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January 31, 1987

National Security Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

To Whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C., section 552, I am requesting all known documents and records related to the following:

1. Between July 1, 1981 and December 31, 1986, the activity of Col. North, Mr. Childress, Mr. Armitage (DOD), and others, that resulted in the transfer, directly or indirectly, of arms, ammunition, spare parts, or other things of value, to Communist Vietnam &/or Laos.
2. Information obtained by Col. North, Mr. Childress, Mr. Armitage (DOD), &/or others, relating to U.S. POWs in Vietnam, Laos, China, &/or the USSR.
3. Information related to the release of U.S. POWs from Vietnam, Laos, China, or the USSR.
4. The extraction of one U.S. POW from Laos, in 1983, by Pierre Coté, Code name Ivan, a contract employee of the CIA.

To save time and unnecessary communication, it should be noted that: "Entities whose functions are not limited to advising and assisting the President are 'agencies' under the FOIA." Therefore, between 1981 and January 1987, the NSC fell under the definition of an agency, for FOIA purposes, since its' role was substantially more than "advising and assisting" the President, according to recent sworn testimony before the U.S. Congress.

Please provide me with a Vaughn Index (Vaughn v Rosen) for any information that is withheld from the above request.

I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Sanders".

James D. Sanders