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Information: Source spent three weeks in HCM City, SA, visiting family members. While there, she was contacted by three individuals whose names she did not know, but who were known to her brother, Nguyen Hong Nhung. These three unknown individuals were described as being in the business of recovering American remains. Source was introduced to the three by her brother, and she described them as follows: (a) a Chinese-Vietnamese man from Cholon, (b) a former Vietnamese Air Force Captain who very much wants to depart from Vietnam with his family, and (c) a man not personally interested in leaving Vietnam, but who wants to get his son out of Vietnam. Source met with these three men on two occasions in the company of her brother, on 26 June and on 3 July.

According to the three men, they have the remains and associated dogtags of 5 Americans. Two were recovered from southern Vietnam (NFI) and three were recovered from central Vietnam (NFI). Source was given the dogtag data from 3 of the 5 Americans, plus remains fragments associated with these three, and she was asked to give these to U.S. government officials on her departure from Vietnam. If the information/remains are "good", Source is to contact her brother in Vietnam who, in turn, will contact the three others who will then make arrangements to turn over the remains to U.S. officials. In return, these three will expect certain favors and guarantees from the USG, details to be made known later on. (Note: Source declined to provide the address of her brother or other family members in Vietnam.)

The three names given to Source were: (a) F.A. MCCULLEY (dogtag rubbing), (b) WALLACE W. LEEPER (photo of printed info), and (c) FREDDIE J. MURRAY (photo of printed info, dogtag rubbing on tinfoil). Source declined to provide the actual photos of printed info and the rubbings which she brought out of Vietnam (no reason stated for her reluctance), but permitted these items to be copied by xerox (see attached). Additionally, Source willingly turned over the following alleged remains: (a) a single molar, alleged to belong to Murray, (b) a single fragment of a large bone, alleged to belong to Leeper, and (c) a single tooth (incisor?) and an alleged small bone fragment supposedly belonging to McCulley. All these items are also attached to this report.

Interestingly, Source stated that SRV authorities discovered the MCCULLEY dogtag rubbing in her billfold while searching her at the Saigon airport prior to her departure. They immediately recognized it as information from a "GI dogtag" and took it from her. Source objected strenuously, saying it was information which was associated with a relative of her husband. After a prolonged argument and intervention by a more senior SRV airport official who acknowledged her U.S. citizen status, the rubbing was returned to Source. Also of interest is that the larger bone fragment (alleged to belong to Leeper) was discovered by airport officials, briefly examined, then returned to Source without comment or argument.

Source is presently enroute to the U.S. on home leave prior to reporting to her next assignment in New Delhi. She can be contacted at the following address: c/o Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, 213 North Evergreen, Arlington, VA 22203, tel (703) 524-1335. She will be at this address until about 5 August. She will report to New Delhi on 10 August where she will be working in the American Embassy Security Section. Source is divorced and is accompanied by her 9 year old daughter.

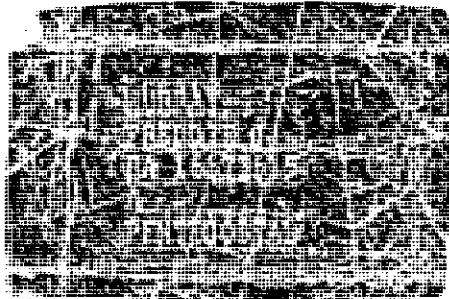
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