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CONTEXT A: [Redacted]

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~~(S//OC/NF)~~ 2. [Redacted] HAD NOT HEARD OF OR SEEN AMERICAN KOREAN WARERA  
PRISONERS-OF-WAR (POWS) IN NORTH KOREA. [Redacted] NOT BELIEVE THERE WERE ANY LIVING U.S.  
POWS IN NORTH KOREA. [Redacted] EVEN IF THERE HAD BEEN U.S. PRISONERS AT THE END  
OF THE KOREAN WAR, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL OR DIFFERENT TREATMENT  
THAN OTHER PRISONERS. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS SUCH AS "POW,"  
FOR EXAMPLE, AND IF THEY DIED, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED AS ANY OTHER PRISONER WAS  
BURIED. THIS TYPE OF TREATMENT WOULD BE NORMAL NORTH KOREAN CULTURAL PRACTICE FOR  
SOMEONE CONSIDERED TO BE AT THE SOCIAL LEVEL OF A PRISONER.

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