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The MIAs still alive are probably held by feudal warlords in the mountainous jungles WITHOUT the approval, and beyond the control, of Hanoi.

Hanoi, like all communist governments, has a deep need to be perceived as omnipotent. Hanoi seeks to convince its People, and outsiders, that it is in control of the countryside, when in fact there are, and have always been pockets of resistance to its rule, even in the North. Communism, like the colonialism that preceded it, is an alien system imposed from above on a "backward" society that is still, socially and economically, in the middle ages. That is a difficult mind-set for a central government to overcome. The communists were able to seize control of the urban areas and much of the countryside but the old ways of the warlords die hard. Hanoi will never betray the fact that it exerts little influence in some jungly mountain areas.

All communist governments are like this. They will never admit they are NOT all powerful, that they do not have the loyalty of all their People. Instead, they engage in an elaborate charade to fool their People and foreigners into believing their "total" power cannot be opposed, much less overcome. This is why we didn't anticipate the fall of the Soviet Union until it happened as the communists, by habit, presented a united front to the world.

(Interestingly, this is similar to the ways of our own ruling class and government and FBI that today desperately seek to maintain the illusion that they are honest and competent, when in fact everything is spiraling out of their control but they don't want the public panicked by the truth and so they deliberately mislead our People.)

It is in the redoubts of the warlords, far from the everyday control by the communists in Hanoi that the MIAs slave away. In feudal societies there are no pension plans, no social security that people can live on in their old age. In these societies the children stay close to home and care for their parents as a matter of tradition and economic necessity.

If a child is killed by an American bomb, or an American soldier, the future means of sustenance for the elderly is lost and cannot/will not be replaced by the central government. If an American pilot or soldier subsequently falls into the hands of the warlord/leader of one of these isolated communities it is likely he is condemned to work for the family that has lost its breadwinner providing for the

children, wives and elderly until he can work no more.

The community will not announce his capture and continued presence for fear they will lose an important source of economic stability. They keep mum caring not about world politics. Hanoi and Washington are in the dark about these captives.

Hanoi is sincere when it says it has no knowledge about their existence and because the communists need to maintain the illusion of power it will not rock the boat. With the new policy of Clintonomics we may have an opening. We are being beckoned yet again by Cam Rahn Bay, and considering the ever escalating belligerence of Beijing, we'd do well to lease the facility and lay the groundwork for a future alliance. By artfully going over the heads of the communist

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