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Peking story - 1955

12-26 March

Letters from the members of families of

the Americans imprisoned in China

- to D.H. :

- a) Brown, Frank (Conway, Minn.)
 - b) Buck, Noah A. (Armathwaite, Tenn.)
 - c) Baumer, Mary E. (Lewisburg, Pa)
 - d) Meller, Edwin L. (Wynewood, Pa)
 - e) Parks, W. G. (Omaha, Nebraska)
 - f) Vaadi, Eugene (Clayton, N.Y.)
 - g) Cameron, Roland G (Lincoln, Nebraska)
 - h) Thompson, John W. (Orange, Virginia)
 - i) Jamerson, Lillian (Missoula, Mont)
 - j) Fisher, Harold (Svea City, Iowa)
- D.H.'s reply, 28 March. (8 letters)

Mr & Mrs Frank Brown

7712 Conway

St Paul, Minn

St Paul 6 Minn
March 12 1955

Mr Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York City, New York

We feel that you have been trying
to obtain the release of the 11 air men of
which our son Tech Sergeant Howard W Brown
is one.

We are so very concerned about him and
we will do anything we can to obtain his
release from Red China.

We feel an appeal from us might help.
Hope you will use our letter enclosed to
Premier Chou En-Lai as you see fit.
We thank you

Sincerely

Mr + Mrs Frank Brown

1712 Conway
St Paul 6 Minn.

28 March 1955

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 12 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, Tech. Sergeant Howard W. Brown. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

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The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Encl.

Dag Hammarskjöld

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown
1712 Conway
St. Paul 6, Minn.

Armathwaite Tenn,

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Mr. Dag Hammerstjold.
Sec. Gen. U.N.
New York City N.Y.

Dear Sir. We are writing
you in regard to our son Lt. John W.
Buck, who is one of the 11 air men shot
down over Manchuria, who is being
held as a spy by The Chinese Reds.

We thought it might be good to write
to Premier Mr. Chou - En - lai. & we are
enclosing a letter to him.

If you think this will help - Please
send it to him.

We are so thankful for what you
have done & ^{are} now doing for their
release.

Thanks so much.

Mr. & Mrs. Noah A. Buck,
Father & Mother of Lt. Buck.

28 March 1955

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Noah A. Buck,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 11 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, 1st Lt. John W. Buck. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

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Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah A. Buck
Armthwaite
Tennessee.

124 St. Anthony St.
Lewisburg, Penna.
March 15, 1955

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold
Secretary General
United Nations
New York, N. Y.

Dear sir:

I know that you have given quite a bit of your time hoping to gain the release of my son, Major William H. Baumer, and the other prisoners held in Red China. For your efforts I say, "Thank you."

Maybe the enclosed will help in your efforts. Please use it as you see fit.

Sincerely,

Mrs Mary E. Baumer

Mrs. Mary E. Baumer

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28 March 1955

Dear Mrs. Baumer,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 15 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, Major William H. Baumer. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

.... The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Mrs. Mary E. Baumer
124 St. Anthony St.
Lewisburg, Pa.

March 15, 1955

Dear Mr. Hammerskjold,

I would like to thank you for your untiring efforts in trying to obtain the release of my husband, Lt. Colonel Edwin H. Heller and other personnel being held in Red China.

I hope that the enclosed letter might aid you in some respect in your appeals to the Communists. I am more than willing to cooperate in any way that you see fit.

Again may I thank you and I only hope and pray that your efforts will not

90 unrewarded -

Sincerely yours,

Subira R. Heller

28 March 1955

Dear Mrs. Heller,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 15 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your husband, Lt. Colonel Edwin L. Heller. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

.... The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mrs. Edwin L. Heller
480 Warick Road
Wynnewood, Penna.

Omaha, Nebraska
March 16, 1955

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General
United Nations,
New York City, New York.

Dear Mr. Hammarskjold:

I realize the great efforts you have extended toward obtaining the release of my son, First Lieutenant Roland W. Parks, held in Red China. For this, I wish to express my sincerest thanks, and do hope that your efforts are proving successful.

Our son is one of the Fliers who are being held in Mukden, China, and he recently advised us that the Chinese Officials notified him that he would not be sentenced on any charges, but was being held on a "detained in China" status.

I hope and pray daily that our son will be returned to us soon, and I am enclosing a letter that might be of some help in your appeals to the communists. Feel free to use it at your discretion.

Sincerely,

Mrs. W. G. Parks

Mrs. W. G. Parks

enc.

28 March 1955

Dear Mrs. Parks,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 16 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, First Lieutenant Roland W. Parks. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

.... The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mrs. W.G.Parks
7926 Shirley
Omaha, Nebraska

Clayton, New York
March 18, 1953

Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Hammarskjöld:

The relatives of the imprisoned fliers thought that maybe a personal plea would help in your efforts to get our men released.

My husband is Captain Eugene J. Vaadi. His parents, my daughter and I want to thank you for all you have done.

If you think the enclosed letter would help, please use it.

Sincerely
Mrs. Eugene Vaadi
Vaadi

28 March 1955

Dear Mrs. Vaadi,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 18 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your husband, Captain Eugene J. Vaadi. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

.... The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mrs. Eugene Vaadi
Route No. 1
Clayton, N.Y.

5102 Garland,
Lincoln, Nebraska,
March 22, 1955.

Mr. Dag Hammarskjold,
Secretary-General United Nations,
New York City, New York.

My dear Mr. Hammarskjold:

We have been requested by the mothers and wives of the imprisoned American air men now being held prisoners in China to write to Mr. Chou En-lai an appeal to release our son, Lieut. Lyle W. Cameron.

We are very grateful to you that you were willing to take upon yourself the great responsibility of trying to improve relations between the United States and China, and of trying to affect the release of our son.

We received the photos of our son and of Lieut-Parks and Captain Fisher, who are held with him. They look in perfect health, and the letters we receive quite regularly are very cheerful.

We have great faith in anything that you might be able to do to affect their release, as also do we believe that our State Department is doing everything possible at this time.

We are enclosing a letter written to Mr. Chou En-lai, asking for our son's release. We are not sure that this is in keeping with any policies that you or our State Department are working on, and we wish inasmuch as you have talked with Mr. Chou En-lai that you would use your judgment and decide if it is wise to forward the letter on to China.

We love our son very much, and will sacrifice any personal feelings to hasten his return home. We are enclosing the letter to Mr. Chou En-lai at the request of these mothers and wives whose heartaches are as great as ours.

Our prayers are for success in all your efforts.

Gratefully,

Rolland G. Cameron

Rolland G. Cameron

H/Encl.

28 March 1955

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Rolland G. Cameron

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 22 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, Lieut. Lyle W. Cameron. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

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The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland G. Cameron
5102 Garland
Lincoln, Nebraska

146 Caroline Street
Orange, Virginia
March 21, 1955

Mrs. Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary General
United Nations

New York, New York.

Dear Mrs. Hammarskjöld:

We wish to thank you for the efforts you have made to obtain the release of our son, Airman Second Class John Walker Thompson II, who is one of the eleven American flyers being held in Red China.

If the enclosed letter will be of any help to you in your negotiations with Mr. Chou-En-lai please feel free to use it at your discretion.

May we, however, offer you any further assistance you may need.

Very truly yours,
Helen Long Thompson.
John W. Thompson, Jr.

28 March 1955

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Thompson,

I wish to acknowledge your letter of 21 March and to thank you most sincerely for your words of appreciation for my efforts towards obtaining the release of your son, Airman Second Class, John Walker Thompson III. I can assure you that I will leave nothing undone within my power in order to reach a result.

The letter, which you enclosed, has been forwarded to Mr. Chou En-lai with a letter of transmittal from me, copy of which I enclose for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Dag Hammarskjöld

Encl.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thompson Jr.
146 Caroline Street
Orange, Virginia

liberty? I wonder that our govt can get recruits in the air force - young men knowing that this condition exists! I wonder that our govt can conscientiously ask young men to enlist if they cannot offer something better than a possible fate like this!

I have great confidence in your diplomacy and ability and wish to personally thank you most sincerely for what you have already accomplished. It was wonderful to see their pictures and have reasonable assurance that they are being well cared for but please, please renew your efforts and don't let our boys be forgotten or any stone left unturned to secure their reunion with their loved ones.

Perhaps you have a son or a grandson, if so you can understand how much we want their release, not so much for our sake as for the sake of the boys to live their lives before their spirits and bodies are beyond help.

I helped raise my grandson, Elmer, (my only grandson & my only son was accidentally killed at 17) he has always been very near to me and my heart bleeds for him. I pray constantly and am sure God will provide a way if we but keep working.

Sorry to have bothered you but felt I must write and pour out my sorrowing heart. and hope & pray for some crumbs of encour-

agement.

Thank you again
sincerely,

Mrs Lillian P. Jamerson
1800 So 7th
Missoula Mont.

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Mr Dag Hammarkjold Searetry Of the Un,.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir,.

I am writing you in regards of are Son Cartain Harold Fischer

459/662 (S. G. Per. N.)

who is still being held by the Communist,.

As you have had one meeting with Chou En-Lai and got some pictures of are son and the other boys but was unsuccesafull in getting there realease, I was wandering

Ed.

if you would try again and mabe you would be able to get there release this time.

It will not be long now and the Korea war will be over and going in to the third year since it has being over, and these boys are not free yet so I think we should try and do every thing that can be done to get the boys back , as this is the first time in many years that a thing like this has happned were are boys were not returned after a war.

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Chou-En- Lai said to you in your meeting that the parents of the boys could come and see there sons, we are ready to go and see are son just as soon as the State Department will give us the pass port so we can do so.

We belive there can be a lot gained by going over there and it, could all so bring the release of Captain Fischer and the other boys.

Yours turly

Mr & Mrs Harold Fischer

Mr. & Mrs Harold Fischer Sr.