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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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To: The Secretary
From: D/PW - Frank A. Sieverts *1/2*

MIA's in Indochina

Your Peking visit has brought forth renewed requests from families that you ask about our missing/captured men in Indochina. Some obvious cases:

Eugene H. Debruin, civilian with Air America, captured in Laos September 5, 1963. Reported alive as late as July 1966. Communist media released photo of Eugene with Thai POW's in 1964. Not accounted for on any lists released by communist side.

Air Force Lt. Col. David L. Hrdlicka, captured in Laos May 18, 1965, and confirmed following year as POW. Not accounted for on any lists.

Navy Lt. Cdr. Ronald W. Dodge, captured in North Viet-Nam May 17, 1967. Photo appeared in Paris Match September 1967 and subsequently on cover of Life. Not accounted for on any lists.

Army Sgt. Donald L. Sparks, captured in South Viet-Nam June 17, 1969. Not accounted for on any lists.

These are some of the more obvious cases among those you raised in Hanoi during your visit February 11-13, 1973. Lists of all missing and unaccounted for Americans have been furnished to DRV and PRG officials through the Four Party Joint Military Team in Saigon. Lists of those missing in Laos have been given to Pathet Lao representatives in Vientiane.

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