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DEAR SECRETARY WIDNALL:

IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT WITH THE SHELTON FAMILY GROWING WEARY OF THE FIGHT TO GET COL. SHELTON RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILY, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A HEARING TO HAVE MY HUSBAND, COL. DAVID L. HRDLICKA, TAKE COL. SHELTON'S PLACE AS THE LAST KNOWN "POW".

IN 1977 WHEN THEY HAD THE HEARING ON COL. DAVID L. HRDLICKA'S CASE THEY ASKED ME IF I HAD ANY INFORMATION---AT THAT TIME I HAD NO ACCESS TO INFORMATION. AS THE YEARS HAVE PASSED I NOW HAVE MANY REPORTS AND DOCUMENTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST THAT COL. DAVID L. HRDLICKA BE REINSTATED AS A "POW".

IN DAVID'S CASE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT HE DIED ALTHOUGH THE D.I.A. HAS MADE STATEMENTS, THEY HAVE A 1966 REPORT THAT "INDICATES" DAVID DIED IN CAPTIVITY. THEY HAVE NEVER SHOWN ME ANY REPORT, ALTHOUGH, I HAVE REQUESTED A MEETING TO BE SHOWN THE REPORT. MY REQUEST FOR A MEETING HAS NOT TAKEN PLACE IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I NOW HAVE A DOCUMENT THAT SHOWS THAT IN JUNE OF 1973 DAVID WAS CONSIDERED A "POW" NOT "KIA" AS THE D.I. A. CLAIMS.

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