

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

1. **BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

Figure 1
AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	501	110	35	0	656
NAVY	288	93	31	2	8	422
MARINE CORPS	27	205	22	14	0	268
AIR FORCE	244	170	273	19	0	706
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	0	23	12	5	0	40
TOTALS	569	993	448	75	8	2093 *

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

*INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

2. **ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 490 Americans from Southeast Asia.

Figure 2
AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973

VIETNAM	364*
CHINA	2**
LAOS	118
CAMBODIA	6
TOTAL	490***

NOTES:

* 31 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973

** 2 ashes returned from China

*** 4 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel; 1 from North Vietnam and 3 from Laos. They are included in the country count.

3. **U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 20,799 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

Figure 3
SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,877
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4,444
CRASH/GRAVESITES	5,021
DOGTAGS	9,457
Total	20,799

- a. Of the 1,877 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,781 (95%) reports are resolved.
- 1,249 (66%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (3%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 487 (26%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

b. The remaining 96 (5%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U. S. Government analytical and collection efforts:

- 84 (4%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
- 12 (1%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).

c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

Figure 4
TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	
65	10	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	96