

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>					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	460	98	24	0	591
NAVY	265	90	19	0	8	382
MARINE CORPS	22	192	16	8	0	238
AIR FORCE	197	164	239	18	0	618
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	20	9	5	0	35
TOTALS	494	926	381	55	8	1864 *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	160	465	320	51	4	1000
DEFERRED	74	107	24	1	1	207
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	260	354	37	3	3	657
TOTALS	494	926	381	55	8	1864

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH CB = CAMBODIA
 CH = CHINA LA = LAOS
 * INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973 REPATRIATED BY:

VIETNAM	501	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	188	
CAMBODIA	28	
TOTAL	719	***

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.

This change reflects the identification of a USMC serviceman previously MIA in South Vietnam.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22423 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1953
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5106
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5595
DOGTAGS	9769
TOTAL	22423

- a. Of the 1953 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1903 (97.44%) reports are resolved.
 - 1326 (67.90%) 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 (2.30%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 532 (27.24%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 50 (2.56%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 44 (2.25%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 6 (0.31%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9769 “dog tag” reports on 8275 individuals reveal the following trends:
 - 7719 (93.28%) of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
 - 386 (4.66%) of the reports correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
 - 170 (2.05%) relate to individuals who remain unaccounted for.
- d. In all instances, dog tag reports receive thorough investigative attention, to include informing the military services of those reports with valid names so next of kin can be advised as appropriate.

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

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	Total
29	2	0	1	3	0	15	50