

Vietnam Tells U.S. 12 of Missing Pilots Were Killed in War

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PARIS, Sept. 6—The Vietnamese Embassy here today made public the names of 12 missing American pilots and said they had been killed in action in the war in Indochina.

A list of the 12 names was handed to the American Embassy and was published by the Vietnamese with a statement expressing hope that the United States "will show its good will and take concrete action to settle postwar problems between the two countries."

The Vietnamese action was believed to be linked to a forthcoming debate in the United Nations Security Council on Vietnam's application for membership.

The United States vetoed applications by North and South Vietnam last year on the ground that they should not be admitted unless South Korea and North Korea were also allowed to join. Since then Vietnam has been unified into a single country, thus removing the similarity between the Vietnamese and Korean situations. Moreover, South Korea is understood not to be pressing so hard for membership this year.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said recently that the United States' attitude on Vietnamese admission this year would depend on Hanoi's willingness to help in the effort to determine the fate of missing Americans. He left open the decision on how the United States would vote in the Security Council debate.

The Vietnamese made public only the names, dates of birth and serial numbers of the dead pilots. Further information was understood to be registered at the Department of Defense in Washington,

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which said it would notify next of kin before releasing any details.

The United States has been pressing Hanoi for information on about 2,500 Americans still unaccounted for in the war in Indochina.

The Vietnamese handed over the list of seven Air Force and five Navy officers this noon, some hours before Mr. Kissinger was due to arrive in Paris for talks with President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The Vietnamese statement said the Government was prepared to open talks with the United States on "undertaking to contribute to healing the wounds of war and the reconstruction of Vietnam," and on "the search for information on Americans missing in Vietnam."

The United States has taken the position so far that the pledge of reconstruction aid was nullified by Hanoi's resumption of warfare that led to the fall of Saigon last year. The question of missing Americans has repeatedly been advanced by Washington as an obstacle to "normalizing" relations with Hanoi.

The names, birth dates, and serial numbers of the 12 pilots identified by the Vietnamese Embassy, with an informal warning that there may have been transmission errors, were the following:

Air Force

CAPLING, Maj. Elwen Rex; July 15, 1930;
FV 3058-025.

DIAMOND, Lieut. Stephen W.; Oct. 31, 1940; 347-934.
DUCAT, Lieut. Bruce Chalmers; June 9, 1941; FR 75-625.
EATON, Maj. Curtis Abbot; July 21, 1924; 207-3835.
GOLDBERG, Capt. Lawrence H.; Dec. 31, 1932; AO 22-11-367.
METZ, Maj. James H.; June 12, 1931; 311149 A.
WATERS, Capt. Samuel Edwin, Jr.; May 8, 1937; 594-27 A.

Navy

BOWLING, Lieut. Comdr. Roy Howard; Dec. 16, 1929; 575-992.
JOHNSON, Lieut. Comdr. Guy David; Oct. 26, 1929; 511-390.
KLENERT, Lieut. William Blue; Oct. 17, 1940; 689-823.
KOLSTAD, Lieut. Comdr. Thomas C.; July 17, 1935; 613-049.
ROARK, Capt. William M.; Oct. 23, 1938; 64158.

U.S. Wants Full Accounting

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 6—The White House and the State Department welcomed the release of information today by the Vietnamese Government on 12 Americans missing in action, but coupled this with demands for a full accounting.

According to official United States records, the remains of a total of 2,505 Americans are still unaccounted for. Of these, 795 are listed as missing in action, and the others killed in action.

The 12 names released by the Vietnamese were believed to include six from the list of killed in action in Vietnam and six from the missing list.