

DATE: 20 January 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: C. E. Redman, Capt. AFINF

SUBJECT : Results of Photo Comparison,
Case No. 12,410


REFERENCE : Request from NOK of Lt. Col. L. W. Whitford, Jr.

1. Transmitted herewith are results of photo comparison analysis between post-capture photographs DIA/AP-365-6-2-70-INT and pre-capture photographs submitted with reference. No. 61

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.

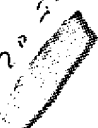
4. All materials received from your office in connection with subject request are returned herewith.

FOR THE CHIEF: 

Attachments:

- (1) Report of photo comparison analysis
- (2) Materials submitted with request
 - (a) Post-capture photographs:
 - (b) Pre-capture photographs: 3

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PHOTO COMPARISON ANALYSIS RESULTS:


1. (U) Summary of request: (Date received: 13 Nov.) 70
 - a. Please compare the attached 3 pre-capture photographs of Lt. Col. L.W. Whitford with the post-capture photographs DIA/AP-365-6-2-70-INT DIA 61
 - b. The exact images to be compared have been identified as follows: _____

2. (U) Summary of comparison performed:
 - a. The following photographs were compared: pre-capture 3; post-capture _____
 - b. 1 technicians working independently of each other analyzed the identifiable features listed below.

3. [REDACTED] Results of analysis:
 - a. (U) Quality of pre-capture photographs submitted: Adequate/~~inadequate~~ for analysis of recognizable features.
 - b. (U) Quality of post-capture photographs submitted: ~~adequate~~/inadequate for analysis recognizable features.
 - c. [REDACTED] The following features were considered similar:
 - (1) _____
 - (2) _____



- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) _____
- (8) _____
- (9) _____

d.  The following features were considered dis-similar:

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____


e.  Conclusion:

- (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 same image has been compared with pre-capture photographs of _____ Air Force, _____ Navy, _____ Marine, _____ Army, and _____ civilian personnel.



- g. Comments: Due to the lack of photo clarity and the absence of any distinctive physical features, a meaningful photo comparison of DIA POW #61 is not possible at this time.

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 overriding 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: 3