



JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

DETACHMENT TWO/US MIA OFFICE
DOC NGU STREET, HANOI, VIETNAM

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SUBJ: INTERVIEW OF REQUESTED SOURCE, LE VAN DUM

REF: ENTRY NUMBER 78, LIST OF 83 INTERVIEW REQUESTS, PRESENTED TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TRAN QUANG CO, MAY 93

1. **BACKGROUND.** ON 15 SEP 1993, A JOINT U.S./VIETNAM ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM INTERVIEW TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. LE VAN DUM, ALSO KNOWN AS BA DUM, A RESIDENT OF THU DUC TOWN, HO CHI MINH MUNICIPALITY. LE VAN DUM WAS A MEMBER OF THE THU DUC LOCAL MILITIA THROUGHOUT THE WAR. THE TEAM MET AT THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICE, 6 THAI VAN LUNG STREET, DISTRICT 1, HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC), TO INTERVIEW LE VAN DUM, LISTED IN REFERENCE AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN VIETNAM. THE U.S. CONTINGENT CONSISTED OF MR. [REDACTED], DET 2 CASUALTY RESOLUTION SPECIALIST, AND SGT [REDACTED], 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.

2. **SUMMARY.** THE SOURCE, LE VAN DUM, WAS NOT THE SAME INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE THU DUC MILITIA DURING THE WAR, NOT A SAIGON - GIA DINH SPECIAL ACTION UNIT MEMBER AS ANNOTATED IN REF. HE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. PERSONNEL. LE VAN DUM WAS INTERVIEWED ONCE BEFORE DURING THE 16TH JFA AND REPORTED THEN AS NOW THAT HE HAD NOTHING USEFUL TO U.S. PW/MIA SEARCH PERSONNEL.

3. DETAILS.

A. AFTER FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS, LTC LE KY EXPLAINED THE JOINT TEAM'S MISSION. MR. LE VAN DUM (LEE VAWN ZUMF) SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE THU DUC (XS9299) MILITIA FROM 1949 UNTIL 1962. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 16TH ITERATION AND SAID THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO PROVIDE.

B. MR. DUM SAID THAT HE HAD ONCE HEARD A STORY CONCERNING AN AMERICAN PW, BUT COULD NOT RECALL THE STORY. HE SAID TOO MUCH TIME HAD PASSED SINCE HE HEARD THE STORY AND THAT HE NEVER DID HAVE ANY DETAILS. MR. DUM WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE MAN WHO HAD ORIGINALLY RELATED THE STORY TO HIM DIED IN 1989.

C. WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. DUM, THE JOINT TEAM AGREED TO CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW.

4. **CORRELATIONS TO EXISTING POW/MIA CASES.** NONE.

5. **POTENTIAL LEADS.** NONE.

6. **MATERIAL EVIDENCE:** NONE. THIS SOURCE BROUGHT NO RECORDS, NOTEBOOKS, DIARIES, OR ANY MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH UNACCOUNTED FOR U.S. PERSONNEL.

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7. COMMENTS.

A. THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TEAM CONFERRED ON THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED DURING THIS INTERVIEW. TEAM MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE NEED TO REINTERVIEW THIS SUBJECT WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. LE VAN DUM ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW TEAM'S FUTURE WORK.

B. REQUEST THE VNOSMP MAKE MR. DUM AVAILABLE FOR REINTERVIEW IF NECESSARY.


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