

15 weeks 1963-64;

Irvin Hedlick,  
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Dear Mrs. Evans.

In your letter you ask me whether I have any information on the destiny of your husband. I have visited the liberated areas of Laos several times in last three years but neither met your husband among the prisoners of war nor seen his name in the lists of the American fliers shot down over Laos.

I have met David Hedlick  
had an opportunity to talk to him  
and I think he is really Hedlick and not your husband.

I haven't met your husband's name in the lists of captured American pilots and in the lists of dead Americans.

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which were published in the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

Your attempts to find your husband, Mrs. Evans, are hindered by the fact that the United States don't recognize officially that they are at war in Laos. As is known Pentagon doesn't admit the fact that hundreds of American planes have been shot down over Laos and hundreds of pilots have been killed or captured in Laos. The life in the liberated areas is really hard. They are being bombed by the American aviation day and night, thousands of towns and villages are ruined.

Excuse me for not answering your previous letters.

Sincerely yours,  
Tran Stuchetsov

17 July 1968.