



National Alliance of Families for the Return of America's Missing Servicemen World War II - Korea - Cold War - Vietnam - Gulf Wars

Why We Need H. Res 111 calling for the formation of a House Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs

What the Documents Have to Say:

1. **Report from the Escape and Evasion Section of the 6004th Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Oct. 19, 1955** - "Ashley and four crew members, (Turner, Olsen, Shaddick, and Ishida) were **known to be alive in Communist hands as of the close of the Korean conflict, Jul 53.**" What happened to these men?
2. "I am not certain that we have fully clarified everything. I know that quite a few documents were destroyed. However, one document, probably sensational, is still in storage. I have a copy of it. **It's content is as follows: at the end of the 1960s the KGB (external foreign intelligence) was given the task of "delivering informed Americans to the USSR for intelligence gathering purposes."** General Dmitri Volkogonov, Chairman Russian side of the U.S./Russian Joint Commission on POW/MIAs. **Would General Volkogonov make such a statement without.... evidence?**
3. **Testimony of Avraham Shifrin before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws, Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, February 1, 1973** - "First I must ask you to excuse my English, because I cannot speak like you. **I learned my English in concentration camps and my first teachers were kidnaped American officers.**"
4. **Dispatch No. 947 to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic from American Embassy Moscow April 5, 1954** (note: on the document April is crossed out and May is handwritten in) - "The United States Government has recently received reports which support earlier indications that **American prisoners of war who had seen action in Korea have been transported to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and that they are now in Soviet custody.**"
5. **Joint Casualty Resolution Center Message Traffic 282114Z Jan 92** - "The fact is an anthropologist with many years of experience rendered a professional opinion that **based on the condition of Lt. Mc Kinnie's (sic) remains, he was alive subsequent to Operation Homecoming....**"
6. **Today, Defense Department files contain evidence that at least 59 Americans were -- or may have been -- taken prisoner and their precise fate is still unclear.** This includes the 20-30 not officially acknowledged by Vietnam in 1973. **This represents the minimum number of possible live POWs today.... U.S. field teams in Vietnam since 1989 have uncovered evidence that more Americans were in fact taken captive than officially recorded."** (Memo dated August 17, 1992, "The Universe of Possible POWs: 1973 versus 1992" by Sedgwick D. Tourison for the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs 1991 - 93.)
7. "As of now, I can come to no other conclusion,." **Former Secretary of Defense and CIA Director James Schlesinger** before the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs, **when asked directly if the United States left men behind in Southeast Asia.**

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It's time for another look at the POW/MIA Issue!