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2. ~~LET~~ ON THURSDAY, JUNE 8 EMBASSY RECEIVED A FAX MESSAGE (TEXT BELOW) FROM THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE TO HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NORTH KOREA, ONE OF THE SEOUL-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT NORTH KOREAN REFUGEES IN THE CHINA-DPRK BORDER AREA. THE FAX TO THE EMBASSY STATES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS TOLD BY A CHINESE POLICE OFFICER THAT A [REDACTED] SEEKS ASYLUM FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY IN EXCHANGE FOR DELIVERING ELEVEN SETS OF U.S. REMAINS AND THREE POWS (TWO ROK, ONE AMERICAN) STILL CURRENTLY ALIVE AND DETAINED IN THE DPRK. THE FAX MESSAGE STATES THAT ONE SET OF REMAINS HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT BY [REDACTED] TO THE CHINESE POLICE OFFICER AND INCLUDE A DOGTAG WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: LINE 1: DUFRANE, FRANCIS A.; LINE 2: RA 11019562; LINE 3: T-46-47-48 AB. ALSO AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT OF THE TAG IS THE LETTER C. AN IMAGE OF THIS DOGTAG WAS INCLUDED WITH THE FAX.

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POLOFF DID NOT FIND THE NAME OF FRANCIS A. DUFRANE ON THE AVAILABLE LIST OF KOREAN WAR MIAs; HOWEVER, THE LIST HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED FOR SOME TIME.

4. ~~LET~~ POLOFF CALLED MS. ALEXIS KIM, OF THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE TO GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FAX MESSAGE. KIM SAID THAT [REDACTED] WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION, [REDACTED] IS CURRENTLY IN THE ROK UNTIL SUNDAY, JUNE 11 AND AGREED TO MEET WITH POLOFF ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THIS CASE.

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5. ~~LET~~ ACTION REQUEST: FOR DPMO, PLEASE INFORM POST IF THE NAME FRANCIS A. DUFRANE APPEARS ON THE COMPOSITE LIST OF KOREAN WAR MIAs AND ALSO IF THE FORMAT OF THE DOGTAG INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE FAX IS CONSISTENT WITH KOREAN WAR-ERA DOGTAGS. ALSO FOR DPMO, PLEASE PROVIDE POST WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OR AUTHENTICITY OF THIS REPORT. [REDACTED]

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6. (U) BEGIN TEXT:  
CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE TO HELP POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NORTH KOREA  
KURO PO BOX 180, KUMCHON-KU, SEOUL, 153-014, KOREA.  
TEL: 82-2-723-1672, 2671 FAX: 82-2-723-1671, TEL/FAX: 82-2-894-1672 (EVENING)  
JESSE CURTIS  
POLITICAL MILITARY OFFICER  
US EMBASSY, SEOUL  
JUNE 8, 2000  
DEAR MR. CURTIS:

[REDACTED] CHINA HAS INFORMED US THAT A CHINESE POLICE OFFICER HAS THE REMAINS OF A US SOLDIER, WHICH HAD BEEN DISCREETLY TRANSPORTED OUT OF NORTH KOREA BY [REDACTED] THE IDENTIFICATION TAG BELONGING TO THE US SOLDIER SAYS:  
DUFRANE, FRANCIS A.  
RA 11019562  
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WE HAVE A PHOTO OF THE IDENTIFICATION TAG.  
AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL TRANSACTION OF DUFRANE'S REMAINS,  
REMAINS OF AT LEAST TEN US SOLDIERS CAN BE TRANSFERRED.  
THERE ARE ALSO ONE US POW AND TWO KOREAN POW'S WHO ARE  
ALIVE. IN THE CASE OF SAFELY HANDING OVER THE THREE POW'S,  
THE [REDACTED] WANTS PROTECTION AND ASYLUM FOR  
HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY.  
PLEASE CONTACT US IF THE US EMBASSY IS INTERESTED.  
SINCERELY YOURS,  
BENJAMIN H. YCON  
END TEXT.  
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