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SOURCE: BIN NHIEU AND HUAN KIM LANG, CAMBODIAN  
WITNESSES WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE HOUSED TWO AMERICAN  
PRISONERS DURING THE 1970-71 TIME FRAME.SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT PROVIDES FIRST  
HAND INFORMATION FROM TWO CAMBODIAN SOURCES IN DIRECT  
CONTACT WITH TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS, OR POSSIBLY  
COLLABORATORS DURING 1970-71. THIS MESSAGE FORWARDS A  
REPORT WHICH SUMMARIZES THEIR INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED DURING  
THE JOINT PW-MIA FIELD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN KAMPONG  
CHAM PROVINCE.

## TEXT:

1. ON APRIL 22 IN KROCH CHHMAR DISTRICT TOWN AND THE  
VILLAGE OF THAOL MEI PFT, THE LSI MEMBER OF THE JOINT SOC/US  
INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES WHOM CLAIMED TO  
HAVE FIRST HAND CONTACT WITH TWO CAUCASIAN AMERICAN  
PRISONERS WHO WERE HELD IN KROCH CHHMAR (AND TROUNG KHMUN)  
DISTRICTS OF KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE DURING 1970-71. THE  
WITNESSES ARE A HUSBAND AND WIFE COUPLE WHO CLAIMED THAT THE  
KHMER ROUGE (KR) BROUGHT THE TWO AMERICANS TO LIVE IN THEIR  
HOME AFTER PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY  
FORCED A KR EXCUS FROM SANGKE KAONG VILLAGE.

NOTE: ASIDE FROM A FEW ANALYTICAL COMMENTS MADE IN THIS  
REPORT, NO SYSTEMATIC ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO COMPARE AND  
CONTRAST THE ANSWERS PROVIDED BY THE SOURCES DURING THIS  
INTERVIEW SESSION, NOR WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR INITIAL  
INTERVIEWS WHICH WERE CONDUCTED IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR.

2. THE HUSBAND, BIN NHIEU, WAS MET (ACCIDENTLY) IN THE

VILLAGE OF CHEUNG CHRANG, KROCH CHHMAR DISTRICT, WHERE HE  
WORKS HIS FIELDS. HE ACCOMPANIED THE JOINT TEAM TO KROCH  
CHHMAR DISTRICT TOWN WHERE HE WAS INTERVIEWED. HIS WIFE,  
HUAN KIM LANG, WAS INTERVIEWED IN HER HOME VILLAGE OF THNOL  
MEI PFT. DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE SECOND INTERVIEW, BIN  
LED THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS TO THE ALLEGED BURIAL SITE OF THE  
TWO AMERICANS. UPON THEIR RETURN, HE WAS KEPT SEPARATE FROM  
THE INTERVIEW AREA SO AS NOT TO CONFIRM ANY PREVIOUS ANSWERS  
WHICH HE HAD PROVIDED EARLIER TO HIS WIFE. BOTH WITNESSES  
WERE INTERVIEWED DURING AN EARLIER JOINT VISIT TO KAMPONG  
CHAM PROVINCE WHICH OCCURRED IN JANUARY 1992.

3. INTERVIEW OF BIN NHIEU: THE WITNESS CLAIMED TO HAVE  
FIRST COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TWO ALLEGED AMERICANS NEAR  
THE END OF 1970 WHEN THEY WERE BROUGHT TO HIS HOME BY KR  
TROOPS. HE HAD HEARD THAT THE TWO WERE BROUGHT TO THNOL MEI  
BET VILLAGE FROM SANGKE KAONG AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE BEING  
EXERTED UPON THE KR BY SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES. THE TWO  
WERE DRESSED IN THE TYPE PLACK CLOTHING WORN BY THE KR. BIN  
WAS NOT TOLD AT THE TIME, NOR DID HE EVER FIND OUT, WHERE  
AND WHEN THE TWO AMERICANS HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY CAPTURED.

4. THE GUARDS WHO BROUGHT THE TWO TO HIS HOME WERE ARMED.  
HOWEVER, NO FORCE WAS USED NOR ANGER DISPLAYED, TOWARDS THE  
PRISONERS. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE SIMPLY TOLD TO LOCK AFTER  
THE PRISONERS. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD BEEN TOLD WHETHER THE  
TWO WERE ACTUALLY PRISONERS OR POSSIBLY COLLABORATORS, HE  
SAID NO.

5. THE TWO PRISONERS WERE NOT TREATED HARSHLY. THEY WERE  
NOT REQUIRED TO DO ANY TYPE OF LABOR. THEIR TIME WAS MOSTLY  
SPENT BEING IDLE. THE TWO WERE NOT PROVIDED ANY HEALING  
MATERIAL. THEY WERE PERMITTED TO GO OUT INTO THE VILLAGE  
BUT NOT BEYOND ITS BOUNDARIES. BOTH GOT ALONG FINE WITH THE  
LOCAL VILLAGERS AS WELL AS WITH EACH OTHER. VILLAGERS WERE  
NOT PREVENTED FROM COMING TO VISIT THEM AT BIN'S HOME;  
HOWEVER, NOT MANY DID SO. IN EFFECT, THE TWO WERE SIMPLY  
TREATED AS MEMBERS OF THE VILLAGE.

6. ANKAR CADRE NEVER CAME TO BIN'S HOME TO VISIT THE  
TWO. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE WITNESS REPORTED THAT THEY WERE  
CALLED UPON TO COME VISIT CADRE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.  
WHEN ASKED IF THE ANKAR PROVIDED SUPPLIES FOR THE PRISONERS  
BIN REPLIED THAT HE USUALLY BROUGHT SUCH MATERIAL.

7. THE WITNESS WAS ASKED TO COMPARE THE HEIGHT OF THE TWO AGAINST THAT OF THE REPORTING OFFICER (PO) WHO IS 6'2". HE RESPONDED THAT THE TALL ONE WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE RO AND THE OTHER JUST A FEW INCHES SHORTER. HE WAS THEN SHOWN A PICTURE OF CLYDE MCKAY. AFTER DILIGENTLY STUDYING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, HE SAID HE WAS UNSURE IF THE PICTURE DEPICTED ONE OF THE PRISONERS. WHEN SHOWN A PICTURE OF LARRY HUMPHREY, HE SAID IT RESEMBLED THE SHOPPER OF THE TWO. AS WITH THE MCKAY PHOTO, THE WITNESS WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THE PHOTO OF STAN FLYNN. HE SAID TOO MUCH TIME HAS PASSED. WHEN REMINDED THAT THE TWO PRISONERS HAD ALLEGEDLY LIVED WITH HIS FAMILY FOR OVER ONE YEAR, AND AS SUCH, RECALL OF THEIR FACES SHOULD NOT BE THAT DIFFICULT, HE HAD NO RESPONSE.

8. BIN THEN REPORTED THAT SOUTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS ONCE AGAIN CAME INTO THE AREA (AFTER THE TWO HAD LIVED AT HIS HOME FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR) RESULTING IN THE AR HAVING TO MOVE THE AMERICANS TO THE VILLAGE OF TUCL BAKAR FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT THREE TO FOUR DAYS. ACCORDING TO BIN, THIS VILLAGE IS LOCATED ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS NORTH OF THNOL MEI BET. ONLY THE TWO PRISONERS WERE MOVED; THE VILLAGERS WERE NOT EVACUATED. THE TWO WERE THEN MOVED TO THE VILLAGE OF CHANKAR MEU, WHICH IS NEAR THE RIVER, ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS EAST OF THE TOWN OF KROCH CHEMAR. AFTER ABOUT ONE MONTH THEY WERE MOVED BACK TO THE WITNESSES HOME IN THNOL MEI BET.

9. AT ABOUT THIS TIME THE TWO PRISONERS BEGAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THEIR TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE AR, ESPECIALLY THE QUALITY OF THEIR FOOD ALLOTMENT. BOTH BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE WHICH LASTED ABOUT 10 DAYS. BIN STATED THAT THE TWO BEGAN PLANNING (UNPERMITTED TO HIM OR HIS WIFE) TO TRY TO ESCAPE DURING THE STRIKE. EACH MORNING, AFTER THE SECOND DAY OF THE HUNGER STRIKE, THE TWO WOULD TEST THEIR ENDURANCE BY WALKING FROM 0700 TILL NOON. THE ANGKAR BEGAN TO SUSPECT THEIR INTENTIONS. THE AMERICANS WERE TRYING TO ESCAPE TO THE AREA OF SANGAI KAONG WHERE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WERE. THE TWO WERE CALLED TO THE SANTISOK (PRISON AREA) LOCATED ABOUT 120 METERS FROM BIN'S HOUSE. JUST PRIOR TO THEIR ARREST, THE TALL ONE ASKED FOR A PIECE OF PAPER TO WRITE ON; HE GAVE IT TO BIN WITHOUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS. (NOTE: AFTER RELAYING THIS INFORMATION ON THE ESCAPE ATTEMPT, THE RO POINTED OUT HOW ILLOGICAL SUCH AN ACTION WOULD. THE LACK OF FOOD WOULD CERTAINLY ADVERSELY IMPACT UPON THEIR LEVEL OF STAMINA AND SEVERELY IMPAIR AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT THAT WAS TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS. ONE WOULD EXPECT THE TWO TO ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR STRENGTH BY EATING AS WELL AS CONSERVE WATER THAN DEplete THEIR ENERGY RESERVES BY ATTEMPTING SUCH WALKS ON A DAILY BASIS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL ESCAPE ATTEMPT. BIN RESPONDED BY SIMPLY STATING THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY DID WHAT THEY DID.

10. ON THE DAY THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE ARRESTED, BIN WAS WORKING IN THE FIELDS. THEY WERE PUT INTO THE SANTISOK PRIOR TO HIS RETURN HOME, WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS BEFORE BEING EXECUTED. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CAMBODIANS WHO WERE ALREADY IN THE SANTISOK, THE WITNESS

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REPLIED "MANY". ON THE DAY THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE ALLEGEDLY EXECUTED, BIN WAS WORKING IN A VEGETABLE GARDEN. HIS WIFE HAD TOLD HIM THAT SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SANTISOK GUARDS THAT THE AMERICANS WERE TO BE EXECUTED THAT DAY. LATER THAT AFTERNOON, AT APPROXIMATELY 1400, HE HEARD SHOTS AND SURMISED THE TWO HAD BEEN KILLED. WHEN ASKED HOW HE COULD BE SURE THAT IT WAS THE TWO AMERICANS WHO HAD BEEN SHOT AND NOT SOME CAMBODIAN PRISONERS, HE SAID THAT NEXT DAY HE WAS TOLD BY PEOPLE FROM THE SANTISOK THAT THE TWO AMERICANS HAD BEEN KILLED. HE SEARCHED FOR THE GRAVES AND FOUND TWO FRESH MOUNDS NEAR THE RUBBER PLANTATION. WHEN ASKED HOW HE COULD SEARCH FOR THE GRAVES IF THE EXECUTIONS TOOK PLACE ON SANTISOK GROUNDS AND THIS AREA WAS OFF LIMITS TO THE VILLAGERS, HE REPLIED THAT THE TWO WERE KILLED AND BURIED OUTSIDE THE SANTISOK. THE WITNESS WAS THEN ASKED WHY WAS HE SO POSITIVE THAT THESE TWO FRESH GRAVES WERE THOSE OF THE AMERICANS AND NOT CAMBODIANS. HE SAID THAT WOMEN WHO WORKED IN THE SANTISOK TOLD HIM THAT THE TWO WERE KILLED AND BURIED IN A BANANA FIELD, AND LED HIM TO THE SITE.

11. BIN REPLIED THAT HE DUG UP THE GRAVE IN THE 1983/84 TIMEFRAME. WHEN ASKED WHY ONLY ONE WHEN THERE WERE TWO GRAVES, BIN STATED THAT HE COULD ONLY FIND ONE AT THE LOCATION. WHEN ASKED WHY HE DUG UP THE GRAVE BIN REPLIED BECAUSE THE TWO AMERICANS WERE LIKE FAMILY. HE WAS

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QUESTIONED ABOUT THE LONG PASSAGE OF TIME BETWEEN THE EXECUTIONS AND THE EXCAVATION PLUS THE FACT THAT IT DID NOT SEEM PROPER ACCORDING TO EITHER CAMBODIAN OR BUDDHIST CUSTOMS TO DIG UP "FAMILY" REMAINS AND JUST LEAVE THEM IN THE HOUSE. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD SEEM TO BE DISRESPECTFUL TO THE DEAD. BIN THEN STATED THAT HE HAD ANOTHER MOTIVE FOR HIS ACTION. HE HAD HEARD A VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST ABOUT THE U.S. SEARCH FOR THE REMAINS OF MISSING AMERICANS. HE SEARCHED OUT AND DUG UP THE REMAINS SO AS TO RETURN THEM TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

12. IN 1984/85, THE TRONG KHMUM DISTRICT POLICE HEARD FROM OTHER LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT BIN AND HIS WIFE HAD AMERICAN REMAINS. THEY CAME TO HIS HOUSE TO RETRIEVE THEM. HE GAVE THE POLICE ALL THAT HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION EXCEPT FOR A SINGLE TOOTH. THIS HE GAVE TO THE BBC PERSONNEL WHO CAME TO FILM A SEARCH FOR FLYNN AND STONE IN 1990.

13. BIN WAS ASKED IF THE TWO PRISONERS HAD EVER PROVIDED ANY TYPE INFORMATION RELATING TO THEIR PERSONAL BACKGROUND, SUCH AS THEIR NAMES, OCCUPATIONS, CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE, FAMILIES, ETC. HE SAID NO. WHEN ASKED IF HE HEARD BY WHAT NAME THE TWO CALLED EACH OTHER OR HOW THE ANGKAR REFERRED TO THEM, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. WHEN ASKED, BIN ALSO SAID THAT THE TWO NEVER SHOWED HIM ANY PERSONAL ARTICLES SUCH AS PHOTOS OF LOVED ONES. THE RO STATED THAT IT WAS RATHER PECULIAR THAT TWO INDIVIDUALS WOULD LIVE WITH HIM FOR OVER A YEAR AND NOT EVEN ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE THEIR NAMES. BIN HAD NO RESPONSE. THE INTERVIEW WAS CLOSED AFTER BIN RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD EVER HEARD THE NAME TA SA BOL (OR TA SA BOM). (NOTE: THIS WAS THE NAME OF THE KR DISTRICT COMMANDER WHO HAS BEEN REPORTED BY OTHER SOURCES AS HAVING GIVEN THE ORDER TO EXECUTE TWO PRISONERS WHO WERE SAID TO BE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS.)

14. INTERVIEW OF HUAN KIM LANG: BIN'S WIFE, HUAN KIM LANG, WAS INTERVIEWED LATER THE SAME DAY IN HER HOME VILLAGE OF THNOL MEI BET. BIN WAS NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND THIS INTERVIEW SESSION.

15. LANG FIRST MET THE TWO AMERICANS NEAR THE END OF 1970 WHEN THEY WERE BROUGHT TO HER HOME IN THNOL MEI BET. PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL, SHE HAD NOT HEARD ABOUT THE TWO BEFORE. THE PRISONERS WERE ESCORTED BY ARMED KR GUARDS. HOWEVER, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED AND THE TWO WERE NOT MISTREATED. LANG DID NOT KNOW WHY THE TWO WERE BROUGHT TO HER HOUSE NOR DID SHE EVER FIND OUT. SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS TOLD BY SOME OF THE GUARDS THAT THE TWO WERE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. THE PRISONERS WERE DRESSED IN TRADITIONAL KR BLACK GARMENT AND NEITHER BROUGHT ALONG ANY PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

16. THE PRISONERS STAYED AT HER HOUSE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THEY WERE ARRESTED BY THE ANGKAR FOR ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE. MOST OF THEIR TIME, FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY AT HER HOME, WAS SPENT IDLY. THE PRISONERS WERE PERMITTED TO GO OUT IN THE VILLAGE. THE ANGKAR PROVIDED THEM WITH FOOD, CIGARETTES, AND OTHER SUPPLIES. NO

CADRE EVER CAME TO VISIT THE TWO AT LANG'S HOUSE. ACCORDING TO LANG, THE TWO WERE NEVER SUMMONED TO VISIT THE ANGKAR. ORDERS WERE NEVER SENT DOWN WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TWO TO DO ANY TYPE OF WORK. LANG REPORTED THAT A FEMALE COOK ASSIGNED TO HELP TAKE CARE OF THE PRISONERS SOMETIMES GAVE THEM ORDERS BUT WAS IGNORED. NO DISCUSSIONS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THIS.

17. LIKE HEE HUSEANT, LANG STATED THAT THE TWO DID NOT TELL HER THEIR NAMES. LIKEWISE, SHE DID NOT HEAR WHAT THEY CALLED THEMSELVES OR WHAT NAMES THE ANGKAR USED FOR THEM. SHE REPORTED THAT THE TALL ONE, WHO WAS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE RO (6'2"), COULD SPEAK SOME BROKEN KHMER. (THE OTHER WAS ONLY A COUPLE OF INCHES SHORTER IN HEIGHT.) NEITHER PROVIDED ANY PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION. CONVERSATION WITH THEM, WHEN IT OCCURRED, WAS RELEGATED TO SHORT SENTENCES USUALLY ABOUT THEIR MEALS. WHEN SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF FLYNN, MCKAY, AND HUMPHREY, LANG STATED THAT TOO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED AND THAT SHE COULD NOT TELL IF ANY OF THE THREE RESEMBLED THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDED WITH HER.

18. THE TWO AMERICANS REPORTEDLY GOT ALONG WELL. ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AMONG THE VILLAGERS, MANY WOULD COME UP TO LANG'S HOUSE AND PEER IN AT THEM.

19. AFTER ABOUT SIX MONTHS, THE TWO TRIED TO RUN AWAY.

THEY WERE ARRESTED, SENT TO THE SANTISOK, AND SHOT ABOUT 10 DAYS LATER. PRIOR TO THEIR ESCAPE ATTEMPT, THE TWO HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THE FOOD THEY WERE RECEIVING. REFERRING TO IT AS LITTLE MORE THAN DOG FOOD, BOTH WENT ON A HUNGER STRIKE. THE SOURCE WAS NOT SURE AS TO WHY THE TREATMENT ACCORDED THE TWO DETERIORATED TO THE POINT WHERE ANGER AND RESSENTMENT LED TO THE STRIKE. ACCORDING TO LANG, IT WAS NOT UNTIL NEARLY THEIR SIXTH MONTH AT HER HOUSE THAT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THEIR FOOD STARTED TO CHANGE. DURING THEIR HUNGER STRIKE THE AMERICANS WOULD WALK BACK AND FORTH EVERY MORNING BETWEEN THE HOUSE WHERE THEY RESIDED AND ANOTHER THAT LANG OWNED IN THE VILLAGE. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE TWO TROUGHS, WAS MODEST, ONLY ABOUT 12 METERS. SHE HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE PLANNING AN ESCAPE ATTEMPT.

22. THE ESCAPE ATTEMPT OCCURRED ON THE 5TH OR 6TH DAY OF THEIR HUNGER STRIKE. SHE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME. THE TWO ATTEMPTED TO RUN TO A NEARBY PLANTATION. THEIR ESCAPE WAS THWARTED WHEN A FEMALE VILLAGER SAW THEM AND SHOUTED AN ALARM. LANG RAN OUT AND SAW THEM CAPTURED. THEY TRIED TO FIGHT OFF THE CUAPDS BUT WERE SUBDUED, TIED, AND SENT TO THE SANTISOK. LANG SPECULATED THAT THEY CONTINUED ON WITH THEIR HUNGER STRIKE WHILE INCARCERATED. THEY WERE HELD FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS. LANG VENTURED THAT THE TWO HAD BECOME SO WEAK SO BY CARED FOR AND WERE THUS EXECUTED. SHE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE ON EXACTLY WHEN AND WHERE THEY WERE EXECUTED, ONLY THAT SHE HEARD SO FROM OTHER VILLAGERS. SHE HEARD THAT THEY WERE BURIED OUTSIDE THE SANTISOK ON A BANANA PLANTATION. SHE DID NOT KNOW IF THEY HAD BEEN EXECUTED AT THE SITE OF BURIAL. SHE PERSONALLY REMEMBERED SEEING TWO GRAVES.

21. LANG COULD NOT REMEMBER THE YEAR IN WHICH HER HUSBAND AND HIS BROTHER DUG UP THE REMAINS. ONLY ONE COMPLETE SET OF REMAINS WERE FOUND. SHE CLAIMED TO HAVE HEARD A VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCAST IN WHICH A REWARD WAS BEING OFFERED FOR THE RETURN OF AMERICAN REMAINS. SHE SAID THEIR MOTIVATION FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF THE REMAINS WAS THE MONETARY REWARD. THE REMAINS WERE KEPT IN HER HOME FOR FEAR OF LOSING THEM. SHE DID NOT BELIEVE THE OTHER VILLAGERS KNEW ABOUT THEIR RECOVERY OF THEM. THE COMPLETE SET WAS KEPT BY HER AND HER HUSBAND; HIS BROTHER DID NOT RECEIVE ANY PORTION.

22. LANG DOES NOT REMEMBER HOW LONG THEY KEPT THE REMAINS BEFORE THEY WERE CONFISCATED. SHE CLAIMS THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHO THE PEOPLE WERE WHO CAME TO HER HOUSE TO TAKE THEM. THEY CAME TO HER HOUSE AND TALKED ABOUT A PRICE, TOOK THE REMAINS AND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO GET THE MONEY. THEN LATER CAME BACK. LANG SAID SHE WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN THIS OCCURRED. SHE INITIALLY STATED THAT EVERYTHING WAS GIVEN TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. WHEN THE BFC ASKED HER IF SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY SURE OF THIS, SHE REPLIED YES. WHEN THE BFC NEXT ASKED IF IT WERE NOT TRUE THAT HER HUSBAND HAD SAVED A TOOTH AND GAVE IT TO THE BFC TEAM WHICH FILMED AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE FLYNN/STONE IN 1990, SHE SMILED AND SAID THAT WAS CORRECT.

23. LANG WAS ALSO ASKED IF SHE HAD HEARD OF AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED IA SA POL (GR IA SA PCM). SHE REPLIED NO.

24. ANALYST COMMENT: HISTORICALLY, REPORTING RECEIVED ON THE PRESENCE OF TWO AMERICANS IN THIS AREA OF KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE DURING THE 1970-71 TIMEFRAME IS SUCH THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT CORRELATES TO THE CASE OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS SEAN FLYNN AND IANA STONE, OR TO THE CASE OF LARRY HUMPHREY (DEserter) AND CLYDE MCKAY (CIVILIAN MUTINIER) WHO SOUGHT OUT THE KR AFTER THEIR ESCAPE FROM A JAIL IN PHNOM PENH. THIS SAME PROBLEM HOLDS TRUE WITH THE REPORTING PROVIDED BY BIN AND HIS WIFE LANG. THIS ANALYST LEANS IN THE DIRECTION OF HUMPHREY AND MCKAY WITH REGARD TO THIS SPECIFIC REPORTING. THE MOST COMPELLING FACTOR, THOUGH ONE THAT COULD ALSO BE EASILY QUESTIONED, IS THAT OF HEIGHT COMPARISONS. BOTH SOURCES INDICATE THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE ALMOST THE SAME HEIGHT, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW INCHES. SEAN FLYNN WAS 6'2" AND IANA STONE 5'6", QUITE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, HUMPHREY AND MCKAY WERE BOTH AROUND 5'11". ADDITIONALLY, IN 1974, A VIETCONG RALLIER REPORTED ON TWO CAUCASIANS LIVING IN THE VILLAGE OF SANGKE KAONG IN NOVEMBER OF 1971. THE TWO WERE REPORTED TO BE DESERTERS WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM DETENTION IN PHNOM PENH AND ONE WAS NAMED "LOVEY" (POSSIBLE VIETNAMIZATION OF LARRY). BOTH BIN AND HIS WIFE REPORTED THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE BROUGHT TO THEIR HOME FROM SANGKE KAONG IN LATE 1971. THE

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TREATMENT AFFORDED THE TWO AMERICANS, AT LEAST UNTIL NEAR THE END OF THEIR STAY WITH THE CAMBODIAN COUPLE, WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE TYPE SHOWN TOWARDS COLLABORATORS WHO BASICALLY SERVED LITTLE PURPOSE TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE. OTHER REPORTING DURING THE 1970'S THAT MORE APPROPRIATELY RELATES TO FLYNN AND STONE INDICATE THAT THE JOURNALISTS COULD NOT BE AS EASILY APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL VILLAGERS, AND THAT THEY WERE ASKED TO WRITE FOR THEIR CAPTORS. ALTHOUGH THIS REPORTING CANNOT BE CORROBORATED, SUCH WAS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE WITH THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE WITH BIN AND LANG. NONYTHELESS, NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE HAS BEEN GATHERED TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER IT WAS FLYNN AND STONE OR HUMPHREY AND MCKAY WHO LIVED WITH THIS FAMILY IN THNOL MEI BET IN 1970-71.

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