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SUBJ: SRV ORAL HISTORY, INTERVIEW WITH QUANG NAM-DANANG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN, MR NGUYEN DINH AN

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1. REF WAS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM BY JTFFA SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MR G.E. BELL, DURING THE PERIOD 6 TO 18 JAN 93. THE FOLLOWING REPORT PROVIDES LIMITED INFORMATION OBTAINED IN DANANG CITY DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH [redacted], WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON 17 JAN 93. THE INTERVIEW WAS MONITORED BY ASSIGNED COUNTERPART AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE REP, LTC PHAM TEO, MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR REP, MR HA MINH THAN, QUANG NAM DANANG PROVINCE TASK TEAM CHIEF, MAJ THAN PHUOC SAU, LOCAL EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REP, MR LAM QUANG MINH, AND LOCAL PUBLIC SECURITY REP, MAJ MAI QUY TRUNG.

2. WHILE INTERVIEWING FORMER CADRE IN DANANG, SA MET WITH PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN, MR NGUYEN DINH AN. MR AN SAID HE HAD JUST COMPLETED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR (LSI) FROM DET 2 IN HANOI. ACCORDING TO MR AN, HE INFORMED THE LSI THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF US PERSONNEL WHO WERE KILLED OR CAPTURED DURING THE WAR. MR AN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM.

3. SA QUERIED MR AN CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER CADRE WHO WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH US POW'S DURING THE WAR, EXPRESSING THE OPINION THAT A SENIOR PARTY

OFFICIAL SUCH AS MR AN COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH CADRE. MR AN SAID THAT DURING THE WAR YEARS HE WAS OCCASIONALLY IN CONTACT WITH CADRE OF THE MILITARY AND ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICES, BUT HE HAD POOR RECALL REGARDING THIS TOPIC DUE TO THE TIME LAPSE.

4. WHEN ASKED IF HE COULD RECALL A CADRE NAMED THAN XUAN CHI, A NATIVE OF TAM KY, MR AN SAID HE RECALLED THAT MR TRINH XUAN CHI, VICE THAN XUAN CHI, WAS A CADRE ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING OFFICE OF WARTIME QUANG DA. MR CHI WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN DIEN BAN DISTRICT SOMETIME DURING 1969. MR AN SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL A CADRE NAMED PHAM CHINH OR PHAN CHINH, BUT HE DID RECALL A NGUYEN CHINH, WHO HE VAGUELY RECALLED OCCASIONALLY USED THE COVER NAME PHAM CHINH. ACCORDING TO MR AN, NGUYEN CHINH WAS A CADRE ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING OFFICE (POSSIBLY DEPUTY OFFICE CHIEF) UNTIL THE 1968 "TET" GENERAL OFFENSIVE WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED BY FORCES OF THE GVN. MR AN RECALLED THAT NGUYEN CHINH WAS RELEASED DURING THE SCHEDULED RELEASE OF POW'S OF BOTH SIDES IN 1973. AFTER THE WAR ENDED, NGUYEN CHINH WAS APPOINTED AS THE DEPUTY HEAD OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS OF THE SRV. MR CHINH CURRENTLY RESIDES IN HANOI AND IS STILL ASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS. MR AN DID RECALL A CADRE NAMED LE THANH BINH. ACCCORDING TO MR AN, LE THANH BINH WAS ASSIGNED TO THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE MILITARY PROSELYTING COMMITTEE UNTIL SOMETIME DURING 1969 WHEN HE WAS KILLED IN AN AMBUSH BY US FORCES. MR AN COULD NOT RECALL A CADRE NAMED LE DIEN. (NOTE: MND REP TEO INTERJECTED THAT LE DIEN (ZIEENX) WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MRS ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE DURING THE WAR. TEO EXPLAINED THAT MR AN WOULD NORMALLY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH EPD CADRE BECAUSE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. TEO RECALLED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS TOUR WITH THE MRS EPO, LE DIEN WAS REASSIGNED AS THE CHIEF OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT, GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE IN HANOI. TEO BELIEVES LE DIEN DIED IN HANOI DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES SOMETIME DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS). MR AN DID RECALL A CADRE NAMED "TRINH", WHO WAS ASSIGNED AS THE CHIEF OF THE QUANG DA MPO. MR PHAN TAN TRINH IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE DAC LAC PROVINCE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE. MR AN SAID HE RECALLED THAT SOMETIME DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS A CADRE NAMED "THAI" HAD ARRIVED FROM HANOI TO VISIT THE DANANG

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AREA. "THAI" SAID HE WAS ASSIGNED TO GROUP 776 IN HANOI, BUT DURING THE WAR YEARS HE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE OF MR5. MR AN WAS NOT INFORMED CONCERNING THE NATURE OF MR THAI'S VISIT TO DANANG, AND COULD NOT RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT HIM. (NOTE: MND REP, LTC TEO, SAID HE BELIEVED MR AN WAS REFERRING TO THE FORMER DEPUTY OF GROUP 776. TEO SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE MR THAI'S CURRENT STATUS IS AND INFORM SA AT A LATER DATE.

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