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May 14, 1982



A note

From Your National Commander

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Several times I have informed The White House staff and your staff that the address of the American Ex-Prisoners of War in P.O. Box 18957, San Antonio, TX 78218 and not in Tampa, Florida.

We continue to get our mail addressed to Florida, and there is always a delay in getting it.

Can you with this note, make the necessary change?

Many thanks again, and I look forward to receiving your informative notes.

Sincerely,

Charles

CHARLES A. MORGAN, JR
National Commander

*changed with
computer 6/7
File*

American Ex-Prisoners of War

CHARLES MORGAN • 434 BALFOUR DR • SAN ANTONIO, TX 78239

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Morton -

I spoke to Carol + Ann
at POW/MIA League of
Families - and they
have some very
interesting news about

Muller -

- 1) he has worked +
spoken for Penthouse
for 1 yr. or so
- 2) Penthouse has been

trying to get someone
to go to Hanoi

3) My local
chapters have
told them that
Mueller is all
out for himself +
wants publicity


4) he has a PR
person who works
for Sawyer + Assoc. -
political media
campaign -

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JUDY POND

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Speaker Request - Project Freedom

I have your memorandum regarding the October 20, 1982, second annual convention of Project Freedom for all American POWs/MIAs.

Because Judge Clark has been in communication with Mrs. Dole urging that we do all we can to assist organizations concentrating on the POW-MIA problem, I suggest that you invite Judge Clark to represent the President at this meeting. They will be delighted to have him and I think it likely he would be pleased to address them.

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Charlotte

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Ann Griffiths

OF (Organization)

POW/MIA

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. 223-6846 FTS
CODE/EXT.

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*I think Norton
should accept
the petitions!*
OK
Please set

RECEIVED BY

DATE

TIME

7/13

3:15

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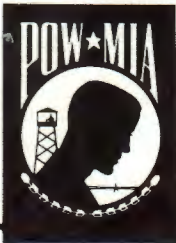
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 7/6

TO: Norton
FROM: Drama

For your info _____
Per our conversation _____

Other: Do not push for
President - he already did
a bill signing for them.
Fine for Mrs. Dole to
accept the petitions, if
she will like.



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

June 30, 1981

To: Deana/Notm 7/1
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION/
COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST.
RETURN TO CHARLOTTE BY _____

Honorable Elizabeth Dole
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Thank you and the members of your staff for initiating action on the proclamation signing ceremony which resulted in establishing July 17 as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Kathy Christiansen did an excellent job of working quickly and efficiently. The POW/MIA families welcomed this visibly supportive gesture by President Reagan.

The National League of Families will be holding its 12th Annual Meeting July 16-19, 1981, at Stouffer's National Center Hotel. A letter has been sent to the President, (copy enclosed) requesting that he either address the POW/MIA families at the annual dinner, July 18, or participate in National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies at the Pentagon July 17. Of course it is preferable that he attend the annual dinner; however, if he is unable to do so, it is hoped he would designate Vice President Bush, Secretary Haig or Secretary Weinberger. Your assistance in ensuring this request reaches the proper lever for consideration would be deeply appreciated.

In conjunction with the 12th Annual Meeting, concerned citizens and veterans organizations throughout the country have been collecting signatures on petitions, such as the one enclosed, in support of the President's efforts to effect the fullest possible accounting for the POWs and MIAs. The petitions are to be turned over to the President, or his personal representative, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day. It is our hope that you will agree to accept the petitions in his behalf.

An appropriate time would be Friday, July 17, at the beginning of the State and Defense Department panel discussion, which is set for 2:00 p.m. At that time, several hundred families, concerned citizens and representatives of the major national veterans organizations will be present.

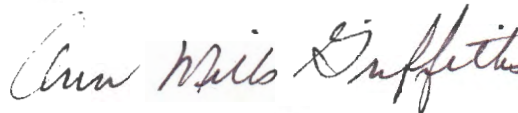
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Honorable Elizabeth Dole
June 30, 1981

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Again, thank you for your efforts on the proclamation signing ceremony. I shall look forward to hearing from you in regard to the proposed annual meeting activities.

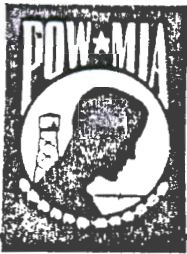
Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Mills Griffiths". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director

AMG/cb

enclosures



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

June 5, 1981

The President.
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National League of Families' 12th Annual Meeting will be held July 17 - 19, 1981, at Stouffer's National Center Hotel in Arlington, Virginia.

Several activities will take place in conjunction with the meeting, including ceremonies at the Pentagon to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day, July 17, 1981.

It is our hope that you will honor the POW/MIA families by speaking at our annual dinner, Saturday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. It would be our pleasure to have you and Mrs. Reagan as our guests for the evening.

In view of the critical status of this issue, it is most important that your long-standing interest in and support of our efforts be reiterated and enforced. The families have been told for over a year that the U.S. government is applying necessary resources to resolve the problem. They will be in Washington to see and hear, for themselves, the results of this past year's U.S. government efforts.

Should you be unable to attend the dinner, we would welcome your participation at any point during the meeting or the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies at the Pentagon. This visible support would be extremely meaningful to the families who have waited so many years for high priority, objective U.S. government effort to resolve their uncertainty.

Respectfully,

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director



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PETITION

Dear President Reagan,

On the day you took the oath of office as President of the United States, some 2,500 Americans remained unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. Over 300 firsthand live sighting reports, currently under investigation by the United States Government, indicate that Americans are still held captive. As you are aware, some of these men were captured almost two years before your first term as Governor of California.

Therefore, we, the undersigned Americans, join the families of these servicemen and civilians in looking to you, our new President and Commander in Chief, with confidence that you will take the necessary actions to secure their release and obtain the fullest possible accounting.

Respectfully,

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Please return this petition by July 5, 1981, for presentation to President Reagan on July 17th, National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Send completed petition to the National League of Families, 1608 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

File

Kathy,

Here's the ad I mentioned that
Project Freedom ran in "Soldier
of Fortune."

We were rather dis-pleased to
see them raising funds this
way for such "special projects."

- Carol

This is Neil Blair -
the guy who wrote you -

Ann Griffiths told me
this

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mike Blair is a
writer for very racist
Spotlight - Liberty
Lobby
very right wing -

Project Freedom

They are running ads
in Soldiers of Fortune -
to get ^{money to} get people -

Special projects - ^{in SE} Asia
to go across the
border -

Are there American Prisoners of War still alive and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia?



Accumulating evidence strongly suggests that there *are* American Prisoners of War alive and unaccounted for, and who remain in captivity.

There is an urgent need for a full accounting by *all* parties regarding information pertinent to missing and captive American servicemen.

There have been more than 350 "live-sighting reports" of American POWs since the Paris Peace Accords were signed in 1973, but the U.S. government has been unable to substantiate any of them. Previous administrations have been less than candid regarding the possibility that American POWs may still survive in prison.

Project Freedom is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to the task of finding out, beyond any reasonable doubt, the fate of those brave men who so nobly risked their lives.

Project Freedom's National Chairman is Col. Lewis Millett (USA, Ret.), a Medal of Honor recipient; Honorary Chairman is Gen. William C. Westmoreland; the Executive Committee includes Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub (USA, Ret.), Col. Charles W. Scott, the highest-ranking military man among the hostages in Iran, Master Sgt. Fred Zabitosky, the only recipient of the Medal of Honor for action in Laos, and Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown (USAR), Publisher of *Soldier of Fortune Magazine*.

There is much to be done.

You can help.

Funds are needed to conduct and support special projects in Southeast Asia — projects aimed at establishing the truth.

Please send your help in the form of donations to:

Project Freedom-Special Projects
c/o Soldier of Fortune
P.O. Box 693
Boulder, Colorado 80306

Make checks payable to: **Project Freedom-Special Projects.**

Tax-exempt status pending. All contributions will be given tax-exempt number when tax-exempt status approved.

JAN 20 1982

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JANUARY 19, 1982

NOTE FOR: RED CAVANEY
FROM: PATRICIA A.E. RODGERS

Attached is a request from Project Freedom to present a sculpture to the President, and Judge Clark's recommendation is that a member of your staff accept on behalf of the President.

Any interest?

Please advise.

*Monitor -
place holder. You
do not if appropriate
to ERB, let me
know.*

Thanks.

Call.

Offer

me to

*accept the
sculpture on
behalf of Pres.*

*wd as to I spoke w/ Dr. Yeager + he will get back to
presenting this to us.*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR GREGORY J. NEWELL

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*
SUBJECT: Sculpture Presentation (Project Freedom)

Project Freedom is among the smaller of a multitude of POW/MIA groups. Rather than groups such as this meeting individually with the President, we should strive for a meeting of group representatives nearer to POW/MIA Day later this year.

For now, I would recommend Elizabeth Dole's staff accept the sculpture on behalf of the President.

Attachment

Tab A - Incoming Correspondence

PROJECT FREEDOM

For All American POWs/MIAs

WAR PRISONERS MISSING IN ACTION

Western Office:
P. O. Box 41825
Phoenix, Arizona 85023
Phone 602-978-4797

Eastern Office:
P. O. Box 103
Woodgate, New York 13494
Phone 315-376-3615

LEST WE FORGET

General William C. Westmoreland, USA (Ret.) - Honorary National Chairman

Col. Lewis Millett, USA (Ret.)
Chairman

Dr. J. W. Yeager
Coordinator

M. J. Blair
Director

October 25, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

046338

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our honorary national chairman, General Westmoreland, our national chairman, Colonel Millett, our board of directors and membership, I would like to express to you our collective deep appreciation for the message that you sent to our first annual meeting in Salisbury, Conn., on October 21 and 22, 1981. Your reaffirmation of your administration's deep commitment to obtaining a full accounting of all POWs and MIAs from all wars, as well as your best wishes and support for Project Freedom, deeply touched all of those who attended our meeting. That you chose our meeting in Salisbury to make this clear statement of policy regarding the POW-MIA issue was a privilege for all who attended. It reaffirms, once again, our deep faith and trust in you.

Project Freedom has commissioned a painting and sculpture which depict the suffering and sacrifice of American POWs and MIAs. The painting is not yet completed, but when it is it will be presented to Congressman Robert Dornan of California for display in some appropriate location in the Congress. The sculpture, which was done by the son of our chairman, Colonel Millett, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, we would like you to accept for display at the White House, perhaps in the Oval Office. In this way, we feel that our much forgotten men will have a real presence in Washington. Please let us know your feelings about how you would like to receive this representation of our country's most dedicated and self-sacrificing patriots.

Respectfully,
Michael J. Blair
Michael J. Blair
National Director

"A lot of people talk about making sacrifices for God and country—but you have made them...A lot of people talk about hell and what it's like—but you have been there... A lot of people talk about heroism—but you have lived it."

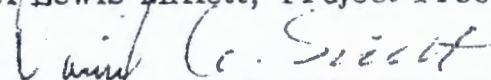
by Rev. Edwin F. Taylor, chairman, YMCA Armed Services

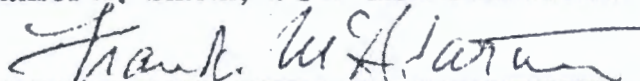
SALISBURY AGREEMENT

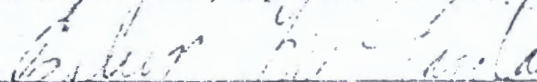
WHEREAS- Keeping with the spirit of unity that prevailed at the first annual meeting of Project Freedom for POW's/ MIA's at Salisbury Connecticut, as representatives of our organizations, we have reached full agreement among ourselves to fully cooperate in all meaningful ways to reach a common goal- the freedom of all American POWs/MIAs


THEREFORE- This 22nd Day of October, 1981, we the undersigned proclaim this as the "SALISBURY AGREEMENT".


Colonel/Lewis Millett, Project Freedom


Daniel A. Smith, POW-MIA Foundation


Frank McAtarian, Operation Red Ribbon


Eileen Taylor, Remember the Flying Pueblo Committee


George Brooks, National League of Families


Joel Cook, National Human Rights Committee
for POW/MIAs

To- President Ronald Reagan
The WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

ROBERT K. DORNAN
27TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
AFRICA
ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
TASK FORCE ON MISSING-IN-ACTION
HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
AGING
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
NARCOTICS ABUSE
AND CONTROL
TASK FORCE ON DRUG ABUSE IN THE
MILITARY
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON
HOUSE RECORDING



POW
MIAs

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
332 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-6451

DISTRICT OFFICES:
6151 WEST CENTURY BOULEVARD
SUITE 1018
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90045
(213) 642-5111
1815 VIA EL PRADO
SUITE 207
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90277
(213) 540-2951

March 30, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to President
For Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

I would like to thank you for delivering such eloquent remarks at the dedication ceremonies of "The American Spirit" last Wednesday.

We must all continue our efforts to obtain an accounting of our heroic men who may still be alive in Southeast Asia today, over nine years since the signing of the Paris Peace Accords.

Thank you again, Morton, for your continued efforts on this matter.

With kind regards,

ROBERT K. DORNAN
Member of Congress

RKD/fm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 17, 1982

Dear Ms. Geneslaw:

The President has asked me to respond and thank you for your letter of March 8 regarding the an issue of shared concern, that of the accounting for 2500 Americans missing in Southeast Asia.

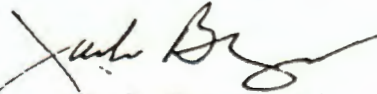
President Reagan is strongly committed to seeking out to the fullest potential Americans missing in Southeast Asia. Due to the lack of cooperation from the Vietnam and Laos governments, our efforts have been impeded.

The President has set up an Interagency Task Force to develop new avenues of approach that might lead to better cooperation with these governments and to hold these governments to their humanitarian obligations to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing Americans and return all recoverable remains.

This Administration will continue to press the Laos and Vietnam governments in order to obtain the fullest possible accounting of and return of all recoverable remains associated with missing Americans in Southeast Asia.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with the President.

Sincerely,



Jack Burgess
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Anita Geneslaw
Legislation Chairman
Department of New Jersey
Ladies' Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
447 E. 41st Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07504

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Fri. July 9th

8:30 A.M.

Cong. breakfast -

Pres. at 9:15 A.M.

personal commitment +
Support -

Stouffer -

July 9th

Ceremony - Pentagon

Vessey - host (JCS)

Denton - Senate

Sat. → 10:00 dinner
→ Weinberger
→ Haig

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MARCH 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: KATHY CHRISTIANSEN
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: FRED RYAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR *FR*
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH NATIONAL LEAGUE OF
FAMILIES, MIA/POW GROUP

As I mentioned to you, in staffing the enclosed requests for Presidential participation with this group, we were informed that Morton Blackwell was in the process of submitting a similar schedule proposal. If so, please review this material and return it with the proposal.

If you are not preparing an event in the near future, please let us know and we will inform these writers.

Thank you.



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

March 5, 1982

MEMO TO: KATHY CHRISTIANSEN
FROM: ANN GRIFFITHS *AG*
RE: LEAGUE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

Following is a suggested text for your memo:

"I have spoken with Ann Griffiths, executive director of the National League of POW/MIA Families, regarding their request to meet with the President. It should be noted that the National League is viewed by the government and others as the sole organization representing the families of the missing men. The efforts of Mr. Tom Kaiser, via Congressman Lent, to meet with the President, is not a request from the League of Families nor does Mr. Kaiser represent them.

Specifically, the League has requested a meeting between their officials and the President, to discuss the substantive issues pertaining to POW/MIAs.

Also, the League's 13th Annual Meeting, set for July 9-10 in Arlington, VA, will be attended by some 500 relatives of missing men from around the nation. We will shortly receive a League request for Presidential participation in that meeting.

Mrs. Griffiths has also pointed out that the President is the first in thirteen years who has not held a meeting with the League leadership or participated in an annual meeting. The League's nine member board of directors was invited to a bill signing ceremony in the Rose Garden last June, but they do not view that as a substantive meeting with the President."

Kathy, of course, feel free to revise or whatever. I am attaching a copy of my January 8, 1982, request for a meeting with the President.

Thanks so much for all of your help.

Kathy - please sign the typing - it is a little sketchy at best! (i)

W/with

January 8, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

On behalf of the members of the National League of POW/MIA Families, I respectfully request you meet with our leadership to discuss current U.S. government efforts to resolve the POW/MIA problem.

As you are aware, this tragic aftermath of the Vietnam war has languished nearly nine years, keeping the POW/MIA families in a continuing state of uncertainty. The weight of the evidence now points to the very real probability that some of our men are currently prisoners in Indochina. While we are pleased with the tremendous increase in efforts by the Defense Intelligence Agency to acquire accurate data and locate these captives, there continue to be some political roadblocks to total U.S. government commitment to resolve the issue.

Meeting with the League's representatives would clearly demonstrate your personal commitment, and that you are in fact assigning the priority and resources necessary to fulfill this country's obligation to a unique group of Vietnam veterans who have been virtually ignored all these years.

We look forward to your response, hoping it will be favorable.

Respectfully,

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

February 10, 1982

Ms. Kathy Christiansen
White House Office of Public Liaison
191 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Kathy:

Thought you might be interested in the mailing we are doing in an attempt to draw public attention to the POW/MIA issue and raise a few dollars. You'll note we used the President's picture on a little insert with the text of the POW/MIA Day Proclamation. I think it turned out okay.

Let us know if you get anything on the possibility of having the National ceremonies there this year. I know Ann is awaiting word, as are the VA and Defense folks.

Take care. When we all stop working this hard we need to get together. Maybe we will have to do it sooner, as work doesn't seem to be letting up.

Sincerely,

Carol Bates
Director of Public Affairs

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW-MIA FAMILIES
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006



Dear Friend,

A nationwide effort is being initiated to get our POW-MIAs home. You can help by signing and returning the enclosed POW-MIA Release Form and wearing one of the pins pictured above (the form explains how to obtain your pin).

You see, the Vietnam war still isn't over for the families of nearly 2,500 men who never returned. My family is included in that group.

Please let me tell you a little about myself ...

My name is Marian Shelton, and my husband, Colonel Charles E. Shelton, is one of those who never made it back. His plane was shot down on April 29, 1965, when he was flying a mission over Laos. He parachuted safely, was taken prisoner and held in a cave with Colonel David Hrdlicka who was captured a few weeks later. Neither man has ever been released and to this day Charles remains officially listed by the U.S. Air Force as a prisoner of war.

I thought you might like to see how I remember Charles, so I have attached a photo that I've been carrying in my wallet for all these years.

My deepest regret is that our five children have had to grow up without his love, guidance and support -- always wondering whether their dad was still alive ... whether he'd ever be with them again to share Thanksgiving dinner, or plan surprise birthday parties, or decorate a Christmas tree.

Even though we have been blessed with wonderful friends and family who care, it hasn't been easy for the children.

Our oldest son, Charles, who is now a priest, told me when he was only eight years old, "It seems no matter how hard I pray or what I do, daddy's not coming home."

And our youngest daughter, Joan, who was only 18 months old when she last saw her father, is soon to be married. It saddens me that she was never able to know her father and that he will not be here to share this most important day in her life.

When Air Force officials first notified us of my husband's capture, we all cried for days, and prayer became a way of life for my children and myself. For more than 16 years now, I have been going to church regularly, asking God to please bring our prisoners home to us.

That's the reason I'm writing this letter today.

I am a state coordinator for the National League of POW-MIA Families, a non-partisan group of relatives of missing men, dedicated to one goal: Obtaining the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and the return of remains of those who died.

To accomplish this, we must put as much pressure as possible on our own government and the Vietnamese government. But we can't do it alone. The American people must rally behind us, just as they did during the 444-day hostage crisis in Iran when the entire country pulled together in support of these captives.

But what about the over 6,000 days Charles has been captive and the 3,200+ days since the Vietnam war ended? Are we to forget the hundreds of men who did not come home -- as though they had never lived?

The League and U.S. government intelligence agencies have in their files hundreds of eyewitness reports of American POW-MIAs still captive in Indochina ... sightings of our men being held for years in underground caves -- being beaten, shackled and tortured. They can't come home without your help! Here's what you can do:

First -- and most critical -- send us a donation of \$10, \$25, \$15, \$50 or \$100 today. If your donation is \$25 or more, we'll send you one of the POW-MIA lapel pins. Our immediate goal is to reach at least 1,000,000 Americans like yourself by means of a massive mailing campaign to enlist their support in helping us put pressure on Vietnamese officials to return our POW-MIAs. But we need money before we can do this.

Secondly, we'd like you to send postcards to President Reagan and to the Vietnamese Ambassador to the United Nations, urging them to take whatever steps are necessary to have our husbands, fathers, sons and brothers returned to us. We'll send you two postcards bearing a pre-printed message to these two leaders if you'll check the appropriate box on the attached POW-MIA Release Form. All you'll have to do is sign and mail the cards.

Next, we ask that you solicit as many of your friends, relatives and neighbors as possible to help us, too. We need their support as well.

And please act immediately. Whatever you are able to send -- \$10, \$25, \$15, \$50 or \$100 -- will enable us to contact other Americans who are just as anxious as we to bring our men home. We must not break the faith with the men who wait in lonely communist cells.

The National League of POW-MIA Families is counting on your help.

Sincerely,

Marian Shelton

Mrs. Marian Shelton

MS/795-2

P.S. Remember, some POW-MIAs are still alive. As Americans, it is our duty to help bring them home. Please let us hear from you immediately.





Air Force Colonel David Hrdlicka

**"DON'T
BREAK FAITH
WITH US!"**



Air Force Colonel Charles E. Shelton

POW-MIA RELEASE FORM

National League of POW-MIA Families, 1608 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

YES, Marian, I will help support your life-saving mission through a national media campaign. I will not break faith with the POW-MIAs in South-east Asia. Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:

- \$100 will enable us to reach 500 Americans
 - \$ 50 will enable us to reach 250 Americans
 - \$ 25 will enable us to reach 125 Americans
 - \$ 15 will enable us to reach 75 Americans
 - \$ 10 will enable us to reach 50 Americans
 - \$___ will help defray expenses of mailing, tabulating, etc.
- My gift is for \$25 or more. Please send me an official POW-MIA lapel pin to wear for our men still unaccounted for.
- Please send me the postcards to mail to President Reagan and the Vietnamese Ambassador to the United Nations. Also, please write to my friends listed on the back of this form.

A minimum donation of \$5.00 per POW-MIA Release Form will be deeply appreciated.

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By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Throughout American history our prisoners of war have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices. In fulfilling their duty as citizens of the United States they have defended American ideals while suffering unimaginable indignities under the absolute control of the enemy. They remained steadfast even while their treatment contravened international understandings and violated elementary considerations of compassion and morality.

All Americans ought to recognize the special debt we owe to our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty. Likewise, we must remember the unresolved casualties of war—our servicemen who are still missing. The pain and bitterness of war endure for their families, relatives and friends—and for all of us. Our Nation will continue to seek answers to the many questions that remain about their fate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 17, 1981, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families. I urge all Americans to join in honoring those who made the uncommon sacrifice of being held captive in war, and to honor as well their loved ones who have also suffered valiantly and patiently. I also call on appropriate officials of the Federal, State and local governments, as well as private organizations, to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

Ronald Reagan

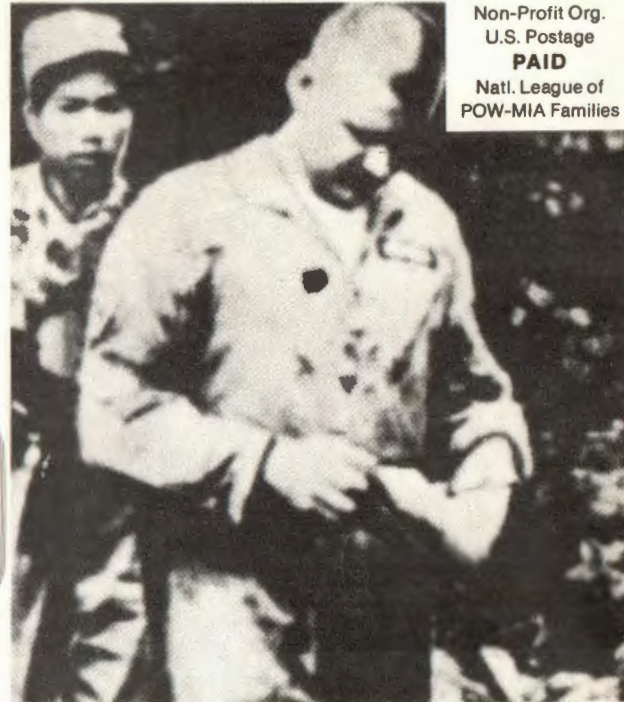


A Special Message from President Reagan on
National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day, 1981

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF POW-MIA FAMILIES,
1608 K St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

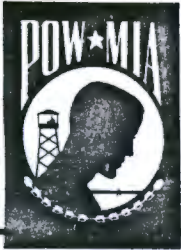


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January 8, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

On behalf of the members of the National League of POW/MIA Families, I respectfully request you meet with our leadership to discuss current U.S. government efforts to resolve the POW/MIA problem.

As you are aware, this tragic aftermath of the Vietnam war has languished nearly nine years, keeping the POW/MIA families in a continuing state of uncertainty. The weight of the evidence now points to the very real probability that some of our men are currently prisoners in Indochina. While we are pleased with the tremendous increase in efforts by the Defense Intelligence Agency to acquire accurate data and locate these captives, there continue to be some political roadblocks to total U.S. government commitment to resolve the issue.

Meeting with the League's representatives would clearly demonstrate your personal commitment, and that you are in fact assigning the priority and resources necessary to fulfill this country's obligation to a unique group of Vietnam veterans who have been virtually ignored all these years.

We look forward to your response, hoping it will be favorable.

Respectfully,

Ann Mills Griffiths

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

January 7, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell
White House Office of Public Liaison
191 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

With the increased public awareness on the POW/MIA issue, the League feels it imperative that there be a meeting of involved individuals and organizations to exchange information and coordinate efforts. Therefore, we are planning a meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 1982. Invited participants include representatives of all POW/MIA organizations, veterans groups, League state and regional coordinators, Congressional staff members who are instrumentally involved with POW/MIA matters and Veterans Administration representatives.

The meeting, set to begin at 9:00 a.m. at The American Legion Building Hall of Flags, will feature several government representatives who have been asked to provide a briefing on current United States government policy for securing an accounting and the steps now being taken to achieve that objective. There will also be ample opportunity in the afternoon for open discussion to exchange ideas, suggestions, and recommendations.

Further, on the following day, January 27th, the ninth anniversary of the signing of the Paris agreements, Secretary Haig and Secretary Weinberger have been asked to testify on the POW/MIA issue before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. This hearing should be of great interest to all of us concerned with the issue.

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It is our hope that you or a representative of your office will be able to attend all or part of the coordinating meeting on the 26th and the hearing the following day.

Due to the limited time before the meeting, please respond to me by telephone if you plan to attend.

Sincerely,

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 23, 1981

Dear Ms. Bates:

I am writing to inform you that my office has received the petitions for the President you sent us from the Vietnam Combat Veterans of Lowell County. I have brought these to the President's attention.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Carol Bates
National League of Families of American Prisoners
and Missing in Southeast Asia
1608 K St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1981

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

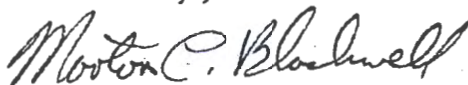
Carol Bates of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia has forwarded to me the petitions for President Reagan your organization collected. I will bring these petitions to the attention of the President.

I can assure you that the President places a high priority on doing everything possible for Americans still missing in action in Southeast Asia.

I commend your organization for its fine efforts.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

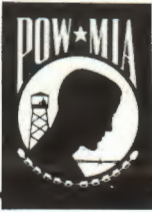
Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Jerry Schaefer
Vietnam Combat Veterans of Lowell County
967 Middlesex St.
Lowell, MA 01851

cc: Carol Bates



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OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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December 15, 1981

Ms. Kathy Christiansen
Office of Public Liaison
191 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Kathy

Enclosed are the petitions I mentioned to you on the telephone yesterday. These are from Vietnam vets who are working on the POW/MIA issue up in the New England area.

A letter from Morton acknowledging receipt of the petitions would be helpful. I have already written to them telling them I forwarded the petitions to the White House.

Thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,

Carol Bates
Director of Public Affairs

P.S. Send the letter to Jerry Schaefer, 967 Middlesex Street,
Lowell, MA 01851.



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December 14, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Office of Public Liaison
191 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell

We have recently become aware of House Joint Resolution 246, introduced by Representative Virginia Smith, which would establish January 20th as a day of recognition for all Americans held captive while in the service of the United States. Apparently the intent of this resolution is not only to honor all former POWs, but those still missing and others such as the Americans who were held hostage by Iran.

As you are aware, there has been a National POW/MIA Recognition Day, held in July, for the past few years. Such timing coincides with the League's annual meeting and allows for appropriate activities commemorating the day to be organized on bases and in communities around the nation. We look forward to having a similar national recognition day this July, and thus do not support H. J. Res. 246.

I have also talked with American X-POWs regarding this pending legislation. They, too, oppose H. J. Res. 246 and prefer that a national POW/MIA recognition day again be held in July in 1982.

They plan to seek Congressional assistance to establish an annual day of recognition for all POW/MIAs of all wars, at some time in the future.

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Sincerely,

Ann Mills Griffiths

Ann Mills Griffiths
Executive Director

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