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Jeremiah Denton was a ranking U.S. prisoner of war in Vietnam. During that time, the government of North Vietnam released a video of some prisoners and Denton was one of them. The prisoners were giving their "confessions" saying, "I've been treated fairly," "They aren't doing anything wrong to me," "I wish we Americans weren't in this war," and other anti-American things.

All the while Denton was speaking on the tape, he was blinking his eyes. A CIA agent watching that film clip noticed the blinking and studied reruns of the tape. He realized that Denton was blinking out the word "torture" in Morse Code the whole time he was "confessing".

Some might think that Denton compromised his own integrity by even "confessing", but Denton saw a solution to what some might believe to be an inescapable dilemma. By using body language, blinking his eyes, he gave the real message even though his verbal words were sending a false message.

This supports how powerful he knew body language to be. He put his life at risk to send the correct message. If his captors had caught on, they might have killed him.

