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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #M88-049
April 29, 1988

SUBJ: Hearsay of an American Killed and Buried in Hoc Mon District, ~~HCMC~~ "Before 1975"

1. Source/administrative data:
 - a. Name: Dang Thi Dien (F)
 - b. DPOB: 30 December 1949; Saigon
 - c. Occupation:
Pre -1975: Seamstress
Post-1975: Seamstress
 - d. Final address/POC in Vietnam: 243/64 Ton Dan St., PH. 15, Q. 4, HCMC
 - e. Date of arrival in 1st asylum: 16 November 1987
 - f. Present location: Building 6/3 zone D, Sungei Besi Holding Centre, Malaysia
 - g. Identification data: MB 868005, ID 143181
 - h. Education: 9/12
 - i. Languages: Vietnamese (native)
 - j. Religion: Protestant
 - k. Status: Refugee
 - l. Date of information: 1984
 - m. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Sungei Besi Holding Centre, Malaysia on 1 March 1988 by James M. Coyle, GS-12, DOD.
 - n. Maps used: Scale: 1:100,000; Series: L607; Sheet: 6330

2. Summary: Source provided limited hearsay information about an American and his mistress killed by a jealous ARVN "sometime before 1975" in Hoc Mon district of Gia Dinh (P). End Summary.

3. Information: Source has a casual male acquaintance she knows as "Kinh" (NFI). In either 1984 or 1985 "Kinh" repeated to Source a story he had heard from his sister (NFI). According to Kinh's sister "sometime" during the war an American and his Vietnamese bar girl mistress were shot and killed by the woman's jealous ARVN lover. This incident took place near the Hoc Mon district hospital in what was then Gia Dinh province (vic XT 7504). After the killing, the two victims were buried together at the foot of a coconut tree. The area in which this tree is located has subsequently been closed off by a wall, so the tree, and hence the grave, is no longer visible.

Kinh's sister, according to Source, is a long time resident of Hoc Mon, and thus should be regarded as credible.

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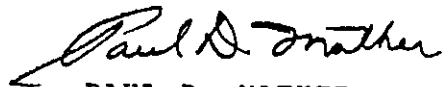
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Source herself has never been to Hoc Mon, and so is unable to pinpoint the location of this 'grave site. Nor is she able to provide any specific information about the identities of the two victims of the killing. She does not even know if the alleged American was a civilian or a serviceman.

4. Comment: Source reported for an interview in response to a loudspeaker announcement. She presented her information in a straightforward manner, apologizing for its scanty nature, and made no requests of interviewer.



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