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THIS IS A STONY BEACH MESSAGE

SERIAL: (U) IIR 6 024 0499 92.

COUNTRY: (U) VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA (VM, CB).

SUBJECT: (U) IIR 6 024 0499 92/HEARSAY INFORMATION ON REMAINS OF ALLEGED U.S. SERVICEMEN KILLED IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA (U).

WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT IS UNCLASSIFIED.

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TOI: (U) 900807-900821.

REQS: (U) D-VOP-2430-38-90.

SOURCE: (U)//OTS 6-024-0117-92//AN ETHNIC CHINESE CAMBODIAN RESIDENT OF SITE TWO KHMER CAMP, THAILAND. SOURCE RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED.

SUMMARY: (U) THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT PROVIDES LIMITED HEARSAY INFORMATION ON THE REMAINS OF ALLEGED U.S. SERVICEMEN KILLED IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

TEXT: 1. (U) RO INTERVIEWED SOURCE IN RESPONSE TO

FOUR LETTERS SOURCE HAD WRITTEN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK IN 1990 FROM THE SITE TWO CAMP. THE FIRST LETTER WAS SIGNED BY A PERSON NAMED TRAN ((CUU)) (TRAAAF CUUU), AND THE NEXT THREE LETTERS WERE SIGNED BY SOURCE.

2. (U) TEXT OF THE FIRST LETTER, DATED 07 AUG 90, FOLLOWS -

SOURCE NAME  
 SOURCE ADDRESS AT SITE TWO CAMP  
 AUGUST 7TH, 1990  
 TO AMERICAN EMBASSY  
 SIR,

WE THE REFUGEES LIVING IN SITE TWO RITHYSEN CAMP, WOULD LIKE TO COME TO YOU RESPECTFULLY IN ORDER TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED THE MORTAL REMAINS OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER WHO DIED IN VIETNAM. ONE OF US MR. TRAN CUU, A VIETNAMESE, KNOW CLEARLY THAT THE AMERICAN SOLDIER NAMED DUDA ROBERT C. DIED IN TINH SONG BE HUYEN LONG BINH, VIETNAM ((SONG BE PROVINCE, LONG BINH DISTRICT)). TRAN CUU HAD COLLECTED ALL THE REMAINS AND KEPT THEM IN A SECRET PLACE AND FLED TO SITE TWO RITHYSEN CAMP WITH TWO PIECES OF THE SKULL AND MOLAR AND THE IDENTITY SIGN. WE THINK THAT IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO YOU; SO WE HAVE TRIED VERY HARD FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO SEND THE INFORMATION TO YOU, BUT IT SEEMS QUIET. AT LAST WE DECIDE TO WRITE TO YOU PERSONALLY. PLEASE COME TO US HURRILY TO EXAMINE THE OBJECTS YOURSELF, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE MORE AND CLEARER INFORMATION ABOUT THAT. THERE IS ONLY YOU, SIR, WHOM WE VERY MUCH WANT TO SEE FACE TO FACE BECAUSE WE ARE AFRAID THAT WE SHALL BE CHEATED. RECENTLY WE WERE NEARLY CHEATED BECAUSE OF OUR LITTLE CARELESSNESS AND NOW THOSE BAD PERSONS ARE TRYING AGAIN TO THREATEN US TO GET THE OBJECTS. SO PLEASE COME TO US HURRILY. YOU WILL BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR. PLEASE COME BY FOLLOWING THE ABOVE ADDRESS AND YOU WILL SEE US.

P.S. WE WRITE DOWN THE IDENTITY SIGN AND ALSO CONTACT A COPY OF IT WITH THIS LETTER FOR YOU TO EXAMINE -  
 DUDA ROBERT C  
 144 40 9758  
 A POS  
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CATHOLIC  
YOUR MOST RESPECTFULLY,  
TRAN CUU.

STAPLED TO THIS LETTER WAS A RUBBING THAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN MADE FROM A DOG TAG CONTAINING THE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ROBERT C. DUDA. THE LETTER U IN THE NAME DUDA IS NOT VISIBLE. THE RUBBING APPEARS TO READ -  
I DA ROBERT C  
144 40 9758  
A POS  
CATHOLIC.

3. (U) THE SECOND LETTER, DATED 21 AUG 90, WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THE FIRST LETTER, BUT HAS SOME CHANGES AND ADDITIONS. TEXT OF THE SECOND LETTER FOLLOWS -

SOURCE NAME  
SOURCE ADDRESS AT SITE TWO CAMP  
21ST AUGUST 1990  
TO AMERICAN EMBASSY  
SIR,

I AM A REFUGEE LIVING IN SITE TWO SOUTH RITHYSEN CAMP. I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO YOU RESPECTFULLY IN ORDER TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE HEARD OF THE DISCOVERY OF THE MORTAL REMAINS OF THREE AMERICAN SOLDIERS, ONE OF THEM DIED IN VIETNAM AND THE OTHERS DIED ALONG THE CAMBODIAN-VIETNAMESE BORDER. THE PERSONS WHO DISCOVERED THE REMAINS HAD COLLECTED THEM AND KEPT IN SECRET PLACES, BUT THEY ESCAPED TO THE SITE TWO CAMP WITH SEVERAL PIECES OF BONES AND THE IDENTITY SIGNS AND COME TO ME FOR HELP SO THAT WE COULD GET THE NEWS TO YOU. WE THINK THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT, SO WE HAVE TRIED VERY HARD FOR A LONG TIME TO IN ORDER TO SEND THE INFORMATION TO YOU, BUT IT SEEMS QUIET. AT LAST WE DECIDED TO WRITE TO YOU NOW. THEREFORE, IF YOU HAVE HEARD OF THIS, PLEASE COME HURRILY TO EXAMINE THE OBJECTS YOURSELF, AND THEN YOU WILL HAVE MORE AND CLEARER INFORMATION ABOUT THAT. BELOW ARE THE NAMES AND NUMBERS OF THE THREE SOLDIERS THAT WE HAVE WRITTEN OUT OF THEIR IDENTITY SIGNS FOR YOU TO SEE-

IUDA ROBERT C  
144 40 9758  
A POS  
CATHOLIC

LEPAK, ALEXANDER L  
25341283  
A POS  
ROMANCATHOLIC  
242-38-0304

IAPATOVICH  
J.M.

2185712  
US MCM  
CATHOLIC

YOUR MOST RESPECTFULLY,  
SOURCE'S SIGNATURE.

4. (U) THE THIRD LETTER, ALSO DATED 21 AUG 90, WAS SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK CONTAINING ALMOST WORD FOR WORD THE SAME MESSAGE AS THAT OF THE SECOND LETTER (PARA 3 ABOVE).

5. (U) THE FOURTH LETTER, DATED 28 AUG 90, WAS SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK CONTAINING ALMOST WORD FOR WORD THE SAME MESSAGE AS THAT CONTAINED IN THE SECOND AND THIRD LETTERS, WITH ONE EXCEPTION. THE INSCRIPTION OF THE FOURTH LINE ON THE ALLEGED IAPATOVICH DOG TAG INFORMATION HAD BEEN CHANGED FROM US MCM TO 4S MCM. ALTHOUGH SOURCE CLAIMED IN THE LETTERS TO POSSESS THE "IDENTITY SIGNS" OF ALL THREE ALLEGED AMERICANS, NO RUBBINGS WERE ATTACHED TO THE  
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SECOND, THIRD, OR FOURTH LETTERS TO SUPPORT THE ADDITIONS OF THE NAMES LEPAN AND LAPATOVICH.

6. (U) WHEN RO ASKED SOURCE TO TELL RO WHAT HE KNEW ABOUT THE ALLEGED U.S. SERVICEMEN MENTIONED IN THE LETTERS, SOURCE SAID THAT HE HAD NO FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON THEM, AND THAT EVERYTHING HE KNEW WAS HEARSAY INFORMATION. SOURCE FIRST TOLD RO THAT THE PERSON WHO HAD ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISSING AMERICANS WAS A FRIEND NAMED SUON MENG (NFI). MENG HAD NEVER TOLD SOURCE WHERE OR UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HE HAD OBTAINED THE REMAINS/DOG TAGS AND/OR THE INFORMATION HE POSSESSED ABOUT THEM. MENG ACTUALLY MET WITH SOME PERSONNEL FROM U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK IN MID-1990, BUT BECAME DISAPPOINTED WHEN HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE NAMES OF THE ALLEGED AMERICANS WERE NOT ON THE LIST OF MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL, AND WENT BACK TO CAMBODIA (NFI). WHEN RO ASKED SOURCE TO EXPLAIN WHO TRAN CUU IS AND WHY HE SIGNED THE FIRST LETTER, SOURCE STATED THAT TRAN CUU IS AKA SUON MENG, AND STATED FURTHER THAT MENG IS SOURCE'S COUSIN (NFI). MENG IS CURRENTLY IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM (NFI).

7. (U) RO NOTICED THAT SOURCE'S COMMAND OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AS GOOD AS THAT PORTRAYED IN THE LETTERS AND ASKED SOURCE WHO HAD WRITTEN THE LETTERS, SOURCE OR MENG. SOURCE REPLIED THAT THE LETTERS WERE ACTUALLY WRITTEN IN ENGLISH BY A FRIEND NAMED KIM VUANG NY AS A FAVOR TO SOURCE AND MENG. KIM WENT TO THE U.S. IN 1991, AND SOURCE HAS NOT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE THEN. RO ASKED IF SOURCE OR MENG/CUU PAID KIM TO WRITE THE LETTERS. SOURCE REPLIED THAT KIM HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OR INFORMATION ABOUT ANY ALLEGED AMERICANS, BUT ONLY WROTE THE LETTERS IN HOPES THAT HIS ASSISTANCE IN WRITING THE LETTERS MIGHT RESULT IN HIS BEING RELOCATED TO THE U.S. OR ANOTHER COUNTRY. SOURCE ADDED THAT HE AND MENG ASKED KIM TO WRITE THE LETTERS FOR THEM IN THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD BE RELOCATED TO THE U.S. OR ANOTHER COUNTRY.

8. (U) RO ASKED SOURCE TO EXPLAIN THE REFERENCES IN THE 07 AUG 90 LETTER TO BEING "CHEATED" AND "BAD PERSONS" TRYING TO "THREATEN" THEM TO "GET THE OBJECTS" THEY POSSESSED. SOURCE REPLIED THAT HE, MENG, AND KIM WERE NEVER CHEATED OR THREATENED BY ANYONE, AND THE REFERENCES WERE PUT IN TO THE LETTER TO ADD A SENSE OF URGENCY FOR U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO MINIMIZE ANY DELAY IN VISITING THE CAMP AND HOPEFULLY ASSISTING THE TRIO IN RELOCATING TO ANOTHER COUNTRY.

9. (U) RO TOLD SOURCE THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO INFORMED MENG/CUU THAT THE NAMES IN THE LETTERS DO NOT MATCH THE NAMES OF ANY U.S. MISSING PERSONNEL WERE CORRECT, AND NO NEW INFORMATION HAS SURFACED SINCE THEIR VISIT THAT WOULD LEAD THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO BELIEVE THAT THE NAMES ACTUALLY REPRESENT MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL. RO THEN SHOWED

SOURCE A COPY OF A LETTER (WITHOUT REVEALING THE NAME OR ADDRESS OF ITS AUTHOR) SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK DATED 09 DEC 90. IN THAT 09 DEC 90 LETTER ITS AUTHOR CLAIMS TO HAVE SENT SEVERAL BONES/BONE FRAGMENTS TO U.S. EMBASSY BANGKOK ON 20 JUN 90 AND REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED WHETHER THE BONES MATCH THOSE OF ANY MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL. ONE OF THE SEVEN NAMES (NONE OF WHICH MATCHED THOSE OF ANY MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL) IN THAT 09 DEC 90 LETTER WAS ROBERT C. JUDA. THE SERIAL NUMBER, BLOOD TYPE, AND RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE DATA IN THAT LETTER MATCHED THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN SOURCE'S LETTERS. RO ASKED SOURCE HOW IT MIGHT BE THAT A LETTER SENT BY SOURCE AND MENG MIGHT CONTAIN THE SAME INFORMATION SENT BY A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SOURCE. SOURCE REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA, AND THAT PERHAPS MENG HAD SOMEHOW BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE OF THE OTHER LETTER BEFORE HE LEFT.

10. (U) SOURCE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE LETTERS, THE ALLEGED REMAINS OR DOG TAGS OF THE ALLEGED MISSING U.S. PERSONNEL, SUON MENG AKA TRAN ET

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CUU, KIM VUANG NY, OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELATED TO MISSING AMERICANS.

COMMENTS: (U) (FIELD COMMENTS) - NONE OF THE NAMES IN ANY OF THE LETTERS MENTIONED IN THIS REPORT APPEAR ON THE DIA ROSTER OF UNACCOUNTED U.S. PERSONNEL, SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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PROJ: (U) 6999-10.

COLL: (U) AB, AC.

INSTR: (U) US - NO.

PREP: (U) 6-01595.

ACQ: (U) THAILAND, SITE TWO CAMP NORTH OF ARANYAPRATHET (920625).

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ISSSEM: (U) FIELD - AMEMBASSY BANGKOK (AMB, DCM, POL, SA, DA\*LO, EX/A, CJTF).

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