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CT: JCRC
HANOI IN 1969 OR 1970 (U)

- A. JCRC-LNB MSG RPT M86-038, DTG 250435Z
(BY SAME SOURCE)
B. JCRC-LNB MSG RPT M86-040 (FY SAME SOURCE)
C. JCRC-LNB MSG, DTG 210809Z AUG 86 (NOTAL)

INCIDENT SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDES FIRST-
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN
WHO PARACHUTED ONTO THE TOP OF AN OUTHOUSE IN
(VIC WJ 86652655) IN 1969 OR 1970.

SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

- A. NAME: TRAN NGOC HAU (M)
B. DPOB: 24 APR 46; HANOI
C. PROFESSION: PRE-1975:
1969-1975: STUDENT OF ARCHITECTURE
POST-1975: ARCHITECT
D. PRESENT LOCATION: BLDG I 18/2, SUNGAI
REFUGEE CAMP, MALAYSIA
E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: 478023
F. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: 10 YRS, THEN 6 YRS
G. LANGUAGES SPOKEN: VIETNAMESE (NATIVE),
AN (PROFESSIONAL TERMINOLOGY, LEARNED FROM A VIET-
E TEACHER IN COLLEGE IN HA DONG)
H. RELIGION: BUDDHIST
I. STATUS: REFUGEE
J. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1969 OR 1970
K. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED
NGEI BESI REFUGEE CAMP, MALAYSIA ON 4 JUL 86
CMAS R. MC KAY, CWA, USA.
L. OTHER: SOURCE ARRIVED IN MALAYSIA ON
N 86. HIS FINAL ADDRESS IN VIETNAM WAS 120/201
N THI MINH KHAI ST, WARD 10, DISTRICT 1, HCMC.
E HAS A SISTER-IN-LAW, NGUYEN THI LOC, LIVING IN

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LOS ANGELES, CA (FULL ADDRESS NOT AVAILABLE
IC SOURCE).M. MAPS USED: SCALE: 1:12,500, SERIES: 1909,
SHEET: HANOI

3. INFORMATION: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS
RELAYED BY SOURCE TO INTERVIEWER AS FACT. SOMETIME IN
1969 OR 1970 (SOURCE CLAIMED HE COULD NOT PROVIDE A
MORE PRECISE DATE), SOURCE WAS STUDYING ARCHITECTURE
AT THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE (TRUONG DAI HOC KIEN
TRUC) WHICH WAS LOCATED AT NBR 6 TRUC HUONG ST IN HA
DONG TCWN, NORTHERN VIETNAM. ONE AFTERNOON, SOURCE
WAS AT HOME AT 11 LO LUC ST, HANOI. WHEN HE LOOKED OUT
THE WINDOW AND PERSONALLY OBSERVED A MAN DESCENDING
UNDER A FULLY DEPLOYED WHITE PARACHUTE. THE MAN
LANDED ON THE ROOF OF AN OUTHOUSE WHICH WAS LOCATED
NEAR THE HOME OF A LOCAL RESIDENT OF THE XOM THUY KHUE
VILLAGE OF BA DINH DISTRICT, HANOI, WHICH IS LOCATED
NEAR THUY KHUE ST, SOURCE EXPLAINED. (NOTE: INTER-
VIEWER NORMALLY DOES NOT CARRY THE HANOI CITY MAP TO
MALAYSIA, AS VERY FEW NORTHERN RESIDENTS ESCAPE TO
MALAYSIA.)

4. SOURCE CLAIMED HE PROCEEDED TO THE AREA
WHERE THE MAN LANDED AND PERSONALLY OBSERVED HIM.
SOURCE RECALLED THE MAN WAS UNABLE TO WALK AND WAS
BEING CARRIED ON A STRETCHER. SOURCE CLAIMED HE DID
NOT GET A GOOD LOOK AT THE MAN BUT RECALLED HE APPEARED
TO BE A BIG MAN (HEIGHT AND WEIGHT UNKNOWN, BUT HE
LOOKED "HEAVY"), HAIR AND EYE COLOR UNKNOWN, AND WORE
NO GLASSES. SOURCE HAD NO IDEA FROM WHAT TYPE OF AIR-
CRAFT THE MAN CAME, BUT OPINED THAT IT PROBABLY WAS NOT
A B-52, AS B-52S ONLY STRUCK AT NIGHT. SOURCE SAW
THAT THE PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE PERSONNEL AT THE SITE
HAD COLLECTED ALL THE MAN'S POSSESSIONS (NFI). SOURCE
DID NOT SEE IN WHICH DIRECTION THE MAN WAS TAKEN AND
HEARD NOTHING OF THE MAN'S FATE. SOURCE STATED THAT
THE LOCATION WHERE THE MAN CAME DOWN WAS IN THE AREA
OF NGOC HA BUT HE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING OF
THE MAN'S AIRCRAFT.

5. ON INTERVIEWER'S HANOI TOURIST MAP, SOURCE
IDENTIFIED THE LOCATION WHERE THE MAN LANDED. THE
CORRESPONDING POINT ON THE USC HANOI CITY MAP WAS
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LOCATED AT VICINITY WJ 86652655. ON THE 1:50,000 MAP, THIS POINT IS ADJACENT TO A WATERWAY. AS SHOWN ON THE USG MAP, THE WATERWAY ENDS AT VICINITY WJ 86552650. WE NOTE THAT SOURCE'S CLAIMED RESIDENCE ON LO DUC ST IS SOME TENFE KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE MAN LANDED (CROSSSTOWN) AT VICINITY WJ 896235.

SOURCE BACKGROUND. SOURCE IS AN ETHNIC NORTHERNER WHO LIVED IN THE HANOI AREA FROM THE TIME OF HIS BIRTH UNTIL 1975, AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER OF THE SOUTH. HE CLAIMED HIS MOVEMENT SOUTH TO SAIGON IN MID-1975 WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT PROPER TRAVEL DOCUMENT IN THE SOUTH, HE MARRIED A "LONG LCST" CHILDHOOD SWIFT-HEART IN THE FALL OF 1975. HE HAD NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE WOMAN SINCE SHE MOVED SOUTH WITH HER FAMILY IN 1954 AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE SHE LIVED. BY LUCK, HE FOUND HER AND MARRIED HER APPROX SIX MONTHS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE SOUTH. SHE HAD GROWN UP IN THE SOUTH AND HAD BECOME A FAMOUS FOLK DANCER, NAMED XUAN TRANG (STAGE NAME). AS HE RESIDED IN HCMC WITHOUT OFFICIAL CONSENT, THEY WERE MARRIED WITHOUT GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL AND HIS NAME COULD NOT BE ADDED TO HER FAMILY REGISTER. THEY HAD ONE SON, WHOSE NAME WAS ENTERED ON HER FAMILY REGISTER. SOURCE EXPECTS TO BE RESETTLED IN THE US WITH HIS "WIFE" WITH WHOM HE ESCAPED FROM VIETNAM, EVEN THOUGH HE ADMITTED TO INTERVIEWER THAT HE WAS NOT LEGALLY MARRIED. SOURCE STATED THAT HE RETURNED TO HANOI ON ONE OCCASION TO VISIT FAMILY IN 1982, AND THAT HIS FAMILY HAD NEVER BEEN PUNISHED FOR HIS DISAPPEARANCE. WHILE IN THE SOUTH, SOURCE STATED HE WORKED SEMI-LEGALLY AS AN ARCHITECT FOR THE SRV THROUGH A SRV APPOINTED ENGINEER IN HCMC NAMED NGUYEN DINH THAI, WHO WOULD PASS CONTRACTS TO SOURCE WITHOUT SRV KNOWLEDGE. THAI WAS EMPLOYED BY THE TECHNICAL OFFICE OF THE HCMC PUBLIC WORKS COMPANY. SOURCE CLAIMED HE PERFORMED ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS IN THE NORTH PRIOR TO MOVING SOUTH. WHEN QUESTIONED, HE STATED HE HAD ACTUALLY ONLY DONE ONE PROJECT WHICH WAS IN LINH PARK. PAVING ACTUALLY VISITED THE LINH PARK, INTERVIEWER CONTINUED TO QUESTION SOURCE ABOUT THE PROJECT AND DISCOVERED THAT SOURCE'S PROJECT WAS A TEMPORARY DISPLAY FOR THE TET HOLIDAYS.

7. SOURCE WAS CONTACTED BASED ON A LEAD THAT HE WAS FORMERLY A HANOI RESIDENT. THE REFUGEE DUONG VAN TOI, AND INTERVIEWER'S INTENTION WAS TO INTERVIEW SOURCE CONCERNING THE LIEN MAC FACILITY. DURING THE INTERVIEW, SOURCE'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS AND HIS MANNER OF PRESENTATION CAUSED INTERVIEWER TO SUSPECT THAT SOURCE HAS BEEN AND MAY STILL BE MORE CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE SRV GOVERNMENT THAN HE WANTS OTHERS TO KNOW. THEREFORE, INTERVIEWER FELT IT MORE PRUDENT TO NOT PURSUE THE LIEN MAC LINE OF QUESTIONING. WE RECEIVED PHOTOS OF THE LIEN MAC FACILITY WHICH ORIGINATED FROM A SENSITIVE SOURCE. AS WE UNDERSTAND, THE PHOTOS ARE UNCLASSIFIED (EXCEPT FOR ONE THAT HAS DATA MARKED ON IT). REF C REQUESTED DIA GUIDANCE ON

THE EXTENT OF RELEVANT MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE DISPLAYED TO INTERVIEWEES CONCERNING THE FACILITY.

8. DURING THE PROCESS OF LOCATING SOURCE, RECORDS FRANK (RB) AT PULAU BIDONG REFUGEE CAMP PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON SOURCE'S WIFE. SOURCE'S WIFE'S REAL NAME IS NGUYEN THI NINH (NGUYEN THI NINH), WHO WAS BORN IN HANOI ON 10 MAR 47. HER HUSBAND, TRAN NGOC BAO (VICE PAU, AS CLAIMED BY SOURCE) WAS BORN IN 1942 IN HANOI (VICE 1946), HAD MOVED SOUTH AFTER THE TAKE-OVER IN 1975, AND HAD WORKED FOR THE PUBLIC GASOLINE COMPANY (CONG TY CONG VIEN CAY XANG). ACCORDING TO THE RI SECTION, SOURCE WAS A STUDENT FROM 1955 TO 1975 AND WAS A UNIVERSITY GRADUATE. HE WORKED AS AN ARCHITECT FROM 1975 UNTIL 1980, WHEN HE WAS IMPRISONED FOR 15 DAYS FOR ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM. (NOTE: SOURCE CLAIMED HE WAS IMPRISONED IN THE TRAI GIAM MAC DINH CHI CAMP FOR 15 DAYS AFTER HIS ARREST AT THE CHI HOA HOUSING AREA ON LUH GIA ST, DISTRICT 1, HCMC.) ACCORDING TO RI, SOURCE THEN WAS RELEASED AND HE RETURNED TO WORK AS AN ARCHITECT FROM 1980 UNTIL 1986. HIS FATHER WAS A RETAILER UNTIL 1960 AND THEN WORKED AS A LABORER FROM 1960 UNTIL 1968 AND HIS MOTHER WAS A HOUSEWIFE. HIS WIFE (XUAN TRANG) WAS A STUDENT FROM 1954 UNTIL 1960 AND THEN A FOLK DANCER FROM 1961 UNTIL 1973. SHE WAS UNEMPLOYED FROM 71

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1974 UNTIL 1975 AND THEN BEGAN WORKING AS A HAIRDRESSER. XUAN TRANG'S FATHER WAS A FORMER ARVN SERGEANT IN THE POLITICAL WARFARE BRANCH, RE-EDUCATION UNKNOWN.

9. SOURCE ADMITTED TO INTERVIEWER THAT HE HAD HEARD THE PA SYSTEM ANNOUNCEMENT AT PULAU BIDONG DURING INTERVIEWER'S PREVIOUS TRIP BUT DID NOT RESPOND AS HE FELT HIS INFORMATION "DID NOT APPLY". HE CLAIMED HE NEVER SAW ANY OF THE JCRC POSTERS INCLUDING THOSE POSTED IN THE RE WHERE SOURCE WAS IMPROCESSED INTO PULAU BIDONG, THE RESETTLEMENT HALL AT PULAU BIDONG WHERE SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED FOR RESETTLEMENT AND IN SUNGEE BESI, WHERE A POSTER IS DISPLAYED RIGHT OUTSIDE THE DCCP SOURCE CAME THROUGH TO BE INTERVIEWED BY JCRC TECHNICIAN.

10. JUST PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF THE INTERVIEW, SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN 1970 AND 1972, WHILE HE LIVED WITH A FRIEND LE DINH PHUONG (DINH PHUONG) AT NR 4 LO IUC ST, HANOI, PHUONG TOLD HIM THAT DURING THAT TIME AMERICAN POW'S WERE HELD IN A FACILITY ON LY NAM DE ST IN HANOI, IN THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE OF MILITARY LITERATURE (TOAF PAGES VAWN NGHEIJ QUAAK SUWJ). PHUONG WAS WORKING AT THAT TIME AS A CORRESPONDENT FOR THE MOTION PICTURE DEPT (CUCJ DIENJ ANHR) LOCATED ON HOANG HOA THAM ST, HANOI. SOURCE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING OF ANY AMERICAN PRISONERS HAVING BEEN HELD AFTER 1973, OR OF ANY LIVING FREELY IN VIETNAM.

11. FYI, THE RECORDS BRANCH IN PULAU BIDONG REFUGEE CAMP IS IN CHARGE OF BIOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATION FOR SECURITY PURPOSES AND BIOGRAPHIC IN-PROCESSING INTO THE CAMP FOR NEW ARRIVALS. THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY THE MALAYSIAN SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE. DECL:OADR.

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