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DEBRIEF OF SAIGON RETURNEES, MIA INFO

ACTION: CDR JCRC NAS BARBERS POINT HI

INFO: CINCPAC CP SMITH HI/J-23

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1. ON 7 AUG DURING DISCUSSION WITH VIETNAMESE LADY WHO DEPARTED VIETNAM WAS VOLUNTEERED: ON 1 AUG WITH HER AMERICAN ~~WAS~~ HUSBAND, FOLLOWING INFO ~~CAME FROM~~ APPROX FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO, LADY ~~SAID~~ SAW ON SAIGON TV AN AMERICAN IN THE COMPANY OF 6 OR 8 PRG SOLDIERS. THE SCENE WAS APPARENTLY FILMED IN THE COUNTRY AS A FAST-MOVING STREAM WAS SEEN IN THE FILM. THE AMERICAN WAS DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 25-30 YEARS OLD, SMALL IN STATURE, WORE A SHIRT DARKER THAN HIS TROUSERS, HAD A TOWEL WRAPPED AROUND HIS NECK AND WORE NO HAT. IN HIS HAND WAS A CANTEEN CUP AND HE AND HIS COMRADES WERE APPARENTLY PREPARING THEIR MEAL. THE AMERICAN SPOKE AND DESCRIBED HOW HE WAS A FORMER U.S. NAVY ENLISTED MAN, HAD BEEN CAPTURED (TIME AND PLACE UNKNOWN) AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE BOTH SIDES OF THE WAR. HE HAD THEN DECIDED TO HELP THE PRG CAUSE. HE HAD ADOPTED A VIETNAMESE NAME (LADY SAID THE NAME WAS MENTIONED BUT SHE ~~COULDN'T~~ COULDN'T REMEMBER IT).

2. ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER FIRST SEEING THIS TV FILM, LADY AGAIN SAW THE

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SAME FILM REPEATED, ~~XXXX~~ SHE DESCRIBED THE SEQUENCE AS ABOUT FIVE MINUTES LONG. SHE KNEW THE MAN WAS AN AMERICAN BECAUSE ~~OF~~ HIS VIETNAMESE ~~ACCENT~~ WAS NOT GOOD AND HAD HEAVY AMERICAN ACCENT. AUTHENTICITY OF INFO CANNOT BE JUDGED HERE.

3. ^A IF ANY SUBSTANCE TO THIS STORY, AND IF MAN INDEED DEFECTED AFTER CAPTURE, MAN MAY BE SUBJECT OF JCRC FILE.

4. ASSUMING NO OBJECTION, REQUEST THIS MSG BE RETRANS TO ~~OSD~~ OSD/ISA AND SECSTATE.