number of Americans unaccounted for in Southeast Asia was 2,477. Of the 2,477 - 1,225 were MIA, 1,181 were KIA/BNR and 71 were known POWs left behind after Operation Homecoming in 1973. Known POWs include David Hrdlicka and Charles Shelton, among others.

2) March 1985 - There were 3,152 refugee reports. 716 were first hand reports of POWs. The breakdown is as follows: 633 Vietnam, 52 Laos and 31 Cambodia. There were 1,808 grave site reports, 531 POW heresay reports and 97 others.

3) Of the 716 first hand reports: 530 or 74% were resolved and 186 or 26% remain unresolved.

4) There are 43 irrefutable reports on the basis of "multiple pass" sightings on some lie detector tests.

5) Sgt. First Class Melvin C. McIntire, a Green Beret intelligence specialist, stated in his affidavit (Aug. 85) "I learned of approximately 200 living Americans in Laos who were prisoners of war through these sources. I was being provided information in detail sufficient to identify the number of American POWs being held in the general vicinity. I was also being told of the conditions under which they were held."

6) Melvin C. McIntire - August 1985 - "By January 1984 my sources told me they were going to bring out two American POWs in May of 1984."

7) Ret. Major Mark A. Smith, former POW - Aug. 85 - "By the early part of 1982, I and others were convinced that there were American POWs which were being held against their will. I came to this conclusion by cross-checking the reports of approximately 50 different agents, the majority of whom had no knowledge of each other and corroborated the information by cross-checking. I had personal contacts with agents who confirmed that there were POWs. In April 1984 in conjunction with preparing a briefing paper for a certain U.S. Army Major General, I received the code word from a general officer in Thailand that there were three American POWs available to be taken out of Laos in May 1984."

POSITION PAPER CONT'

8) Robert C. McFarlane, President Reagan's National Security Advisor stated, "How I really feel about it, I think there have to be live Americans there..... there is quite a lot of evidence given by people who have no ulterior motives and no reason to lie and they're telling us things that they have seen. What we need to do is to have better human intelligence in Vietnam. Now we don't. It takes time to get it. But I wouldn't pretend to you that we have done enough to even start. And that's bad. And that's a failure." October 15, 1985 Wall Street Journal

9) Lt. Col. Robert L. Howard, Congressional Medal of Honor Winner - Aug. 85 "Based upon all intelligence reports which I have seen, my personal experiences in this matter during this period of time, I am personally convinced that there are in fact live Americans in captivity and that there is an ongoing effort by the DIA to ignore such reports. I feel that a responsible estimate is that these Americans number in excess of one hundred."

10) General Eugene Tighe, former DIA chief, "had become convinced after seeing hundreds and hundreds of reports that the Vietnamese government had retained some military personnel against their will." He believes there may be 50 to 60 Americans still in captivity.

11) Former Marine Pfc. Bobby Garwood came home in 1979.

12) Bobby Garwood, former POW, stated Americans were still held in the late 1970's at four places - Bat Bat and Yen Bay prison camps, a military complex in Hanoi and a warehouse in a suburb east of Hanoi. He told Bill Paul of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "that he saw U.S. prisoners and heard about still others from Vietnamese prison guards between 1973 & 1979, during much of which time he was fixing trucks and doing other repair work in Vietnam." December 4, 1984

13) Soth Petrasi, a Pathet Lao spokesman, told the UPI on February 1973, "the Pathet Lao leadership has a detailed accounting of prisoners and where they are being held and that both sides in the cease-fire negotiations are ready to exchange prisoners once the fighting ends." Note: There was no cease-fire in Laos. Of the 566 Americans missing or captured in Laos, no one was ever returned home during Operation Homecoming.

14) Soth Petrasi told Col. Vincent J. Donahue (Ret.) who sits on the National Board of Directors of the Forget-Me-Not Association and his wife that the Pathet Lao had more than 100 American POWs. Col. Donahue is the father of Connecticut POW/MIA Morgan J. Donahue.

15) Anne Hart, POW/MIA wife - Aug. 85 - The CIL identified the remains of the thirteen personnel aboard the AC-130 Gunship as a result of excavation at Pakse, Laos. "I have come into possession of written evidence consisting of correspondence indicating that other members of the crew may have survived the incident in December 1972. This information generally consists of reports provided to me by representatives of the Air Force that five open parachutes and two piles of bloody bandages were found by a small Pathel Lao search team. These reports were given the highest reliability rating by the U.S. government."

16) Michael Charney, Ph.d - July 85 - After the examination of LTC. Hart's remains he reported, "Based upon my experience, I am able to conclude that it is scientifically impossible to identify said bone fragments as the mortal remains of any individual."

17) The findings of the Mark Dennis case were:
1. The individual returned to the family was 5'3" ½ - 5'4" tall. Mark was 5'11".
2. The individual had been killed by an American grenade blast.
3. The body had been burned by a gasoline fire (the helicopter operated on kerosene).

4. The dog tag accompanying the remains had been burned using book matches. The dog tag had been subjected to heat which did not exceed F180 degrees. The fire in the helicopter would have reached at least 1500 degrees.
5. The single tooth accompanying the remains was in the upper jaw number 14. Investigation showed that Mark Dennis had #14 extracted by the Navy a year before the crash incident.

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18) U.S. Army Pfc. Marshall Kipina, 7/13/66, was listed MIA, Category 4. Information obtained through the Freedom of Information Act are documents containing "positive" and "tentative" identifications of POWs held in a prison camp in the Viet Cong Huong Thuy District Committee headquarters. According to the report Kipina was a POW.

19) Kathryn Fanning had the remains identified as her husband, Major Hugh Fanning examined by two forensic anthropologists who have reported it is impossible to identify them as any individual.

20) Dr. Donald Parker had the 28 fragments of bone, identified as his uncle, James R. Fuller, Pakse Spectre-17, examined by an independent pathologist who concluded they cannot be identified as the remains of any individual.

We, the undersigned representatives of our organizations, believe H. Ross Perot to be the ideal chairman of the Commission for the following reasons:

1. At the request of the Nixon administration he was involved in the POW/MIA issue in 1969.
2. He was able to obtain the release of two employees taken hostage in Iran with no loss of life.
3. He is a well known humanitarian.
4. "Now, just reflect for a minute how terrible it must be to be left behind."

H. Ross Perot 9/9/85
Good Morning America - ABC News

We, the undersigned representatives of our organizations, urge you to investigate the facts which prove Americans are alive in Southeast Asia and being held against their will. Our POWs need your help NOW!!! Co-sponsor H.R. 129 and oppose lifting the ban on aid to Laos.

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LIVE POW LOBBY - PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Please pass this survey to all of your members who participate.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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TELEPHONE: _____

1. Do you call the target each week (circle one)?

   Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

2. Do you write a letter to the target each week?

   Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

3. Do you send a telegram to the target each week?

   Never Sometimes Most of the time Always

4. To whom do you think we should direct our effort? Please make suggestions and comments as to why.

	Who should we target?
A. Administration	_____
B. Department of Defense	_____
C. Congress	_____
D. State Department	_____

5. Would you be willing to pay $35.00 per year to receive this information?

   Yes No

6. General comments: (How can we be more effective?)