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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
VIA : Chief, Services Staff
SUBJECT : Operation MILLPOND
REFERENCE : Memorandum for the DDO from Brigadier General Vessey, Jr., U.S. Army, Same Subject, dated 20 November 1973

1. This memorandum recommends your approval of referent request for CIA concurrence in briefing the next-of-kin of two U.S. Army officers who were killed in Laos in 1961. Background information is as follows:

a. The Air America operated facility at

[Redacted]

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Since Air America had only a very few helicopter pilots at that time, "sheep-dipped" U.S. Army and Marine Corps pilots were provided to Air America under MILLPOND until additional civilian aircrews could be employed.

b. The disposition of the two U.S. Army pilots killed in the [Redacted] was handled by Air America. The parents of the two pilots, both of whom were single, have only been told by the Army that their sons had resigned from the Army and apparently had died as mercenaries. The families have found this most difficult to accept. (b)(3)

c. I understand that one or two congressmen who became interested in the case also were never briefed on the true situation.

2. Given the time that has elapsed since the two Army officers were killed and the records now public on U.S. Government involvement in Southeast Asia, I strongly recommend

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that the records on these two young officers be cleared and that their next of kin receive the posthumous recognition and awards their sons so rightly deserved. If you concur in this recommendation, the attached letter addressed to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations has been prepared for your signature.

(signed) Evan J. Parker, Jr.

**Evan J. Parker, Jr.
Chief, Special Operations Group
Services Staff**

**Attachment:
Letter**

CONCUR:

1st Lt. [unclear]

4 DEC 1973

Chief, Services Staff

Date

APPROVED:

See letter

Deputy Director for Operations

DISAPPROVED:

Deputy Director for Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Chief of Staff for Military
Operations, Department of the Army

ATTENTION : Director of Operations

SUBJECT : Operation MILLPOND

REFERENCE : Your memorandum SPM 91-73, 20 November 1973,
same subject

The Central Intelligence Agency concurs in your proposal to brief the parents of Lieutenants Mateer and Wizbowski concerning the true circumstances of the deaths of those two officers. This Agency will provide any assistance you may require that is consistent with continuing security considerations.

William E. Nelson
Deputy Director for Operations

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