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SUBJECT: Forwarding of Information

REFERENCE: Telecon of 29 Jan 76 between  
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Per your request, attached is a list of  
U.S. personnel on whom there is survival  
evidence. This is not an all-inclusive  
list e.g. no DICs are listed, but repre-  
sents most of the "good" cases, as  
discussed in reference.

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UNACCOUNTED-FOR U.S. PERSONNEL  
with  
EVIDENCE OF SURVIVABILITY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
BLACKBURN, Harry L. USN, VN	CDR Blackburn's F4J took a direct hit by AAA. Both crewmembers were seen to eject and land near the target area. Determination of prisoner status was made by the Navy as a result of reviewing the circumstances surrounding the incident.
BORAH, Daniel V. Jr. USN, VS	Voice contact established during descent. Chute was observed to land. Beepers heard but no voice contact. Chute removed from trees 30 min. after landing. Two SI msgs indicate a pilot was captured on 24 Sep 72. Borah was only pilot lost that day. No subsequent information from any source.
BOWERS, Richard L. USA, VS	R. L. Bowers and G. Arroyo-Baez were captured together. One Vietnamese captured with them escaped the same day and reported their capture. Another Vietnamese also was captured with them, escaped and reported that Arroyo-Baez was alive but that Bowers had been shot dead during an escape attempt. The PRG indicated that Arroyo-Baez died in captivity, but it has never provided information on Bowers.
BOWLING, Roy H. USN, VN	LCDR Bowling was downed in an A4E on 17 Nov 65. Bowling ejected, but his wingman observed what appeared to be an inert form underneath the collapsed chute. There was no radio contact with Bowling.

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BOWLING, Roy H. (cont'd) USN, VS	Bowling's PW status was determined by the Navy due to the circumstances surrounding the incident. Since he was downed near a populated area, he was presumed capture, if alive.
CLARK, Richard C. USN, VN	LTJG Clark was downed in an F4B on 24 Oct 67. Two good chutes were seen. Prisoner status was determined by the Navy after reevaluation of the circumstances surrounding the incident.
COCHEO, Richard N. CIV, VS	The VC attacked and invaded Cocheo's home, resulting in his disappearance and presumed capture. Not identified on any lists furnished by PRG.
CREED, Barton S. USN, LA	A good chute was observed, and voice contact was established with Creed on the ground which indicated he had suffered a broken arm and leg during ejection. Subsequent SI information indicated he was captured.
DeBRUIN, Eugene H. CIV, LA	A photo of DeBruin and his surviving crewmembers in captivity was obtained from a Pathet Lao publication. Dieter Dengler and one of the Thai nationals who was a member of the DeBruin crew and held with DeBruin successfully escaped from the Pathet Lao and provided information on DeBruin.
DEMMON, David S. USA, VS	An intelligence source furnished Demmon's name and identified his photo as the American he had seen in captivity in CB. Not identified on any lists furnished by PRG.

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DEXTER, Bennie L. USAF, VS	Vietnamese eyewitnessed capture. Other intelligence reports confirm Dexter's capture. Not identified on any list furnished by PRG.
DODGE, Ronald W. USN, VN	LT Dodge was downed in an F8E on 17 May 67. Radio contact was established with LT Dodge on the ground who stated that he was being surrounded. On 17 May 67, a Hanoi broadcast equating with LT Dodge, stated that the pilot ejected and was captured as soon as he reached the ground. A post capture photograph of LT Dodge was also published in the September 1967 issue of Paris MATCH magazine.
DOYLE, Michael W. USN, VN	LCDR Doyle was downed in an F4B on 25 Aug 72. Two good chutes were noted. Doyle's PW status was based on a Radio Hanoi broadcast of 25 Aug which stated that an F4 was downed on 25 August in Hai Hung Province and that the aggressor pilots were captured.
DUCAT, Bruce C. USAF, VN	1st Lt Ducat was downed in an F4C on 2 Dec 66. Two good chutes were observed. Ducat's status was changed to PW based on Rumble's debrief. (Rumble was released in 1969.) Captain Rumble reportedly saw Ducat's helmet in Hanoi.
ERSKINE, Jack D. CIV, VS	A Filipino with Erskine escaped from the VC ambush and reported Erskine's capture. Three months later a VC rallier who had participated in Erskine's capture reported on the incident. About one year later sketches showing Erskine in captivity were captured. Not identified on any lists furnished by PRG.

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ESTES, Walter O. USN, VN	<p>LTJG Estes was downed in an F4B on 19 Nov 67.</p> <p>His PW status was based on a radio photo of his ID card and released by Hanoi on 21 Nov 67. Several ID cards were pictured and the caption indicated that all of those pictured had been captured in Haiphong.</p>
ESTOCIN, Michael J. USN, VN	<p>LCDR Estocin was downed in an A4E on 26 Apr 67. Estocin's wingman did not observe any ejection prior to cloud entry. No beeper was heard nor was voice contact established.</p> <p>PW status was based on a FBIS broadcast concerning a captured pilot near Haiphong on 26 Apr 67. The broadcast equated to Estocin.</p>
FLYNN, Sean L. CIV, CB	<p>Mr. Flynn, a photographer for TIME Magazine, accompanied by Mr. Stone, a cameraman for CBS, rented Honda motorbikes and left Phnom Penh on 6 Apr 70 travelling southeast on Route One. According to reports at that time, villagers in the area said that two Westerners on motor scooters were captured by combined Viet Cong/North Vietnamese forces in Svay Rieng Province. Later reports (received after Jan 73) indicate that Flynn and Stone were shot to death in mid-1971 in Kampong Cham Province.</p>
GARWOOD, Robert R. USMC, VS	<p>Allowed to write letter home after capture. Made propaganda statements for captors. Subsequent intelligence indicates he crossed over to the communists' side. This defection was confirmed by returnees who were in camps where Garwood lived. His current whereabouts are unknown.</p>

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GERBER, Daniel A. CIV, VS	D. A. Gerber, A. M. Mitchell, and E. A. Vietti were captured together. Other Americans witnessed their capture. None were identified on any PRG lists.
GODWIN, Solomon H. USMC, VS	A U.S.-trained Vietnamese intelligence agent who was held with Godwin escaped three weeks after capture and reported on Godwin's status. U.S. returnees confirmed Godwin's capture and reported his death in captivity. Not on any lists furnished by PRG.
GRAF, John G. USN, VS	Seen ejecting safely. Intelligence reporting confirmed capture status. A U.S. returnee held with Graf reported Graf escaped several months after capture. Intelligence indicates Graf drowned in his escape attempt. The PRG has not furnished any information on Graf.
GRAHAM, James S. USN, VN	LTJG Graham was downed in an A4C on 4 May 67. A good chute was seen and the flight leader observed the pilot wave during descent. PW status was determined by the Navy based on the circumstance of the incident.
GREGORY, Robert R. USAF, VN	Major Gregory was downed in an RF-4C on 2 Dec 66. His PW status was determined by hearsay information obtained in the debriefing of LT Matheny (released in 1968).

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GREGORY, Robert R. (cont'd)  
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Gregory's name was in the PW name system as his crewmember, L. W. Stutz, USAF (returnee) saw Gregory after ejection. Gregory was on a stretcher unconscious, but alive.

HALL, Harley H.  
USN, VS

H. H. Hall and crewmember, P. A. Kientzler, a returnee, ejected successfully. Upon landing, Hall observed to discard chute. After Kientzler was released, he stated that he received small arms fire while descending and after landing and he presumes Hall was also. On two occasions at capture two of his captors threatened to shoot him. Kientzler asked about Hall after capture and was told that Hall was dead. No information has been provided on Hall by the PRG. PW status was determined by the Navy on the basis of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

HANGEN, Welles  
CIV, CB

Mr. Hangen, an NBC news correspondent, was in a group of NBC and CBS newsmen when they were ambushed by communist forces in Kampot Province. According to Mr. Hangen's Cambodian driver (who escaped and returned to Phnom Penh), Mr. Hangen and two foreign journalists in the same car were taken alive to a house about three miles from the site of the attack. Based on information provided by a Khmer Rouge rallier, and substantiated by reports from villagers, Hangen and three others were held in the house for three days before being taken out and executed.

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HAUKNESS, Steven  
CIV, VS

Investigation of incident indicated that, according to villagers, Haukness and his roommate were captured but roommate was later killed. Haukness' remains were found in Aug 74 and identification was completed in Mar 75. The PRG did not include Haukness on its DIC list.

HRDLICKA, David L.  
USAF, LA

Hrdlicka's chute was observed opening, and he was seen on the ground. One flight member believed he saw Hrdlicka being supported or led away by natives. A helicopter pilot landed at a nearby village and was told Hrdlicka had been picked up by the Pathet Lao. Rallier reports indicated he was a prisoner. A post capture photo of Hrdlicka was obtained from several sources. FBIS letter and tape allegedly made by Hrdlicka in captivity in 1966 was obtained.

JOHNS, Vernon Z.  
USA, VS

Johns was last seen alive by other members of his unit a short time before he disappeared while his unit was under attack. He was presumed to have been captured. No subsequent information in any form.

LINDLAND, Donald F.  
USN, VN

LCDR Lindland was downed in an A6A on 6 Sep 72. Both crewmen ejected with good chutes, and were subsequently seen on the ground.

Lindland's PW status was based on the circumstances of the incident as well as a foreign broadcast that indicated "aggressor pilots" were captured on 6 September. Lindland and his crewmember were the only pilots downed and not recovered on 6 September.

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MAYER, Roderick L. USN, VN	<p>LT Mayer was downed in an F4B on 17 Oct 65. Both crewmembers - ejected. One (LTJG D. R. Wheat, returnee) crewmember was observed alive and well, the other was observed lying on the ground with no movement noted. Just prior to the arrival of a helicopter on the scene, both crewmen disappeared.</p> <p>LT Mayer's PW status was based on the circumstances surrounding the incident.</p>
McLEAN, James H. USA, VS	<p>Vietnamese witnesses saw VC lead McLean off. Several released or escaped ARVN identified McLean as American held with them. The PRG has never provided any information on him.</p>
METZ, James H. USAF, VN	<p>Major Metz was downed in an F105D on 15 Apr 68. A good chute was observed and a beeper was heard.</p> <p>Metz's PW status was based on the circumstances of the incident as well as a foreign broadcast of 16 Apr 68 concerning the capture of a U.S. pilot, the shootdown details of which equate with Maj Metz.</p>
MITCHELL, Archie E. CIV, VS	<p>A. M. Mitchell, D. A. Gerber, and E. A. Vietti were captured together. Other Americans witnessed their capture. None were identified on any PRG lists.</p>
MONROE, Vincent D. USN, VN	<p>LCDR Monroe was downed in an RA5C on 18 May 68. Two good chutes were seen and two beepers were heard.</p> <p>Monroe's PW status was based on the circumstances of the incident as well as a Radio Hanoi broadcast announcing the capture of two pilots at the time and place of LCDR Monroe's loss.</p>

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PATTERSON, James K.  
USN, VN

LT Patterson was downed in an A6A on 19 May 67. Radio contact was established with LT Patterson who reported that he had a badly broken leg and probably could not move.

His PW status was based on the circumstances surrounding the incident.

PHILLIPS, Robert P.  
USA, VS

R. P. Phillips and J. M. Roza were last seen riding in a jeep. The vehicle was later found abandoned. Subsequent intelligence reports indicated the men had been captured. No information on these men has been provided by the PRG.

POWERS, Trent R.  
USN, VN

LCDR Powers was downed in an A4E on 31 Oct 65. Powers was observed to eject and was seen descending with a good chute.

PW status was determined by the Navy on the basis of the circumstances surrounding the incident.

PRICE, Bunyan D.  
USA, CB

SP5 Price was a passenger aboard a UH1H helicopter which was downed near Memot, Kampong Cham Province, Cambodia.

In June 1971, three ARVN privates escaped from a PW camp near Kratie City. According to their report, one U.S. PW was being detained in the same camp. All three sources separately identified SP5 Price from a group of photographs. Based on the ARVN debriefs, SP5 Price's status was changed from missing to captured.

A intelligence report received after January 1973, however, indicates that Price was killed when he refused to surrender to the Viet Cong at the time of the incident.

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PRIDEMORE, Dallas R. USA, VS	Taken by VC from the house of his Vietnamese girlfriend. Vietnamese eyewitnesses present. No information provided by PRG.
PUTNAM, Charles L. USN, VN	CDR Putnam was downed in an RA5C on 9 Mar 67. Two good chutes were observed and the escort crew believed they saw Putnam running along the beach. Putnam's crew-member was captured, but subsequently escaped and was recovered when U.S. aircraft appeared and started strafing the North Vietnamese militia. Putnam's PW status was based on the circumstances surrounding the incident.
RAY, James M USA, VS/CB	Survivors of the ambush involving Ray stated he was captured as did RVN troops who were also captured but released soon thereafter.
REHE, Richard R. USA, VS	An American who was released prior to Operation Homecoming stated that Rehe and D. Sykes were captured with him. A later U.S. returnee stated that both men died in captivity. Neither were on the PRG DIC list.
REILLY, Edward D. USA, VS	E. D. Reilly's interrogation papers were captured. The PRG has never furnished any information on subject.
REYNOLDS, Terry L. CIV, CB	Mr. Reynolds, a UPI reporter, and Mr. Alan Hiron, an Australian UPI photographer, were reported missing on 26 Apr 72. The automobile in which they were driving was found at the site of an enemy road block on Route 1 in Prey Veng Province, Cambodia. Their photo equipment was found in the abandoned car. According to villagers in the area,

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REYNOLDS, Terry L. (cont'd) CIV, CB	both journalists were captured and led away by Communist forces.. In early May 1972, a Viet Cong rallier reportedly observed two Caucasians, equating to Reynolds and Hiron, who had recently been captured. Another report equating favorably to Reynolds indicated that he was being held in Sampan Loeu Hamlet, about 40 kilometers southeast of Phnom Penh in June 1972.
ROZO, James M. USA, VS	J. M. Rozo and R. P. Phillips were last seen riding in a jeep. The vehicle was later found abandoned. Subsequent intelligence reports indicated the men had been captured. No information on these men has been provided by the PRG.
SCHMIDT, Walter R. Jr. USMC, VS	Shot down in aircraft. Voice contact made after landing. He reported he was suffering a possible broken leg. No further information from any source.
SHELTON, Charles E. USAF, LA	Voice contact was made with Shelton on the ground and he indicated he was in good condition. Rallier reports indicated he was a prisoner. Special indigenous rescue team confirmed Shelton was a prisoner.
SIMPSON, James E. CIV, VS	J. E. Simpson disappeared while driving a jeep. The jeep was later found. A rallier reported sighting an individual correlating to Simpson in captivity.
SMALL, Burt C. USA, VS	B. C. Small was seen to be surrounded by enemy troops after his unit was ambushed. A captured enemy soldier who helped organize the ambush said that Small was wounded in the leg and walked away from the ambush site in the custody

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SMALL, Burt C. (cont'd) USA, VS	of NVA soldiers. No information has been provided by the PRG on Small's fate.
SPARKS, Donald L. USA, VS	Letters written by Sparks while a PW were captured. Subsequent intelligence indicates Sparks possibly died. The PRG has not furnished information on Sparks.
STONE, Dana CIV, CB	Mr. Stone, a cameraman for CBS, accompanied by Mr. Flynn, a photographer for TIME Magazine, rented Honda motorbikes and left Phnom Penh on 6 Apr 70 travelling southeast on Route One. According to reports at that time, villagers in the area said that two Westerners on motor scooters were captured by combined Viet Cong/North Vietnamese forces in Svay Rieng Province. Later reports (received after Jan 73) indicate that Stone and Flynn were shot to death in mid-1971 in Kampong Cham Province.
SULLIVAN, James E. USN, VN	LCDR Sullivan was downed in an A7 on 29 Oct 72 in the Gulf of Tonkin. SAR forces observed the pilot being picked up by North Vietnamese fishing boats. PW status was based on the circumstances of the incident. A foreign broadcast of 30 Oct 72 stated that U.S. aircraft strafed the boat carrying the captured pilot and that he was killed by his own men.
SYKES, Derri USA, VS	An American who was released prior to Operation Homecoming stated that Sykes and R. Rehe were captured with him. A later U.S. returnee stated that both men died in captivity. Neither were on the PRG DIC list.

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TEAGUE, James E. USN, VN	<p>LTJG Teague was downed in an F4B on 19 Nov 67.</p> <p>His PW status was based on a radio photo of his ID card released by Hanoi on 21 Nov 67. Several ID cards were pictured and the caption indicated that all of those pictured had been captured in Haiphong.</p>
TERRILL, Philip B. USA, VS	<p>High degree of correlation between VC and Hanoi radio broadcasts describing capture of two Americans and the circumstances surrounding the loss of P. B. Terrill and J. Salley. Also, several sighting reports correlated well to the two men. Statuses confirmed by U.S. returnees who said both men died after capture. Salley was on the PRG DIC list, but Terrill was not.</p>
TROMP, William L. USN, VN	<p>LTJG Tromp was downed in an AlH over the Gulf of Tonkin on 17 Apr 66.</p> <p>Tromp's PW status was based on a foreign broadcast which reported the shootdown and capture of U.S. pilots in Ha Tinh and Quang Binh Provinces on 16-17 Apr 66. Tromp was downed off the coast of Ha Tinh Province on 17 April. Two USAF personnel were shot down on 16 April in Quang Binh Province. Both USAF personnel were captured and returned during Operation Homecoming.</p>
TUCKER, Edwin B. USN, VN	<p>LCDR Tucker was downed in an F8C on 24 Apr 67. LCDR Tucker ejected and was observed landing in the city of Hon Gia.</p> <p>LCDR Tucker's PW status was based on the circumstances surrounding the incident.</p>

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VAN BENDEGOM, James L. USA, VS	Identified in photograph showing four captured Americans. Upon repatriation of U.S. PWs, this ID was proved erroneous. However, the returnees indicated that Van Bendegom was indeed captured but died of wounds. He was not listed on the PRG DIC list.
VESCELIOUS, Milton J. USN, VN	<p>LCDR Vescelious was downed in an RF8G near Haiphong on 21 Sep 67. He ejected from the aircraft and was observed on the ground standing and surrounded by the local populace. Prisoner status was based on the circumstances surrounding the incident.</p>
VIETTI, Eleanor A. CIV, VS	<p>E. A. Vietti, D. A. Gerber, and A. M. Mitchell were captured together. Other Americans witnessed their capture. None were identified on any PRG lists.</p>
WILES, Marvin B. USN, VN	<p>LT Wiles was downed in an A7E on 6 May 72. A good chute was seen and the pilot landed in a village. Prisoner status was based on circumstances of the incident as well as SI material relating to the incident.</p>
YONAN, Kenneth USA, VS	<p>PW status based on intelligence report that individual equating to Yonan evaded for 30 days before he was captured. The PRG has not furnished any information on Yonan.</p>