Oral History
Pham Thanh Le

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SUBJ/EVALUATION OF SRV ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW - MR. PHAM THANH LE//

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RMKS/1. REF A DOCUMENTS AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. PHAM THANH LE, A FORMER SPECIAL OPERATIONS OFFICER OF THE C1S SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMPANY. MR. LE PROVIDED LIMITED GENERAL INFORMATION THAT POSSIBLY CORRELATES WITH REFNO 1131, [redacted], [redacted], AN UNRESOLVED CASE. MR. LE ALSO PROVIDED THE NAMES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING UNACCOUNTED-FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN.

2. MR. LE RECALLED THAT HE AND TWO OTHER CADRE FROM HIS UNIT, MR. BA (DECEASED) AND MR. TOI (DECEASED) WERE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE GUARDS FOR TWO COMMO-LIAISON UNIT CADRE WHO WERE ESCORTING A RECENTLY CAPTURED AMERICAN PW. THE TEAM ESCORTED THE PW FROM A COMMO-LIAISON UNIT (BINH DOANF GIAO LIEEN) IN MILITARY REGION 10 NEAR BU NHO (~~XU7913~~ YU7913), CURRENTLY DUC LIEU VILLAGE, TO GROUP 86 NEAR DUC BON (YT2597). THE AMERICAN PW WAS A CAUCASIAN A-37 PILOT, OF MEDIUM BUILD, TALL WITH BROWN HAIR. MR. LE SAID THAT DURING THE TRIP THE AMERICAN WAS UNINJURED AND WAS DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING (NFI). MR. LE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE COMMO-LIAISON CADRE WHO TOOK CONTROL OF THE PW AFTER REACHING GROUP 86. MR. LE SAID WHILE WORKING AT A MEDICAL UNIT IN LATE 1969 OR EARLY 1970 HE HEARD THE AMERICAN HAD DIED FROM MALARIA.

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HE COULD NOT RECALL ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH.

3. MR. LE'S INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 1131, HOWEVER, MR. LE CLAIMED HE DID NOT INQUIRE INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE AMERICAN'S CAPTURE AND FURTHER CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH. JTF-FA RECORDS INDICATE REFNO 1131 IS THE ONLY LOSS THAT CORRESPONDS TO THIS INCIDENT. POSSIBLE CORRELATION BASED ON TIME FRAMES OF THE INCIDENT, DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED AND THE GENERAL LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT.

4. FORWARDED AFMPC/DPMCB FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. A SANTIZED COPY OF REF A WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY FOR RELEASE.
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