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NI TITLE S/WILBER, WALTER EUGENE/CAPT USN <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> X/MILLER, EDISON WAINRIGHT/LTCOL USMC, 054602 PARTICIPATING AGENTS L. H. BUTTERFIELD, S/A (NISHQ) W. B. JEPSON, S/A (03HQ) REFERENCE (A) 11HQ ROI/05-18-73 INVESTIGATION 1. Reference (a) reports results of investigation relative to allegations that Subject and Co-Subject, former Prisoners of War in North Vietnam, (Circa 1968-1973), did possibly violate the Code of Conduct, orders issued by the Wing Commander (Fourth Combined POW Wing) and cooperate with the enemy. 2. As reflected in reference (a), interviews of 16 former POWs disclosed numerous violations of the Code of Conduct, direct violation of the Wing Commander (LTCOL Robinson RISNER, USAF) orders; known by the codeword "PLUMS" and several instances - observed by those interviewed - of direct cooperation with the North Vietnamese on the part of Subject and Co-Subject. 3. In addition to those interviewed, in reference (a), twenty-three (23) other former POWs were interviewed to date in conjunction with this investigation. In most cases all those interviewed furnished statements that corroborated, and in some instances, furnished additional information, relative to the comments made by those previously interviewed concerning the original allegations set forth by the requester (Attachment (1)) and information furnished by those POWs previously interviewed concerning Subject and Co-Subject's behavior during their interment. The date of each interview is reflected parenthetically followed by their respective "shoot down date" indicating the period of time about which each could provide information. For reference, they are listed alphabetically and transcripts/affidavits are listed numerically as attached. BROWN, Paul, CAPT, USMC (05001-73) (07-25-68) Attachment (2)					
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<p>BROWNING, Ralph T., CAPT, USAF (04-13-73) (08-07-66) Attachment (3)</p> <p>CAREY, David J., LCDR, USN (06-07-73) (08-31-67) Attachment (4)</p> <p>COFFEE, Gerald L., CDR, USN (04-17-73) (02-03-66) Attachment (5) and (6)</p> <p>ELANDER, William J., MAJ, USAF (05-01-73) (07-05-72) Attachment (7)</p> <p>ELLIS, Leon F., CAPT, USAF (05-04-73) (11-07-67) Attachment (8)</p> <p>FINLAY, John S., COL, USAF (04-13-73) (04-28-68) Attachment (9)</p> <p>FISHER, Kenneth, MAJ, USAF (05-02-73) (11-07-67) Attachment (10)</p> <p>FRAZER, Kenneth J., CAPT, USAF (05-07-73) (02-17-72) Attachment (11)</p> <p>GUY, Theodore W., COL, USAF (04-14-73) (03-22-68) Attachment (12)</p> <p>HALYBURTON, Porter A., LCDR, USN (05-08-73) (10-17-65) Attachment (13)</p> <p>HAWLEY, Edward A., CAPT, USN (05-05-73) (02-17-72) Attachment (14)</p> <p>INGVALSON, Roger D., LTCOL, USAF (05-02-73) (05-28-68) Attachment (15)</p> <p>KITTINGER, Joseph W., COL, USAF (05-03-73) (05-11-72) Attachment (16)</p> <p>LAWRENCE, William P., CAPT, USN (04-14-73) (06-28-67) Attachment (17) and (18)</p>							
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PRICE, Larry D., LT, USAF (05-03-73) (07-30-72)
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MCCAIN, John S., CDR, USN (04-12-73) (10-26-67)
Attachment (20)

MECLEARY, Read B., LCDR, USN (04-09-73) (05-26-67)
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RIVERS, Wendell B., CAPT, USN (04-06-73) (09-09-65)
Attachment (23)

SCHWEITZER, Robert J., CDR, USN (05-03-73) (01-05-68)
Attachment (24)

STOCKMAN, Harvey S., COL, USAF (05-15-73) (06-11-67)
Attachment (25)

WARNER, James H., CAPT, USN (04-19-73) (10-13-67)
Attachment (26)

WOODS, Robert D., LCDR, USN (04-16-73) (10-12-66)
Attachment (27)

ABSTRACT OF INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS

4. This investigation, as well as that reported in Reference (a), developed substantial testimony that both Subject and/or Co-Subject during their confinement did:

- (1) Receive preferential treatment;
- (2) Participate in the production of anti-war propaganda;
- (3) Refused to comply with direct orders from the acting POW Commander to obey the Code of Conduct and the "Plums";
- (4) Refused to communicate with fellow POWs;
- (5) Actively thwarted POW covert communications by informing the NVA guards;
- (6) Assaulted a fellow POW;
- (7) Refused to accept military responsibilities commensurate with their rank;
- (8) Assisted the NVA guards in maintaining camp security

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(closing and locking doors, and constructing a brick wall, both of which caused fellow POWs to lose their "comm circuit";

- (9) Encourage other POWs to meet delegations, grant interviews, make tapes/statements and "improve" their attitude.
- (10) Make inflammatory and derogatory remarks against the United States and elected officials of the U.S. Government.

5. Analysis of attachments (2) thru (23) would undoubtedly disclose additional actions on the part of Subject and Co-Subject that were not considered within the spirit and intent of the Code of Conduct. However, those mentioned above were considered by the interviewer to have been the precipitating factor which resulted in frequent and senseless interrogation of POWs, possible torture of POWs, breakdown of communication efforts, frequent POW personnel moves, continual request by the NVA to author letters of amnesty, meet delegations, make statements and grant interviews, increased the difficulty in establishing a "command structure" and created a frustrating, demoralizing and feeling of abandonment on the part of all POWs that knew, associated or heard of Subject and Co-Subject.

FILES OF NIS

6. Files of NIS contain no additional information pertinent to this investigation other than that reported or referenced herein.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) RADM James B. STOCKDALE's letter/03-03-73...(copy all).
- (2) Transcript interview of CAPT Paul BROWN, USMC/05-01-73...(copy all).
- (3) Trans interview of CAPT Thomas BROWNING, USAF/04-13-73...(copy all).
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