

TAPE FOR WEEK OF JULY23

THIS IS CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.

IT HAS BEEN OVER 10 YEARS SINCE THE VIETNAM CONFLICT ENDED. BUT WE STILL HAVE OVER 2,500 U.S. SERVICEMEN LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION. 26 OF THEM ARE FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

OUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY SOME OF THE MISSING, BUT THE DIPLOMATIC PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW AND NOT YET SIGNIFICANT.

IN SHORT, WE SHOULD NOT TOLERATE PUTTING THIS MATTER OFF ANY LONGER.

FOR THIS REASON, I HAVE JOINED AS EFFORT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO RELEASE ALL AMERICANS STILL HELD CAPTIVE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, AND THE FULL ACCOUNTING OF ALL AMERICANS STILL MISSING.

FOR THE FAMILIES, WIVES AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING IN A STATE OF LIMBO FOR THESE PAST YEARS, WE OWE THEM A FULL ACCOUNTING.

THIS IS YOUR CONGRESSMAN NICK RAHALL.