

3. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING DECEMBER 1976, WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMISSION IN HO CHI MINH CITY (HCMC), HE PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE EXECUTION OF TWO AMERICANS. SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD A FRIEND KNOWN TO HIM AS HUYNH VAN CHAU (CHAAU), AN APPROX 32 YOA NATIVE OF SOUTHERN VIETNAM (POSS SAIGON AREA) AND MEMBER OF THE TAN BINH DISTRICT, HCMC

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PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE. A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION, CHAU INVITED SOURCE TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO OBSERVE THE EXECUTION WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN AN OPEN FIELD LOCATED WEST OF THE BA QUEC INTERSECTION (XS 722945) IN TAN BINH DISTRICT (SOURCE ESTIMATED THE LOCATION AS BEING NEAR XS 773937). SOURCE'S FRIEND, CHAU, WAS ALLOWED TO BRING SOURCE INTO THE AREA WHERE THE EXECUTION WAS CONDUCTED BECAUSE HIS FATHER HUYNH THANH SON, WAS A SR CPT IN THE TAN BINH (D), RCMC PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE. SOURCE RECALLED THAT PRIOR TO THE 1975 TAKEOVER SR CPT SON HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE COSVN SECURITY ELEMENT (DOI BAO VE TRUNG UONG CUC) AND THAT AT THE TIME OF THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER HE WAS REASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMISSION (BAN AN NINH NOI CHINH) WHERE SOURCE WAS ASSIGNED AS A MEMBER (NHAN VIEN). AT THAT TIME SOURCE WORKED IN THE AREA OF THE FORMER FIRST HOTEL (DE NGAT KHACH SAN).

4. WHEN SOURCE AND CHAU ARRIVED AT THE OPEN FIELD LOCATED IN THE BINH KHANH AREA OF PHUONG (WARD) 16 THEY OBSERVED A TOTAL OF 24 PRISONERS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT 22 OF THE PRISONERS WERE VIETNAMESE AND TWO WERE MALE CAUCASIANS WHO CHAU SAID WERE TWO AMERICANS SUSPECTED OF BEING CIA AGENTS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT ACCORDING TO CHAU THE EXECUTION HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FROM 1700 TO 2000 HOURS AND HE AND CHAU HAD ARRIVED AT THE SITE SHORTLY AFTER 1700 HOURS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE 24 PRISONERS HAD ARRIVED ON TWO LARGE TRUCKS AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROX 60 PUBLIC SECURITY PERSONNEL INCLUDING A PLATOON SIZED ELEMENT OF PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE MEMBERS WHO ACTUALLY PERFORMED THE EXECUTION. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE COMMANDER PRESENT AT THE SITE WAS PSP LTC HAI (2) MINE (INU) WHO WAS ALSO THE CHIEF OF THE TAN BINH (D) PSP. ALSO PRESENT WAS PSP MAJ LE VAN QUAN (QUAN) THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE TAN BINH (D) PSP. CHAU'S FATHER SR CPT SON WAS ALSO PRESENT WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED.

5. WHEN SOURCE FIRST OBSERVED THE PRISONERS THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS HAD THEIR HANDS TIED WITH ONE ARM UP OVER THEIR SHOULDERS AND THE OTHER ARM BEHIND THEIR BACKS WITH THEIR THUMBS WRAPPED AND TIED. THE TWO AMERICANS HAD BLACK METAL WRIST SHACKLES AROUND BOTH WRISTS WITH THEIR HANDS HELD IN FRONT OF THEIR STOMACH BUT THE PSP CHANGED THIS METHOD TO BOTH HANDS BEHIND THEIR BACKS PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION. ALL 24 PRISONERS WERE

BLINDFOLDED PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION BUT THE BLINDFOLDS WERE REMOVED FROM THE TWO AMERICANS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO WATCH THE EXECUTION OF THE 22 VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WHO WERE KILLED WITH CMC RIFLES FIRED BY THE PLATOON SIZED ELEMENT OF THE PSP LINED UP IN FRONT OF THEM. AFTER THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WERE EXECUTED TWO PSP MEMBERS WHO SOURCE RECALLED WERE NAMED DUONG CONG TAM (TAAM) AND DUONG CONG THONG (THOONGS) USED TWO LONG KNIVES TO STAB THE TWO AMERICANS TO DEATH. THE TWO PSP MEMBERS INITIALLY PLUNGED THE KNIVES UP THROUGH THE STOMACHS INTO THE CHEST OF THE TWO AMERICANS AND THEN STABBED DOWN THROUGH THEIR SHOULDER BLADES. THE TWO STABBED THE TWO AMERICANS SEVERAL MORE TIMES IN THE STOMACH AND THEY DIED SEVERAL MINUTES LATER. THE BODIES OF ALL THE PRISONERS WERE THEN PLACED IN WOODEN BOXES AND LOADED ONTO THE TWO TRUCKS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE EXECUTION WAS FILMED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY A TEAM FROM THE MINISTRY OF CRIMINAL SCIENCE (BO KHOA HOC HINH SU) WHO USED AN 8MM MOVING PICTURE CAMERA. THE GROUP THEN RETURNED TO THE TAN BINH (D) PSP HQS WHERE THEY CHATTED AND RESTED BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THEIR HOMES AROUND 2200 HOURS. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF THE WOODEN BOXES CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF THE TWO AMERICANS. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST OF THE TWO AMERICANS OR THEIR PERIOD OF DETENTION PRIOR TO BEING EXECUTED.

5. SOURCE DESCRIBED THE TWO AMERICANS AS BEING MALE CAUCASIANS, SLIGHTLY TALLER THAN THE AVERAGE VIETNAMESE WITH BOTH OF THEM BEING APPROX THE SAME HEIGHT, AND BOTH SLIGHTLY OVER 30 YOA. SOURCE RECALLED THAT BOTH OF THE MEN HAD WORN PAJAMA TYPE UNIFORMS WHICH WERE OFF WHITE OR BEIGE IN COLOR WITH BLUE VERTICAL STRIPES APPROX FOUR TO FIVE CENTIMETERS WIDE. SOURCE RECALLED THAT BOTH OF THE MENS UNIFORMS HAD A NUMBER OVER THE LEFT BREAST OF THE FRONT OF THEIR SHIRTS (COULD NOT RECALL NUMBERS). SOURCE RECALLED THAT ONE OF THE AMERICANS HELD HIS LEFT ARM BENT AT AN ANGLE AS IF HE HAD BEEN INJURED PREVIOUSLY. SOURCE NOTATED THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION DUE TO THE TIME LAPSE. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE 22 VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WHO WERE EXECUTED HAD ALL WORN BLACK PAJAMA TYPE UNIFORMS. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED INCIDENT.

7. SOURCE STATED THAT HE RESIDED AT HIS POP FOR ONLY A FEW YEARS AFTER HIS FIFTH THEN MOVED TO HAMLET 4, TAK KIEN (V) BINH CHANH (D) GIA DINH (P). SOURCE ATTENDED THE CHI THIEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THEN THE CHO QUAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL. SOURCE ATTENDED PETRUS KY SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM 1973 TO 1974 THEN REMAINED AT HOME AND HELPED HIS PARENTS. SOURCE'S FATHER, HUYEN VAN VIET, DPCB 1951, GO CONG, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BINH HUYEN UNDER BAY VIET, TRANSFERRED TO THE GVN NAVY AS AN MCC DURING THE TERM OF NGO DINH DIEM. SOURCE'S FATHER WORKED AS A MECHANIC FOR THE GVN NAVY IN NHA BE UNTIL THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER AND THEN BECAME A RICE FARMER IN THE AREA OF THEIR HOME. SOURCE'S MOTHER, NGUYEN THI TAN

SOURCE WAS RELEASED TO RESIDE IN HCMC. SOURCE THEN WORKED AS A VENDOR UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE ON 2 DEC 86. SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN INDOCHINA.

P. COMMENT: SOURCE RELATED HIS STORY FALTINGLY AND AT TIMES HAD TO GROPE FOR EXPLANATIONS. SOURCE AT ONE POINT STATED THAT THE 24 PRISONERS HAD ALL BEEN SITTING ON THE TRUCKS WHEN HE FIRST OBSERVED THEM BUT LATER DECIDED THAT THEY HAD DISMOUNTED AND ALREADY FORMED UP FOR EXECUTION BEFORE HE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THE MINISTRY OF CRIMINAL SCIENCE HAD USED AN 8MM CAMERA BECAUSE HE SAW SOME OF THE FILM PROTRUDING FROM THE CAMERA AT THE TAN BINH PSP HQS SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXECUTION. SOURCE EXPLAINED THEIR ABILITY TO FILM THE SCENE IN AN OPEN FIELD AFTER DARKNESS BY EXPLAINING THAT THEY HAD HAND HELD LIGHTS. SOURCE AT FIRST ATTEMPTED TO PASS HIMSELF OFF AS A HAPLESS REFUGEE FLEEING COMMUNIST PERSECUTION BUT LATER ADMITTED THAT HE HAD BEEN A CORPORAL IN THE PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE. SOURCE WAS EVASIVE CONCERNING THE TRUE REASON FOR HIS DISMISSAL AND INDICATED THAT "POLITICS" WERE INVOLVED. SOURCE AFTER MUCH HESITATION ADMITTED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN AN ASSIGNMENT WITH THE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMISSION DUE TO ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RELATIVES WHO HELD HIGH POSITIONS WITH THE SRV GOVERNMENT. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS UNCLE (FATHER'S YOUNGER BROTHER) HUYNH VIET DOM (DDOWMR), DPOB 1935 GO GONG HAD BEEN A MEMBER OF THE 307TH VIET MINE BN DURING THE WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH. IN 1954 DOM REGROUPED TO NORTH VIETNAM AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL SOFTLY RETURNED TO THE PARIS AGREEMENTS IN 1973. AT THAT TIME DOM RETURNED TO TAY NINH (P) AS A MEMBER OF "CP 90" WHICH WAS THE DESIGNATION OF THE NLF RADIO STATION. DOM ARRIVED IN SAIGON ON 30 APR 75 AND VISITED SOURCE'S FAMILY AT THEIR HOME. DOM THEN INTRODUCED SOURCE TO NGUYEN THE BAO (BAOR) AKA NAM (S) BAO, APPROX 55 YOA NATIVE OF CAN THO AND RECOUPEE WHO STUDIED ECONOMICS IN THE USSR WHERE HE RECEIVED A PHD. BAO ARRIVED IN SAIGON SHORTLY AFTER THE TAKEOVER AND BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE TAN BINH DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE. WHEN SOURCE DEPARTED VIETNAM IN DECEMBER 1986 BAO WAS THE INTERVILLAGE DIRECTOR OF HCMC (GIAM DOC LIEN HIEP XA THANH PHO). SOURCE STATED THAT ANOTHER UNCLE (MOTHER'S OLDER BROTHER) NGUYEN DUY TRINH (TRINH), APPROX 62 YOA NATIVE OF VINH LONG FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO COSVN HQS AND NOW ASSIGNED AS A MEMBER OF THE TAY NINH PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE (UY VIEN TINH UY TAY NINH) ALSO MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HIS BEHALF. SOURCE RECALLED THAT TRINH WAS NOT A RECOUPEE BUT DID TRAVEL TO NORTHERN VIETNAM FOR TRAINING. SOURCE STATED THAT HE ONLY HAD ONE RELATIVE RESIDING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS OLDER SISTER HUYNH THI HAI (HAIR) AKA HAI THUY WESLEY (ALIEN NO. A20247922, ADMISSION DATE/ADJUSTED 071774) HAD MARRIED AN AMERICAN (EDWARD WESLEY, DPOB 1932, CINCINNATI, OHIO) AND MOVED TO THE U.S. FROM SAIGON IN 1974 TO RESIDE AT 2649 WESTBROOK DR. NO 3, CINCINNATI, OHIO 4521. SOURCE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH BOTH HE AND HIS SISTER HAI THUY WESLEY WERE FATHERED BY

HUYNH VAN VIET THEY DID NOT HAVE THE SAME MOTHER. SOURCE
DID NOT KNOW THE NAME OF HAI'S MOTHER BUT WAS SURE THAT
NGUYEN THI TAN, AS CLAIMED BY HAI, WAS NOT CORRECT. IN
THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW SOURCE IDENTIFIED THE PSP
SR CPT AND HIS SON WHO PERMITTED SOURCE TO ENTER THE AREA
AND OBSERVE THE EXECUTION AS LE THANH SON AND LE VAN
CHAU. SOURCE THEREAFTER REFERRED TO THEIR SURNAMES
ALTERNATELY AS LE AND HUYNH BUT WHEN QUESTIONED
CONCERNING THE NAME CHANGE DECIDED THAT THE CORRECT
SURNAME WAS HUYNH. SOURCE MAINTAINED THAT HE HIMSELF WAS
MERELY A SPECTATOR AND WAS NOT OTHERWISE INVOLVED IN THE
ALLEGED EXECUTION. *DECL:OADR.#4

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WORKED AS A HOUSEWIFE AT HOME. SOURCE'S PARENTS AND FIVE
SIBLINGS CURRENTLY RESIDE IN BINH CHANH (D), HCMC.
SHORTLY AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER SOURCE BECAME A
MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY COMMISSION IN TAN BINH
(D). IN 1977 SOURCE ATTENDED SIX MONTHS OF TRAINING AT
AN SRV PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE COURSE IN A FORMER GVN
POLICE TRAINING CENTER IN THU DUC, HCMC. SOURCE WORKED
AS A PSP IN TAN BINH UNTIL 1982 WHEN HE WAS REASSIGNED TO
THE PSP HQS OF DISTRICT 5, HCMC, AND MOVED TO RESIDE AT
821A TRAN HUNG DAO ST, PHUONG (WARD) 1, QUAN (DISTRICT)
5. SOMETIME DURING MARCH 1982 SOURCE WAS RELIEVED OF
DUTY FOR LEAVING HIS POST WHILE ON DUTY. SOURCE WAS THEN
SENT TO RE-EDUCATION FOR SIX MONTHS IN TRU VAN TO (TRU VAN
THOOS) VILLAGE, BINH LONG (D) SONG BE (P). SOURCE
STATED THE TRU VAN THO WAS A CAMP FOR PSP DISCIPLINARY
CASES AND WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR PLATOONS CALLED "B" WITH
APPROX 32-36 INMATES IN EACH "B." IN SEPTEMBER 1982