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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Record

SUBJECT : Debriefing of Mr. Arlo Gay

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1. [redacted] debriefed Mr. Gay on Friday 10 December 1976 [redacted] and maps of Ap Lo detention site and surrounding area. [redacted] discussed the results with the undersigned on this date, approximately as follows:

a. Mr. Gay did not readily adjust to the low level oblique dated 9 July 1969.

[redacted]

- (1) Building where he was held
- (2) Building where he was being held when he escaped.
- (3) Building where he was held after his recapture.
- (4) Route which he took after escaping from his quarters.
- (5) Path followed by workers in the fields; these workers were seen entering the main camp area. Where they went after that was not known.
- (6) Body of water which he intended to ford with a raft.

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c. Mr. Gay was not accustomed to map reading, but managed to orient himself on the following map: AMS series L7014, VIETNAM 1/50,000, sheet 6051 II "Hoang Ha". Mr. Gay concluded, [redacted]

that he had made his way in a southerly direction, remaining east of the Black River. He probably covered about 30 kilometers before being picked up.

d. In one of the huts where Mr. Gay was held (specific hut, whether in maximum security compound or outside, not specified) he noted the following two sets of initials and words carved in the wall:

(1) LTC COMB
FROM DANANG TO HANOI
APR 1975

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CL by [redacted]

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(2) (An East European type name)
1974

2. Mr. Gay has proven a difficult person to debrief. His memory comes and goes and he has difficulty sustaining focus on one subject for any length of time. But he does not seem to be dissembling, and does not seem to resent the process of being drawn out. His recall is not totally consistent from session to session.

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