

REPORT CLASS

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SOUTH VIETNAM

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EARLY JUNE 1967

SUBJECT

ALLEGED VIET CONG USE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, TO TEACH CADRES ENGLISH.

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SOURCE

AN OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FIELD OFFICE, FROM A "GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM SYMPATHIZER WHOSE NEPHEW, A NGHIA LOC VILLAGE GUERRILLA, WENT TO PHU THO HAMLET AND SAW THE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR."

1. IN EARLY JUNE THE VIET CONG (VC) WERE USING THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) TO TEACH VC CADRES ENGLISH AT PHU THO HAMLET, NGHAI PHU VILLAGE, NGHIA HANH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, ACCORDING TO VC GUARDS IN THE HAMLET. THE POWS, ALLEGEDLY CAPTURED IN DUC PHO DISTRICT, WERE DETAINED IN A SHELTER IN A FOREST AREA ADJOINING THE HAMLET DURING THE DAY. AT NIGHT THE VC TAKE THEM TO THE HAMLET. THEY ARE TREATED WELL.

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2. (FIELD COMMENT: TWO EARLIER REPORTS, EVALUATED POSSIBLY TRUE BY EACH OF THE SOURCES MENTIONED HEREUNDER, CONCERNED THE CAPTURE OF FOUR AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN QUANG NGAI. ONE FROM THE SAME SERVICE, STATED THAT A FAIRLY RELIABLE INFORMANT REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS WERE CAPTURED ON 21 APRIL AT THE THUONG HOA RIVER BY A BINH SON DISTRICT VC MAIN FORCE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF BINH LANH, BINH THONG, BINH KY, BINH AN AND BINH NAM VILLAGES IN EASTERN BINH SON. THE OTHER, FROM AN INFORMANT OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY OF AN OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICE FIELD OFFICE, REPORTED THAT FOUR AMERICANS HAD BEEN CAPTURED AT A "SECRET TUNNEL" AT THE THUONG HOA, BINH LANH VILLAGE (BS 630974) ON 21 APRIL. THEY WERE TO BE MOVED SOON TO A WESTERN AREA.

FVS-14,570 OF 12 FEBRUARY 1967 REPORTED A VC DETENTION CAMP LOCATED AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF PHU KHUONG HAMLET, NGHIA PHU VILLAGE, WITH TWO OR THREE AMERICANS UNDER DETENTION.)

3. REQUIREMENT REFERENCE D-IEG-14883.

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USAID JUSPAO USARY USMACV CORDS
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