

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

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:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	477	101	26	0	613
NAVY	272	90	28	1	8	399
MARINE CORPS	23	195	16	8	0	242
AIR FORCE	212	160	252	18	0	642
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	1
CIVILIANS	1	20	12	5	0	38
TOTALS	517	943	409	58	8	1935 *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	199	475	349	45	4	1072
DEFERRED	67	111	27	2	1	208
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	251	357	33	11	3	655
TOTALS	517	943	409	58	8	1935

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH CB = CAMBODIA
 CH = CHINA LA = LAOS
 * INCLUDES 459 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL: The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 650 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973
 REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	465	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	158	
CAMBODIA	25	
TOTAL	650	***

NOTES:

- * 34 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.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 21815 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1914
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4866
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5275
DOGTAGS	9760
TOTAL	21815

- a. Of the 1914 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1897 (99.11%) reports are resolved.
 - 1321 (69.02%) 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 (2.35%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 531 (27.74%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

- b. The remaining 17 (0.89%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 16 (0.84%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 1 (0.05%) 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:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	96	97	98	99	00	01	Total
14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	17