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SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS WHO WERE MOVED TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

5. COMMENT: SOURCE WAS COOPERATIVE AND CORDIAL, BUT RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE WARTIME APPARATUS OF MRS DURING THIS LIMITED CONTACT. ALTHOUGH SOURCE READILY ADMITTED HE PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS RESULTING IN NUMEROUS US KIA, HE INSISTED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING US POW'S. SOURCE'S ATTITUDE AND PRESENT POSITION IN THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION PLACE HIM IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE BY PRESSING LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR MORE CONCRETE COOPERATION IN WORKING WITH US TEAMS. SINCE THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION IN DANANG IS CURRENTLY SUPERIOR TO THAT OF OTHER AREAS, SOURCE MAY HAVE ALREADY HAD SOME IMPACT IN THIS REGARD.

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