



CURRENTLY BEING PAID BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS 200 USD.

6. (U) THE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE HEARSAY INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMAINS OF YET ANOTHER TWO U.S. SERVICEMEN IN MIMOT, CAMBODIA. THE AMERICANS WERE PILOTS AND NEWSMEN WHOSE PLANE HAD BEEN SHOT FROM VIETNAM AND CRASHED AT MIMOT. THE REMAINS WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING HILD BY A CIVILIAN (NFI) WHO IS CURRENTLY IN SUONG VILLAGE, TEUNG KHMUM DISTRICT, KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA (NFI).

7. (U) SOURCE STATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN, ANOTHER MAN NAMED CHHIV (NFI) WHO CURRENTLY LIVES AT "OLD MARKET PHSAR CHAS, PHNOM PINH" (NFI), KNOWS ABOUT THE BACKGROUND ABOUT THE PERSON IN POSSESSION OF THE REMAINS MENTIONED IN PARA 6 ABOVE. CHHIV IS AN OX SKIN MERCHANT. HE HAS A BROTHER NAMED TA SARUN (NFI) WHO IS A SMUGGLER AT KOH KONG (NFI).

COMMENTS: 1. (U) (FIELD COMMENTS) - THERE IS NO LISTING FOR A PERSON NAMED JOHN RUPP IN THE CURRENT ROSTER OF U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING FROM THE VIETNAM WAR.

2. (U) RO INTERVIEWED SOURCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM A BIOGRAPHIC REPORT SUBMITTED BY SOURCE, AND A SECOND REPORT, TAKEN FROM A LETTER WRITTEN IN KHMER BY SOURCE AND TRANSLATED TO VIETNAMESE BY THE LEADER OF A GROUP OF SITE II CAMP RESIDENTS WHO HAVE PROVIDED SCORES OF REPORTS ON PW/MIA, NONE OF WHICH HAVE CONTAINED ANY INFORMATION THAT CAN BE CONFIRMED OR CORROBORATED. WHEN RO ATTEMPTED TO QUESTION SOURCE ABOUT THESE TWO REPORTS, SOURCE GAVE RO THREE TOTALLY DIFFERENT REPORTS ON ALLEGED MISSING PERSONNEL. ALL THREE OF THOSE REPORTS CONTAINED MISSTATEMENTS, INCONSISTENCIES, AND ELEMENTS THAT SIMPLY DID NOT MAKE SENSE. WHEN RO CHALLENGED SOURCE ON THESE ANAMOLIES, SOURCE WAS UNABLE IN ANY INSTANCE TO GIVE AN ANSWER THAT WOULD RECONCILE DIFFERENCES IN HIS STATEMENTS. AFTER INTERVIEWING SOURCE ON THE THREE OTHER REPORTS, RO ASKED SOURCE IF HE HAD ANY OTHER PW/MIA-RELATED INFORMATION OF ANY KIND. SOURCE ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE. RO THEN CONFRONTED SOURCE WITH THE TWO REPORTS ABOUT WHICH RO HAD ORIGINALY INTENDED TO INTERVIEW SOURCE. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT THOSE TWO REPORTS, AND COULD NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THEM. HE WAS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE TWO REPORTS.

3. (U) IT IS RO'S OPINION THAT -

A. (U) THE INFORMATION IN ALL FIVE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY SOURCE IS FABRICATED.

B. (U) FABRICATED PW/MIA INFORMATION IS BEING FED TO SOURCE (AND OTHERS) BY THE LEADER OF THE GROUP WITH

WHOM SOURCE IS ASSOCIATED FOR PASSAGE TO U.S. PW/MIA REPRESENTATIVES.

C. (U) THE LEADER OF THE GROUP (SCI 6 024 0065) APPEARS TO DO THIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING IT APPEAR THAT HE IS IN CONTACT WITH A VARIETY OF SOURCES TO ENHANCE HIS SELF-STYLED REPUTATION AS A PW/MIA EXPERT IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING EITHER MONETARY REWARDS OR MAKING A CASE FOR FUTURE REPATRIATION TO THE U.S. FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

4. (U) WHEN RO QUESTIONED SOURCE ABOUT HIS CONNECTION WITH THE LEADER OF THE GROUP, SOURCE GAVE SEVERAL CONTRADICTORY ANSWERS. FIRST, HE ADMITTED THAT HE BELONGED TO A GROUP THAT ACTIVELY SOUGHT PW/MIA INFORMATION IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE BROUGHT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAD BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE U.S. PW/MIA INFORMATION POLICY (NO REWARDS, NO EMPLOYMENT, NO HELP WITH REPATRIATION TO ANOTHER COUNTRY). SOURCE SAID THAT THE GROUP LEADER HAD TOLD HIM THAT EVERY FAMILY IN THE GROUP HAD BEEN

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"SCHEDULED BY THE CIA" FOR REPATRIATION TO THE U.S. EXCEPT SOURCE'S FAMILY, AND IF SOURCE WOULD ONLY WORK JUST A LITTLE HARDER FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER, HIS FAMILY WOULD ALSO GET ON THE LIST FOR REPATRIATION TO THE U.S. SOURCE LATER TOLD RO THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE GROUP LEADER, HIS DEALINGS WITH THE GROUP LEADER WERE LIMITED TO OCCASIONALLY RUNNING ERRANDS FOR HIM. (TWO DAYS LATER, WHILE RO WAS INTERVIEWING THE GROUP LEADER, SOURCE WALKED IN AND DROPPED A LETTER INTO THE GROUP LEADER'S LAP. THE LETTER, ADDRESSED TO U.S. PW/MIA OFFICIALS, HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY YET ANOTHER SOURCE OF QUESTIONABLE REPORTS, WHOM RO HAD BEEN TOLD WAS IN VIETNAM AND UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, BUT HAD "LEFT A LETTER BEHIND").

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