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Dear Dick:

Enclosed is the correspondence from SOURCE, along with my "pep talk" to him in response. As you will note from the tone of his letter, he is an impatient type. I think he is a valuable source, being apparently quite close to and trusted by the resistance people working in Europe, as well as a wide circle of refugee and exile contacts. So anything that can be done to nurture his faith in our mutual intentions would be good. If you have any ideas along this line, please let me know. Hopefully, if this refugee with the remains works out, it will do a lot to boost SOURCE's sagging morale.

Several thoughts have occurred to me since speaking with you. For one thing, if these Crosby remains are positively identified, and perhaps a determination that the other remains behind the guy's house are others MIA as well, this situation could prove most beneficial far and beyond the actual accounting involved. The incident is proof positive that the government and private groups can work together effectively in an entirely proper manner. Perhaps it would be good to make that point when word of the identification is released to the press. As you know, there are many skeptics out there who feel the government is not sincere in this respect and many others who want to do their own blazing glory endeavors. This could help to show many people, who so easily get snookered, that the responsible groups can get things done in a responsible manner. Don't you agree?

SOURCE feels that it is vital that SUBSOURCE be reinterviewed by someone. Although he does not appear to have any particularly vital info on actual live POW-MIA situations, he does seem to have information regarding how remains were handled. I find particularly interesting his thoughts about how remains were shuffled into Laos so that the Vietnamese are not on the surface responsible for them. Also, according to SOURCE, he has info regarding the Reds political uses of the POWs/MIAs that were held back, alive as well as remains. That I think makes his stories worth exploring further. SOURCE thinks, and I agree, that you would be a good one to interview him. I am quite sure that SOURCE could arrange the details on that end. Could be you already have your own plans for SUBSOURCE.

When you were in Salisbury you were supposed to have received honorary memberships, as voted by our board of directors, for yourself and Mr. Reagan, but they were not back from the printer. I have them now, and I will forward shortly. Is this okay with you? I will also have for you shortly the material concerning the names the guy smuggled out of a Red camp in Korea back in 1953.

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I am sorry if I appeared to be a little out of it when you called. I had layed down earlier in the evening with a headache, and it seems I had dozed off when you called. I probably sounded rather half awake.

I will let you know right away if I get anything additional from SOURCE.

Best regards,

*Mike*  
Mike Blair