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SUBJ: INFORMATION REPORT CONCERNING CASE 0646 (U)

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1. (U) REF WAS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED US POW/MIA OFFICE HANOI, SRV DURING MAY 1991. PARA 8B REFERS TO AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE AN LAO VALLEY, BINH DINH PROVINCE THIS INCIDENT.

2. (S) WHILE CONDUCTING RESEARCH AT THE CENTRAL MILITARY MUSEUM IN HANOI CITY ON 29 MAY 1991, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM, SR COL NGUYEN VAN QUAN EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SOME INFORMATION REGARDING US CASUALTIES MAY NOT BE CONTAINED IN MUSEUM RECORDS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL. SR COL QUAN STATED THAT HE OCCASIONALLY RECEIVES INFORMATION FROM FORMER VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN THE AREAS WHERE THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED.

3. (S) SR COL QUAN PRODUCED A SLIP OF PAPER BEARING THE FOLLOWING IDENTITY DATA: "DAVID M WINTERS NUMBER 825370, 1961H BDE, KILLED BY GUERILLAS IN THUONG HOA HAMLET, BINH DONG VILLAGE, 21 APRIL 1967."

4. (S) US POW/MIA OFFICE PERSONNEL INFORMED SR COL QUAN THEY WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE INCIDENT INVOLVING PFC

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DAVID M. WINTERS. THEY RECALLED THAT THE INCIDENT INVOLVED FOUR US PERSONNEL WHO WERE FOLLOWED BY VIETNAMESE FEMALES WHILE RIDING IN A SAMPAN DOWN A RIVER. SR COL QUAN SAID HE WAS SURE THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED PERTAINED TO THE SAME INCIDENT AND BELIEVED THE FEMALES WERE PART OF THE LOCAL GUERRILLA FORCES. JS POW/MIA OFFICE PERSONNEL INFORMED SR COL QUAN THEY RECALLED AN UNCORRELATED REPORT INDICATING THAT US POWS WERE USED TO TEACH ENGLISH TO FEMALE GUERRILLAS IN QUANG NAM-DANANG AREA, TO ENABLE THE FEMALE GUERRILLAS TO SPEAK ENOUGH ENGLISH TO LURE US MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM THEIR UNITS. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE TEACHING PROGRAM WAS ORGANIZED BY FORMER PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY MR. HO NGHINH. SR COL QUAN SAID HE WAS ASSIGNED TO QUANG NAM-DANANG DURING THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT BUT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR FEMALE GUERRILLAS. SR COL QUAN SAID HE DID NOT POSSESS ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE INCIDENT REPORTED ABOVE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT PERSONNEL OF THE US POW/MIA OFFICE CONTACT LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THUONG HOA HAMLET DURING A FUTURE ITERATION IN THE AREA, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FATE OF THE FOUR AMERICANS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

5. (D) COMMENT: THE CORRELATION TO REFNO 0646-0-03 (WINTERS) WAS BASED ON THE NAME, DATE OF THE INCIDENT, LOCATION, AND UNIT DESIGNATION. THIS INCIDENT INVOLVES FOUR US ARMY PERSONNEL WHO WERE LAST OBSERVED IN A SAMPAN NEAR ANOTHER SAMPAN CARRYING VIETNAMESE FEMALES. THE FOUR US PERSONNEL WERE TALKING WITH A VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN IN ANOTHER SAMPAN AND NEVER REACHED THEIR DESTINATION. ON 5 MAY 1967, A SOURCE OBSERVED FOUR US POWS WHO WERE CAPTURED AT RS630005 BY AN UNIDENTIFIED REGIMENT ON 21 APRIL 1967. THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO THE REFNO 0646 INCIDENT AND NO FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE. MR. HO NGHINH, THE FORMER PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY MENTIONED ABOVE IS THE OLDER BROTHER OF MR. HO LIEM (AKA HOANG BICH SON) THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND FORMER VICE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE SRV. MR. HO NGHINH IS ALSO RELATED TO MR. HO DANG (AKA DINH BA THI) THE FORMER HEAD OF THE SRV INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN NEW YORK. DEEL:

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