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MEMORANDUM FOR: Defense Intelligence Agency  
DAM Assistant Deputy Director for Military  
Liaison

ATTENTION: Mr. John Keihm

SUBJECT: Socialist Republic of Vietnam Manipulation of  
the POW/MIA Issue

[REDACTED]

We believe, however, that the details of these two cases may be of considerable interest to DIA and to other members of the intelligence community interested in the POW/MIA issue.

2. One [REDACTED] offered to serve as middleman for the sale of POW/MIA remains by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] provided us with photographs of personal effects of MIA's to prove his claims. Among the photographs were photos of the military identification card of Captain Kenneth Arnold Stonebraker, an authentic MIA. The other [REDACTED] provided us with information about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

master list of all MIA remains currently being held by the SRV in warehouse storage. We have learned that this [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is considered a  
key figure who is well informed on specific MIA cases.

[REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED] we have obtained hard and possibly exploitable evidence of SRV official knowledge of POW/MIA remains in their possession. This evidence includes the photograph of Captain Stonebraker's identification card and the tape-recorded statements of [REDACTED] on the SRV master list of MIA remains being held by the SRV in a warehouse. We are making available to you full details on both cases (attachments A and B). We are prepared to discuss with DIA any appropriate use you may wish to make of this information, including use of the Stonebraker photograph and other materials in negotiations with the SRV government.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS:

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Attachment(s):

A. [REDACTED]  
B. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in November 1988, at which time he provided photographs of personal effects of six U.S. military MIA's and offered to sell the remains of these six MIA's to the U.S. Government. Details of the offer are contained in attachment 3. During this debriefing [REDACTED] also provided additional information on POW/MIA's (included herewith)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

OFFER TO BROKER SALE OF MIA REMAINS

On 19 November 1988 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] provided photographs of what he stated were personal effects of six U.S. MIA's, and offered to broker the sale of the remains of all six MIA's to the U.S. Government.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] had discussed business arrangements for marketing POW/MIA information and remains. In this arrangement, [REDACTED] would handle collection of information and remains and [REDACTED] would be responsible for negotiations with the U.S. government. [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that he had a continuing business association with a number of MOI security cadre/bodyguards assigned to the MOI's K-10\_VIP protection unit in Hanoi. [REDACTED] refused to provide the names of these MOI personnel to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that these individuals had informed him that during the war against the United States one or more of them had been self-defense guerrillas in a rural area of North Vietnam. [REDACTED] stated that during this period the self-defense guerrillas had collected and stored away the personal effects and remains of six U.S. pilots shot down in their area, and that they still had these remains in their possession. [REDACTED] stated that the remains consisted of complete skeletal remains packed in a small box or suitcase. At [REDACTED] request, in October 1988 [REDACTED] supplied [REDACTED] with a camera to be used to photograph the personal effects of the MIA's. [REDACTED] provided the photographs to [REDACTED] approximately one week before [REDACTED] tri [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described the sale of these remains as a two-phase operation. In the first phase, [REDACTED] would bring the photographs to the U.S. Government. [REDACTED] for examination

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

and verification. Upon verification that these were the personal effects of authentic MIA's, the U.S. government would pay [REDACTED] for the information and would agree upon a price and a method for delivery of the remains and personal effects. [REDACTED] would then take the money back to [REDACTED], who would make the arrangements for phase two, the delivery of the remains. [REDACTED] stated that his preferred method of delivery would be to use [REDACTED] to receive the remains and deliver them to the [REDACTED], which would forward them to the U.S. government. Another possibility would be for the MOI personnel who had possession of the remains to rebury them at a designated site, where U.S. JCRC search teams would then arrange to "find" them. [REDACTED] did not give a definite price for delivery of the remains, but did state that \$100,000.00 US should be the starting point for negotiations on this point. [REDACTED] was extremely upset when we refused to either pay him for the photos or return the photos to him. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and his clients expected either payment or return of the photos.

The photographs provided by [REDACTED] were of very poor quality and were largely unusable. Several of the photographs, however, were of the military identification card of Captain Kenneth Arnold Stonebraker, dob 25 December 1938, Social Security Number 316-36-5397. The ID card was issued 4 January 1968. JCRC records show Captain Stonebraker was MIA in North Vietnam on a reconnaissance mission in 1968.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is miscellaneous POW/MIA information provided by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

POW/MIA reports:

A) LIVE AMERICANS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS:

A former U.S. Special Forces Green Beret Lieutenant Colonel named Armstrong "Lion" Queer and his deputy Major Jack [REDACTED] are living in the Central Highlands under the protection of 21 montagnard guards. [REDACTED] has established contact with Colonel Queer via third parties. Colonel Queer wishes to establish contact with the U.S. Government, but was unwilling to trust any Vietnamese until he made contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

ROBERT J. TORRONJOS, SGT.

Torronjos, a copy of whose dog tags were sent to us in a letter from [REDACTED] is buried 13 kilometers from An Khe in Pdarai district, Kontum province. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C) DENRY BALL (or BALL DENRY):  
A U.S. MIA named Denry Ball or Ball Denry was smuggled  
out of Vietnam in 1986-87 by anti-communist South Vietnamese  
resistance forces. Ball travelled initially to Bangkok and  
then on to the U.S. Ball's home is in Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, where he is presumably now living.

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