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1442?FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRCREF: RPT #T87-066
25 February 1987

SUBJ: Death and Burial of an American in a Cu Chi Well

Source:

- a. Name: Tran Van Nhung
- b. DOB: 1951
- c. POB: Binh Duong
- d. Former position: VNAF Cadet in training at Nha Trang
- e. Interview location: Suan Phlu Transit Center, Bangkok
- f. Identification data: ODP BV-14526
- g. Date of information: Early 1986
- h. Date of interview: 18 February 1987
- i. Name of interviewer: P.D. Mather, Lt Col, USAF
- j. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 12 February 1987, proceeded to RPC Bataan on 20 February 1987, and will eventually resettle with his brother-in-law, Quach The Hung, at 411 "N" Street, Apt A, Bakersfield, CA 93304. Source's last address in Vietnam was 289/29 Ap Hoa An, Xa Dinh Hoa, Thu Dau Mot, Song Be.

Summary: Source reports hearsay from a friend who observed the death of an American possibly in 1970 near Cu Chi. The friend observed the Viet Cong place the American's body into a well, and believes the remains are still there. End Summary.

Information: Source has a 27 YOA friend who now resides at Ap Thuong, Xa Tan Thong Hoi, Huyen Cu Chi, ~~HCM CITY~~. Source declined to name his friend, citing reasons of security. In early 1986 the friend related to Source that in about 1970, as a young lad, he had observed the death of an American.

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Late in the afternoon or in the early evening, the American, dressed in civilian clothing and riding alone on a Honda 90 motorscooter, had come out of the Dong Du military camp near Cu Chi and turned in the direction toward Saigon. A ways down the road (exact location unknown to Source), the American was shot and killed by Viet Cong locals. The American's body was then stripped of personal effects and documents, then dumped down a nearby well. Source's friend, being young and curious, observed the entire event including the American's body being put into the well.

According to Source, his friend not only knows the exact location of the well containing the American's remains, he also knows the name of the local Viet Cong who killed the American. Source's friend told Source that he believes the American's remains are still in the well. Source's friend has no connection with the U.S. and, as far as is known to Source, has no plans to depart from Vietnam.



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