

**“MILITARY TOURISM:”
WASHINGTON’S FAILING RECOVERY
PROGRAM FOR AMERICA’S 83,000
POW/MIAS, 2005-2012 AND BEYOND.**

**A REVIEW
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THIS IS A SUMMARY OF A RECENT 2012 GOVERNMENT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING REPORT CONCERNING WASHINGTON’S INABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY RESOLVE AMERICA’S LONG-STANDING BACKLOG OF 83,000 POW/MIA’S OF THE 20TH CENTURY. THIS REVIEW WAS PREPARED FOR AMERICANS WHO WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS IN THE INTERESTS OF A FINAL TIMELY ACCOUNTING FOR ALL OF AMERICA’S POW/MIAS ... NO LONGER JUST A SELECTED FEW.

SUMMARY

ON 20 JANUARY 2012, A CRITICAL GOVERNMENT POW/MIA RELATED PROGRAM REPORT EMERGED. IT IS ENTITLED: “JPAC’S INFORMATION VALUE CHAIN: THE IDENTIFICATION OF MISSING PERSONS. WILL YOUR ORGANIZATION’S INFORMATION LEAD YOU DOWN THE RIGHT PATH?” JPAC STANDS FOR JOINT PACIFIC POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND, WHOSE MISSION IS TO FIND AND BRING HOME AMERICA’S STILL OUTSTANDING 83,000 POW/MIA’S UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM AMERICA’S 20TH CENTURY CONFLICTS. THE REPORT BORE AN OBSCURE TITLE, AND WAS ALSO MARKED AS A “DRAFT – DELIBERATIVE DOCUMENT,” WHILE PART OF THE REPORT WAS MADE FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO), SO AS TO PREVENT THE PUBLIC FROM LEARNING OF SERIOUS CHARGES OF MISFEASANCE AND MALFEASANCE AGAINST SENIOR JPAC LEADERSHIP FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING MULTI-YEAR ETHICAL AND MORAL VIOLATIONS DISCOVERED TAKING PLACE IN JPAC’S POW/MIA RECOVERY PROGRAM.

GIVEN OTHER SERIOUS MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS RECENTLY REPORTED AT THE DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION OFFICE (DPMO) IN WASHINGTON D.C., (JPAC’S HIGHER HEADQUARTERS), THE ABOVE 20 JANUARY 2012 JPAC REPORT IS EXTREMELY TROUBLING. THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS HIGHER HEADQUARTERS HAVE BOTH BEEN CRITICIZED IN RECENT YEARS FOR THEIR SNAIL-LIKE RESOLUTION OF A HUGE BACK-LOG OF CASES: RESOLVING LESS THAN ONE TO TWO HUNDRED CASES PER YEAR OF THE OUTSTANDING UNRESOLVED 83,000 POW/MIA CASES.

JPAC, DESCRIBES ITS MISSION AS, “THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING OF ALL U.S. SERVICEMEN LOST DURING OUR NATION’S PREVIOUS CONFLICTS.” THE 20 JANUARY 2012, REPORT (HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS “THE REPORT,” IS SUPPORTED WITH VOLUMINOUS CRITICAL DATA CONCERNING THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS INABILITY AND FAILURE TO PERFORM ITS MISSION. THE REPORT FINDS THAT JPAC AND ITS HIGHER HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, REFERRED TO AS DPMO, ARE BOTH FAILING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR MISSION. WHILE THE REPORT IS SILENT ON SPECIFIC CORRECTIVE ACTION, IN VARIOUS PLACES IT MENTIONS CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND WIDESPREAD PERSONNEL MISCONDUCT, WHICH IN THE REPORT’S OPINION GIVEN THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE GOVERNMENT’S POW/MIA RECOVERY PROGRAM, SHOULD WARRANT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS INTO THE REASONS FOR THESE FAILURES.

THE CURRENT JPAC AND DPMO ORGANIZATIONS WERE CREATED TWO DECADES AGO, WHEN AN EARLIER POW/MIA ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, OPERATED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT’S OFFICE OF POW/MIA AFFAIRS, WAS FOUND TO HAVE FAILED IN ITS POW/MIA RECOVERY MISSION IN 1992.

A GENERAL ACCOUNTING REPORT (GAO) FIFTEEN YEARS LATER, IN 2005, FOUND THAT DPMO WAS AGAIN FAILING IN ITS ACCOUNTING AND RECOVERY MISSION FOR AMERICA'S 83,000 POW/MIAs. THE GAO REPORT INDICATED THAT DPMO, AND ITS RECOVERY ORGANIZATION IN HAWAII, HAD SPENT AN INCREDIBLE 90% OF ITS BUDGETS OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES ONLY LOOKING FOR TWO PERCENT OF AMERICA'S 83,000 POW/MIAs. UNFORTUNATELY, CONGRESS TOOK LITTLE NOTE OF THE 2005 GAO REPORT, AND INSTEAD AUTHORIZED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPENSIVE NEW JPAC FORENSIC LABORATORY AT WHICH FUTURE POW/MIA REMAINS FOUND MIGHT BE EXAMINED, AND MANDATED THAT JPAC BEGIN ACCOUNTING FOR A MINIMUM OF 200 POW/MIA'S ANNUALLY BEYOND 2014.

THE JPAC REPORT OF 20 JANUARY 2012 HAS NOW ONCE AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED NOT ONLY THE EARLIER FAILED DPMO ORGANIZATION'S PROBLEMS, BUT NOW ITS SUBORDINATE JPAC ORGANIZATION IN HAWAII: AS A FAILING POW/MIA RECOVERY SYSTEM MANNED BY A PROBLEMATIC BUREAUCRACY.

THE PUBLIC MIGHT ASK ABOUT THE CONTINUING LACK OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN NEW POW/MIA IDENTIFICATIONS IN THE LAST TWO DECADES. SOME ASK IF THEIR GOVERNMENT HAS BETRAYED THEIR TRUST. CRITICAL REPORTS ABOUT BOTH DPMO, AND NOW JPAC, SUGGEST FEW ALTERNATIVES NOW EXIST BUT TO DEMAND THE FORMATION OF A CONGRESSIONAL "TRUTH COMMISSION." SUCH A COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE THE CREATION OF A COMPLETELY NEW ORGANIZATION CAPABLE OF SERIOUSLY CLOSING THE 82,000 POW/MIA LISTS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE LAST SUCH CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW TOOK PLACE IN 1992, OVER TWENTY YEARS AGO AND IS SORELY NEEDED NOW.

THE 20 JANUARY 2012 JPAC REPORT

THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE JPAC REPORT OF 20 JANUARY 2012, INFORMS THE READER THAT IT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY PAUL M. COLE, PHD, A RAND CORPORATION ORISE EXPERT, WHO ACTING IN A PAID CONSULTANT CAPACITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF THIS TWO YEAR REPORT, UNDERTOOK IT AT THE REQUEST OF THE HAWAIIAN-BASED JOINT PACIFIC ACCOUNTING COMMAND GROUP IN JUNE 2010. THE REPORT'S EIGHTEEN MONTH ANALYSIS, ACCORDING TO ITS AUTHOR, WAS TO TAKE A SNAPSHOT OF CURRENT JPAC OPERATIONS THROUGH SURVEYS, INTERVIEWS, RESEARCH, AND A YEAR OF OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION. THE REPORT'S OBJECTIVE: TO ASSESS, QUANTIFY AND DESCRIBE JPAC'S EFFECTIVENESS, AND IF IT IS CAPABLE OF MEETING ITS EXISTING AND FUTURE POW/MIA RECOVERY CHARTER?

THE REPORT OBSERVES THAT JPAC'S ORGANIZATION, ITS CURRENT MANNING, ITS PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, AND ITS LACK OF CURRENT OPERATIONAL INTEGRITY, MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JPAC TO FULFILL - EITHER ITS CURRENT MISSION OR THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE FOR 200 OR MORE ANNUAL IDENTIFICATIONS BY 2014. THE REPORT CONCLUDES JPAC'S MISSION EFFECTIVENESS BEGAN TO 'COLLAPSE' SEVEN YEARS AGO IN 2005 WHEN ITS INTELLIGENCE SECTION, IN COOPERATION WITH ITS HIGHER HEADQUARTERS AT DPMO IN WASHINGTON D.C., ASSUMED CONTROL OF JPAC'S POW/MIA IDENTIFICATION PROCUREMENT PROCESS. THE REPORT NOTES THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF SERIOUS REORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, JPAC'S PRODUCTIVITY WHICH WAS THEN FAILING, IS NOW MARGINAL, BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF NEW RECOVERY INFORMATION BEING VOLUNTARILY HANDED TO JPAC BY NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS. THESE NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, OR NGO'S, THE REPORT REGRETTABLY DESCRIBES AS RUN BY AMATEURS, PRIVATE ENTHUSIASTS, FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND WALK-INS FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE REPORT REFERS TO JPAC OPERATIONS OF RECENT YEARS AS WASTEFUL, INEFFICIENT AND NON-PRODUCTIVE. IT POINTS OUT THAT THIS SITUATION EXISTS DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF FORTY FULL-TIME PAID JPAC RESEARCHERS AND ANALYSTS WHOSE COLLECTIVE ANNUAL SALARIES SURPASS \$4.4 MILLION DOLLARS. THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT JPAC'S RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL ASSETS ARE DEDICATED TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF NEW POW/MIA CASES IN THE FOLLOWING HISTORICAL CONFLICT AREAS: 7 TO WORLD WAR II, 8 TO KOREA, AND 25 TO VIETNAM AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE REPORT ALSO CLARIFIES THAT AN ADDITIONAL 24 FULL-TIME RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL PERSONNEL ARE EMPLOYED BY DPMO IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND THAT THESE DUPLICATE THE WORK DONE AT JPAC. THE REPORT NOTES THAT IF COMBINED, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS CUMULATIVE RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL STAFF EXCEEDS \$7.0 MILLION DOLLARS. IN FACT THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT THIS TALENT IN THE PAST TWO DECADES HAS REGRETTABLY PRODUCED LITTLE OF VALUE.

THE REPORT RESERVES ITS MOST SERIOUS CRITICISM FOR THE PRODUCT PRODUCED BY JPAC'S FORTY HIGHLY EDUCATED AND WELL PAID RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHOM HOLD ADVANCED ACADEMIC DEGREES. THE ORGANIZATION'S PERFORMANCE IS REFERRED TO AS SLIPSHOD, CARELESS, INCOMPETENT, AND OVERWHELMED WITH A SICKNESS, WHICH THE REPORT REFERS TO AS "MILITARY TOURISM." THE REPORT BLAMES "MILITARY TOURISM" FOR JPAC'S HALF DECADE OF POOR POW/MIA ACCOUNTABILITY. THE REPORT FINDS JPAC'S "MILITARY TOURISM" LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS PRODUCT WHICH IS RIDDLED WITH WIDESPREAD DISTORTION AND FALSIFICATION OF FACT RELATED TO WHAT IT IS ACTUALLY DOING AS OPPOSED TO REALITY. ⁽¹⁾ AS AN EXAMPLE THE REPORT QUOTES DPMO'S 2011 PERFORMANCE STATEMENT USED TO JUSTIFY ITS 2011 BUDGETARY FUNDING REQUEST TO CONGRESS, REPORTING THAT:

“THE DPMO HAS DEVELOPED A WORLDWIDE RESEARCH PROGRAM, WHICH GATHERS INFORMATION LEADING TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE ACCOUNTING OF U.S. SERVICEMEN AND SELECTED CIVILIANS STILL MISSING FROM WORLD WAR II, THE COLD WAR, THE KOREAN WAR, THE INDOCHINA WAR AND THE PERSIAN GULF WAR. THE DPMO HISTORIANS AND ANALYSTS, WHO PERFORM ARCHIVAL RESEARCH HAVE IDENTIFIED MORE THAN 400 LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN FOREIGN REPOSITORIES, AND APPROXIMATELY 100 DOMESTIC ARCHIVAL FACILITIES AS ESSENTIAL TOOLS IN THE PROCESS OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING SERVICEMEN OF PAST WARS. IN 2009, DPMO LOCATED OVER 180 DOCUMENTS TOTALING 1500 PAGES TO SUPPORT JPAC OPERATIONS AND LABORATORY IDENTIFICATION WORK.”

THIS ABOVE 2011 STATEMENT DOES NOT CLARIFY THAT DPMO’S ARCHIVAL RESEARCH HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED AT A COST OF HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES: OR THAT ITS HIGHLY PAID STAFF, AND INCOMPETENCE, HAS ONLY LED TO THE ACCOUNTING OF AN AVERAGE OF 30 TO 60 POW/MIAs A YEAR IN RECENT DECADES. ASSUMING THE TOTAL WERE 60 A YEAR, THE TOTAL RECOVERIES, IF DIVIDED BY THE PROGRAM’S TOTAL COST EQUATES TO A PER-RECOVERY COST OF ALMOST \$700,000. THE DPMO QUOTE ABOVE ALSO FAILS TO CLARIFY THAT ITS REFERENCED DATABASE COULD HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED IN A FEW MONTHS BY UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS USING THE INTERNET AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES. NOR DOES DPMO CLARIFY THAT NONE OF ITS 180 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS, OR 1,500 PAGES, LEAD TO A SINGLE NEW POW/MIA IDENTIFICATION OR RECOVERY. THE REPORT ALSO SADLY POINTS OUT THAT THE FEW NEW POW/MIA IDENTIFICATIONS THAT DPMO/JPAC HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR IN RECENT YEARS WERE, IN FACT, HANDOVERS OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO THEM AT NO COST FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE REPORT INFORMS THE READER:

“OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, THE MAJORITY OF ACCESSIONS THAT HAVE RESULTED IN IDENTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN UNILATERAL TURNOVERS, MEANING THE REMAINS WERE LOCATED BY THIRD PARTIES INCLUDING AMATEURS, OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS, BIRD WATCHERS, CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, AND OTHERS.”⁽²⁾

THE REPORT CONTINUES:

“THE J-2’S RESEARCH MISCONDUCT, AS WELL AS SENIOR MANAGEMENT’S APPARENT FAILURE TO ENFORCE STANDARDS OF INTEGRITY ON THE J-2 STAFF, CAUSES A SERIOUS INTEGRITY IMPAIRMENT IN THE JPAC.”⁽³⁾

THE REPORT POINTS TO A WIDESPREAD LACK OF INTEGRITY AT JPAC THAT HAS LED TO OTHER SERIOUS CHARGES OF RESEARCH MISCONDUCT. HERE THE REPORT USES THE TERMS “MISCONDUCT”

AND “PLAGIARISM.” IT POINTS OUT THAT SUCH CHARGES IN THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHEN INVOLVING PLAGIARISM IN RESEARCH... WARRANTS FORMAL REPRIMANDS, DISMISSAL: EVEN THE TERMINATION WITH PREJUDICE OF CAREERS INVOLVED.

“OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS OR MORE, THE JPAC “J-2 INTELLIGENCE SECTION” AND “J-2 HISTORIAN SECTION” HAVE MADE VARIOUS UNSUBSTANTIATED OR MALICIOUS MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST VARIOUS PERSONS EMPLOYED OR AFFILIATED BY JPAC. THESE ALLEGATIONS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING: PLAGIARISM, SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, AND THE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.”⁽⁴⁾

THE REPORT DEDICATES MANY PAGES TO JPAC’S ABUSIVE PRACTICE OF ‘MILITARY TOURISM,’ WHICH IT DEFINES AS:”

“A BOONDOGGLE OR POINTLESS OR WASTEFUL PROJECT, ESPECIALLY ONE FINANCED BY PUBLIC FUNDS. A PROJECT FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OUT OF POLITICAL FAVORITISM THAT IS ON NO REAL VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY OF THE NATION.”⁽⁵⁾

TO MAKE CERTAIN THOSE READING THE REPORT DO NOT MISS THE POINT, THE REPORT TAKES THE UNPRECEDENTED STEP OF DESCRIBING THOSE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY PERSONS WHO GET INVOLVED IN “MILITARY TOURISM.” IT DEFINES THEM AS:⁽⁶⁾

“THOSE WHO RELISH SIGHTSEEING, TRANS-NATIONAL ENCOUNTERS, AND PATRONIZING MARKETS, SHOPS, TAVERNS, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS AND SO FORTH. LIKE A CIVILIAN REQUIRED TO TRAVEL IN THE LINE OF WORK, THE MILITARY TOURIST HAS A PRESET “ITINERARY.” YET WITHIN THOSE CONSTRAINTS, THE MILITARY CAMPAIGNER MAY FIND OPPORTUNITY TO PROFIT PERSONALLY FROM ‘TRAVEL VALUED FOR ITS OWN SAKE. THE INDIVIDUAL’S FINANCIAL RESOURCES, POSITION IN THE MILITARY HIERARCHY, PREFERENCES AND EXPECTATIONS RESULTING FROM EDUCATION WILL DETERMINE THE AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE TOURIST AGENDA.”

PAGES 113 TO 119 OF THE REPORT ADDRESS JPAC'S WIDESPREAD PERSONNEL PROBLEMS WITH "MILITARY TOURISM" TO A MULTITUDE OF 215 EUROPEAN LOCATIONS BETWEEN 2002 THROUGH 2010. IN INSTANCE AFTER INSTANCE THE JPAC TRAVELERS HAVE NO REPORT AT ALL, OR THEIR TRIP REMARKS CONTAIN TROUBLING OBSERVATIONS SUCH AS... *"RE-INTERVIEW WITNESSES WHO STATED THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOSS INCIDENT: CONTACT INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED TO JPAC PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT: TWO PERSON J2 TEAM SPENT 5 DAYS IN A 5 STAR HOTEL IN PARIS AND NO REPORT OF ANY JPAC-RELATED ACTIVITY DURING THE TEN PERSON NIGHTS IN PARIS: ON 20 AUGUST DR. GIANOTTA VISITED THE BEZIRKS MUSEUM WHICH IS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST: AND... FOUR HOTEL NIGHTS TO PREPARE TO DEPART GERMANY ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2009."*

TWO OF THE MOST PROBLEMATIC OF THE ABOVE 215 VISIT REPORTS REFER TO JPAC TRIP 10-2 EU AND JPAC TRIP 10-3 EU. THESE TWO OCCURRED IN EUROPE IN 2010.

JPAC OFFICIAL RECOVERY TRIP 10-2 EU

THIS OFFICIAL VISIT OF SEVERAL WEEKS TO EUROPE WAS UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JPAC'S CHIEF OF ITS WWII RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION BRANCH, DR. KRISTINA GIANOTTA. DR. GIANOTTA'S DEFENSE DEPARTMENT RESUME DESCRIBES HER BACKGROUND: THAT SHE JOINED JPAC'S INTELLIGENCE FUNCTION IN 2006, HAS WORKED AS JPAC'S HISTORIAN IN THE WWII BRANCH FROM 2006 TO 2009, AND IN 2009 BECAME BRANCH CHIEF OF THE WWII RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION SECTION, WHICH SHE HAS HELD UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME. IT NOTES THAT DR. GIANOTTA HAS PARTICIPATED IN 14 OF JPAC'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MISSIONS, ⁽⁷⁾ ONE OF WHICH WAS THE ABOVE 10-2 EU MISSION DESCRIBED FURTHER BELOW.

DR. GIANOTTA'S SEVENTEEN DAY TEAM VISIT TO ITALY AND AUSTRIA INCLUDED FOUR ITALIAN CITIES WHERE THE TEAM STAYED AT THE BEST HOTELS: INCLUDING FIVE NIGHTS AT ROME'S "GRAND HOTEL DE LA MINERVA," WHICH COST \$9,632 FOR PER DIEM. THE REPORT CONTINUES THAT THE CUMULATIVE PER DIEM FOR THIS EUROPEAN VISIT EXCEEDED \$105,000, NOT INCLUDING ROUND-TRIP BUSINESS CLASS AIR FARE FROM HAWAII TO ITALY FOR DR. GIANOTTA AND HER TEAM. THE REPORT NOTES THAT AFTER FIVE DAYS IN ROME SHE AND HER TEAM TRAVELLED TO FLORENCE WHERE THEY AGAIN LODGED IN THE CITY'S BEST FIVE STAR HOTEL, BUT THAT UPON ARRIVAL IN FLORENCE, DR. GIANOTTA IMMEDIATELY LEFT HER TEAM AND FLEW BACK TO ROME WHERE SHE OVERNIGHTED AT ROME'S GRAND HOTEL AND THEN FLEW TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA FOR UNKNOWN REASON. ⁽⁸⁾

DR. GIANNOTTA'S POST- EUROPEAN ITALIAN VISIT TRIP REPORT READS:

“THE JPAC TEAM ARRANGED TO MEET WITH LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IS REQUIRED TO CONDUCT JPAC OPERATIONS, BOTH INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOVERIES IN ITALY. THE TEAM ALSO PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY, TO MEET WITH WRECK HUNTERS, RELIC HUNTERS, AND LOCAL HISTORIANS, SOME OF WHOM HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN LOCATING SITES WITH REMAINS IN THE PAST. THESE SITES HAD PRODUCED IDENTIFICATIONS AND ONE AS YET UNKNOWN SET OF REMAINS ACCESSIONED AT THE CIL (JPAC'S CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY).”⁽⁹⁾

WHAT THE ABOVE REPORT OMITTS IS THAT DR. GIANOTTA'S VISITS WERE TO ALREADY CLOSED POW/MIA SITES WHICH HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED AND CLOSED OUT IN THE 1940'S BY THE US GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE. REMAINS HAD ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED, REMOVED AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE DECEASED NOTIFIED AFTER WWII. UNDER JPAC'S RULES NO FURTHER EXAMINATION OR VISITS TO SUCH LOCATIONS WAS AUTHORIZED.⁽¹⁰⁾ DR. GIANOTTA'S POST-ITALIAN TRIP REPORT IS QUOTED HERE:

“ACCORDING TO THE FILE, SIX OF THE SEVEN CREWMEMBERS WERE KILLED IN THE 14 FEB 1943 LOSS OF THIS B-26. ALL SIX MEN IN THE EVENT WERE RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED THE PILOT, 1ST LT JONES WAS INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED AND BURIED AT THE REQUEST OF FAMILY. THE REMAINING CREWMEMBERS ARE BURIED AS A GROUP AT THE ZACHARY TAYLOR NATIONAL CEMETERY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. WE WILL COORDINATE TO GET THE REMAINS; POSSIBLY ONE OF THE 10-03EU TEAMS CAN BRING THE REMAINS BACK FROM THE USAMAA (THE U.S. ARMY MANPOWER ANALYSIS AGENCY) THIS SUMMER. WE WILL ADD THIS CASE TO OUR VISIT LIST FOR THE 10-04 OR 11- EU VISITS JUST TO GET THE COORDINATES AND INTERVIEW THE INDIVIDUAL WHO FOUND THE REMAINS.”

THE LAST SENTENCES OF THIS REPORT - REFERRING TO FUTURE VISITS IDENTIFIED AS 10-04 EU OR 11-EU... ESTABLISHES THE NEED, AND JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL VISITS TO THIS LOCATION LATER IN THE YEAR 2010, OR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

THE REPORT RAISES ITS MOST PROBLEMATIC QUESTION ABOUT DR. GIANOTTA AND HER TEAM'S CONDUCT IN THIS TRAVEL. BY REGULATION NEITHER JPAC NOR DR. GIANOTTA HAD LEGAL NOR OFFICIAL AUTHORITY TO GO IN SEARCH OF ANYONE WHO IS NO LONGER MISSING. DESPITE THIS, GIANOTTA'S TRIP REPORT ESTABLISHES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT PAID TRAVEL TO THE FLORENCE, ITALY AREA:

“THE J-2 INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE CAN FEEL CONFIDENT IN IDENTIFICATION AS ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF MAJOR MUSE MAY BE RECOVERED IF THE CIL CHOOSES TO DO SO.”⁽¹¹⁾

THE REPORT CONCLUDES; (1) MAJOR MUSE'S BODY WAS ALREADY RECOVERED AND IDENTIFIED A HALF CENTURY EARLIER AND AT HIS PARENTS REQUEST HIS REMAINS WERE BURIED IN THE UNITED STATES. AND (2), THE AIRCRAFT'S OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE ALSO IDENTIFIED AND REMOVED A HALF CENTURY EARLIER AND BURIED IN A LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY NATIONAL CEMETERY. SO NOW JPAC CAN DIG THEM UP AND RE-VERIFY THEIR DNA. DR. GIANOTTA THEN SUPPORTS HER RECOMMENDATION TO HER SUPERIORS WITH THE JUSTIFICATION (FOR MILITARY TOURISM TO ITALY) WITH HER CONCLUSION THAT ANOTHER DIG IN THE CRASH SITE MAY PRODUCE SOMETHING LEFT BEHIND WHEN MAJOR MUSE'S BODY WAS REMOVED A HALF CENTURY EARLIER.

JPAC OFFICIAL RECOVERY TRIP 10-3 EU

AN EIGHT PERSON JPAC GROUP AGAIN VISITED VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN EUROPE FOR A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS IN 2010. THIS ONE INCLUDED A VISIT TO CONNIGIS, IN FRANCE. THE CONNIGIS INSTANCE POINTED OUT ANOTHER GLARING EXAMPLE OF JPAC'S PENCHANT TO PURSUE HIGH COST, LOW INFORMATION, AND ZERO PAYOFF EXPLORATIONS THAT WERE OF NO VALUE TO THE SEARCH FOR, OR THE RECOVERY OF, MISSING AMERICAN POW/MIAs. JPAC'S 2010 CONNIGIS VISIT (TRIP 10-3 EU) IS REFERRED TO IN THE OFFICIAL JANUARY 2012 JPAC CRITIQUE REPORT AS THE, "RUBBER HALLOWEEN SKELETON," AND IS QUOTED BELOW:

"THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE OF THE J-2 DELIBERATELY WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM THE JPAC SCIENTIFIC STAFF AND COMMAND BEGINS WITH AN ANONYMOUS LEAD CONCERNING A MISSING PERSON FROM A CONFLICT THAT IS NOT PART OF JPAC'S AUTHORIZED MISSION."⁽¹²⁾

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS JPAC TRIP, MR. McDERMOTT, THE JPAC TEAM LEADER TO CONNIGIS, FRANCE, REPORTED THAT HIS VISIT TO THIS LOCATION WAS BASED ON:

"AN ANONYMOUS LETTER TO THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, OISE-AISNE WORLD WAR 1 CEMETERY, SUGGESTING THAT AN AMERICAN WORLD WAR 1 SOLDIER'S REMAINS WERE IN A SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGEWAY IN CONNIGIS, FRANCE. THE JPAC INVESTIGATION TEAM INVESTIGATED THE MATTER, CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND MAPPED THE PASSAGEWAY IDENTIFYING TWO AREAS FOR POTENTIAL EXCAVATION."⁽¹³⁾

McDERMOTT'S REPORT FOR THIS TRIP CONTINUES:

"1 JULY - CONDUCTED SURVEY AND SITE INVESTIGATION ASSOCIATED WITH REPORTED WWI REMAINS IN CONNIGIS WW1-00007-INTERNAL. REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN CHATEAU THIERRY."

UNREPORTED BY McDERMOTT OR HIS TEAM WAS THE FOLLOWING CRITICAL INFORMATION THAT MR. LeCLARE, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE THE INITIAL COMMENTS ABOUT BODIES AT CONNIGIS:

“SAID THAT THEY USED THE TUNNEL AT ONE TIME FOR FOOD STORAGE, BUT DOESN’T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A BODY BURIED.”⁽¹⁴⁾

NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS FOUND THROUGHOUT THE TUNNEL COMPLEX, ONLY A RUBBER MOCK-UP OF A LIFE-SIZE HUMAN RUBBER SKELETON. BUT DESPITE THE LACK OF ANYTHING OF VALUE FOUND AT THE SITE, JPAC’S AFTER-ACTION REPORT ON CONNIGIS, STILL POSITIVELY RECOMMENDED THE NEED FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP VISIT TO THE CITE IN A YEAR OR TWO, AND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE OBSERVATION THAT NOT MUCH WORK WOULD BE REQUIRED:

“THE SITE WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE EDB BASED ON THE FACT THAT ANY DIGGING IN THE TUNNEL WOULD BE SMALL IN SCOPE AND NOT REQUIRE A LARGE TEAM OR MAJOR EXCAVATION PROCESS.”

DR. COLE’S REPORT, IS PARTICULARLY TROUBLING BY THIS EXAMPLE OF JPAC’S SERIOUS REPETITIVE ‘MILITARY TOURISM’ PROBLEM, AND DR. COLE CLARIFIED THE FOLLOWING FOUR CONCERNS:⁽¹⁵⁾

- “THE VISIT FAILED TO INCLUDE IN EITHER JFA 10-3 EU SITE SURVEY FORM OR REPORT OF INVESTIGATION THAT A RUBBER HUMAN SKELETON WAS FOUND.
- NO MENTION WAS MADE THAT THE OSSEOUS MATERIAL WAS ASSESSED BY THE J-2 TO BE ‘NON-HUMAN, POSSIBLY A DOG.
- NO MENTION WAS MADE REGARDING THE CONSUMPTION OF BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE AT THE LOCATION WHILE ON DUTY, OR TAKING A CASE OF CHAMPAGNE AWAY WITH THEM WHEN THE TEAM LEFT.
- THE TEAM LEADER (MR. CHRIS McDERMOTT) IS ON RECORD REGARDING THE CONNIGIS VISIT AS CONCLUDING:

“I WAS TEMPTED TO TAKE A SAMPLE BACK TO AFDIL (THE LABORATORY) FOR EVALUATION, BUT INSTEAD, WE REPAIRED BACK UP TO THE FARMHOUSE TO SAMPLE A COUPLE OF BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE. WE FINISHED THE CHAMPAGNE, PACKED OUR CASE OF CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES IN THE VAN, AND WE BID ADIEU.... I TURNED TO MY TEAM AND SAID, THAT’S HOW IT’S DONE LADIES GENTLEMEN, ‘THE BEST CASE EVER.’”⁽¹⁶⁾

THE REPORT LABELS JPAC'S AND McDERMOTT'S CONDUCT HERE AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT SUCH ONGOING ABUSE HAS FLAWED JPAC'S CORE RESEARCH, AND TOTALLY CORRUPTED ITS DATA-RELATED PRACTICES. IT IS ALSO HIGHLY CRITICAL OF JPAC'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT, WHICH HAVE OBVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED IN SERIOUS OFFICIAL BEHAVIOR NOW FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE REPORT IDENTIFIES SEVEN EXAMPLES OF FAILED ORGANIZATIONAL MISCONDUCT:⁽¹⁷⁾

1. WWI CASES ARE OUTSIDE OF JPAC'S MANDATE BECAUSE, "JPAC HAS NO AUTHORIZATION TO INVESTIGATE WWI MISSING PERSON CASES."
2. THE SITE SURVEY FORM AND FIELD NOTES SHOW INCONSISTENT SPELLINGS FOR THE OWNERS NAMES OF THE PROPERTY WHERE THE INVESTIGATION TOOK PLACE
3. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATION IS COMPLETELY INCOHERENT
4. THE FIELD NOTES STATE THAT "THE WITNESS, MR. LeCLARE, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ACTUALLY LeCLERC, WAS BORN 18 AUGUST 1927. THE TEAM NOTES THAT THE 'WITNESS' DOES NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A BODY BURIED."
5. THE SITE SURVEY FORM DOES NOT INDICATE OR MAKE ANY MENTION OF EITHER THE RUBBER SKELETON OR OF THE ON-SITE ASSESSMENT THAT THE "BONES ARE NON-HUMAN, POSSIBLY A DOG."
6. THE REPORT TO JPAC COMMAND DOES NOT MENTION NON-HUMAN BONES OR A RUBBER SKELETON.

THE REPORT GOES ON TO POINT OUT THAT WHILE SUCH MISCONDUCT IS SERIOUS FOR ANY PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATIVE ORGANIZATION WITH SUCH A NATIONAL FORENSIC MISSION, IT IS MORE SO BECAUSE THOSE INVOLVED AT JPAC, LIKE EARLIER INSTANCES NOTED REGARDING DR. GIANOTTA, ARE ALL HIGHLY TRAINED, WELL PAID, EDUCATED AND EXPERIENCED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ENTRUSTED WITH AMERICA'S MOST SENSITIVE PROGRAM. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY HAVE EMBARRASSED THEIR EMPLOYER AND THEIR COUNTRY, TO SAY NOTHING OF THEIR LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM. THE REPORT NAMES THOSE INVOLVED IN THE RUBBER HALLOWEEN SKELETON INCIDENT AS: JPAC TEAM LEADER M. A. McDERMOTT; COMMANDER RENEE RICHARDSON; DPMO ANALYST MR. HOWARD MARITERAGI; JPAC LINGUIST SFC RICK LUNDMARK; JPAC EOD SGT. CAIN VASQUEZ; JPAC ANALYST SCOTT ANDERSON; JPAC ANALYST HMC JEFF CAVALLO; JPAC MEDIC C. E. MOORE II, PHD; AND THE JPAC SURVEY ANTHROPOLOGIST.

THE REPORT INDICATES THAT CHRIS McDERMOTT, THE TEAM LEADER ABOVE, UPON COMPLETING HIS MISSION TO EUROPE, THEN INFORMED HIS SUPERIORS IN WRITING THAT THE REASON HE UNDERTOOK THIS MISSION WAS:

"AN ANONYMOUS LETTER TO THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION, AT OISE-AISNE WORLD WAR 1 CEMETERY, SUGGESTING THAT AN AMERICAN

WORLD WAR 1 SOLDIER'S REMAINS WERE IN A SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGEWAY IN CONNIGIS, FRANCE.”

DR. COLE'S REPORT NOTES HERE AGAIN THAT McDERMOTT HAD NO AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THIS VISIT IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND KNEW IT, AND YET WENT ANYWAY, THEREIN SERIOUSLY COMPROMISING JPAC'S MISSION EFFECTIVENESS.

THE LAST ONE HUNDRED PAGES OF DR. COLE'S REPORT CONTAINS OTHER TROUBLING QUANTITATIVE DATA CONCERNING ADDITIONAL PROBLEM AREAS NOTED, MOST SERIOUS OF WHICH WERE THOSE CONCERNING JPAC'S INTENTION TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE BY ACQUIRING EVEN MORE RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL PERSONNEL. THE REPORT CRITICALLY CONCLUDES:

“THE J-2'S PLANS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PHD'S TO PRODUCE AN INFORMATION PRODUCT CURRENTLY PRODUCED BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WORKERS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DEGREE (OR EQUIVALENT) INTRODUCES UNNECESSARY COMPLEXITY AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL COST COMPONENT WITHOUT ANY COMMENSURATE INCREASE IN THE CONTRIBUTION.”⁽¹⁸⁾

AS AN EXAMPLE OF OTHER INADEQUACIES OF POOR RESEARCH AND ANALYTICAL CAPABILITY, THE REPORT ALSO NOTED SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF SUPPOSEDLY FINISHED INTERNAL JPAC REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LABORATORY (CIL). ALL OF THESE WERE ALL IN NEED OF MAJOR EDITING AND CORRECTIONS BY THE LABORATORY BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO JPAC TO BE RE-ACCOMPLISHED. A CIL ANTHROPOLOGIST ESTIMATED SUCH POOR WORK REQUIRED ONE HIGHLY PAID FULL TIME CIL ANTHROPOLOGIST ANNUALLY... TO CORRECT SOME 75 ANNUAL JPAC REPORTS WHICH HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE LAB.⁽¹⁹⁾

THE REPORT FURTHER OBSERVED THAT THE PREPONDERANCE OF VIRTUALLY ALL OF JPAC'S MANY INTERNATIONAL 'MILITARY TOURISM' VISITS MADE IN THE SIX YEARS BETWEEN 2007 TO 2012, WERE ALSO ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT ADVANCE 'DESK STUDIES' REGARDING VISIT OBJECTIVES, AND INCLUDED MULTIPLE VISITS TO THE SAME LOCATIONS. THE REPORT NOTED THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR ENABLED JPAC TEAMS OF FOUR TO EIGHT "TOURISTS" TO REPEATEDLY VISIT INTERNATIONAL CITIES ACROSS EUROPE AND ASIA AND TO SPEND HUNDREDS OF DAYS THERE FOR QUESTIONABLE MISSION OBJECTIVES. IT OBSERVED THAT ALL OF THESE VISITS WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCAVATION RECOMMENDATION, OR THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL RECOVERY OF REMAINS FROM ANY OF THE LOCATIONS VISITED, WAS PROBLEMATIC. IT CONCLUDES THAT HAD BEEN DONE BY A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, SUCH PRACTICES WOULD HAVE BEEN TERMINATED LONG AGO AND THOSE INVOLVED TERMINATED WITH PREJUDICE. YET, A YEAR AFTER THE 20 JANUARY 2012 REPORT, BUREAUCRATIC AND PROCEDURAL CONCERNS RAISED DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED.

BOTH JPAC AND DPMO'S CHARTER IS TO FIND, AND IF POSSIBLE, BRING HOME AMERICA'S REMAINING 83,000 MIA/POWS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR FROM WWII, KOREA AND VIETNAM. THIS ORGANIZATIONS' MISSION IS AMONG THE NATION'S MOST SENSITIVE. THE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE 20 JANUARY 2012 JPAC REPORT IS A NATIONAL SCANDAL. MISSION FAILURES IDENTIFIED IN DPMO IN RECENT YEARS ARE ALSO SERIOUS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY ATTENDED TOO BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. WITHOUT A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO THESE ORGANIZATIONS, THEIR COMBINED FAILURES CONTINUE TO BE CONCEALED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. THEY:

- EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES POW/MIA COMMITMENT TO BRING EVERYONE HOME.
- MAKE A MOCKERY OF DPMO'S COMMITMENT TO LEAVE NO MAN BEHIND.
- ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES AT THE WORLD'S BEST INTERNATIONAL HOTELS.
- SPEND MULTIPLE OFFICIAL TRAVEL DAYS DEVOTED TO SINGLE DAY TASKS.
- MAKE EXTENDED STAYS AT EXPENSIVE TDY LOCATIONS THAT PRODUCE NO TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESOLVE THE POW/MIA BACKLOG.
- ENCOURAGE INSTITUTIONAL FRAUD THROUGH FALSE REPORTS.
- CONTINUE TO MAKE REPEATED VISITS TO ALREADY CLOSED LOCATIONS.

THE CONCLUSION OF JPAC'S INFORMATION VALUE CHAIN REPORT

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THE ABOVE PERFORMANCE HAS MIREN AND CORRUPTED JPAC'S PROCUREMENT PROCESS, AND THE INTEGRITY OF ITS INFORMATION AND THE OFFICIAL REPORTS IT PUBLISHES CONCERNING ITS ACTIVITIES. IT OBSERVES THAT JPAC'S INFORMATION IS REGRETTABLY COMPROMISED, DISHONEST AND WARRANTS AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY AS A MATTER OF BASIC CORPORATE GOVERNANCE. AND FINALLY, IT NOTES THAT JPAC'S CONDUCT IS INEXCUSABLE BECAUSE IT CLEARLY GOES TO THE HEART OF DUTY, HONOR AND COUNTRY FOR NOT ONLY JPAC, BUT ITS SUPERIORS AT DPMO, THE PENTAGON AND AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. WHILE THE REPORT DOES NOT ADDRESS ETHICAL OR OFFICIAL FAILURES BEYOND JPAC, IT NOTES THAT THE ISSUES OF BUREAUCRATIC MISFEASANCE AND MALFEASANCE ARE SO SCANDALOUS AS TO RIDICULE AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO LEAVE NO MAN BEHIND.

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