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1 information, it should be made in compliance with the
2 law." That's my position. I tell Red McDaniels and all
3 these guys that all the time.

4 Q. It's hard to argue with that position.

5 A. Yes. What do you want me to say about that?

6 Q. I guess what I want to ask you is, in your
7 opinion, if you consider the April 12 press conference
8 statements of Mr. Shields, the June 8, 1973 memo of Mr.
9 Clements, really putting himself into the process of
10 moving people into a POW status, and then the July 17 memo
11 of Mr. Clements saying we're going to move forward with
12 status changes into the KIA status, is there any pattern,
13 any political pattern or any pattern whatsoever that has
14 any significance or should have any significance to our
15 committee?

16 A. No. I think that that directive, that he was
17 going to take over the change in status, is a matter of
18 common sense, for the simple reason that you've got three
19 categories: killed, missing, and POW. Once they get
20 moved into that POW status, God help you, there'd be an
21 avalanche of relatives there in five minutes. So that's
22 why it's most important that, when you do a change of
23 status to POW, you know what you're talking about because
24 you're going to have a hell of a lot of questions to
25 answer, I guarantee you, whether the guy's a POW or not.