DATE: 16 December 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Charles Redman

SUBJECT : Results of Photo Comparison,

Case No. ____

REFERENCE: Request from NOK of Howard H. Smith

- 1. Transmitted herewith are results of photo comparison analysis between the Christmas 1969 film of American PWs in North Vietnam and photographs submitted with reference
- 2. The evidence cited in the attached report does not constitute definitive proof of the status or identity of individuals portrayed in the questioned photographs.
- 3. Since the Agency's participation in this program is classified, the fact of such participation must not be revealed. This report, therefore, may not be used in an unclassified arena, and the Agency cannot be responsible for any action or decision based in whole or in part on the judgments expressed in the report.
- 4. All materials received from your office in connection with subject request are returned herewith.

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Attachments: (1) Christmas 1969 compari (2) Materials submitted wi (a) Overlay (b) 1 precapture (c) Other:	tn r	eque		: '3'	o oto bear

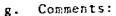
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PHO	то с	COMPARISON ANALYSIS RESULTS: Christmas 1969 No.
1.	(U)	Summary of request: (Date received:
	а.	Please compare the attached 1 pre-capture photographs of Noward H. Smith with the Christmas 1969 film obtained by Representative Zionespecially prints numbered DIA USN USAF 37-5
	b.	See attached overlay for exact location of image to be compared.
2.	(U)	Summary of comparison performed:
	a.	The following frames were chosen for comparison with the photographs submitted:
	b.	technicians working independently of each other analyzed the identifiable features listed below.
3.		Results of analysis:
	a.	(U) Quality of pre-capture photographs submitted: Adequate/inadequate for analysis of recognizable features.
	ъ.	(U) Quality of frames in Christmas film: Adequate/inadequate for analysis of recognizable features.
	c.	The following features were considered similar:
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THE PARTY NAMED AS	following features were considered dis-
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and the second s	onclusion:
(1)	In view of the similarity in general appearance and significant number of similar features, could be the subject of the questioned photographs.
(2)	In view of the significant number of differences in distinguishable features, probably is not the subject of the questioned photographs.
(3)	In view of the quality of photography and the small number of distinguishable features which could be compared, no conclusion can be reached.
f. (U) The capt	same image has been compared with pre- ture photographs of Air Force, Navy, Marine, Army, and civilian personnel.

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Howard H. Smith photo comparison case: The image selected, USAF number 37-5 in the 1969 Christmas film. Regrettably the effort has been fruitless in regard to 37-5.



4. WARNING: This photo comparison analysis was performed utilizing the best available techniques; however, the quality of the photographs in question precluded positive identification. There may be other over: iding factors concerning the individual's case which could confirm or invalidate the photo comparison analysis.

Attachments:

- (a) Post-capture photographs, with overlay or other exact identification of image to be compared:
- (b) Pre-capture photographs: 1