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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Prisoner of War,
Missing in Action Division
Defense Intelligence Agency
1C760, Pentagon
Washington D.C.

ATTENTION: Col. Mark Richards DC-2

FROM: Deputy Director-for Operations

SUBJECT: Comparison of Unidentified POW Photo No.
109 with Photos of Mr. Roy F. Townley

REFERENCE: DIA Memo, Request for CIA Assistance,
Dated 28 June 1983

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1. The subject of unidentified POW Photo No. 109 cannot be identified as Mr. Roy F. Townley. The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), in coordination with the National Photographic Interpretation Center's [REDACTED] and a specialist from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), compared a previously furnished photograph of an unidentified POW (Photo No. 109) with five newly furnished photos of Mr. Roy F. Townley. The consensus was that the subject of Photo No. 109 cannot be identified as Mr. Roy F. Townley because of a lack of detail in this photo. Imagery enhancement efforts cannot improve Photo No. 109 sufficiently for identification purposes.

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2. It was the opinion of the FBI specialist that a number of general facial features (e.g. hairline, eyebrows, nose, ear, jawbone) appeared consistent between the photograph of the unidentified POW and those of Mr. Townley. Unfortunately, these general facial features may be common to a large number of individuals and are inadequate to identify a specific individual. Unique facial details (e.g. scars, moles, teeth, ear structure)

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are necessary to confirm the identity of an individual from photographs. The five newly furnished photographs of Mr. Townley would have provided an adequate number of unique facial details for firm identification had the image of the unidentified POW in Photo No. 109 been more detailed.

3. Forwarded with this memo are the five photographs of Mr. Townley and Photo No. 109.

Attachments:

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