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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

14 November 1955

SUBJECT: Report on interview with ~~Major [redacted]~~ USAF

*A US officer*

1. ~~Major [redacted]~~ was interviewed on November 9, 1955 regarding the type of anesthetic used on him during operations he had while a Chinese Communist prisoner of war.

2. He stated that four different operations were done and that each time an intravenous anesthetic was used except for one which was so minor that a local anesthetic was given. It appears, therefore, that conventional methods of anesthesia were used.

*The man*

3. ~~Major [redacted]~~ is a 33 year old air force officer who was shot down over North Korea January 12, 1953 and wounded in the left leg at the same time. He was unable to walk, so he stayed where his parachute landed. The temperature was below freezing, and he was bleeding from the wound in the left leg. He remained in this spot until the next day when he was discovered by some peasants who took him to a hut. Soldiers arrived later and he was taken to a hospital that evening.

4. He remained there 6 weeks before the amputations were started. These were all apparently for frostbite and were done in 4 stages. He was given no preoperative medication. He did receive penicillin and intravenous glucose while in the hospital but no blood. He was interrogated several times during his stay in the hospital which lasted 6 months. He was then transferred to prison, and kept in solitary 14 months. He was repatriated August 4, 1955.

*The officer*

5. ~~Major [redacted]~~ has numerous fingers of both hands amputated, and an amputation of the left leg below the knee. He goes about in a wheel chair or on crutches. He is currently at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

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