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Lt. Dodge, a Navy pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam. From the ground, he talked to the wingman on his radio. As he was being surrounded by North Vietnamese, he said, "I am breaking up my radio". The photograph of Lt. Dodge being escorted by North Vietnamese was taken by a Dutch free-lance photographer in Hanoi and first appeared on September 9, 1967 in "Paris Match". DESPITE THIS EVIDENCE, NORTH VIETNAM HAS REFUSED TO DISCUSS LT. DODGE.

The provisions for the proposed peace treaty state that all American prisoners will be returned. The next paragraph states that North Vietnam has made itself responsible for an accounting of our missing in action and repatriation of American prisoners throughout Indochina. IF NORTH VIETNAM WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WHY CAN'T THEY IMMEDIATELY SUPPLY A LIST OF PRISONERS IN LAOS, CAMBODIA, AND THOSE HELD BY THE VIETCONG? WHY CAN'T THEY SUPPLY A COMPLETE LIST FROM HANOI? Why can't they tell us now of the fate of Lt. Ron Dodge and the many others for whom we have proof of capture? Why do they totally disregard these discrepancies?

The responsibility of accounting for and returning all American prisoners of war was given to the North Koreans at the conclusion of hostilities. Although the majority of prisoners were released, it took two years after the peace settlement to obtain the release of 15 additional American POWs, and there was never any kind of accounting for 389 others who were known to be prisoners.

The only way to help prevent a repetition of this tragedy is with a full neutral inspection as prescribed in the Geneva Convention.

Through the dedicated efforts of the American people, for the past two and a half years, world wide attention was focused on the plight of our POWs and MIAs. There is no question that it was this attention that brought about an improvement in the treatment of our POWs as well as the identification of an increasing number of MIAs in North Vietnam. Your efforts have made the difference. Your voice has been heard.

THERE ARE STILL MORE LIVES THAT MAY DEPEND ON YOU.

Dear President Nixon: Upon your recent election, you spoke of a unity of purpose which is, of course, an important balance to our democratic processes. Not since Pearl Harbor and perhaps only in time of crisis has this country experienced the singleness of purpose that knows no barriers of politics, age, race, sex or religion, that is now being felt by the millions of people who are dedicated to the return of their fellow Americans who are prisoners of war or missingin-action in Southeast Asia.

As this letter will be signed by both those who did and did not support your candidacy, let us make clear that we are not questioning the sincerity nor determination of your efforts toward peace and the return of our POWs and MIAs.

Our concern is based on the fact that although we read a great deal about which neutral countries will supervise the cease-fire, we have heard nothing about a neutral international inspection to insure the identification of our MIAs.

We are not blind to the fact that many MIAs will never return for unfortunately some are literally missing-in-action. We are also aware however, that just as most POWs were originally listed for many years as MIA, there are still many MIAs who are alive and have not yet been reclassified as POWs.

We are certain you have no intention of allowing the tragedy of Korea to be repeated. Hopefully you will be able to use the many copies of this letter you will receive to convince North Vietnam of the singleness of purpose of the American people in our demands that the MIAs be accounted for as provided in the Geneva Convention.

Please sign the clip-out letter and mail to President Nixon immediately. There is little time left.



Additional copies of this letter to distribute to your friends can be obtained from most of the sponsoring groups or by calling any of the VIVA offices.

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