

**The Blood Chit was made of silk so could be folded to be very small and could fit in a wallet. It was carried by Pilots, note it states there is a reward if returned to US control. It had the American Flag and 14 languages. Why doesn't the US government advertise this reward? Instead they tell individuals that come forward and inquire about a reward there is no reward!**

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#### BLOOD CHIT

In the Victorian sense, Blood means friendship, and in military terms, a Chit is a voucher. Hence, the term blood chit or "Friendship Voucher." Our aircrew members carried a blood chit on their person while flying missions during the Southeast Asian conflict. The request for assistance, in the event they were shot down, is written in English and various languages common to the area. The blood chit is credited with saving many lives.

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SDR S-VOP-05346 (U)

1. MET 4. 1000-1100 HRS.  
22 JUN 90 AT THE HILTON HOTEL, BANGKOK. HAD BEEN  
ADVISED BY TELEPHONE ON 18 JUN 90 THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE  
MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS TWO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS--THE  
"HERLICKA" REPORTING AND THE FEB 73 C47 CRASH REPORTING.

2. J APPEARED FOR THE MEETING WITH AN  
UNIDENTIFIED CAUCASIAN MALE IN TOW. IDENTIFIED  
THE PERSON ONLY AS A FRIEND, AND POSITIONED HIM AT A  
HEAVY TABLE. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS

THAT INCLUDED NAMES OF ACTUAL MISSING PERSONS MUST BY LAW  
BE PASSED TO THE FAMILIES INVOLVED. RESPONDED  
THAT HE NEVER ASKED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO CONTACT THE  
FAMILIES.

8. MAIN INTEREST APPEARED TO BE  
OPENING A NEW CHANNEL TO THE US GOVERNMENT SO THAT HE  
COULD VERIFY PW-MIA REPORTS HE CONTINUALLY RECEIVES. RO  
ADVISED PHUMANO THAT WE WOULD ACCEPT ANY INFORMATION HE  
PROVIDES BUT THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR VERIFIABLE DATA,  
NOT RUMORS. RO FURTHER ADVISED THAT REGARDLESS  
OF WHAT HE REPORTED, THERE WOULD BE NO REWARDS AND  
WOULD NEVER BE ASKED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT IN ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE PW-MIA ISSUE.

9. RO TERMINATED THE MEETING WHEN BEGAN  
REPEATING THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE SEEN AS TRYING TO  
PROFIT ON PW-MIA INFORMATION AND THAT HE WAS WILLING TO  
REWARD HIS SOURCES OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET.

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*Note being told no  
reward!*

4. WOULD NOT RESPOND TO SPECIFIC  
QUESTIONS ON THE "HERLICKA" CASE. HE STATED THAT IN DEC  
89 HE HAD RECEIVED INFO FROM

THAT D.  
HERLICKA WAS HELD WITH ONE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED AMERICAN IN  
THE VICINITY OF LAK KAO. CLAIMED A PHOTOCOPY OF  
AN I.D. CARD ASSOCIATED WITH "BANNERMAN" WAS RELATED TO  
THIS CASE. SAID HE DID NOT THINK HAD  
CUSTODY OF ANY AMERICAN PWS RIIT WAS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR  
PROMISED TO FORWARD  
WITHIN A FEW DAYS. ALL DOCUMENTS HE HAD RECEIVED ON THE  
MATTER.

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HE ALSO STATED THAT "IF ONLY HE  
HAD KNOWN IN ADVANCE THAT RO WISHED TO TALK ABOUT THESE  
TWO CASES", HE WOULD HAVE COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEM  
IN DETAIL.

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7. RO EXPLAINED TO THAT ANY INFORMATION

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