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Donor: Mary Jane Lewis, Meridian, Mississippi.

Scope and Contents

This collection details the activities of various organizations concerning Viet Nam era prisoners of war (POW) and missing in action (MIA) in Southeast Asia. The majority of the collection deals with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. The collection includes information on the organizational structure of the League, newsletters, departmental reports, regional reports, fact sheets, and press releases. The Mississippi Chapter of the League also includes correspondence, mostly by Mary Jane Lewis (Regional Coordinator), with the White House, State Department, Secretary of Defense, members of Congress, and the Department of the Air Force.

The remainder of the collection involves materials from other POW/MIA organizations throughout the United States. There is general information on the POW/MIA situation, including Congressional actions and court cases. The collection also includes cassette and reel-to-reel tapes (including an audio-visual presentation) and

television film; newspaper clippings from 1965-1979; and numerous publications about POW/MIAs.

The collection was donated by Miss Lewis, Regional Coordinator of the National League. Her brother, Lt. Col. James Wimberly Lewis, has been missing in action in Laos since 1965.

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- 1 Cassette, Speech by Nick Rowe, San Angelo, TX , Sept. 30, 1974
- 2 Reel-to-reel, KDOX Radio Announcements by Mrs. James Lewis
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Congressional Hearings

U. S. House of Representatives, 93rd Congress, 1st Session: Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on National Policy and Scientific Development. "American Prisoners of War -end Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, 1973" Part 4.

U. S. House of Representatives, 94th Congress, 1st and 2nd Sessions: Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia. "Americans Missing in Southeast Asia." Hearings, Parts 1-5 Final Report

8. Miscellaneous.

"Whatever Happened to Sean Flynn" lapel buttons (9)

Fairchild Corporation MIA/POW zipper pouch

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| 44. | Analysis of the Final Report of the House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia by the National League of Families of American Prisoners & Missing in Southeast Asia. | 1977 |
| 45. | Statement for the Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Affairs House of Representatives (April 10 & May 7, 1979) | 1979 |
| 46. | Testimony Submitted for the Record by Michael Armacost Before the East Asia and Pacific Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, June 27, 1980 | 1980 |
| 47. | Asian Security Environment Report: 1980 | 1980 |

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Uncorrelated Information Relating to Missing Americans in Southeast Asia. Department of Defense, December 15, 1978.

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