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SUBJ: SHV ORAL HISTORY, INTERVIEW WITH FORMER DANANG CITY PARTY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, (5)

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1. REF WAS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM BY JIFFA SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MR G.E. BELL, DURING THE PERIOD 6 TO 10 JAN 93. PARA 1G OF REF REFERS TO THE FORMER DANANG CITY PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY (BI THU THANH UY), MR NGUYEN THANH NAM (NAMM) AKA NAM (5) DUA (ZUWAF), WHO WAS INTERVIEWED IN DANANG CITY ON 16 JAN 93. THE INTERVIEW WAS MONITORED BY ASSIGNED COUNTERPART AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) REP, MR PHAM TEO, MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR REP, MR HA MINH THAN, QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE TASK TEAM CHIEF, MAJ THAN PHUOC SAU, AND QUANG NAM-DANANG PROVINCE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER REP, MR LAM QUANG MINH. THE FOLLOWING REPORT PROVIDES THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. SOURCE SAID HE JOINED THE REVOLUTION DURING THE 1950'S AND RESIDED IN DANANG CITY AS A "LEGAL". WHEN US TROOPS BEGAN TO ARRIVE IN THE DANANG AREA, SOURCE MOVED TO RESIDE IN THE DONG NGHE AREA (AT0065). ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NUMEROUS REWARD POSTERS WITH SOURCE'S PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AREA BY THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF BOTH THE U.S. AND GVN, SOURCE WAS STILL ABLE TO MOVE AROUND THE AREA BY USING VARIOUS DISGUISES. SOURCE WAS APPREHENDED ON ONE OCCASSION WHILE RIDING A MOTORBIKE IN THE NAM O AREA NORTH OF DANANG, BUT SOURCE WAS ABLE TO GAIN HIS RELEASE BY PAYING A BRIBE TO THE GVN NATIONAL

POLICE OFFICER WHO HALT SOURCE AT A CHECK POINT DUE TO HIS LACK OF A VALID GVN NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD. SOURCE SAID THE SAME POLICE OFFICER HAS LATER IDENTIFIED ON A LIST OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULED BY THE SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR ASSASSINATION, BUT SOURCE DECIDED TO SPARE THE MAN'S LIFE.

3. SOURCE'S FIRST CONTACT WITH US POW'S OCCURRED SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1960'S WHEN TWO US MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE CAPTURED BY SAPPER FORCES IN NAM THANH VILLAGE (AT9063) NEAR THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN HOA VANG AND DAI LCC DISTRICTS. THE TWO AMERICANS WERE INITIALLY MOVED TO DONG NGH (AT8865), AND AFTER BEING HELD THERE FOR ONLY A FEW DAYS, THEY WERE MOVED TO "AN DINH RI SE" (DOC AN DINH) (AT 0002). SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE TWO AMERICANS WERE BOTH CAUCASIANS WHO WERE ASSIGNED TO A US UNIT THEY CALLED "FORCE". SOURCE SPECULATED THE UNIT WAS "AIR FORCE". ONE OF THE MEN WAS CALLED "RHUM" AND THE OTHER WAS CALLED "OANH". THE CADRE IN CHARGE OF THE TWO AMERICANS WAS THE CHIEF OF THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION (MPS), MR HA BANG (BAWKG). AFTER THE TWO AMERICANS WERE DETAINED FOR APPROX TWO MONTHS, SOURCE RECEIVED AN ORDER FOR THEIR RELEASE FROM BOTH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND MILITARY REGION (MR) 5. SOURCE SAID THAT AFTER THE TWO AMERICANS DEPARTED IN THE CUSTODY OF MR HA BANG, HE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ABOUT THEM AGAIN, BUT HE ASSUMES THEY WERE RELEASED AS SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER FROM HIGHER AUTHORITIES. SOURCE SAID HA BANG IS A RETIRED SR COL NOW RESIDING IN DANANG CITY.

4. SOURCE'S SECOND INVOLVEMENT WITH US POW'S OCCURRED SOMETIME DURING 1967 (NOT SURE OF MONTH BUT POSSIBLY APRIL) IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT, QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. SOURCE SAID HE WAS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED BUT WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CAPTURE OPERATION. AT THAT TIME DIEN BAN DISTRICT WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS DESIGNATED "A", "B", AND "C". SOURCE SAID THAT THE LOCAL COMMUNIST APPARATUS, UNDER HIS DIRECTION, PUT OUT THE WORD THAT ANYONE LURING AN AMERICAN TO BE CAPTURED BY THE LOCAL GUERRILLA FORCE WOULD BE REWARDED. THE GUERRILLA FORCE IN THIS PARTICULAR OPERATION WAS LOCATED IN DIEN BINH VILLAGE WHICH WAS IN SECTION "C". SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT DIEN NGOC VILLAGE (BT0307) WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER THE WAR ENDED WHEN IT INCORPORATED THE THREE WARTIME VILLAGES OF DIEN BINH, DIEN VINH, AND DIEN NGOC. THE MILITARY PROSELYTING ELEMENT OF THE LOCAL

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GUERRILLA FORCE EMPLOYED A LOCAL FEMALE RESIDENT, APPROPRIATELY NAMED "GIOI" (GIOIR), TO LURE AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN FROM A U.S. UNIT LOCATED BETWEEN HOA YANG (BT0171) AND HOA BAI (BT0070) VILLAGES. MS GIOI LURED THE AMERICAN TO AN AREA WHERE AN OLD FRENCH POST CALLED VIEM DONG (POSS BT0965) WAS LOCATED, AND WHEN THE AMERICAN PUT DOWN HIS WEAPON TO ENGAGE MS GIOI IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, THE LOCAL GUERRILLA FORCE CAPTURED HIM. THE GUERRILLAS TOOK THE AMERICAN TO A FISH RAISING POND CALLED BY LOCALS "POND 3" (AO BA), AND SHOT HIM DEAD. THEY BURIED THE AMERICAN NEAR THE POND IN AN AREA WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN LEVELED BY BULLDOZERS. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION BECAUSE HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE AMERICAN. SOME TIME AFTER THE INCIDENT, SOURCE HEARD THAT THE AMERICAN WAS A CAUCASIAN CALLED "LEW" OR "LOU". (NOTE: SOURCE AT FIRST SAID THE MAN WAS CALLED "LEE", BUT LATER IN THE INTERVIEW AS SA WAS GOING OVER SOURCE'S STATEMENT, HE REFERRED TO A SMALL NOTEBOOK CARRIED IN HIS POCKET, AND THEN CHANGED THE NAME OF THE AMERICAN FROM "LEE" TO "LEW". SOURCE SAID THAT SUBSEQUENT TO THE INCIDENT, HE RECEIVED A REPORT BUT DOES NOT NOW RECALL WHAT BECAME OF SAID REPORT. SOURCE ALSO COULD NOT RECALL ANY DOCUMENTS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS WHICH WERE FORWARDED WITH THE REPORT, OR ANY REFERENCE TO SUCH ITEMS.

5. SOURCE SAID HE RECALLED A SECOND INCIDENT WHICH ALSO OCCURRED IN CURRENT DIEN NGOC VILLAGE AND ALSO DURING 1967 (NOTE: NOT SURE OF MONTH BUT POSSIBLY APRIL). SOURCE SAID THE SECOND INCIDENT OCCURRED IN FORMER DIEN VINH VILLAGE NEAR A BRIDGE CALLED BY LOCALS "CAU THU CAU" LOCATED IN THON THU CALL HANLEI (BT0366). SOURCE VAGUELY RECALLED THAT THE AMERICAN WAS ON GUARD DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. A LOCAL FEMALE NAMED "DAO" (DDAOF) LURED THE AMERICAN FROM HIS POST AND BEGAN REMOVING HER CLOTHING. THE AMERICAN PUT DOWN HIS "AR-15" RIFLE TO HAVE SEX WITH MS DAC AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CAPTURED BY THE LOCAL GUERRILLA FORCE. AFTER CAPTURE THE AMERICAN WAS TAKEN ON FOOT ALONG A ROUTE ACROSS THE TRU BAN RIVER TO LOC HOA VILLAGE (AT0554). SOURCE SAID HE PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE AMERICAN BECAUSE SOURCE WAS EN ROUTE TO A MEETING IN THE LOC HOA AREA, AND WALKED ON THE SAME TRAIL WITH THE AMERICAN FOR SEVERAL HOURS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE AMERICAN APPEARED TO BE VERY HAPPY THAT HE WAS CAPTURED ALIVE AND WAS BEING REMOVED FROM THE FIGHTING. SOURCE VAGUELY RECALLED THAT THE CADRE IN CHARGE OF THE AMERICAN WAS MR PHAN THANH THU (THUJ), THE DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY IN DAI LOC DISTRICT. SOURCE BELIEVES MR THU IS CURRENTLY RETIRED AND RESIDES IN DAI DONG VILLAGE, NEAR THE HA NHA FERRY CROSSING (AT0055). SOURCE SAID THAT AFTER THE GROUP REACHED LOC HOA VILLAGE, HE CHANGED TO A DIFFERENT TRAIL, WHILE THE GROUP WITH THE AMERICAN CONTINUED IN THE DIRECTION OF "ONG THU RISE" (DOC ONG THU) (ZC1547). (NOTE: PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES THAT "ONG THU RISE" WAS NAMED AFTER FORMER QUANG DA PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY, MR PHAM XUAN TRU. WHEN ASKED IF MR PHAM XUAN THU WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT SOURCE SAID HE BELIEVED MR THU WOULD HAVE AT LEAST BEEN AWARE OF THE INCIDENT, BUT DID NOT RECALL ANY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT. SOURCE SAID PHAM XUAN

THU AKA MUOI (10) KHOI WAS REPLACED AS PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY BY HO NGINH (NOTE: AKA MC HUU PHUOC, OLDER BROTHER OF HO LIEM AKA HOANG BICH SON) SOMETIME BEFORE THE WAR ENDED. SOURCE RECALLED THAT PHAM XUAN THU WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEG RESULTING IN AN AMPUTATION AND MAY NOW BE DECEASED DUE TO POOR HEALTH). SOURCE SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AMERICAN AND COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE MAN WAS A CAUCASIAN AND WORE GREEN US MILITARY FIELD UNIFORM. SOURCE SAID HE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANYTHING FURTHER CONCERNING THE INCIDENT, AND SUGGESTED SA CONTACT THE LADY, MS DAO, WHO LURED THE AMERICAN, OR HER COMMON-LAW HUSBAND, MR NGUYEN HONG THANG (THAWKGS), THE FORMER DIEN BAN DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY. SOURCE BELIEVES MR THANG IS NOW RETIRED AND RESIDES ON THAN HUNG DAO STREET IN DANANG CITY.

6. SOURCE RECALLED ANOTHER INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE 1968 "TET" GENERAL OFFENSIVE. SOURCE WAS IN COMMAND OF AN EARLY MORNING ATTACK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE OFFENSIVE IN THE AREA OF HOA HIEP VILLAGE (AT9286). SOURCE SAW ONE US JEEP VEHICLE WITH TWO AMERICAN

MILITARY OCCUPANTS BE HIT BY A B-40 ROUND, DISABLING THE VEHICLE ON THE SPOT. THE EXPLOSION KILLED ONE CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WHO WAS DRIVING THE VEHICLE AND STUNNED ONE BLACK MAN WHO WAS A PASSENGER. SOURCE MANAGED TO CAPTURE THE BLACK AMERICAN AND LEFT THE BODY OF THE CAUCASIAN SITTING IN THE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. SHORTLY AFTER THE BLACK AMERICAN WAS CAPTURED, US/ARVN FORCES BEGAN SHELLING THE AREA WITH ARTILLERY FIRE. SOURCE DECIDED TO RELEASE THE BLACK MAN, BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO EVACUATE HIM FROM THE AREA. SOURCE RECALLED THAT HE LAST OBSERVED THE BLACK MAN STILL ALIVE AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS ON THE MORNING THE ATTACK BEGAN. AFTER SOURCE DEPARTED THE AREA HE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ABOUT THE BLACK MAN AGAIN. SOURCE SPECULATES THAT THE BODY OF THE CAUCASIAN LEFT IN THE VEHICLE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED BY US FORCES.

7. SOURCE RECALLED ANOTHER AMERICAN WHO WAS CAPTURED IN DIEN DUCNG VILLAGE, ON THE ROAD ALONG THE BEACH BETWEEN DANANG AND HOI AN (B11457). SOURCE SAID THIS AMERICAN WAS ROBERT GARWOOD (REFNO 0155). SOURCE SAID THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAPTURE OF MR GARWOOD WAS MR DUONG (DEUOAGF), THE PARTY COMMITTEE SECRETARY OF DIEN DUONG VILLAGE, WHERE MR DUONG IS CURRENTLY RETIRED AND RESIDING. SOURCE SAID HE HEARD THAT MR GARWOOD WAS CAPTURED WHILE RIDING IN A JEEP. SOURCE RECALLED THAT HE MET MR GARWOOD WHILE HE WAS BEING EVACUATED FROM HOI AN TO THE BEAR. SOURCE VAGUELY RECALLED THAT THE MEETING OCCURRED IN CAI LOC DISTRICT. SOURCE LATER HEARD THAT MR GARWOOD, WHO SOURCE DESCRIBED AS BEING YOUNG AND HANDSOME, DECIDED TO JOIN THE REVOLUTION. SOURCE HEARD THAT MR GARWOOD WAS SMART AND WORKED HARD PLANTING VEGETABLES AND GATHERING WOOD. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANYTHING FURTHER CONCERNING MR GARWOOD.

8. WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD RECALL ANY ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE CAPTURE OF AMERICANS, SOURCE GAVE A NEGATIVE RESPONSE. WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD RECALL ANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMERICANS WHO SURRENDERED OR OTHERWISE INDICATED THAT THEY WANTED TO FOLLOW THE REVOLUTION SOURCE SAID YES. SOURCE SAID HE RECALLED AN AMERICAN NAMED WEATHERMAN (REFNO 9951) WHO CONTACTED THE PARTY ORGANIZATION IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE CONTACT OCCURRED IN THANH QUIT HAMLET (BT0362) SOMETIME PRIOR TO THE "TET" GENERAL OFFENSIVE. SOURCE SAID HE HAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY DETAILS CONCERNING MR WEATHERMAN, EXCEPT FOR THE FACT HE HAS A YOUNG CAUCASIAN AMERICAN.

9. COMMENT:

A. SOURCE HAS COOPERATIVE AND INDICATED HE IS AGREEABLE TO FURTHER INTERVIEWS AT A LATER DATE. SOURCE APOLOGIZED FOR HIS LACK OF DETAIL AND ATTRIBUTED THIS CONDITION TO THE TIME LAPSE. SOURCE INDICATED HE WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE FORMER CADRE IN THE DANANG AREA WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING US PERSONNEL. SOURCE ALSO PLEDGED TO ATTEMPT TO FIND ANY WRITTEN RECORDS OR NOTES HE MAY HAVE REMAINING.

B. THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR THE INCIDENT INVOLVING WEATHERMAN MENTIONED BY SOURCE (I.E. THANH QUIT HAMLET), HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DURING MAY 1991 IN HANOI. SR COL QUAN, THE POLITICAL OFFICER OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY MUSEUM, BELATED TO SA DURING A MUSEUM VISIT THAT HE HAS AWARE OF ONE US SOLDIER WHO HAS CAPTURED IN THANH QUIT HAMLET BY ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN 31ST REGIMENT. SA VAGUELY RECALLS THAT SR COL QUAN CLAIMED TO HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. SR COL QUAN ALSO PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING CASE 0646 AT THE SAME TIME. THIS INFORMATION HAS REPORTED FROM BANGKOK DURING EARLY JUNE 1991.

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