

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	450	91	24	0	574
NAVY	263	89	19	0	7	378
MARINE CORPS	22	174	16	8	0	220
AIR FORCE	194	158	230	17	0	599
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	20	8	5	0	34
TOTALS	489	891	364	54	7	1805 *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	194	484	297	45	4	1024
DEFERRED	38	53	28	5	0	124
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	257	354	39	4	3	657
TOTALS	489	891	364	54	7	1805

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

* INCLUDES 453 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST- JANUARY 27, 1973 REPATRIATED BY:

VIETNAM	601
CHINA	3
LAOS	208
CAMBODIA	29
TOTAL	841 *

NOTES:

- Includes 63 remains recovered and identified after January 27, 1973.

This change reflects the accounting of two Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers who were missing in action from South Vietnam.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22762 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1982
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5260
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5751
DOGTAGS	9769
TOTAL	22762

- a. Of the 1982 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.98%) reports are resolved.
 - 1341 (67.66%) 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 (2.27%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (28.05%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 40 (2.02%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 37 (1.87%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 3 (0.15%) 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	2006-2010	Total
29	3	0	1	0	3	4	0	40