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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1973

Dear Pete:

Thank you for your good wishes on my nomination.

You have my assurance that the men missing in action have not been forgotten. The President is determined that all of them will be accounted for to the degree that is humanly possible. The service of these men and the courage, devotion and sacrifice shown by them and their families, make it clear we can do no less.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

The Honorable
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MEMO FOR: NSC SECRETARIAT

Please staff the attached letter.

It has been noted by Mr. Kissinger.

*This letter will
be handled by
the Secretariat
(Carole Samson)*

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August 28, 1973

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Dear Henry,

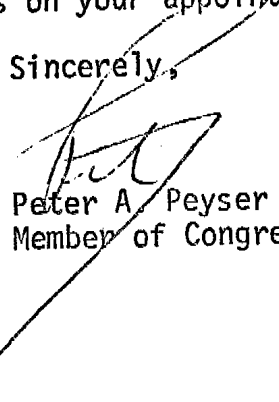
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment to become Secretary of State. This is certainly a reflection on your outstanding diplomatic achievements of the past four and a half years, and I have every confidence that the Senate will swiftly confirm your appointment.

I hope that one of your initial concerns as Secretary of State will be the men who are still missing in action in Southeast Asia. Hanoi has yet to live up to Article 8B of the cease-fire agreement and, as a result, the families of those missing in action exist in limbo. They do not know whether the men are dead or alive. No American search teams have been allowed to go into Communist held territory.

It is inhumane to allow this situation to exist. The peace treaty is empty for those families of men missing in action. I believe that it should be the highest diplomatic priority of this country to effect a complete accounting of all those who have served in Southeast Asia. It is my firm hope that as Secretary of State you will pledge to make this commitment to the families of those men missing in action.

Again, congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,


Peter A. Peyser
Member of Congress

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