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From: Chief of Naval Personnel
To: Rear Admiral James B. Stockdale, USN, XXX XX XXXX/1310
Subj: Investigation of suspected offenses

1. In your letter of 30 March 1973, written in your capacity as the senior Navy prisoner of war, you reported your belief that during their captivity certain U.S. prisoners violated standing orders of the senior U.S. military officer in captivity, Colonel (now Brigadier General) John P. Flynn, U.S. Air Force, and may have committed other acts of misconduct.
2. In order that you might have available to you an accurate and comprehensive picture of all the facts and circumstances surrounding these incidents you requested the Chief of Naval Personnel to take appropriate action to initiate an investigation of these matters and to forward to you the results of the investigation.
3. The requested investigation has been conducted by the Naval Investigative Service to a sufficient extent to permit an in-depth review of the actions of the officers you identified. The investigative results which consist of transcripts of interviews with those returned U.S. prisoners of war identified in the attachment, have been forwarded to the San Diego office of the Naval Investigative Service for your review. When you have determined a further course of action in this matter, you are requested to advise the Chief of Naval Personnel.
4. For your information, the Secretary of Defense has established the policy that no charges will be considered against returned POWs unless they are preferred by another POW.
5. Should you consider that other returned POWs should be interviewed or that those who have already provided information should be further interviewed as to particular aspects of the information they related, the Chief of Naval Personnel will take appropriate steps to accomplish your request.

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