

DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION SECRET PYBAT	PROCESSING ACTION
TO Chief, WH Division		XX	MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED
INFO Chief, FE Division			ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
FROM Chief of Station, Mexico City			ENCLOSURE
SUBJECT BGBCRET/LIHUFF-1			
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>1. On 27 February 1968 COS met with LIHUFF/1. During the meeting, LIHUFF/1 was reminiscing about World War II and his days in the U.S. Army and specifically in MIS/X. The "X" indicated that their primary function was to recover and debrief Americans who had been captured by the Japanese. The unit in China with which LIHUFF/1 served as known as "A.G.A.S." (Aid Group of the Armed Services) for cover reasons.</p> <p>2. LIHUFF/1 and his group worked in the part of China bordering Vietnam; and, particularly after the French had practically all been arrested, they established a very close working relationship with Ho Chi Minh (known as Chi Minh HOO).</p> <p>3. LIHUFF/1 had many personal meetings with Ho Chi Minh who, at that time, claimed to be an admirer of Americans, American-type democracy and President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ho Chi Minh repeatedly said, in those days, that he wished "Dominion Status" in the French Empire for his people. He also said he considered the "Atlantic Charter" a great and historic document which he hoped could be duplicated for, or extended to, the Pacific area.</p> <p>4. At the end of the War, Ho Chi Minh sent a personal letter in English to LIHUFF/1. A Xerox copy of this letter is attached under separate cover. Ho Chi Minh speaks Vietnamese, Chinese, French, Russian and English.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-continued-</p> <p>Attachments: (u/s/c) Letter</p> <p>Distributions: 2 - C/WH, w/att 1 - C/FE, w/att</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><i>De Huff-1</i></p> <p><i>20799</i></p> <p><i>201-116</i></p> <p><i>23</i></p> </div>			
CROSS REFERENCE TO	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER	DATE	
	HPMA-34179	1 March 1968	
	CLASSIFICATION SECRET PYBAT	DISPATCH NUMBER 50-120-16	

1/21

CONTINUATION OF
DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION
SECRET EYES

DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER
HMA-34179

5. LIHUFF/I is willing -- should this be desired -- to write to Ho Chi Minh (attaching a copy of Ho Chi Minh's letter to him) and ask if Ho Chi Minh would permit him to visit him and talk with him in Hanoi.

6. LIHUFF/I realizes that Ho Chi Minh may know he is a "Right Wing Capitalist" and may never reply; or, if he does reply, may refuse to give LIHUFF/I permission to enter North Vietnam.

7. It is requested that Headquarters reply, indicating whether or not there is any interest in having LIHUFF/I make this effort. If there is interest, Headquarters assistance in drafting the letter is requested, and suggestions on how best to get the letter to Hanoi are needed.

Willard C. CURTIS

To Col. [redacted]

A. S.

Dear Sir,

In the general rejoicing of the victory of the Allies, victory of democracy & freedom over fascism & oppression - We feel a bit sorry, (1) our American friends are leaving us, (2) we have none or very small share in that democracy & freedom yet.

Anyhow, we will keep on fighting to get our full share. In our fight, we remain sure that the sympathy of the great people of America is with us. And when we attain our aim: National independence, We are going to meet our American friends again, and this, in happier conditions and in larger number.

At Phelan is becoming very popular among our guerrillas & villagers. Every one of us regret his leaving & hope he could come back here again.

The American pilot downed in DOXO TRIBU is safe and sound in the hand of Overseas Chinese bandits. Our local VML is in contact with them. We ordered our local VML to pay whatever sum of money the bandits ask, in order to get the pilot out and to send him back to his HQ.

We thank you very much of sympathy & aid you have given us. We remain sure that in the U.S. or wherever you be, you will win more friends for our country & our cause.

On behalf of VML, I send you a small souvenir - a lacquer painting by a Fengling artist, member of the VML.

I wish you good health and good luck and beg to remain

Yours very sincerely,

C.M. Hoog

AVIRMA 4T A/O

S. T. O. V.

[redacted]

1953

03

2/RS