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SUBJ: MCKINLEY NOLAN REPORTING

1. ((THIS REPORT IS PROVIDED AS AN INPUT FOR AN IIR.))  
INTERVIEWS OF HENG PENG, KAM LENG, AND CHAP NAT  
CONDUCTED ON APRIL 18 IN MEMOT AS FOLLOWS:
2. TWO WITNESSES, MR HENG PENG AND MS KAM LENG, WERE  
INITIALLY PRODUCED FOR INTERVIEW BY SOC VICE MINISTER  
OF INTERIOR AND NATIONAL SECURITY, MG NUON SARETH, AND

THE DEPUTY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN OF MEMOT, BIN SOM AN. THE  
EXPECTATION GENERATED BY THE INITIAL PHASE OF  
DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOC REPRESENTATIVES WAS THAT A  
WITNESS OR WITNESSES HAD RECOVERED OR WERE IN SOME  
MANNER ASSOCIATED WITH THE ALLEGED RECENT RECOVERY OF  
MCKINLEY NOLAN'S REMAINS. IT SOON BECAME APPARENT THAT  
THESE TWO WITNESSES WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
REMAINS RECOVERY. BOTH HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE  
STONY BEACH OFFICER DURING HIS JANUARY 1992 VISIT TO  
KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. SINCE THE SOC HAD GONE THROUGH  
THE TROUBLE OF RECOVERING THESE TWO WITNESSES, WHO DID  
IN FACT HAVE FIRST HAND CONTACT WITH NOLAN IN THE 1975-  
76 TIMEFRAME, BOTH WERE REINTERVIEWED. THIS WOULD  
PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WITNESSES TO PROVIDE  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS WELL AS AFFORD THE  
INTERVIEWER A CHANCE TO COMPARE THE PERTINENT FACTS OF  
THE TWO SEPARATE REPORTS.

3. INTERVIEW OF HENG PENG: MR PENG STATED THAT HE  
INITIALLY MET NOLAN IN OCTOBER OF 1974 (NOTE: IN HIS  
FIRST INTERVIEW HE REPORTED THIS CONTACT AS OCCURRING  
DURING JANUARY OF 1975). PENG, WHO WAS A SOLDIER FOR  
THE KHMER ROUGE, HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER BY THE ANGKAR  
FOR A MINOR OFFENSE AND SENT TO THE SANTISOK (PRISON)  
LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF SANGKUM MEANCHHEY, MIMOT  
DISTRICT, KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. IT WAS AT THIS  
FACILITY THAT PENG FIRST MET NOLAN. NOLAN, HIS WIFE,  
AND THEIR CHILD WERE ALREADY LIVING IN THE SANTISOK  
WHEN PENG ARRIVED. ACCORDING TO THE WITNESS, THE  
SANTISOK WAS QUITE SMALL, MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 50  
METERS SQUARE. BESIDES NOLAN AND HIS FAMILY, AND PENG,  
ONLY SIX OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE RESTRICTED TO THE  
SANTISOK. THERE WERE NO OFFICIAL GUARDS OR ANY TYPE  
RESTRAINING FENCE OR WALL. THE SANTISOK WAS WITHIN THE  
VILLAGE. NOLAN LIVED IN A HUT WITH HIS FAMILY; HIS  
HOUSE WAS ALSO USED FOR THE CONDUCT OF OFFICIAL

BUSINESS. THE OTHER "PRISONERS" LIVED IN TWO  
ADDITIONAL HUTS LOCATED ON THE FACILITY. LIKE PENG,  
THEY HAD ALSO BEEN ARRESTED FOR MINOR OFFENSES. UNLIKE  
NOLAN, THEIR FAMILIES WERE NOT ALLOWED TO LIVE WITH  
THEM. VILLAGERS COULD ENTER THE SANTISOK AT ANY TIME.  
PENG AND ANOTHER DETAINEE NAMED SAPUN (AKA MAP) SERVED  
AS "UNOFFICIAL" GUARDS. ONE AK 47 WAS PROVIDED FOR  
THEIR USE. NOLAN WORKED AS A FARMER; HE ALSO TOOK CARE  
OF PIGS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. WORK ASSIGNMENTS WERE  
GIVEN BY DISTRICT CADRE OR CHIEF. HE AND HIS WIFE  
WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE SANTISOK AREA AT WILL TO  
VISIT SANGKUM MEANCHHEY VILLAGE. THE VILLAGE, HOWEVER,  
WAS THE LIMIT AS TO HOW FAR HE COULD GO. ACCORDING TO  
PENG, ALL OF THE VILLAGE'S INHABITANTS KNEW OF NOLAN.  
BASICALLY, NOLAN AND HIS FAMILY LIVED LIKE ANY OTHER  
VILLAGER. HE COULD VISIT OTHER VILLAGERS AND ACCORDING  
TO THE WITNESS WAS WELL LIKED. PENG REPORTED THAT ON  
SOME OCCASIONS KHMER ROUGE (KR) CADRE FROM MEMOT WOULD  
COME TO VISIT HIM. HE RECALLED THAT MR MAY PHAU, THE  
REGION COMMANDER, VISITED NOLAN TWICE IN 1974.  
HOWEVER, NOLAN DID NOT LEAVE THE SANTISOK TO VISIT ANY  
OF THE KR CADRE IN THE REGION. WHEN ASKED BY PENG AS  
TO WHY HE HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE SANTISOK, NOLAN  
REPLIED THAT HE LEFT THE VIET CONG BECAUSE OF THE WAY  
HE WAS BEING TREATED; HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO DO THE  
HARDEST TASKS, INCLUDING CARRYING WEAPONS. AFTER HE  
DEPARTED FROM HIS VIET CONG HOSTS HE QUICKLY CAME INTO  
KR CONTROL. THE KR ORDERED HIM TO THE SANTISOK. PENG  
WAS SEPARATED FROM NOLAN AND HIS FAMILY IN MAY 1976.  
THE SMALL SANTISOK WAS BEING SHUT DOWN AND PENG WAS  
ORDERED BY TA BAN, CHIEF OF SECURITY AT MEMOT, TO TAKE  
NOLAN AND HIS FAMILY TO THE LARGE FACILITY IN THE  
CHAMKAR CAFE PLANTATION. TRANSPORT WAS BY OX CART.  
OTHER THAN PENA, NO OTHER GUARDS OR CADRE ACCOMPANIED  
THEM. PENG WAS THEN ORDERED TO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OF Q  
KRA PEY, WHICH HE ESTIMATES TO BE ABOUT 19 KILOMETERS  
FROM THE PLANTATION. AFTER THEIR SEPARATION, PENG ONLY  
SAW NOLAN ON ONE OTHER OCCASION. HE MET HIM WHEN NOLAN  
WAS ASSIGNED TO DO SOME FARM WORK WITH A GROUP INSIDE  
THE CHAMKAR CAFE FACILITY. HE GREETED NOLAN AND ASKED  
HOW THINGS WERE. NOLAN REPLIED THAT HIS TREATMENT  
THERE WAS NOT GOOD AND THAT THE WORK WAS MUCH HARDER.  
THIS CHANCE MEETING OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS  
AFTER HIS SEPARATION. PENG REPORTED HEARING THAT THE  
KR TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AT THE PLANTATION WAS VERY

PARSE AND THAT EXECUTIONS OCCURRED. HE NEVER SAW NOLAN AGAIN. LIKEWISE, HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE ULTIMATE FATE OF NOLAN OR OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY. HE COULD ONLY SPECULATE THAT THE ENTIRE FAMILY WAS KILLED BY THE KR. PHNG WAS ASKED IF NOLAN EVER CONFIDED IN HIM A DESIRE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. HE RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH NOLAN DID SPEAK ABOUT AMERICA, HE NEVER INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO RETURN.

4. INTERVIEW OF KHAM LENG: KHAM LENG REISTED THAT SHE FIRST MET NOLAN IN 1975. ALTHOUGH SHE COULD NOT REMEMBER THE MONTH, SHE DID STATE THAT IT OCCURRED BEFORE THE KR VICTORY (MAY 1975). NOLAN WAS LIVING IN THE SANTISOK AT SANGKUM MEANCHHEY WHEN SHE FIRST SAW HIM. SHE HAD HEARD ABOUT HIS PRESENCE BEFORE SHE ACTUALLY SAW HIM. ALTHOUGH SHE HAD NEVER VENTURED INTO THE SANTISOK AREA, SHE DID SAY THAT THERE WERE NO GUARDS OR FENCES, AND ANY VILLAGER COULD ENTER IT. SHE SAID THAT SHE ONLY CAME INTO CONTACT WITH NOLAN WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO WORK IN THE VILLAGE FIELDS. SHE REPORTED WORKING WITH NOLAN FOR A TEN DAY PERIOD DURING RICE HARVESTING. KHAM STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SHE WORKED WITH NOLAN, SHE NEVER SPOKE WITH HIM SINCE HE DID NOT SPEAK CAMBODIAN FLUENTLY. SHE ALSO SAW NOLAN WHEN HE VISITED FRIENDS IN THE VILLAGE. KHAM REPORTED THAT NOLAN WAS WELL LIKED. KHAM STATED THAT SHE HAD MET AND TALKED WITH NOLAN'S WIFE. WHEN ASKED IF THE TOPIC OF NOLAN WANTING TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES EVER CAME UP, SHE REPLIED O. KHAM ONLY HEARD ABOUT NOLAN'S TRANSFER TO THE CHAMKAR CAFE PLANTATION AFTER IT HAD OCCURRED. SHE DID KNOW OF HIS ULTIMATE FATE.

5. INTERVIEW OF CHAP NAT: CHAP NAT WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD ALLEGEDLY RECOVERED MCKINLEY NOLAN'S REMAINS. HER INTERVIEW, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JTF ANALYST, WILL BE PRESENTED IN FULL IN THE JTF FINAL REPORT WHICH WILL FOLLOW UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION OF NOLAN'S CASE. A SHORT SYNOPSIS OF THAT INTERVIEW WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE ANALYST COMMENT SECTION.

6. ANALYST COMMENT: CHAP NAT BASICALLY STATED THAT SHE AND THREE OTHERS DUG UP THE REMAINS FROM A WELL LOCATED IN THE CHAMKAR CAFE PLANTATION. SHE AND HER FRIENDS DID THIS IN FEBRUARY 1992. THEY HAD HEARD THAT AMERICANS WERE LOOKING FOR U.S. REMAINS AND THAT A MONETARY REWARD WAS BEING OFFERED. A STONY BEACH OFFICER HAD VISITED MEMOT DISTRICT IN JANUARY 1992 AS PART OF AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IN KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. THE PRINCIPAL CASES INVOLVED IN THAT VENTURE INCLUDED MCKINLEY NOLAN, FLYNN AND STONE, AND HUMPHREY AND MCKAY. THE CHAMKAR CAFE PLANTATION WAS ALSO VISITED AT THAT TIME. IT APPEARS THAT THIS WITNESS BECAME AWARE OF U.S. INTEREST IN RECOVERING AMERICAN REMAINS AT HIS TIME, TO INCLUDE THOSE OF NOLAN. HOW A RUMOR OF MONETARY PAYMENTS FOR REMAINS CAME ABOUT IS A MOOT POINT. CHAP NAT AND HER THREE FRIENDS PROCEEDED TO SEARCH FOR REMAINS A SHORT TIME AFTER THE STONY BEACH OFFICER'S DEPARTURE. THEY SEARCHED FOR REMAINS IN A

WELL LOCATED ON THE CHAMKAR CAFE PLANTATION. IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT THE KR DID THROW EXECUTED VICTIMS DOWN WELLS IF SUCH WERE PRESENT IN THE KILLING AREA. THE WITNESS CLAIMS THAT THE FIRST BODY RECOVERED FROM THE WELL WAS THAT OF NOLAN. WHEN ASKED HOW SHE KNEW THE REMAINS WERE HIS, SHE REPLIED HER FRIEND TOLD HER SO. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WOULD BE THE CASE. SINCE THE KILLINGS LASTED UP THROUGH THE VIETNAMESE INVASION, THE DISCOVERY OF NOLAN'S REMAINS AT THE VERY TOP WOULD BE QUITE UNLIKELY. THIS CASE WOULD SEEM TO REPRESENT AN INITIATIVE UNDERTAKEN BY THE WITNESS AND HER FRIENDS FOR MONETARY REMUNERATION PURPOSES ONLY. THE FIRST REMAINS DISCOVERED IN A LOCATION WHERE NOLAN WAS KNOWN TO BE HELD ARE OBVIOUSLY BEING PASSED OFF AS THOSE OF NOLAN. ((RO FOR THIS REPORT IS MICHAELS.))Q

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