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SUBJECT: JCRC REPORT T86-056, AMERICAN IN THE YEN BAI
- CAMP SYSTEM (U)

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1. SOURCE. NAME: SC DPOB: SO
SAIGON; FORMER ARVN RANGER CAPTAIN, SER-
VICE NUMBER SO ID DATA: BV 11577; DOI: 1980;
PRESENT LOCATION: SO

SO INTERVIEWED ON 12 FEB 86 BY THOMAS R. MCKAY,
CW2, JSA; OTHER: SOURCE IS AN ODP BENEFICIARY WHO DE-
PARTED VIETNAM ON SO 1986 AND DEPARTED
FOR THE SO FEBRUARY 1986.
HIS FINAL RESIDENCE IN VIETNAM SO

SO SOURCE ORIGINALLY TOLD
INTERVIEWER HIS SPONSOR WAS HIS DAUGHTER. Name
DATA

BUT LATER STATED THAT HIS ODP FILE WAS CORRECT,
WHICH LISTED HIS SPONSOR AS HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW Name
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DATA THIS MEANS SOURCE'S WIFE WAS THE
PRIMARY APPLICANT AND IS THE PERSON WHO MAKES SOURCE
ELIGIBLE FOR THE ODP PROGRAM.

2. SUMMARY. SOURCE PROVIDES ALLEGED FIRSTHAND
INFORMATION OF AN AMERICAN, NAMED NGUYEN VIET NAM, WHO
WORKED FOR THE YEN BAI RE-EDUCATION CAMP SYSTEM IN
LATE 1980. END SUMMARY.

INFORMATION TO INTERVIEWER AS FACT. SOURCE MET IN EARLY 1980, WHILE AN INMATE AT THE T9 LT1 RE-EDUCATION CAMP AT YEN BAI, SOURCE MET AN AMERICAN WHO WORKED AT THE LT1 HEADQUARTERS. THE AMERICAN HAD TAKEN THE VIETNAMESE NAME NGUYEN VIET NAM AND WAS ALSO CALLED "ANH SAU" (ANH 6) BY COMMUNIST CADRE. SOURCE RECALLED SEEING THE MAN DRIVING AN AMERICAN JEEP WITH A PET MONKEY AT HIS SIDE. THE AMERICAN WORE CAMOUFLAGED TROUSERS (NOTE: AT THIS POINT SOURCE ATTEMPTED TO DESCRIBE THE CAMOUFLAGED TROUSERS AS HE DID NOT RECALL THE VIETNAMESE WORD FOR IT, "RAN RI", UNTIL PROMPTED BY INTERVIEWER, A POINT WHICH SEEMED ODD TO INTERVIEWER CONSIDERING SOURCE WAS FORMERLY A RANGER OFFICER). THE AMERICAN WAS APPROXIMATELY 1.80 METERS TALL, WAS VERY SLIM, HAD BROWN EYES AND SHORT, STRAIGHT BROWN HAIR, HAD SIDEBURNS (A POINT WHICH SOURCE DID NOT MENTION UNTIL SPECIFICALLY ASKED) DID NOT WEAR GLASSES, AND USUALLY WORE A SHORT SLEEVED WHITE SHIRT WITH THE CAMOUFLAGED TROUSERS. SOURCE ESTIMATED FROM THE MAN'S APPEARANCE, THAT THE AMERICAN WAS OF MEXICAN/SPANISH HERITAGE. SOURCE RECALLED THAT ON ONE OCCASION, THE AMERICAN SPOKE TO HIM IN A SOUTHERN DIALECT OF VIETNAMESE: "HET CHIEN TRANH ROI, DUNG CHONG DOI HO, NHUNG NGUOI MY BAN TOI VI CHONG DOI VIET CONG MA HIEN CON BI GIAM KHOANG MAY CHUC NGUOI TOI NAY CHUA VE, LUC DAU TOI CON DUA THUC AN CHO NHUNG BAN TOI, TOI CUNG KHUYEN BAN TOI NHU THE NHUNG BAN TOI KHONG NGHE, SAU DO BAN TOI DUOC BO DOI DI CHUYEN DI NOI KHAC." (TRANSLATION: THE WAR IS OVER, DON'T RESIST THEM. AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MINE, BECAUSE THEY RESISTED, SEVERAL DOZEN OF THEM ARE STILL HELD AND HAVE NOT YET RETURNED. IN THE BEGINNING, WHEN I TOOK FOOD TO THEM, I ENCOURAGED THEM TO LIKEWISE NOT RESIST, AND AFTER THAT, THEY WERE TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE). THE AMERICAN ALSO TOLD SOURCE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAMP GENERATOR, WAS A DRIVER, AND WAS PAID 400 DONG PER MONTH BY THE COMMUNISTS. SOURCE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE ANYONE FROM INTERVIEWER'S COLLECTION OF PHOTOS WHICH INCLUDED PHOTOS OF ROBERT GARWOOD.

4. SOURCE RECONSIDERED THE TIME OF HIS MEETING NGUYEN VIET NAM AND CHANGED IT, STATING HE MET HIM IN LATE 1980, JUST PRIOR TO SOURCE'S MOVING TO THE THANH CHUONG CAMP IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE. SOURCE KNEW THE YEN BAI CAMP WAS SUBORDINATE TO A "GROUP" BUT DID NOT RECALL WHAT GROUP.

5. COMMENTS. FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND OF SOURCE, PLEASE REFER TO REFERENCED REPORT. SOURCE APPEARED TO BE AN INTELLIGENT, GLIB INDIVIDUAL WHO ANSWERED QUESTIONS WITHOUT HESITATION. HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO FORGET BASIC INFORMATION, I.E. HE KNEW THE THANH CHUONG CAMP ONLY AS THE THANH CHUONG CAMP AND HAD NEVER HEARD IT BEING A CENTRAL CAMP (TRAI TRUNG

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UONG). SOURCE ALSO REFUSED TO DRAW A SKETCH OF T9
LT1, CLAIMING HE DID NOT REMEMBER ENOUGH TO DRAW A
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