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Dear Dick,

Here's that picture of that large pond right outside of Dau Tieng that I told you about. I distinctly remember walking past it on patrol when I was in infantry. I also remember seeing 188th aircraft working out in the skyline behind this very spot. I'm sure you have flown over it many times, but you probably don't remember it too well. To the best of my recollection, the site in the picture is to the east of Dau Tieng and also slightly south. The area in the background in this picture does look familiar. I do remember it. If there now -even to this day- I believe I could negotiate my way back to where the base camp (Camp Ranier) used to be (unless it is all under water now).

Before now, did you know there was a re-education camp there? If you didn't know before, here's evidence of it now. It says now it is a holiday resort. That's kind of hard to imagine, isn't it? Anyway, I sure would like to see the place again!

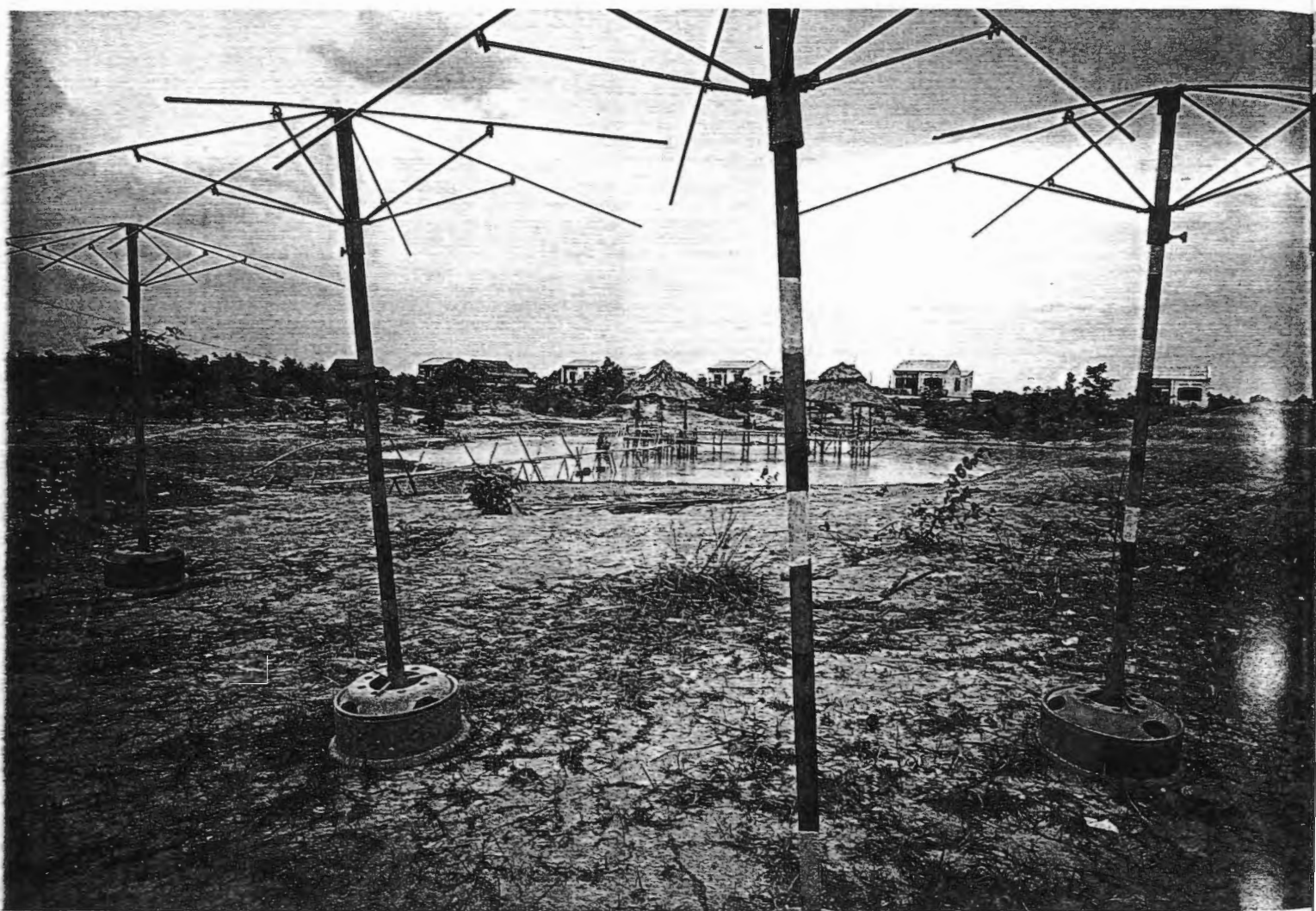
I always did like the area around Dau Tieng. It always had a rustic countrified appearance to it with lush vegetation. The area around Cu Chi wasn't like that; it was more barren and wide open. As a base camp, Dau Tieng was rather primitive for living conditions, but more like what you'd expect in a combat zone. Cu Chi was more stateside, but that place sure did used to get clobbered with mortars and rockets. Be glad you weren't there for Tet of '68!

Hope this picture helps in your recollection of the place. I'll write again soon. Take care now.

As Ever,

Frank

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Former re-education camp,
now a holiday resort near Dau
Tieng.