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Memo No. 057  
30 September 1968

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, [REDACTED] H  
SUBJECT : Request for Photo Comparison, [REDACTED] Cases 9638  
through 9645  
REFERENCE : DIA/AP-365-6-2-68-INT  
"Unidentified U.S. PWs"  
*See: 17 Sept 68*

1. The following are our comments on the photographs submitted with the subject request. It should be noted that earlier comments regarding the limitations placed on comparative analysis by the poor quality of the photographs remain valid for this particular request.

#1, Bram - No comparison is possible on the basis of the poor post-capture photograph.

#2, Marvel - The evidence here is very limited, however the profile view of the noses in both photographs seems very close. However the POW photograph appears to indicate a relatively full head of hair in contrast to the evident baldness in the pre-capture photograph. There is insufficient evidence for a conclusive opinion.

#3, Miller - No comparative conclusions of value can be drawn on the basis of the photograph provided.

#4, Ketterer - Photograph #33 shows an irregular hairline and a wide mouth with a seemingly straight upper lip. This does not correspond with the regular hairline and short, full lips of the subject. The two apparent differences make it questionable that the men in the two photographs are the same.

#5, Venanzi - Several identifications have been made by NOK on the basis of photograph #33. Like several others examined in the past, Venanzi appears to fit the visible features of the POW photograph, as a type, but because of the other tentative identifications, photographs showing facial detail will be required to make a distinction between the several probables for this photograph.

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#6, Mullen - There is a possibility that Mullen is the subject in #35. The hairline with its prominent recessions is similar and the skull conformation appears to be the same. The general shape of the left ear is close and there appears to be a likeness in the prominent, square chins. There also seems to be a proximity in the shape of the eyebrows. Major Mullen is a strong possibility as the POW in photograph #35.

#7, Kisucky - No comparison is possible on the basis of the photographs submitted.

#8, Darrow - No concrete comparison is possible on the basis of photograph #38 due to the distortion of the features and lack of detail. The general physiognomy appears similar, but there is not enough detail to make a firm judgement.

2. Please note that the comparisons have been made on the basis of the Identi-Kit principles of identification, and reflect the subjective judgement of the analyst. All photographs submitted are returned herewith, and if there are any questions please contact the undersigned on extension [REDACTED] H

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Photographs (17)  
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