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Joseph E. Connarton
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Dear Mr. Connarton:

Thank you for your letter and resolution regarding our POW/MIAs from the Vietnam war.

The plight of the 2,491 American servicemen still missing in Southeast Asia is important to me. We owe it to the POW/MIAs, to their families and friends, and to ourselves, to work towards resolving their uncertain status.

Recently, I became a cosponsor of H.J.Res. 489, which directs President Reagan to immediately secure a full accounting of our American POW/MIAs from the Vietnam conflict. Currently, this legislation is pending in the Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

As you may know, over the past few years Congress has held hearings on the whereabouts of our POW/MIAs. These hearings are used to investigate new evidence relating to the POW/MIAs and to oversee and recommend action to the Administration. The Foreign Affairs Committee plans to hold further hearings this year sometime in the early fall.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the Department of Defense POW/MIA Fact Book. Again, I appreciate your taking the time to share the views of the Cambridge City Council with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

James M. Shannon
Member of Congress

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Comm. from Rep. James M. Shannon in acknowledgement & appreciation of resolutions adopted by the Council Re: American servicemen missing in action in Vietnam.

In City Council,

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