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15 OCTOBER 1985  
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ATT: GEORGE BARTELS

DEAR GEORGE,

I FIND CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH THAT I FEEL I  
MUST AND DO HEREBY, TENDER MY RESIG-  
NATION AS VICE PRESIDENT OF SUPPORT  
OUR POW/MIA'S.

I UNDERSTAND BETTY INTENDS TO BE PRESENT  
AT THE AIR SHOW AT NORTON AF BASE ON  
10 NOVEMBER 1985. UNLESS SHE WANTS THE  
FINANCIAL PAPERS OF SUPPORT RETURNED  
TO HER BEFORE THEN I WILL BRING THEM  
WITH ME. HOWEVER, SHOULD SHE FEEL  
SHE WANTS THEM PRIOR TO THAT DATE  
I WILL ARRANGE TO POST THEM TO HER.

IF YOU SHOULD BE IN TOWN BEFORE THEN  
YOU MIGHT WANT TO STOP IN AND PICK  
THEM UP.

THE ORGANIZATION HAS UNTIL 15 JANUARY  
1986 TO FILE THE NECESSARY TAX REPORTS

SINCERELY,

Errol Q. Bond S

15 OCTOBER 1985

HAYING TOLD BETTY TO MAKE EXACT RECORDS OF EVERYTHING IT BEHOVES ME TO DO THE SAME.

WROTE GEORGE BARTELS TODAY TO RESIGN MY POSITION AS A VICE PRESIDENT OF "SUPPORT OUR POW/MIA'S" IN VIEW OF MS. ANN MILLS GRIFFITHS LETTER OF THE 1ST OF OCTOBER.

SHE IS TRYING TO CLEAN HER SKIRTS OF ANY CHANCE SHE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

GRANTED THE LEAGUE PER SE WAS NEVER IN POSITION TO MONITOR THE EXPENDITURES OF LE BOOTILLIER BUT SHE WAS, SINCE SHE ADVISED BETTY BARTELS WHEN MONEY WAS DUE, WANTED TO BE TOLD WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED, AS TOLD BETTY HOW TO DISPOSE OF IT AND TO WHOM.

SHE (ANN) AND CAROL BATES SAID THE WHITE HOUSE KNEW OF, AND APPROVED OF THE TRANSACTIONS.

I WAS ALWAYS ADVISED, AFTER THE FACT, OF THE RECEIPT OF, AND DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS.

I WAS NEVER COMFORTABLE WITH THE WHOLE THING, BUT SINCE IT SUPPOSEDLY WAS TO BE USED TO TRY TO GET INFORMATION ON POW/MIA'S AND IT HAD THE BLESSING OF THE WHITE HOUSE(?), I FELT IT NECESSARY TO STRING ALONG.

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THE ONLY REAL REASON I GOT INVOLVED AT ALL WAS BECAUSE, BECAUSE OF THE SMALL TREASURY I AGREED TO PREPARE STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAXES AND STATE REQUIRED FILINGS AND THUS SAVE "SUPPORT" SOME \$200.00 PER YEAR.

I WAS CONCERNED ON HOW TO REPORT THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT CAME IN AND WENT OUT. ANN HAD CAROL BATES SEND ME A COPY OF THE LEAGUE'S TAX REPORTS TO FOLLOW AS A GUIDE

WHEN I GOT THE FINANCIAL RECORDS FROM BETTY BARTELS TO PREPARE TAX REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 1985 I FOUND TWO PAYMENTS HAD BEEN MADE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE:

CK 207	19 OCT 1984	JANET GRAHAM	\$ 3000.00
CK 208	13 NOV 1984	MARK I COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 4,250.00

THE EXPLANATION GIVEN WHEN I ASKED FOR IT WAS THAT IT WAS THE COST INCURRED IN THE SOLICITATION OF FUNDS WHICH HAD BEEN "LAUNDERED" THRU SUPPORT.

I WAS NOT SURE AT THE TIME THE PAPERS WERE TURNED OVER TO ME WHETHER A W-2 SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO IRS FOR GRAHAM AND A 1099 FOR MARK I. AND, SINCE IT WAS WELL PAST TIME FOR SUCH ACTION AND I HAD NOT BEEN EXTENDED THE COURTESY OF BEING CURRENTLY INFORMED I FELT IT BEST TO RESIGN AND LET SUPPORT PAY TO HAVE THEIR TAX FORMS PREPARED.

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ANN'S LETTER OF 1 OCTOBER 85 WAS IN ANSWER TO A QUERY BY BETTY, FOR ME, ABOUT THE AFORE-MENTIONED TWO PAYMENTS.

I DIDN'T LIKE HER REPLY AND MADELINE DIDN'T EITHER. BEFORE I COULD SAY ANYTHING SHE SAID YOU GET OUT OF IT NOW. SHE FELT, AS I DID THAT ANN WAS TRYING TO COVER HER TRACKS.

AS I UNDERSTAND IT FROM BETTY BARTELS, LE BOUTILLIER HAD ASKED ANN IF SHE KNEW OF A SET-UP WHERE FUNDS COULD BE HANDLED WITH AS LITTLE PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE YET AFFORD APPROPRIATE TAX HANDLING FOR CONTRIBUTORS. THE LEAGUE WAS CONSIDERED BUT TOO MANY PEOPLE WOULD BECOME AWARE AND MIGHT OBJECT. ANN THEN SUGGESTED "SUPPORT", APPARENTLY THINKING BETTY (AND GEORGE) BARTELS WOULD BE THE ONLY ONES AWARE OF THE TRANSACTIONS.

Ever Best  
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October 1, 1985

Mrs. Betty Bartels  
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Dear Betty:

I was somewhat surprised at your recent correspondence. The League has never been in a position to monitor the expenditures of John LeBoutillier whom we referred to you while in Congress. The expenditures in question seem to relate to his recently established Sky Hook II Project.

You may wish to contact Mr. LeBoutillier directly since he has raised and expended the monies and you have been in much closer contact than I. In addition, should there be any misunderstanding, my referral of Congressman LeBoutillier to you had no relationship to the League or any inference that we were able to monitor his expenditures.

Sincerely,

Ann Mills Griffiths  
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. John LeBoutillier