

Memorandum for Record:

25 August 1984

SUBJECT: New PW/MIA Reports -- *SC*

- References: a. Phonecons, 21 Aug 84. D. Childress (NSC) and A. M. Griffiths (League) with *Name* -2B), subject: SAB.
- b. Phonecon, 23 Aug 84, *Date* (DC-2B), with G. Brooks (League), subject: SAB.
- c. Phonecon, 24 Aug 84, *SC* (DC-2B) with Mrs. *Name* *Name* subject: SAB.

I. (U) BACKGROUND:

(U) Childress informed RO (ref a) that Mrs. *Name* phoned G. Brooks (Chairman of the Board, National League of Families of U.S. PW/MIA in SEA) o/a 20-21 August 1984 and indicated a desire to renew her association with the National League of Families. (Note: During ref c phonecon, George clarified that although Mrs. *Name* strongly implied a desire to renew her association, she did not explicitly state it.) George noted that he was surprised to receive the telephone call from Mrs. *Name* because he had had no communication from her for a long time. He also noted that, uncharacteristically, Mrs. *Name* did not telephone collect. During her phonecon with George, Mrs. *Name* noted that she had some live sighting reports but that she did not know who to turn them over to. George told Mrs. *Name* to give the reports to the Forget-Me-Nots Association (FMNA) for whom she now works. Mrs. *Name* reportedly replied that the FMNA doesn't have any money with which to follow-up the reports. She also told George that the FMNA (i.e., Bob Cressman) had paid her for only two months services, and that no more money would be forthcoming. (Note: During ref c phonecon, Mrs. *Name* said she had told Mr. Cressman of the FMNA to stop paying her.) George reminded Mrs. *Name* of her oft-stated assertion that she is motivated solely by a humanitarian concern for our missing men and their families and that she is not interested in money. George told Mrs. *Name* that if she has any information about U.S. PW/MIAs she should pass it directly to the DIA -- reminding her that the DIA has adequate resources to follow-up any worthwhile information and that she knew how to contact DIA. Mrs. *Name* told George that she doesn't trust the DIA. She charged that the DIA is opening all her mail, makes copies of it, then distributes it to various parties; and that DIA is tapping her phone. (Note: RO explained to George that Mrs. *Name* charges are utterly absurd.) George asked that RO contact Mrs. *Name* and tell her that George had asked RO to request that *Name* release any PW/MIA Information she has to the DIA. George suggested that RO remind Mrs. *Name* that the persons who have written to Mrs. *Name* have clearly stated that they submitted their information about U.S. PW/MIAs in hopes that it would be passed to the USG and that it might help our missing men and their families.

6. (U) THE "GENTLEMAN IN THE PRC":

a. Mrs. Name stated that this source has a brother who lives in Iowa. Mrs. Name said she is aware that this brother has forwarded to DIA copies of correspondence from the "Gentleman in the PRC." Therefore, Mrs. Name insisted that it was not necessary for her to reveal the "Gentleman's" name.

b. According to Mrs. Name the "Gentleman in the PRC" is not happy with his brother in Iowa. She claimed that the "Gentleman" had telephoned her twice from the PRC. However, she declared she refused to discuss details with this Gentleman over the telephone now that her phone is tapped. ((Note: Another example of her proclivity for specious statements --unless there have been some recent developments in this case that Mrs. Name has not yet shared with the league or others, all traffic on this case took place in 1983; long before July 1984 when Mrs. Name purportedly became alerted to the possibility that her mail and phonecalls might be intercepted.))

c. Mrs. Name said she instructed the "Gentleman" in the PRC to send the details of his knowledge about U.S. PWs to her in the mail ((Note: which she professes to believe in being opened!)) to avoid compromise.

d. Mrs. Name refused to furnish copies of correspondence she purportedly received from "the Gentleman in the PRC;" although she offered to "think it over." ((Note: This case -- Name -- is considered resolved. It is a fabrication purporting to provide information about a group of U.S. PWs being held in a cave near Lien Trai II (AKA: Son La), of the reeducation camp complex administered by Doan 776, PAVN.))

7. FORMER MEMBER OF THE GVN DELEGATION NEGOTIATING THE PARIS PEACE ACCORD:

a. Mrs. Name said she met with this person several times. He left Vietnam about 20 years ago and had been living in France. Recently he spent a year in Vietnam; but currently is in "this area" (presumably Washington, D.C.). Mrs. Name says he is about to return to Vietnam for one more year. When asked his profession, Mrs. Name quickly replied "lawyer;" then, as if she had revealed more than she intended, she recanted saying first that he was a businessman, then a professional man, and finally that she didn't recall his occupation.

b. Beyond saying that the man could help "us" regarding the U.S. PW issue, Mrs. Name refused to reveal any more about the man or his purported knowledge about U.S. PWs. However, Mrs. Name declared that RO should understand that Mrs. Name is not trying to discourage the man from talking to the DIA. ((Note: DIA/DC-2B subsequently learned that this person is Name))