

Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs

We have all been at this for awhile, juggling hope and frustration with disappointment in our quest for answers about missing loved ones. Somewhere along the way, my own search broadened beyond looking for my father. The accounting effort as a whole became my focus. I don't know why. It's happened with others. Advocating for 8000 men can be easier than searching for just one, I suppose. More can be done. There are times, however, when I need to remind myself to spend time on my father's case.

Then I realize that searching for all the men *is* spending time on my father's case. In fact, the best way to find one of the missing men is by searching for them all. As a matter of efficiency, the government has to operate this way. They haven't created multiple agencies and spent hundreds of millions of dollars to look for just my father. Then there are the politics involved. Very broad issues are dealt with at international levels. Conflicting policies compete for priorities within our own government. These actions are done for all the men, not just one.

Within this atmosphere, individual family member's voices fall like scattered raindrops in a summer shower. When only a few of us urge the White House to resume search and recovery operations in North Korea, we are those scattered raindrops. When thousands of us speak up, pelting the White House and Congress in a torrent of emails and letters, we will become a driving storm impossible to ignore.

The search for the missing men is geared to this larger picture. The families should be doing the same. This appeal will be a recurring theme throughout the newsletter and why an organization like the *Coalition* exists. Keep an eye out for ways to become part of the storm!