DATE: 14 December 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Charles Redman

SUBJECT : Results of Photo Comparison,

Case No.

REFERENCE: Request from NOK of Clifford W. Fiezel

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.

FOR THE CHIEF:

CIA Rep., IPWIC

Attachments:

(1) Christmas 1969 comparison No.

(2) Materials submitted with request:

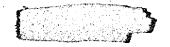
(a) Overlay

(b) 7 precapture photos & 7 enlargements

(c) Other: 2 unident. photos

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d.		following features were considered dis- lar:
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€.	Co	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- ure photographs of Air Force, Navy, Marine, Army, civilian personnel.

comments: Clifford W. Fiezel photo comparison case: The images selected, USAF numbers 24-5 and 25-5 in the 1969 Christmas film, were inadequate for comparison analysis. In some cases it has been possible to identify otherwise inadequate images by tracing them throughout the film. Regrettably the effort has been fruitless in the cases of 24-5 and 25-5.

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 overriding factors concerning the individual's case which could confirm or invalidate the photocomparison analysis.

Attachments:

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

(b) Pre-capture photographs: 7 & 7 enlargements

(c) Two unident. photos