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3. Information: Source first heard the following information early in 1986; it was repeated "a few days" before Source departed Vietnam.

Source's distant maternal relative (co cau) Phan Van Quen, of 17/6a To 45, Ap Thoi Tu (H), Xa Thoi Tam Tho (V), Hoc Mon (D), HMCM, told her that as a young man during Tet 1968 he had seen three Americans ambushed and killed by the Viet Cong in Hoc Mon. No one dared touch the bodies for four or five days, but finally Quen and four or five others came out at night to bury the bodies. The men threw the bodies into the well in front of Quen's house (address as above), and covered the well up with dirt. All the victims' personal effects were buried with them.

Quen did not see the names on the mens' uniforms or dog tags, and did not otherwise describe or identify them to Source. He asked Source to convey this information to US authorities, and added that he knew about "many other" missing Americans. Source suggested that should any American representative try to seek Quen out, he should first explain that he had met Source and obtained Quen's name and information from her. Otherwise, Quen would be too fearful to provide any additional information.