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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.

Arrangement

Series 1. National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia

Series 2. Mississippi Chapter of the National League

Series 3. Other POW/MIA Organizations

Series 4. National POW/MIA miscellaneous

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29. Mississippi League Correspondence 1970-1977
31. Congressional Correspondence 1969-1977
32. Department of Air Force Correspondence 1969-1978
34. National League Correspondence 1973-1977
35. Mississippi Chapter Letterheads
36. Mary Jane Lewis Handwritten Papers 1973-1974
38. Press Releases 1974-1977
39. Membership Rosters
40. Financial Statements
3. Other POW/MIA Organizations.

1. California: Concern for Prisoners of War, Inc.

2. California: VIVA (Voices in Vital America)

3. Colorado: High Flight Foundation

4. Florida: Citizens Assistance Program

5. Illinois: Remember the Puebla Committee


7. Missouri: VIVA Heart of America

8. New Mexico: SOLON (Save Our Loved Ones Now)

9. New York: Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in North Vietnam

10. New York: National Human Rights Committee for POW/MIAs

11. Oklahoma: Alliance to Help American POWs in Southeast Asia

12. Texas: Dallas Cares

13. Texas: Dallas Cares

14. Texas: Operation MIA/POW

15. Texas: Support POW/MIA, Inc.

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18 POW Background Information
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20 United States District Court, Eastern Division of New York: Earl P. Hopper, Jr. et al. vs. James E. Carter, Jr. et al.
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26 "Free the Prisoners Day" Jackson, MS 1971
27 Resolutions and Proclamations for POW/MIA

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30 News Release concerning House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia 1975
31 Analysis of Final Report of House Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia
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Tapes

1. Cassette, Speech by Nick Rowe, San Angelo, TX, Sept. 30, 1974
2. Reel-to-reel, KDOX Radio Announcements by Mrs. James Lewis
3. Reel-to-reel, 3 radio announcements for "United We Stand"
4. Television film, 3 commercials for "We Think It's Important"

Audiovisual Presentation

99 slides in numerical order
Cassette tape soundtrack
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Congressional Hearings


8. Miscellaneous.

"Whatever Happened to Sean Flynn" lapel buttons (9)
Fairchild Corporation MIA/POW zipper pouch
MIA/POW Missing Man Banner

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National League.

1. Election Board of Directors 1967-80
2. Minutes Board of Directors 1975-78
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4. Committee Reports 1976
5. Miscellaneous Reports & Memoranda 1975-77
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8. National Newsletters (2 folders) 1971-78
10. Annual Meetings 1973-80
14. Western Regional Report 1976
15. Arizona Newsletter 1975-76
17. Florida Newsletter 1976-77
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24. Mississippi League Correspondence 1965-80
25. White House, State Department, Department of Defense Correspondence 1965-79
26. Congressional Correspondence 1965-80
27. Department of Air Force Correspondence 1966-80
29. National League Correspondence 1972-81
30. Miscellaneous Correspondence n.d.
31. Mississippi Newsletter 1975
32. List of Meridian Clubs and Organizations 1973

Other POW/MIA Organizations.
33. California: Support Our POW/MIA 1976
34. California: VIVA (Voices in Vital America) 1974-75
35. Kansas: FACK (Forgotten Americans Committee of Kansas) n.d.
36. Texas: Dallas Cares 1974
37. Texas: Operation POW/MIA 1974-78

National POW/MIA Miscellaneous.
38. Class Action Suit: McDonald vs. McLucas 1974-77
39. News Wire, Press Reports, Briefings etc 1969-77
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Congressional Actions.
42. **Congressional Record Excerpts** 1969-77

43. **House & Senate Proposals, Resolutions etc.** 1973-75


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


**Photographs & Publicity Materials.**

48. Pictures and Memorabilia n.d.

49. Miscellaneous Publicity Campaign Material 1974-1980

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59. Undated Newspaper Clippings  n.d.
60. Miscellaneous Publications  1970-1974
61. The Voice (Newspaper)  1975

Miscellaneous:
62. CIA Material (8 folders)  1966-1971

   Volume I, Section I: Personnel
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