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Senate Ethics Committee
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Chairman of the Ethics Committee:

I wish to file a complaint against Senator John McCain and want Senator McCain sanctioned for behavior unbecoming a United States Senator. I am attaching an statement of what took place and why Senator McCain should be sanctioned. I, personally, have viewed Senator taking time out in the halls of the senate to be photographed with visitors so why is he so abusive to family members of POW/MIA when we approach the senator to ask his support on legislation that is important to the families?

Senator McCain denied knowing the Missing Personnel Act when he, himself, has introduced an amendment to the very act. I ask you, is that an ethical way for a senator to act when approached and questioned about his own legislation? Would it not have been more respectful for the senator to at least have accepted the letters written by family members asking for his support of our men? Instead, he refused to accept our letters, became hostile and angry, pushing a young lady aside in a hasty exit.

Is there no decency and respect left in the senate for the very people they are supposed to represent? There was a family member from Arizona accompanying our group, Eleanor Apodaca, (sister of Maj. Victor Apodaca, MIA). Our group approached Senator McCain

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in a very quiet, non confrontational manner. Senator McCain's abusive behavior towards American citizens should not be tolerated by his fellow senators, we were after all, asking for his help for men who are still possibly lingering in captivity. Wouldn't you think, Senator McCain of all people, would be sympathetic to someone who may still be held prisoner?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Hrdlicka". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a distinct 'H'.

Carol Hrdlicka

Wife of Col. David L. Hrdlicka

Known to be Alive in captivity

statements attached



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JUNE 30, 1996

TO THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE:

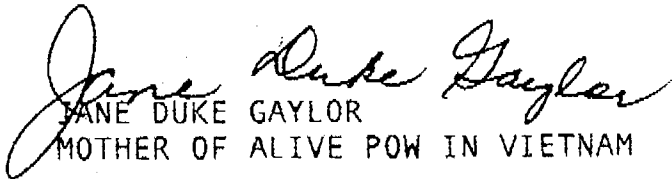
MY NAME IS JANE DUKE GAYLOR (MY SON CHARLES DUKE WAS ABANDONED IN VIETNAM), MY NIECE AND NEPHEW BILL AND JEANNETTE JENKINS WERE WITH ME IN THE SENATE RUSSELL BUILDING ON JUNE 20, 1996. WE WERE THERE TO DELIVER LETTERS FROM POW/MIA FAMILY MEMBERS TO SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN IN OBJECTION TO HIS AMENDMENT TO THE MISSING PERSONNEL ACT, SIGNED INTO LAW FEBRUARY 10, 1996. THE FAMILY MEMBERS HAD WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY TO GET THIS ACT PASSED. THIS IS THE FIRST NEW LEGISLATION SINCE 1942. WE AS FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE AN UNEQUIVOCAL INTEREST AND GREAT CONCERN IN THIS ACT, BECAUSE OF OUR LOVED ONES. WE AND OUR MISSING LOVED ONES ARE THE VICTIMS OF THIS MISHANDLED TRAGEDY. WE AS FAMILY MEMBERS OBJECT TO SENATOR MCCAIN'S AMENDMENT TO REPEAL THE MISSING PERSONNEL ACT.

WE WERE IN A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 FAMILY MEMBERS, AS SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN CAME OUT OF HIS OFFICE WITH A YOUNG LADY. JOHN PARSELS (A RETURNED POW) ASKED SENATOR MCCAIN TO TAKE THE LETTERS. UPON MR. PARSELS REQUEST, THE SENATOR BURST FORWARD IN A RUNNING WALK, WITH A VERY ANGRY LOOK. HE THEN SAID "I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT." "I DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MISSING PERSONNEL ACT." I WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR AND MY NIECE WAS STANDING NEXT TO ME. SENATOR MCCAIN THEN SHOVED MY NIECE HARD IN A VERY HOSTILE MANNER, NOT CARING WHAT HARM IT COULD HAVE CAUSED HER. HE ACTED IN A VERY VIOLENT MANNER. HIS RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE IMPACT ON MY NIECE, (WHO HAD BEEN IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM THE NIGHT BEFORE BECAUSE OF A MIGRAINE HEADACHE), WAS VERY UNETHICAL IN HIS POSITION AS A UNITED STATES SENATOR. I WILL NOT HAVE MY NIECE ABUSED BY ANY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY, NOT EVEN SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN.

THIS WAS REPORTED TO SGT. DANA SUNDBERG OF THE CAPITOL POLICE,
WHO ADVISED HER OF THE NEED TO FILE ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST THE
SENATOR. MY NIECE INFORMED HIM THAT SHE WANTED TO SEEK LEGAL
ADVICE BEFORE FILING CHARGES.

I AM ASKING FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THESE UNETHICAL ACTION OF
SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS


JANE DUKE GAYLOR
MOTHER OF ALIVE POW IN VIETNAM

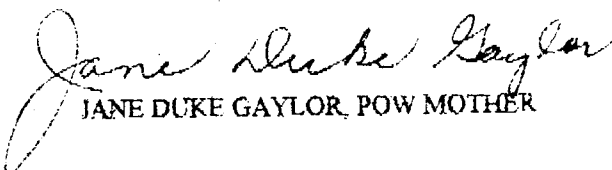
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TO THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE.
REGARDING VICTOR BAIRDS LETTER OF AUGUST 2, 1996

- (1) "YES" SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN TOOK ACTION VERY UNBECOMING TO A UNITED STATES SENATOR.
- (2) "YES" ON JUNE 20, 1996, SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN ACTED IN A VERY HOSTILE MANNER, WITH INTENSE ANIMOSITY, ANTAGONISTIC, RANCOROUS, VICIOUS, AND IN AN ILL WILLED MANNER TOWARDS ABOUT 15 FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE MEN ABANDONED IN VIETNAM, AS HE WAS LEAVING HIS OFFICE IN THE RUSSELL BUILDING.
- (3) "YES" MAJOR JOHN PARSELS (ALSO A RETURNED POW AND A FAMILY MEMBER) APPROACHED SENATOR MCCAIN AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND ADVISED THE SENATOR WHO WE WERE, AND THAT WE HAD LETTERS TO PRESENT TO HIM REGARDING HIS ADMENDMENT TO THE MISSING PERSONNEL BILL.
- (4) "YES" WE THE FAMILIES HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THIS BILL PASSED INTO LAW. WHEN HE REALIZED WHO WE WERE, THIS IS WHEN HE BECAME VERY HOSTILE AND REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE LETTERS AND SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE ADMENDMENT TO THE MISSING PERSONNEL BILL WAS ALL ABOUT.
- (5) "YES" SENATOR MCCAIN IS WELL KNOW TO SAY "HE SPEAKS FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND VETERNS. THIS IS NOT TRUE AND HE KNOWS IT.
- (6) "YES" THE MAJORITY OF THE RETURNED POWS DO NOT AGREE WITH SENATOR MCCAIN AND DO NOT APPROVE OF HIS ACTIONS. THEY FEEL THEY HAD ALL TAKEN AN OATH AND SENATOR MCCAIN IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT.
- (7) "YES" SENATOR MCCAIN SAID "BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I HAVE BEEN THROUGH" HOW DARE HE SAY THAT TO US. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH "HELL" FOR 30 YEARS.
- (8) "YES" THE CAPITOL POLICE REFUSED TO TAKE OUR COMPLAINT. WE WERE REFERRED TO THE DC POLICE, BY THE ETHICS COMMITTEE BECAUSE SENATOR MCCAIN PUSHED MY NIECE OUT OF HIS WAY. MY NIECE DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCES OR THE TIME TO GO TO DC. WE DO NOT PLAN TO FILE ASSULT AND BATTERY CHARGES AS WE ARE NOT EVEN FAMILIAR WITH THE LEGAL DEFINITION.
- (9) "YES" THE FAMILIES ARE ALL ALMOST BANKRUPT TRYING TO LOCATE OUR LOVED ONES. WE DON'T NEED SENATOR MCCAIN TO BLOCK US ALL THE WAY.
- (10) "NO" APPROPRIATE ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN BY THE ETHICS COMMITTEE. WE WOULD PREFER SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN BE SANCTIONED OR AT LEAST AN APOLOGY GIVEN BY HIM TO ALL OF THE GROUP IN THE HALL THAT DAY.

I AWAIT YOUR REPLY.


JANE DUKE GAYLOR, POW MOTHER

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JUNE 29, 1996

TO THE SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE:

DEAR SIRs:

MY NAME IS JEANNETTE JENKINS. ON JUNE 20, 1996, I WAS WITH MY HUSBAND BILL JENKINS, AND MY AUNT JANE DUKE GAYLOR (MOTHER OF A POW). WE WERE IN THE HALL OF THE SENATE RUSSELL BUILDING WAITING TO SPEAK TO SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN. THERE WAS A GROUP OF ABOUT 15 POW/MIA FAMILY MEMBERS WITH US. WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO HAND DELIVER LETTERS TO SENATOR MCCAIN REQUESTING HIM TO PLEASE DROP HIS ADMENDMENT TO THE MISSING PERSONNEL ACT. THIS ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW ON 2/10/96. SENATOR MCCAIN CAME OUT OF HIS OFFICE WITH A YOUNG WOMAN AND BEGAN WALKING TOWARDS OUR GROUP. AS HE APPROACHED US, CAROL HRICKA (WIFE OF A POW) ASKED THE SENATOR, 'MAY WE SPEAK TO YOU?' WE DID NOT RUSH TOWARDS HIM. THEN JOHN PARSELS, (A RETURNED POW) ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD TAKE THE LETTERS. THAT IS WHEN HIS FACE CHANGED AND HE BECAME VERY ANGRY. HE THEN BURST THROUGH OUR GROUP SHOVING ME WITH UNREASONABLE FORCE IN A HOSTILE MANNER. I WAS STANDING NEXT TO MY AUNT, WHO IS IN A WHEELCHAIR. SENATOR MCCAIN DID NOT GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO GET OUT OF HIS WAY. HIS LOOK WAS ANGRY AND HOSTILE AND HE SHOVED ME WITHOUT CAUSE. ALL THE SENATOR HAD TO DO WAS WALK AROUND ME OR IN THE VERY LEAST HAD GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE OUT OF HIS WAY.

12 July, 1996

To Whom it may concern;

My name is Major John W. Parsels, I am retired from the Army. I was a POW in Vietnam for three years. My father-in-law, Col. John F. O. Grady, was captured in 1967 and never released.

On June 20, 1996 I met approximately twelve other POW family members in the hallway outside Senator John McCain's office in the Russell Building. We were there to present Senator McCain with letters from family members objecting to McCain's amendments to the Missing Service Personnel Act, which was recently passed by Congress. As we gathered outside McCain's office, Senator McCain came out of his office with a woman and started down the hallway. I approached him and stated that we had letters from POW family members objecting to his amendments to the missing personnel act. He looked at me and stated he didn't know what I was talking about and knew nothing about any missing personnel act. At that point I stated that he had made the amendments and lobbied to get them passed. He then walked around me. As he approached a cousin of a missing person (Jeanette Jenkins) he was stopped again. At that point he forcefully pushed the woman to the side and continued to walk down the hallway. At that point several family members followed him down the hallway talking to him about the amendments. He entered an elevator ignoring the family members.

This is a true statement;



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Gentlemen:

On Thursday June 20, 1996 I was present when Senator John McCain approached a group of POW/MIA family members after coming out of an office in the Russell Office Building, as he approached he broke out in a big smile. John Parsels, a former POW, asked the Senator to accept some letters from POW/MIA family members and Senator McCain's expression changed to that of anger and he said "No." Carol Hrdlicka stepped forward and asked to speak to him about the "Missing Persons Act" and Senator McCain said he didn't "Know anything about It" and burst forward with deliberate disregard for anyone in his way. It was necessary for me to quickly step back to keep from being overrun by him. The POW/MIA family members were on Senator McCain's right side of the hallway and he could have walked around them without any difficulty.

Senator McCain, followed by his assistant, pushed into Mrs. Jeannette Jenkins with his arm because she was in his way. That Mrs. Jenkins did not react quickly enough to get out of John McCain's way is no reason for him to have pushed his way so aggressively. Mrs. Jenkins was recovering from migraine headaches that required emergency treatment the night before. Ms. Gaylor was behind John Parsels, Mrs. Jenkins was behind Ms. Gaylor to her side, I was across from Jane Duke Gaylor and Mrs. Jenkins.

The situation so aggravated MS. Gaylor's poor health that it was necessary to place her in a nursing home. Ms. Gaylor has informed me that Walter Lohman of Senator McCain's office has attempted to deceive her by insisting that the McCain Amendment was passed in April when it is still in committee. Mr. Lohman has also tried to embarrass her about going to Senator McCain with her concerns on June 20th stating he "can't believe that she would admit being with those people." It is terrible when American citizens with an equity interest in legislation cannot address a United States Senator about an amendment he is sponsoring in committee without being assaulted and lied to by the Senator and his staff. This is not the first incident where Senator McCain has abused POW/MIA family members. John McCain should be sanctioned for his acts.

Sincerely,

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