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**DIA EVALUATION OF POW/MIA RELATED INFORMATION PROVIDED
BY 14 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES**

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similar accounts concerning their observations of a Caucasian American while undergoing reeducation at or near the Yen Bai reeducation camp system in Hoang Lien Son Province, northern Vietnam.

These accounts are part of a large volume of reports received by DIA concerning the sighting of an American at the reeducation camp system in Hoang Lien Son Province. This system, commonly referred to as the Yen Bai reeducation camp system, is dispersed in the region around Yen Bai town, about 130 kilometers northwest of Hanoi.

From approximately 1975-1979, former USMC Private Robert Garwood was a low-level member of the Yen Bai camp staff where his duties were mainly vehicle and electrical maintenance. Mr. Garwood was known by variations of the Vietnamese name Nguyen Viet Nam and spoke a fluent northern dialect of Vietnamese.

The large volume of reporting about the reeducation camp system at Yen Bai indicates that no other Americans were present there.

Each of the refugees above provided a description of the physical appearance of the Caucasian he observed and the Caucasians's activities at the time of the sighting. In each instance the details of the sighting indicate the refugee undoubtedly observed former USMC Private Robert Garwood.

SUMMARY:

Each of the above refugees observed former USMC Private Robert Garwood, who was a member of the staff, and not a U.S. POW, of the Yen Bai reeducation camp system.

These reports will be kept in the DIA database for future reference.

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