

Summer 1991: A flood of new evidence of live POWs from Southeast Asia: pictures, handwriting samples, blood samples, fingerprints, footprints, maps and other physical proof. The Bush administration disregards the evidence, and attempts to discredit it by rumor and innuendo. Some of had photos are scientifically validated by nationally recognized experts, none of them has never been scientifically proved.

June 5, 1992: Lt. Peter R. Matthes USAF puts his authenticator code - *GX2527* - outside his prison camp in North Vietnam.

June 1992: Maj. Henry M. Serex USAF puts his last name and secret authenticator code - *72TA88* - right outside the prison wall of a second prison camp where he was being held in North Vietnam.

Both locations were photographed because of solid live-sighting reports of U.S. POWs being held at these locations. Furthermore, these are just the latest satellite photographs made public of LIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR held captive in Southeast Asia since the mid 1970's. There is not doubt there are more.

The Smoking Gun Has Been Found

Since the dissolution of the USSR, a treasure trove of evidence has turned up in communist files. In spite of the best efforts of the United States Government, the truth is coming out. For instance, in 1993, Steven Morris, a scholar from Harvard University's Russian Research Center, discovered a Top Secret document in the files of the Central Committee, Communist Party Soviet Unions, International Department (formerly know as COMINTERN) General Tran Van Quang Deputy Chief of staff of the North Vietnamese Army authored a report dated September 15, 1972 to the North Vietnamese Politburo, which ended up in the Russian Intelligence archives. This document provided detailed account of **1,205 live American POWs** then held in 11 North Vietnamese prisons. The General's statements are quite revealing: *"1,205 American prisoners of war located in the prisons of Vietnam - this is a big number. Officially, until now, we published a list of only 368 prisoners of war, the rest we have not revealed. The government of the U.S.A. knows this well but it does not know the exact number of prisoners of war, and can only make guesses based on its losses."*

Note that this report is dated 4 months *before* the war ended. It only includes POWs held by North Vietnam in North Vietnam up to that point. However, it does *not* include Prisoners of War held in South Vietnam by the Viet Cong, those POWs held in Laos by the Pathet Lao, or those POWs held in Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge.

POW/MIA Report:

American POWs Taken to USSR from Korea and Vietnam Wars

On Friday, September 17 1996, Congressman Bob Dornan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Military personnel of the House National Security Committee,

held another hearing on the POW/MIA issue, Testifying under oath were Colonel (Ret.) Philli Corso, former National Security Council aid and POW issue specialist to President Dwight DI Eisenhower; and Czechoslovakian Major General Jan Sejna, the highest ranking defector ever to come to the U.S, from behind the Iron Curtain. Both men testified from personal, firsthand knowledge they possess about American and allied Prisons of War taken to the Soviet Union after the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and what the Russians used them for. The Soviets used POWs to train military doctors in field medicine and to the effects of chemical and biological warfare agents and to test the of atomic radiation. Between 1961 and 1963 Gen. Sejan estimates at least 200 Americans were shipped to the Soviet Union through Czechoslovakia. Gen. Sejna also knew that the POWS were given to the Chinese.

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There are LIVE American POWs in S.E. Asia!!

A senate aide confided that the POW issue is not a high priority because there is "no public interest". We don't believe that's true. Please support our efforts. Read the enclosed information. Then write or call your elected representative and ask if they have ever requested or had a classified debriefing on the POW/MIA issue.

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Can We Make A Difference? Yes, We Can!

S-484 and HR-1926, "**The Bring Them Home Alive Act of 2000**" is now public law 106-484. Public law 106-484 states that any person from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, North Korea, China, or the former states of the former Soviet Union that helps bring out a live American Prisoner of War (POW) will get refugee or amnesty status for them and their family.

S-1339, "**Persian Gulf War POW/MIA Accountability Act of 2002**" is now public law 107-258. This bill amends the Bring Them Home Alive Act of 200 and grants refugee status to nationals of Iraq or greater Middle East region for assisting in the return of POW/MIAs. This bill is also called the "**Speicher Bill**" and also includes any future wars or conflicts.

S-1226, "**The POW/MIA Memorial Flag Act**" is now public law 106-323. This bill states the POW/MIA flag will fly below the American flag every day the American flag is flown at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Korean Veterans Memorial and the WW II Veterans Memorial.

*Kentucky was the only state that had all
of our Congressmen and Senators on as co-sponsors.*

American POW's Left Behind

By David S. Sullivan

Recently retired Senior Professional Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and Personal Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services.

There are ten bodies of evidence showing clearly that scores of American POWs were left behind in Indochina, especially in Laos and also in the former Soviet Union.

First - There is important but still mostly secret White House and Diplomatic evidence involving Dr. Henry Kissinger's "Back Channel" negotiations with the North Vietnamese, and also President Nixon's "Watergate Tapes", showing that they knowingly left behind at least 87 POWs, especially in Laos.

Second - There is voluminous evidence of American POWs left behind in Indochina from hundreds of human sources, including the thousands of "Live Sighting" reports of varying credibility about U.S. POWs in Indochina by refugees, defectors and Americans.

Third - There is important and reliable "HUMINT" (human intelligence) evidence from recruited and paid CIA and DIA espionage agents on the ground in Indochina.

Fourth - There is credible evidence, from the highest ranking defector from a communist country we have ever received that many American POWs were transferred to Eastern Europe and to the former Soviet Union during the Vietnam War, were interrogated there on strategic subjects, were then used inhumanely for chemical and biological weapons experiments, and WERE NEVER RETURNED. **Fifth** - There is extensive hard, physical evidence from aerial and satellite imagery, of unique emergency signals associated with SPECIFIC downed U.S. pilots, laboriously etched into the ground by probable American POWs left behind in Indochina.

Sixth - There is extensive, conclusive evidence from signals intelligence intercepts concerning American POWs held captive in Indochina after 1973.

Seventh - Because of all the converging evidence listed already, a U.S. covert action reconnaissance mission into Laos was mounted in 1981, and while this mission was botched and compromised, there are credible reports that even this aborted CIA mission detected a least on American POW held in Laos.

Eighth - There is evidence, NOT discussed in the Select Committee Report, from 1967 State Department cables that American POWs captured in Indochina who never came home were held under Soviet control in Eastern Europe. For example in East German and Czechoslovakia, consistent with the high level Czech defector's testimony (Major General Jan Sehna).

Ninth - There is evidence, NOT discussed in the Select Committee Report, from a credible Soviet fighter-bomber pilot who defected in 1989, that American POWs were assembled and kept in the Soviet Union during the Vietnam War.

Tenth - There is evidence, NOT discussed in the Select Committee Report, from a sensitive CIA source that as many as 700 American POWs, similar to at least 300 French POWs surviving from the First Indochina War, were kept behind in Vietnam as late as 1975, and even into the 1980's.

The U.S. Government Has Lied to ME for 42 Years About What Happened to My Husband, Col. David L. Hrdlicka

By Carol Hrdlicka

As the wife of a U.S. Air Force officer, Col. David L. Hrdlicka, I was aware that my husband could be killed or captured in the event he had to go to war. However, I was not prepared for him being abandoned by the very country he had sworn to serve and that sent him into harm's way.

On May 18, 1965, Col. David L. Hrdlicka was an Air Force pilot, flying an F-105 jet aircraft as lead pilot on a mission over northern Laos. His jet was hit by ground fire, and David was forced to eject, parachuting into a valley near a village. As he parachute deployed, his wingman watched him descend, and saw him captured as he landed. Native villagers gathered up his parachute, and led him away captive. He was taken in to the Pathet Lao headquarters at Sam Neua. A short while later, a reserve helicopter pilot landed in a neighboring village and learned that David had been turned over to Pathet Lao soldiers.

David's capture in Laos was published in a North Vietnamese newspaper, Quan Nahn Dan. Then a Vietnamese broadcast that contents of a letter purportedly authored by David, and the broadcast was transmitted by Radio Peking as well, *Pravda*, a Russian newspaper published a photograph of David. The Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) included this report in its agency's "Post-Capture Photograph" album, positively identifying Hrdlicka as the captured pilot.

Ivan Shchedrov, correspondent for *Pravda*, interviewed David on several occasions. Also, David was present when the Prince of Laos visited the caves at Sam Neua.

In the early years of David's capture, the casualty office informed me that there were rescue attempts being made, so I assumed that the USG (United States Government would continue to do everything possible to get David released. As the years went by, the USG told me there were reports that indicated David had died. I trusted what they told me was the truth, and thought they had intelligence to back up what they were telling me. For years I believed the government, but to my horror, I discovered in 1990 that they were not doing any investigation on David's case - only trying to write him off.

I received my first live-sighting reporting in 1990, reporting that David had tried to escape. The next report I received states, "I am talking to General Chaeng, suspected of holding D. Hrdlicka and friends." That report was dated 1990, and is present tense. At that point I became enraged that the U.S. government had betrayed David and me by not been telling me the whole truth all these years.

I decided that I must try to find the truth for myself about what happened to David. Then I started doing my own investigation and research. As I was doing the research I became painfully aware that the government's story "that all the POWs were dead" was not the truth. I began to collect documents, worked to change legislation to protect our servicemen, testified before several congressional committees, and collected information on David's case through Freedom of Information Requests.

One of the committees I testified before was in 1992 Senate Select Committee Hearings on POW/MIA. John Kerry and John McCain did everything to keep the truth from coming out and ignored all the evidence. Three former Secretaries of Defense testified that men had been left behind, but Kerry and McCain chose to turn

the blind eye to that testimony.

The documents I was finding were not backing up the government's statements that the POWs had died, but that they had knowingly abandoned them, and had set about purposely misinforming the public as well as the families. I found a document in the Library of Congress showing the USG had been tracking as many as 23 POWs in the early 1980's. In 1993, I made a trip to Russia to meet with Mrs. Shchedrov, the Russian correspondent's wife who had interviewed David several times in the caves at Sam Neua. Ivan had died in the late 1980's never having been interviewed by the USG. In the fall of 1993, we had a small delegation, (George Carver, Barry Toll and myself) who took our information on live POWs to the Clinton White House.

In 1994, I went with a "good will tour" formed by Arnold Beizer, an attorney at law, to Vietnam, requesting the Vietnamese help with finding our men. In 1996, Arnold Belzer made a trip to Israel on my behalf, to interview another former Russian correspondent, Ivan Loboda, who had been present a press conference in the caves at Sam Neua in 1969 at which David was present. The USG had made no attempts to interview Mr. Loboda all these years. It become evident the USG was not doing the investigation on David's case.

There has been a voluminous amount of credible evidence such as, live sighting reports, intelligence reports, and satellite imagery over the years showing that men survived in captivity. However the USG has chosen to ignore all the evidence and bury the truth.

I am still, to this day, trying to get the truth out of the government and get them to do the honorable thing by bringing the live men home that remain in Southeast Asia. It is 42 years that David Hrdlicka has waited for someone to come rescue him and bring him back to his family. My husband and the other men deserve to come home. The abandonment of my husband and these men is a disgrace to our country.

David was never told that if he got captured his country would abandon him. He was prepared to possibly be killed or captured, but not be abandoned, The US government does not tell their military that they will abandoned them.

More Evidence Our Government Leaders Know.....

October 7, 1986: CIA Director William Casey says: "*Look, the nation knows they (the POWs) are there, everybody knows they are there, but there's no groundswell of support for getting them out. Certainly your are not suggesting we pay for them, surely not saying we could do anything like that with no public support.*"

April 25, 1991: Senator Bob Smith addresses the Senate and reveals that of more than 1400 eyewitness sightings of live POWs, NONE has ever received an on-site investigation!

May 23, 1991: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee's *Examination of U.S. Policy Toward POW/MIAs* concludes that the U.S. has ignored thousands of American POWs and left them to rot in Soviet slave labor camps, and North Korean and Vietnamese prisons. "*Any evidence that suggests an MIA might be alive was uniformly and arbitrarily rejected.*"