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SUBJ: PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM REPORT: CASE
1112

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1. BACKGROUND: FROM 19 THROUGH 23 AUGUST 1993, THE PRIORITY CASE INVESTIGATION TEAM (PCIT) SEARCHED FOR DOCUMENTATION AND EXPLORED LEADS ASSOCIATED WITH THREE CASES WHICH OCCURRED IN KONTUM PROVINCE. PCIT MEMBERS INCLUDED MSGT WILLIAM R. DEETER (U.S. TEAM LEADER), WILLIAM P. COUTURE (DIA ANALYST/LINGUIST), LTC PHAM TEO (PHAMJ TEOF) (VNOSMP TEAM LEADER), AND NGUYEN THE CONG (NGUYEENX THEES COONG) (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR). THIS REPORT CONTAINS THE DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO CASE 1112.

2. SUMMARY: FROM 18 THROUGH 23 AUGUST 1993, THE PCIT INVESTIGATED CASE 1112 IN KONTUM PROVINCE. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE PCIT LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR THIS

CASE. THE PCIT LOCATED ANOTHER WITNESS FOR THIS CASE IN DAC LAC PROVINCE. IN ADDITION, THREE MORE WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED BY THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM TEAM IN HANOI. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, NO NEW INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE WAS OBTAINED. THE KONTUM PROVINCE TASK TEAM WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY NEW FIRSTHAND OR HEARSAY WITNESSES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ANY ASPECT OF THE CASE. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN KONTUM DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUPPORTING ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTATION. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS CASE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.

3. DETAILS:

- A. ON 20 AUGUST 1993, THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE PCIT HELD A THREE HOUR STRATEGY CONFERENCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE KONTUM PROVINCE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE TO PRESENT INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISH A COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CASES THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE PROVINCE. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE PROVINCE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, KONTUM CITY, AND WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE PCIT AND KONTUM PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES TRAN QUANG VINH (TRANF QUANG VINH), ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN KONTUM PROVINCE PEOPLES COMMITTEE; DANG DUC KHAM (DANGJ DWCS KHAM), TEAM LEADER; HOANG CANH DY (HOANGF CANHR ZY), PROVINCE MILITARY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE; AND PROVINCE TEAM MEMBERS TRUONG ANH DUC (TRWONG ANH DWCS); NGUYEN THANH TRUNG (NGUYEENX THANHF TRUNG); PHAN VAN BANG (PHAN VAWN BANGR); AND TO NGOC LONG (TOO NGOCJ LONG). DURING THE MEETING, THE VIETNAMESE WERE PRESENTED WITH A LIST OF SOURCES WHICH, THE U.S. SIDE BELIEVED, COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CASE 1112. THESE INCLUDED:

- (1) ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS/UNITS:

- (A) PAVN 320TH DIVISION (DIV)
- (B) B3 FRONT
- (C) PAVN 10TH DIV
- (D) 320TH NVA REGIMENT (RGT)

- (E) K7 BATTALION (BN), 66TH RGT
- (F) FIELD HOSPITAL V84 (AKA V211, AKA V21)
- (G) MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION, GROUP 21 (POSSIBLY 1ST NVA DIV)
- (H) COMMO-LIAISON STATION T-9
- (I) COMPANY (CO) 187, 307TH BN
- (2) THE VIETNAMESE WERE ALSO ASKED TO LOCATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

- (A) CUONG, THE FORMER DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE PAVN 66TH RGT.
- (B) VIEN, THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE 304TH LOCAL FORCE BN IN THE KONTUM AREA.
- (C) RE-INTERVIEW AMA LIN (AKA KA SA LIN)
- (D) THE AUTHORS OF THE 1980 BOOK, "THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN STRUGGLE FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION," THEY ARE:
 - NGUYEN VAN MINH (NGUYEENX VAWN MINH)
 - NGUYEN DINH THAO (NGUYEENX DINH THAOR)
 - DOAN NHU KIEN (DOANF NHW KIEEN)
 - NGUYEN THIEN LUONG (NGUYEENX THIEEN LWONG)
 - MAJOR GENERAL HOANG MINH THAO (HOANG MINH THAOR)
 - BRIGADIER GENERAL DANG VU HIEP (DAWNGJ VUX HIEEPJ)

B. THE VIETNAMESE AGREED TO FULLY SUPPORT EACH OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED BY THE PCIT, BUT STATED THE TASK OF LOCATING WARTIME DOCUMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS, OR ANY OTHER CASE, WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

C. ARCHIVAL: DURING THIS AND ALL PREVIOUS RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION EFFORTS, NO DOCUMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112 HAS EVER BEEN DISCOVERED. THE SUBJECT OF WARTIME DOCUMENTATION WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH

KONTUM PROVINCE OFFICIALS, WHO WERE UNAWARE OF ANY EXISTING PROVINCIAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO U.S. SERVICEMEN KILLED OR CAPTURED DURING THE WAR. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT MAIN FORCE AND GUERRILLA UNITS THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WERE EXTREMELY MOBILE AND SELDOM REMAINED AT A FIXED LOCATION FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. GUERRILLA AND DISTRICT LEVEL COMBAT UNITS REFRAINED FROM KEEPING ANY SORT OF WRITTEN RECORDS WHICH, IF CAPTURED, COULD COMPROMISE THEIR OPERATIONS. MAIN FORCE COMBAT UNITS DID NOT REMAIN AT FIXED LOCATIONS LONG ENOUGH TO ESTABLISH PROPER STORAGE FACILITIES NOR DID THEY HAVE THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTING DOCUMENTATION FROM PLACE TO PLACE. IT WAS, THEREFORE, STANDARD POLICY FOR THE MAIN FORCES TO BURN OR BURY ALL DOCUMENTATION PRIOR TO RELOCATING. THIS WAS DONE TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONAL SECURITY AND TO REDUCE THE LOGISTICAL BURDEN. DURING THESE FREQUENT RELOCATIONS, SOLDIERS WOULD CARRY ONLY THE BARE NECESSITIES REQUIRED TO FIGHT AND SURVIVE. VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN KONTUM PROVINCE EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE DOCUMENTATION IN THE FORM OF HAND WRITTEN NOTEBOOKS OR PERSONAL DIARIES MAY STILL EXIST, THEY WERE UNAWARE OF ANY WRITTEN WARTIME RECORDS WHICH MAKE REFERENCE TO MISSING AMERICANS. THEY WERE INFORMED OF THE JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE DOCUMENTATION CENTER, WHICH OPENED IN HANOI IN APRIL OF 1993, AND PLEDGED TO FORWARD ANY APPLICABLE RECORDS THEY FOUND TO THIS FACILITY. DURING THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATIONS IN KONTUM, LTC PHAM TEO (VNOSMP PCIT TEAM LEADER) VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PAVN 10TH DIVISION AND DISCUSSED WARTIME DOCUMENTATION WITH THE DIVISION'S COMMANDER; HOWEVER, NO RECORDS PERTAINING TO U.S. SERVICEMEN KILLED OR CAPTURED DURING THE WAR WERE FOUND.

- D. INTERVIEWS: THE KONTUM PROVINCE TEAM DETERMINED THAT TWO OF THE NINE INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED BY THE PCIT WERE RESIDENTS OF THE PROVINCE AND WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. ONE ADDITIONAL WITNESS WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED WHILE THE PCIT WAS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS IN DAC LAC PROVINCE. THREE OTHER POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR THIS CASE (REQUESTED IN REF A) WERE INTERVIEWED BY MEMBERS OF THE ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM IN HANOI. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH BY PROVINCE OFFICIALS INTO THE LOCATION OF THE REMAINING POTENTIAL WITNESSES DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING:

- DOAN NHU KIEN IS CURRENTLY WORKING AT THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS IN HAI PHONG.

- MAJOR GENERAL HOANG MINH THAO CURRENTLY RESIDES IN HANOI.

- BRIGADIER GENERAL DANG VU HIEP CURRENTLY RESIDES IN HANOI.

- CUONG'S LOCATION WAS UNKNOWN.

- (1) ON 21 AUGUST 1993 THE PCIT INTERVIEWED AMA LIN AT THE KONTUM PROVINCE PEOPLES COMMITTEE GUEST HOUSE, KONTUM CITY. LIN, A 50 YOA RESIDENT OF RANG GOP HAMLET, MO RAY VILLAGE, SA THAY DISTRICT, KONTUM, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (A) LIN REITERATED THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED TO JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAMS DURING THE 12TH AND 21ST JOINT FIELD ACTIVITIES. HE REPEATED THE INFORMATION REGARDING HIS PARTICIPATION IN ESCORTING A CAPTURED AMERICAN WHO WAS LATER TURNED OVER TO PAVN B3 FRONT PERSONNEL. THE PRISONER HAD SUSTAINED A MINOR HEAD WOUND BUT REMAINED AMBULATORY THROUGHOUT THE JOURNEY. THE WOUND, WHICH WAS ALREADY BANDAGED, IN LIN'S ESTIMATION CONSISTED OF A TWO TO TWO AND ONE HALF INCH GASH IN THE LEFT TEMPLE AREA.

- (B) LIN DESCRIBED THE PRISONER AS BEING SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO THE PCIT DIA REPRESENTATIVE (MR. COUTURE IS 5'9" 190 LBS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, FAIR COMPLEXION). HE ESTIMATED HIS AGE TO BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 35 TO 40 YEARS OLD. LIN ADDED THAT THIS WAS ONLY A ROUGH APPROXIMATION SINCE HE FINDS THE AGE OF OCCIDENTALS HARD TO ESTIMATE BECAUSE THEY ALL SEEM TO HAVE, BASICALLY, THE SAME APPEARANCE TO HIM. HE DID NOT NOTICE ANYTHING DISTINCTIVE ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL SUCH AS SCARS, TATTOOS, BIRTH MARKS, OR GLASSES. HE DID NOT SEE THE AMERICAN WITH HIS SHIRT OFF SO WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON ANY TATTOOS OR MARKS WHICH HE MAY HAVE HAD ON HIS ARMS OR UPPER BODY. HIS HAIR WAS CUT SHORT, BUT LIN WAS ONLY ABLE TO VIEW A SMALL PORTION OF SCALP DUE TO THE BANDAGING. THE AMERICAN WORE A STANDARD U.S. MILITARY COMBAT UNIFORM WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A LONG

SLEEVED GREEN SHIRT WITH TWO BREAST POCKETS, BUTTONS DOWN THE FRONT, MATCHING PANTS AND "AMERICAN" BOOTS. HE DID NOT SEE A WRISTWATCH OR JEWELRY OF ANY KIND NOR DID HE VIEW THE AMERICAN'S IDENTIFICATION TAGS. LIN RECALLED THE AMERICAN CARRIED SOME TYPE OF BLACK COLORED BAG, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS BEING MORE LIKE A SACHEL THAN A RUCKSACK, BUT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER WHAT IT CONTAINED.

- (C) SINCE LIN WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE AMERICAN'S APPEARANCE, HE WAS SHOWN A RANDOMLY ARRANGED SERIES OF SIX PHOTOGRAPHS WHICH INCLUDED THE PHOTOGRAPH ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112. LIN STUDIED EACH PHOTOGRAPH VERY CAREFULLY, BUT AFTER NEARLY FOUR MINUTES, HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER ASSERTION THAT THE PCIT DIA REPRESENTATIVE WAS CLOSER IN APPEARANCE TO THIS AMERICAN THAN ANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS.

- (2) ON 21 AUGUST 1993, THE PCIT INTERVIEWED MR. A VIEN (A VIEEN), A 47 YOA RESIDENT OF DAK UY VILLAGE, KONTUM CITY. VIEN, CURRENTLY RETIRED, SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

- (A) IN 1961, AT THE AGE OF 14, VIEN BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER, SERVING WITH THE 1ST ARTILLERY BN, A SUBORDINATE OF THE PAVN B3 FRONT. IN 1964, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 631ST COMBINED INFANTRY/ARTILLERY BN, WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL 1969. DURING HIS TIME WITH THE 631ST BN, VIEN SERVED AS A SQUAD LEADER, DEPUTY PLATOON LEADER, AND, BY 1967, A PLATOON LEADER. IN LATE 1968 OR EARLY 1969, HE BECAME AN ASSISTANT COMPANY COMMANDER FOR THE 1ST CO, 631ST BN. IN 1969, VIEN ENROLLED IN A POLITICAL STUDIES CLASS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PAVN B3 FRONT. IN LATE 1969 OR EARLY 1970, HE WAS SENT TO SON TAY IN NORTH VIETNAM TO TEACH CAMBODIAN REVOLUTIONARIES. HE RETURNED TO THE SOUTH IN 1970 AND BECAME A COMPANY COMMANDER FOR THE PAVN 66TH RGT, 10TH DIV AND FOUGHT AGAINST THE LON NOL REGIME IN CAMBODIA. IN 1971, VIEN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 304TH LOCAL FORCES BN, KONTUM PROVINCE. THIS WAS HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT IN KONTUM PROVINCE, WITH ALL HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAVING BEEN IN THE PLEIKU AREA. IN 1973, VIEN WAS AGAIN SENT NORTH FOR POLITICAL TRAINING. HE REMAINED IN THE NORTH UNTIL 1975, WHEN HE VOLUNTEERED

TO REJOIN THE FORCES IN THE SOUTH FOR THE FINAL OFFENSIVE. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A STAFF POSITION WITH THE PAVN 1ST CORPS. FOLLOWING THE LIBERATION OF DANANG, HE REQUESTED A TRANSFER BACK TO THE 3RD CORPS. FROM THERE HE CONTINUED SOUTH AND TOOK PART IN THE FIGHTING IN TAY NINH AND THE SUBSEQUENT LIBERATION OF SAIGON. IN 1976, HE WAS SENT BACK TO HANOI TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES. UPON COMPLETION HE WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL ABROAD FOR FURTHER STUDY, BUT HE REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO RETURN TO THE SOUTH. UPON HIS RETURN, VIEN BECAME THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE INDOCTRINATION BRANCH, PAVN 3RD CORPS. HE REMAINED IN THIS POSITION UNTIL 1984 WHEN HE RETIRED.

- (B) VIEN PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS CLASHES WITH U.S. AND ARVN UNITS, ESPECIALLY DURING THE 1967-1968 TIME FRAME. DURING THIS PERIOD, HE RECALLED HEARING OVER SOUTH VIETNAMESE RADIO THAT THERE WERE 8,000 U.S. TROOPS STATIONED WITHIN HIS AREA OF OPERATIONS. SINCE U.S. GROUND FORCES WERE ALWAYS HEAVILY SUPPORTED, VIEN'S UNITS EMPLOYED HIT AND RUN TACTICS TO AVOID BEING ANNIHILATED BY CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ARTILLERY, OR B-52 STRIKES. DUE TO THESE TACTICS, VIEN COULD ONLY RECALL ONE INSTANCE IN WHICH HE OBSERVED THE BODY OF AN AMERICAN LEFT BEHIND ON THE BATTLEFIELD. HE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE DATE OF THIS SIGHTING, BUT DID NOTE THAT IT OCCURRED AT PLEI ME (ZA1506), CHU PRONG DISTRICT. DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE 304TH LOCAL FORCES IN KONTUM PROVINCE, VIEN NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANY AMERICAN UNITS AND ONLY SAW ACTION AGAINST ARVN FORCES.

- (C) SOMETIME DURING 1967 OR 1968, PRIOR TO THE TET OFFENSIVE, VIEN'S UNIT CAPTURED AN AMERICAN, ALONG WITH THREE ARVN SOLDIERS, NEAR YA KHUON (EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN) VILLAGE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PLEIKU. THE AMERICAN HAD ENTERED THE VILLAGE TO STEAL A FEW PIGS WHICH HE PLANNED TO COOK AND SERVE AT A PARTY HE HAD ARRANGED TO CELEBRATE HIS GIRLFRIEND'S PREGNANCY. VIEN'S UNIT SET UP A ROADBLOCK ALONG ROUTE 14 AND CAPTURED THE FOUR AS THEY RETURNED FROM THE VILLAGE IN A JEEP.

- (D) VIEN DESCRIBED THE AMERICAN AS A CAUCASIAN, APPROXIMATELY 1.65 METERS TALL AND AROUND 27

OR 28 YOA. HE RECALLED SEEING THE AMERICAN'S IDENTIFICATION CARD BUT WAS UNABLE TO RECALL ANY INFORMATION FROM IT. THE AMERICAN WAS ABLE TO CONVERSE IN BASIC VIETNAMESE BUT THIS ABILITY WAS LIMITED TO ASKING FOR FOOD, WATER, AND CIGARETTES. VIEN'S UNIT HELD THE AMERICAN FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH BEFORE HE WAS TURNED OVER TO PAVN B3 FRONT AUTHORITIES. VIEN NEVER HEARD ANYTHING REGARDING THE SUBSEQUENT FATE OF THIS PW.

- (E) VIEN WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 304TH BN THAT MAY HAVE BEEN WITH THIS UNIT DURING 1968. HE EXPLAINED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LONG TIME VETERANS OF THE 304TH WERE KILLED DURING 1968 AND 1969, AND BY THE TIME HE JOINED THE UNIT IN 1971, REPLACEMENTS FROM PAVN MAIN FORCE UNITS HAD ARRIVED. HE RECALLED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED CUONG (TELEGRAPHIC SPELLING UNKNOWN) WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE PAVN 66TH RGT DURING THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AGAINST DAK TO, BUT VIEN WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE HIS FAMILY NAME OR CURRENT LOCATION OTHER THAN TO SAY HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM THE NORTH.

- (F) ALTHOUGH VIEN WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RELATED TO CASE 1112, HE VOWED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE KONTUM VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION AND REPORT ANY INFORMATION TO THE PROVINCE TASK TEAM.

- (3) ON 18 AUG 93, THE PCIT INTERVIEWED NGUYEN THIEN LUONG IN A CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE THANG LOI HOTEL IN BAN ME THUOT CITY, DAC LAC PROVINCE. LUONG, 60 YOA, CURRENTLY RESIDES AT HOUSE 5A, PHAN CHU TRINH STREET IN TRUNG CO DISTRICT, BAN ME THUOT CITY. HE RETIRED FROM THE MILITARY IN 1987 AND CURRENTLY RUNS THE PROVINCE VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION OFFICE. LUONG PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) LUONG BEGAN HIS MILITARY CAREER AT THE AGE OF 14, SERVING WITH THE 308TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN LAOS. IN 1964, HE FIRST MOVED INTO THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AND SERVED WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION. FROM 1966 THROUGH 1970, LUONG WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 95TH RGT, 10TH INFANTRY DIVISION. IN

1970, HE WAS REASSIGNED TO THE "WESTERN SECTOR" HEADQUARTERS AND THEN WENT ON TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF THE HISTORICAL SECTION FOR THE POLITICAL DIRECTORATE OF THE PAVN 3RD CORPS IN 1975. IN 1982, HE WAS REASSIGNED TO THE DAC LAC AREA, WHERE HE LATER RETIRED IN 1987.

- (B) LUONG EXPLAINED THAT DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE 95TH RGT, BOTH THE 95TH'S AND THE 66TH'S AREAS OF OPERATIONS WERE CENTERED IN THE GIA LAI-KONTUM AND MANG GIA PASS AREAS. HE ADDED THAT TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 95TH RGT WERE INVOLVED IN A WELL KNOWN BATTLE WITH ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE ON HILL 875.

- (C) THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE WARTIME EXPERIENCE, LUONG NEVER SAW OR HEARD ABOUT ANY AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR. HE ALSO CLAIMED NEVER TO HAVE WITNESSED ANY AMERICAN CASUALTIES LEFT BEHIND ON THE BATTLE FIELD. HE DESCRIBED THE TACTICS USED BY BATTALIONS OF THE 95TH RGT AS HIT AND RUN, WITH ENGAGEMENTS NORMALLY LASTING ONLY TEN TO FIFTEEN MINUTES. THESE TACTICS WERE FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED DURING AMBUSHES CARRIED OUT AGAINST CONVOYS TRAVELING THROUGH THE MANG GIA PASS. SINCE THE U.S. ALWAYS USED AIR POWER AND ARTILLERY TO SUPPORT UNITS WHICH CAME UNDER FIRE, THE VIETNAMESE HAD TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS AND THEN IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW. IN CASES WHERE THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR RETREAT, LUONG'S FORCES WOULD MOVE IN CLOSE TO THE U.S. POSITION UNDER ATTACK TO TRY AND AVOID THE AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY.

- (D) LUONG CONDUCTED RESEARCH FOR THE BOOK "THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES OF THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS DURING THE WAR OF NATIONAL SALVATION AGAINST THE AMERICANS" FROM 1976 TO 1978 WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE PAVN 3RD CORPS HISTORICAL SECTION. HE INTERVIEWED A LARGE NUMBER OF WAR VETERANS TO GATHER THIS INFORMATION AND RECALLED THAT OCCASIONALLY AN INDIVIDUAL WOULD BRING ALONG AN OLD NOTEBOOK OR DIARY TO THE INTERVIEW SESSION TO USE FOR REFERENCE. LUONG TOOK POSSESSION OF SOME OF THIS PERSONAL REFERENCE MATERIAL, EXPLOITED THE INFORMATION HE CONSIDERED TO BE APPLICABLE, AND THEN DISPOSED OF IT. HE WAS UNABLE TO SAVE THESE NOTEBOOKS BECAUSE, AT THAT TIME, THE 3RD CORPS WAS ACTIVELY

ENGAGED IN CONFLICTS ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER WITH KHMER ROUGE FORCES AND HE DID NOT HAVE A PERMANENT HQ. THIS SITUATION BECAME EVEN WORSE AFTER VIETNAM INVADED CAMBODIA IN 1978. THROUGHOUT HIS RESEARCH, LUONG NEVER RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION ON AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

- (E) LUONG COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON WARTIME PW CAMPS. HE STATED THAT INFORMATION OF THIS TYPE WAS MANAGED BY A SPECIAL BRANCH OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT AND WAS CONSIDERED HIGHLY SENSITIVE. HE RECALLED THE NAMES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO USED TO WORK IN THE ENEMY PROSELYTING SECTION OF THE 3RD CORPS (FORMERLY THE PAVN B3 FRONT). HE IDENTIFIED THESE INDIVIDUALS AS KHUONG XUAN QUE (KHWONGF XUAAN QUEES) AND NGHIA (NFI). (NOTE: KHUONG XUAN QUE WAS INTERVIEWED BY JTF-FA ORAL HISTORY PERSONNEL ON 17 MAY 1993.) HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM EITHER OF THESE INDIVIDUALS FOR MANY YEARS, BUT RECALLED THAT THEY HAD BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PAVN 3RD CORPS. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE PAVN 3RD CORPS, MAJOR GENERAL HO DE (HOOF DEE), FORMERLY COMMANDED THE 66TH RGT, 10TH DIV PAVN. WHILE INVESTIGATING CASES IN GIA LAI PROVINCE, PHAM TEO (VNOSMP PCIT TEAM LEADER), NGUYEN THE CONG, AND MEMBERS OF THE GIA LAI PROVINCE TEAM VISITED PAVN 3RD CORPS HEADQUARTERS TO INQUIRE ABOUT POTENTIAL WITNESSES AND ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS PERTINENT TO THE PCIT MISSION, BUT 3RD CORPS OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE WITH EITHER REQUEST.

- (F) LUONG CONCLUDED HIS TESTIMONY BY STATING THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM AFTER 1973 UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER. HE ADDED THAT LIFE IN VIETNAM WAS TOO DIFFICULT FOR AMERICANS TO LIVE HERE OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL.

- (4) ON 19 AUGUST 1993, NGUYEN VAN MINH WAS INTERVIEWED BY A JOINT U.S./VIETNAM ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM INTERVIEW AT THE GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE, NUMBER 2 LE THACH STREET, HOAN KIEM DISTRICT, HANOI. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF TSGT RONALD D. WARD, JOINT TASK FORCE-FULL ACCOUNTING (JTF-FA) ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM COORDINATOR; AND PO2 JOHN L. HARVEY, JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST. THE VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF LTC LE KY, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE;
AND MR. NGUYEN VAN THANG LOI, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.
MINH SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (A) MINH WORKED AS A REPORTER FOR THE
LIBERATION ARMY NEWSPAPER IN B3 FRONT, THE VIETNAMESE
WESTERN HIGHLANDS, BETWEEN 1966 AND 1975. PRIOR TO
THAT, HE TAUGHT COLLEGE LEVEL POPULAR LITERATURE IN
HANOI. FROM 1977 TO 1980, HE CONTRIBUTED TO WRITING THE
HISTORY OF THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS FRONT AS SENIOR EDITOR
FOR THE PROJECT.

- (B) AS A REPORTER FOR THE LIBERATION
ARMY NEWSPAPER, MINH WAS STATIONED AT B3 FRONT HQ AND
WROTE ARTICLES BASED ON OPERATIONAL BATTLEFIELD REPORTS.
HE SELDOM TRAVELED TO ACTUAL BATTLEFIELD LOCATIONS AND
RELATED THAT AT FRONT HQ, HE WAS REMOVED FROM THE
TACTICAL FRONT AND "COULD NOT HEAR THE GUNFIRE". THE B3
FRONT COMMAND ECHELON DIRECTED OPERATIONS MAINLY BY
RADIO.

- (C) DURING THIS PERIOD, MINH NEITHER
VISITED NOR KNEW THE LOCATION OF ANY PRISONER OF WAR
CAMPS. CONCERNING PRISONERS, HE ONLY KNEW THAT, IN
GENERAL, THE PAVN FOLLOWED A HUMANITARIAN PW POLICY. HE
AT TIMES INCLUDED PW INFORMATION IN HIS ARTICLES, BUT HE
COLLECTED THE SOURCE INFORMATION FROM OPERATIONAL
REPORTS SENT FROM FIELD UNITS TO FRONT HQ. HE HAD BEEN
TO B3 FRONT HOSPITAL V211 (APPROXIMATELY A DAY'S WALK
FROM B3 FRONT HQ), BUT CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF A PW CAMP
NEAR THAT LOCATION AND NEVER SAW FOREIGNERS THERE. MINH
SAID SENIOR COLONEL KHUONG XUAN QUE, FORMER B3 FRONT
PROSELYTING OFFICER WOULD KNOW ABOUT PW CAMPS BECAUSE
ENEMY PROSELYTING PERSONNEL HAD REASON TO VISIT THE
CAMPS. THE MAJORITY OF PAVN PERSONNEL IN B3 FRONT WERE
PROHIBITED FROM GOING TO PRISON CAMPS. MINH SAID THE
CAMP SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE ROUTES FOR EVACUATING
PRISONERS TO THE NORTH, WAS SECRET AND UNKNOWN TO THE
MAJORITY OF PAVN PERSONNEL. DURING HIS TIME IN THE
WESTERN HIGHLANDS, HE KNEW NOTHING OF A B3 FRONT
OPERATIONS LOG WHICH MIGHT HAVE CONTAINED INFORMATION ON
PW'S.

- (D) BEGINNING IN 1977, MINH CONDUCTED

RESEARCH FOR THE BOOK "THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN STRUGGLE FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION" AT PAVN 3RD CORPS HQ IN PLEIKU, AND WAS ALLOWED LIMITED ACCESS TO THE CORPS' CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ARCHIVES. THE PROCEDURE WAS FOR HIM TO REQUEST DOCUMENTS CONCERNING A CERTAIN INCIDENT OR BATTLE, SUPPLYING THE DATE, AREA, AND OR PARTICIPATING UNITS TO THE CLERK, WHO WOULD THEN RETRIEVE THE MATERIAL. THE CLERK USED AN INDEX OR DIRECTORY TO LOCATE THE DOCUMENTS. MINH COULD NOT ENTER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTS STORAGE AREA, BUT WORKED IN A NEARBY ROOM. HE COULD ONLY ACCESS DOCUMENTS ONE TIME, AND HAD TO LEAVE WHATEVER NOTES HE TOOK IN THE FACILITY OR DESTROY THEM. MINH SUGGESTED THE JOINT TEAM SEEK ACCESS TO THE 3RD CORPS CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ARCHIVE TO FIND INFORMATION POSSIBLY RELATED TO UNACCOUNTED FOR U.S. PERSONNEL IN B3 FRONT. HE SAID THAT ALL THE DOCUMENTS HE USED FOR THE BOOK WERE OF OPERATIONAL NATURE AND CONTAINED VERY FEW DETAILS CONCERNING U.S. PRISONERS. IF PW'S WERE MENTIONED AT ALL, IT WAS ONLY IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF PRISONERS CAPTURED. HE DID NOT DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER TYPES OF DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS PROSELYTING DOCUMENTS, MIGHT ALSO BE IN THE ARCHIVE. HE SAID THAT THE 3RD CORPS TRANSFERRED TO THE CHINA-VIETNAM BORDER AREA IN 1979 AND THEN RETURNED TO THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS IN 1985 OR 1986. HE BELIEVED IT WAS PROBABLE THAT THE CORPS HAD DESTROYED THE DOCUMENTS DURING THAT PERIOD. AT THE TIME HE DID HIS RESEARCH IN PLEIKU, THE 3RD CORPS HAD NO REGULATION GOVERNING THE DESTRUCTION OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE UNIT HAD SINCE ADOPTED SUCH A REGULATION.

- (E) FINALLY, MINH CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. PERSONNEL, LIVING FREELY OR AGAINST THEIR WILL, IN VIETNAM SINCE 1973.

- (5) ON 21 AUGUST 1993, NGUYEN DINH THAO WAS INTERVIEWED BY A JOINT U.S./VIETNAM ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM TEAM AT THE GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE, NUMBER 2 LE THACH STREET, HOAN KIEM DISTRICT, HANOI. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF MR. KEITH GARY FLANAGAN, DET 2, JOINT TASK FORCE-FULL ACCOUNTING (JTF-FA) CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST AND PO2 JOHN L. HARVEY, JTF-FA ANALYST/LINGUIST. THE VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF LTC LE KY, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE;
AND MR. NGUYEN VAN THANG LOI, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.
THAO SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- (A) THAO SAID THAT HE BECAME INVOLVED WITH THE BOOK "THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN STRUGGLE FOR THE NATIONAL SALVATION," FOLLOWING THE LIBERATION OF THE SOUTH. HE SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO GENERALS AND THREE OTHER AUTHORS ASSIGNED TO WRITE THE BOOK. THE BOOK, PUBLISHED IN 1980, WAS WRITTEN FROM BOTH POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS. THAO WROTE THE PREFACE, CHAPTERS FOUR AND FIVE, AND THE CONCLUSION.

- (B) THERE WERE SEVERAL SOURCES WHICH THE AUTHORS USED TO GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE BOOK. THE AUTHORS USED WESTERN NEWS SOURCES, INTERVIEWED BATTLE PARTICIPANTS AND MEDICAL WORKERS, READ THE PEOPLE'S ARMY (QUAAN DOOIJ NHAAN ZAN) AND PEOPLE'S (NHAAN ZAN) NEWSPAPERS, AS WELL AS READ MILITARY OPERATIONAL REPORTS AS SOURCES. THE MILITARY OPERATIONAL REPORTS WERE STILL CLASSIFIED AND KEPT AT THE B3 CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS ARCHIVE IN NHA TRANG DURING 1977 AND 1978. THESE REPORTS CONTAINED ONLY B3 FRONT BATTLE STATISTICS, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF TROOPS KILLED, CAPTURED, AND WOUNDED. THEY DID NOT CONTAIN THE NAMES OR ANY SPECIFIC PW INFORMATION. WHEN AT THE DOCUMENT ARCHIVE, HE WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE NOTES ABOUT THE REPORTS HE WAS READING, BUT HAD TO DESTROY THE NOTES BEFORE LEAVING. THAO OPINED THAT SOME OF THE DOCUMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO HANOI, WHILE MOST HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DESTROYED SINCE 1978.

- (C) THAO STATED THAT BY 1968, MOST AMERICAN FORCES HAD WITHDRAWN FROM THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS AND MANY OF THE RECORDS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY THE TIME HE WENT TO FIND THEM IN 1977. HE ADDED THAT WESTERN NEWS SOURCES WERE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE DURING THE WAR BECAUSE OF THEIR TIMELY REPORTING OF U.S. UNIT LOCATIONS.

- (D) THAO SAID HE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET ANY AMERICAN PW'S. HE SAID THAT MOST BATTLE PARTICIPANTS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL DID NOT

SPEAK ENGLISH AND THEREFORE COULD NOT HAVE KNOWN ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT CAPTURED U.S. TROOPS. EVEN THE ESCORT PERSONNEL WHO TOOK PRISONERS FROM THE FRONT TO PW HOLDING FACILITIES WOULD NOT KNOW ANYTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT THE PRISONERS. THE ENEMY PROSELYTING PERSONNEL AT THE PW CAMPS WERE VERY SPECIALIZED AND TRAINED TO DEAL FIRST HAND WITH CAPTURED AMERICANS AND THEY WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNEW ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT THE AMERICAN PW'S. THAO WAS UNAWARE IF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING CADRE KEPT RECORDS, BUT IF ANYONE DID KEEP PW RECORDS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THEM.

- (E) ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. PW'S HELD IN B3 FRONT, THAO SAID THAT HE KNOWS TAKING PRISONERS CREATED MANY DIFFICULTIES FOR VIETNAMESE TROOPS. THE AMERICAN PRISONERS DID NOT MOVE WELL IN THE JUNGLE, CREATING UNSAFE SITUATIONS FOR THE VIETNAMESE, ESPECIALLY DURING B-52 STRIKES. HE ALSO SAID THAT FEEDING AND CLOTHING THE PRISONER WAS TOO DIFFICULT AND COSTLY FOR MANY OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) UNITS.

- (F) THAO RECALLED SEEING A MOVIE ABOUT AMERICAN PW'S AT CHRISTMAS TIME SOMETIME DURING THE WAR, IN WHICH PRISONERS SANG CHRISTMAS SONGS AND MADE PRESENTS FOR EACH OTHER. HE SAID THAT KHUONG XUAN QUE, A CADRE OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE, A MAN NAMED THU (NFI), AND SEVERAL OTHERS ORGANIZED THE PARTY FOR THE PW'S.

- (G) THAO SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS VERY GOOD AT RECOVERING THE BODIES OF LOST SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR, BUT THERE IS PROBABLY VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF FINDING REMAINS OF U.S. SERVICEMEN NOW. HE CITED THE CHANGES IN THE WESTERN HIGHLAND'S TERRAIN BECAUSE OF SEVERE WEATHER, HEAVY U.S. BOMBING DURING THE WAR, AND A LACK OF RECORDS AND WITNESSES AFTER 25 YEARS AS REASONS FOR THIS.

- (6) ON 17 MAY 1993, A JOINT ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW TEAM INTERVIEWED REQUESTED SOURCE KHUONG XUAN QUE, A 51 YOA HANOI RESIDENT AND FORMER B3 FRONT ENEMY PROSELYTING CADRE FROM 1965 UNTIL 1973. THE TEAM MET AT THE ANTE-BUILDING MEETING ROOM OF THE GOVERNMENT GUEST

HOUSE, 2 LE THACH STREET, HOAN KIEM DISTRICT, HANOI TO INTERVIEW QUE. HE PROVIDED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 1112. HIS STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING SEVERAL UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICANS IN B3 FRONT WERE VAGUE AND AT TIMES CONFLICTING. THOUGH DURING THE COURSE OF HIS ENEMY PROSELYTING DUTIES, HE FREQUENTED B3 FRONT PW CAMPS AND HOLDING FACILITIES, HE PROVIDED NO INFORMATION ON CAMP DESIGNATORS OR LOCATIONS. NEITHER COULD HE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE DISPOSITION OF WARTIME PW RECORDS. (FOR A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF KHUONG XUAN QUE'S STATEMENTS, SEE ORAL HISTORY REPORT OF INTERVIEW, 15 JUNE 1993.)

4. PCIT COMMENTS:

- A. COOPERATION: THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OFFERED BY KONTUM PROVINCE OFFICIALS WAS OUTSTANDING. FOLLOWING THE INITIAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PCIT, A DETAILED PLAN WAS ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO BEST MAKE USE OF TIME AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEWERS AND PROVINCE TEAM IN ORDER TO TRAVEL CONSIDERABLE DISTANCES TO LOCATE AND BRING WITNESSES IN TO KONTUM CITY. THIS PLAN ENSURED OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A TIMELY AND WELL ORGANIZED MANNER AND ENHANCED PREPARATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW. MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE TEAM TRAVELLED HUNDREDS OF KILOMETERS AND SPENT NUMEROUS HOURS EACH DAY SEARCHING FOR AND PICKING UP WITNESSES FOR INTERVIEW.

- B. WITNESS RELIABILITY

- (1) AMA LIN: ALTHOUGH THIS WAS LIN'S THIRD APPEARANCE BEFORE A JOINT U.S./VIETNAMESE INVESTIGATION TEAM, HE REMAINED CORDIAL AND INSISTED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH AS MANY JOINT TEAMS AS NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING THIS HUMANITARIAN ISSUE. HIS TESTIMONY CLOSELY PARALLELED THE STATEMENTS HE PROVIDED DURING THESE EARLIER INTERVIEWS.

- (2) A VIEN: VIEN WAS DIRECT AND COOPERATIVE AND SEEMED EAGER TO HELP. HE WILLINGLY ANSWERED, TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, ALL QUESTIONS ASKED OF HIM. HIS DETAILED RECOLLECTION OF HIS PAST SERVICE HELPED TO ESTABLISH THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE AREA WHERE CASE 1112 OCCURRED AT THE TIME THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE.

- (3) NGUYEN THIEN LUONG: LUONG WAS COOPERATIVE AND MORE THAN WILLING TO RELATE ANY INFORMATION HE COULD. ALTHOUGH HE WAS QUITE TALKATIVE AND HIS STATEMENTS APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY OPEN AND SINCERE, HE COULD OFFER NO INFORMATION ON CASE 1112 OR ANY OTHER CASES BEING INVESTIGATED IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS.

- (4) NGUYEN VAN MINH: MINH WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD IN HIS STATEMENTS AND OFFERED INFORMATION AND OPINIONS IN A CANDID, ANIMATED MANNER. THE U.S. INTERVIEW TEAM DETECTED NO SIGNS OF COACHING OR SCRIPTING. ASSESS THIS SOURCE'S RELIABILITY TO BE GOOD.

- (5) NGUYEN DINH THAO: THOUGH THAO PROVIDED NO INFORMATION USEFUL TO THE U.S. PW/MIA ISSUE, HIS STATEMENTS WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND LOGICAL. HE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF COACHING. ASSESS THIS SOURCE'S RELIABILITY TO BE GOOD.

- (6) KHUONG XUAN QUE: QUE HAD NO INFORMATION RELATING TO CASE 1112. THE INFORMATION HE DID PROVIDE IS SUSPECT DUE TO CONTRADICTIONS IN THE STATEMENTS.

- C. THIS WAS THE THIRD INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1112. BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THIS PCIT INVESTIGATION AND THE PREVIOUS EFFORTS, THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS ARE OFFERED:

- (1) NO ARCHIVAL RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE WERE LOCATED.

- (2) NONE OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FIVE OF THE SIX WITNESSES WAS IN ANY WAY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112. THE SIXTH WITNESS, AMA LIN, PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH WAS CONSISTENT WITH HIS PREVIOUS TWO INTERVIEWS AND ADDED NOTHING WHICH COULD ASSIST IN DETERMINING FATE. THIS INFORMATION HAS NEVER BEEN POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 1112.

- (3) THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A VIEN REGARDING THE CAPTURE OF ONE AMERICAN AND THREE ARVN ON ROUTE 14 NEAR PLEIKU PRIOR TO THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE IS PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH CASE 0937 BASED ON DATE, LOCATION, AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS. FURTHER ANALYSIS

OF THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE
THIS.

- (4) THERE IS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION AVAILABLE
ON THIS CASE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION.##