

6. In the past the United States has been fortunate to receive the cooperation of third countries in carrying out delicate diplomatic missions on sensitive and vital issues, as witness the Seaborn incident mentioned above. In the past the United States has approached, and it continues to approach governments of other countries, some of them not friendly to the United States, for their assistance in possibly achieving a resolution of the situation of American prisoners of war in North Vietnam. Some countries have played a useful role in getting food and medicine and other relief packages through to our prisoners of war and in other ways assisting in easing conditions for the prisoners of war and their families in the United States. These efforts, which the United States Government has made a priority item, necessarily depend on the generous services of other countries as intermediaries and "probers." The United States' apparent lack of ability to preserve the confidential character of sensitive communications, underlined by the articles in the Washington Post and the New York Times, seriously undermines our efforts to make such arrangements.

The following is a brief outline of the Top Secret contacts with Hanoi which are described in great detail in the 47-volume study:

<u>Code Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Nature</u>
1. Seaborn Mission	May 1964-June 1965	Several visits to Hanoi by Canadian ICC representative Seaborn in which he transmitted messages between the US Government and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam(DVR).
2. Mayflower	May 1965	Bombing halt with contacts through the Soviet at Moscow with the DRV.

3. XYZ May 1965-  
February 1966 Contacts in Paris by unofficial Americans ex-Ambassador Gullion and another former Foreign Service Officer on instructions by the US Government and knowledge of French Government.
4. Pinta Rangoon December 1965-  
February 1966 Contacts by US Ambassador at Rangoon with DRV Const General with knowledge of Burmese Government.
5. Ronning March-June 1966 Retired Canadian diplomat Chester Ronning had several talks with DRV in Hanoi.
6. Sunflower January-  
April 1967 First contact between AmEmbassy and DRV Embassy Moscow, and the UK-USSR talks in London (Wilson-Kosygin) with a Johnson-Ho letter.
7. Marigold June 1966-  
December 1966 The contact was opened between the Poles and Italians in Saigon and then developed into a Polish-US contact.
8. Packers October 1966-  
February 1968 Contacts between the United States Government through the Rumanian Government to the DRV.
9. Ohio June 1967-  
February 1968 Amembassy Oslo through Norwegian Government and their Ambassador in Peking contacted DRV Ambassador in Peking.
10. Aspen November 1966-  
February 1968 The US contacted the DRV through the Swedish Government.
11. Pennsylvania September and  
October 1967 Two private Frenchmen went to Hanoi with the knowledge of the French Government at our request.
12. Killy January 1967 -  
February 1968 The Italian Government contacted the DRV at Prague with our concurrence.