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Dear Mrs. Hrdlicka,

In late 1992 analysts of the Defense Intelligence Agency and Joint Task Force - Full Accounting reviewed all American losses in Cambodia and Laos from the Vietnam War. This review identified priority discrepancy cases for investigation specifically to help resolve the live prisoner question. Forty-four cases involving 81 individuals from Laos and 10 cases involving 18 individuals from Cambodia were selected. The categories of the discrepancy cases identified were "Listed as POW at Homecoming" and "Last Known Alive." The vast majority of these cases have been investigated at least once, and further investigations are likely.

The last known alive discrepancy case listings were not made public, primarily because they were prepared for use as investigative tools and considered working lists. However, because these lists have always been unclassified and available to anyone who asked for them, some families have learned of their existence.

To avoid other families learning of their loved ones name being on one of these lists through other than official sources, the Defense POW-MIA office has asked that we inform our families in this regard.

This is to advise you that the name of your husband, Colonel David L. Hrdlicka, appears on the "Listed as POW at Homecoming" priority discrepancy list for Laos.

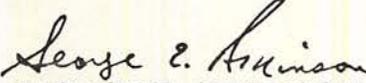
For your information, a discrepancy case involves an unaccounted for individual about whom the United States Government has convincing evidence that the government of Vietnam, Laos, or Cambodia should have specific knowledge about the case.

This is a group of individuals who, during the Vietnam War, were classified by their commanding officers and Service Secretaries as POWs, but did not return during Operation Homecoming (February - April 1973). These cases also are known to many families as "last known alive" due to their POW status. There were 97 individuals from Southeast Asia who are so listed. Subsequently, 42 "listed Pows" have been accounted for through unilateral Vietnamese remains repatriations.

As in the past, we will keep you apprised of any new information received concerning Colonel Hrdlicka's case.

Please contact us on our toll free telephone line 800-531-5501 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely


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