

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 | 10 | 437 | 84 | 27 | 0 | 558 |
| NAVY | 259 | 84 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 369 |
| MARINE CORPS | 22 | 167 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 213 |
| AIR FORCE | 189 | 148 | 214 | 17 | 0 | 568 |
| COAST GUARD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CIVILIANS | 1 | 19 | 8 | 6 | 0 | 34 |
| TOTALS | 481 | 855 | 341 | 58 | 7 | 1742 |
| | <u>PURSUIT STATUS</u> | | | | | |
| FURTHER PURSUIT | 170 | 430 | 294 | 52 | 4 | 950 |
| DEFERRED | 51 | 74 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 134 |
| NO FURTHER PURSUIT | 260 | 351 | 40 | 4 | 3 | 658 |
| TOTALS | 481 | 855 | 341 | 58 | 7 | 1742 |

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

AMERICAN REMAINS REPATRIATED POST- JANUARY 27, 1973:

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|--------------|------------|
| VIETNAM | 641 |
| CHINA | 3 |
| LAOS | 229 |
| CAMBODIA | 31 |
| TOTAL | 904 |

This report reflects the change in country of loss from Laos to North Vietnam for two USAF Officers.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23176 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

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| FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS | 1996 |
| HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS | 5406 |
| CRASH/GRAVE SITES | 5882 |
| DOGTAGS | 9892 |
| TOTAL | 23176 |

- a. Of the 1996 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.29%) reports are resolved.
 - 1341 (67.18%) 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 (2.25%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.86%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 54 (2.71%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 48 (2.40%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 6 (0.30%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9892 “dog tag” reports have been received on over 10,000 names.
 - Generally speaking 93% of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
 - 5% correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
 - and 2% 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

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|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Pre-1976 | 1976-1980 | 1981-1985 | 1986-1990 | 1991-1995 | 1996-2000 | 2001-2005 | 2006-2010 | Total |
| 40 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 54 |