



TO ASK THEM THEIR NAMES AND RANKS. SOURCE ALSO EXAMINED DOCUMENTS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION. SOURCE SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF THE THREE PRISONERS UP TO THE TIME LATER. SOURCE CONTACTED COSVN BY RADIO AND INFORMED THE HQ CONCERNING THE THREE U.S. POWS. THE THREE WERE RETAINED BY SOURCE'S UNIT FOR A FEW DAYS UNTIL AN ESCORT TEAM ARRIVED FROM COSVN TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THEM. ALL DOCUMENTS CAPTURED IN THE POSSESSION OF THE U.S. POWS WERE ALSO PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF THE ESCORT TEAM. AFTER THE THREE AMERICANS DEPARTED WITH THE ESCORT TEAM SOURCE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ABOUT THEM AGAIN. SOURCE ASSUMES THE THREE POWS WERE MOVED TO A CAMP OF COSVN LOCATED SOMEWHERE IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. SOURCE SAID HE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE THREE MEN WERE CAUCASIANS AND ONE SUFFERED A FLASK WOUND IN HIS LEG. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DESCRIPTION. (NOTE: SA INFORMED SOURCE THAT A REPORT OF A U.S. POW SEEN IN BINH THUAN HAD BEEN CORRELATED TO ONE OF THE THREE AMERICANS CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE. SOURCE OPINED THAT THE AMERICAN WHO RECEIVED THE LEG WOUND WAS PROBABLY TAKEN TO A SURGICAL TEAM IN THE AREA OF THE BATTLE RATHER THAN EVACUATED TO TAY NINH. SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE SURGICAL UNIT. SEE COMMENT 9.C BELOW).

5. DURING 1967, THE 1ST REGT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE 9TH PAVN DIV AND SOURCE WAS TRANSFERRED TO BY THE CHIEF OF THE ENEMY PROSIFYING TEAM OF THE 7TH PAVN DIV, AKA WORY SITE SEVEN (CONG TRUONG ?). SOMETIME DURING THE DRY SEASON OF 1967 JUST PRIOR TO TET, SOURCE'S UNIT WAS ON AN OPERATION NEAR "HILL 24" A FEW KILOMETERS NORTH OF LOC NINH IN BINH LONG PROVINCE WHEN IT CAME CONTACTED ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. 101ST AVN DIV. (NOTE: IN THE AREA REFERRED TO BY SOURCE U.S. MAPS SHOW HILL 222 AT XU 723147). DURING THE ENSUING FIGHTING SOURCE'S UNIT CAPTURED ONE AMERICAN CAUCASIAN WHO WAS "BIG AND HANDSOME". SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE AMERICAN WAS BIG, BUT MUSCULAR, RATHER THAN FAT. THE MAN HAD SUFFERED A BROKEN LEFT FEMUR AND ANOTHER BONE BROKEN IN THE RIGHT FOOT. SOURCE TOOK THE MAN TO THE 7TH DIV SURGICAL UNIT, BUT DUE TO SERIOUS WOUNDS AND BLEEDING, THE SURGICAL TEAM ARRANGED FOR HIS EVACUATION TO FIELD HOSPITAL K-42 OF THE HQ, SVNLA. SOURCE HAD ORDERS FROM THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE 7TH DIV TO TRY TO SAVE THE MAN BECAUSE THE 7TH DIV HAD ONLY RECENTLY BEEN FORMED AND THE COMMISSAR WANTED THE UNIT TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR CAPTURING A LIVE U.S. POW. THE DOCTORS AT K-42 TRIED TO SAVE THE MAN, BUT DUE TO HEAVY BLEEDING, HE DIED SOMETIME AROUND 2000 TO 2100 ON THE SECOND DAY OF HIS CAPTURE. (I.E. THE MAN DIED DURING HIS SECOND NIGHT OF DETENTION). HOSPITAL STAFF BURIED THE AMERICAN NEAR FIELD HOSPITAL K-42. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT. (NOTE: ALTHOUGH SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL THE NAMES OF ANY PERSONNEL IN THE HOSPITAL OR PARENT UNIT, WHEN ASKED BY SA IF HE COULD RECALL THE 210TH REAR SERVICES GROUP SOURCE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE 210TH WAS THE PARENT UNIT OF THE HOSPITAL. SA RECALLS THAT THE C1 AND C2 COMPANIES, AS WELL AS THE HQ 210TH RSG WAS LOCATED NORTHEAST OF LOC NINH AND JUST INSIDE THE BORDER

OF CAMBODIA).

6. DURING 1969 SOURCE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE 7TH DIV EP TEAM TO THE "RESEARCH" SECTION (NOTE: EXPLOITATION SECTION) OF THE ENEMY PROSIFYING OFFICE (EPO) OF THE HQ, SVNLA. SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL AT THE EPO, SOURCE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM A UNIT OF THE 9TH PAVN (POSS 1ST REGT) INDICATING THAT THE UNIT HAD ENGAGED ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. 11TH ACR WEST OF QUAN LOI AIRFIELD (XT 8190). DURING THE FIGHTING ONE U.S. ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC) LOST A TRACK CAUSING THE CREW TO ABANDON THE VEHICLE. ONE U.S. CREW MEMBER WAS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE. SOURCE INSTRUCTED THE EP TEAM OF THE 9TH PAVN DIV TO EVACUATE THE CAPTURED AMERICAN TO A SURGICAL TEAM OF THE 9TH DIV ON THE EVENING OF THE AMERICAN'S CAPTURE. AFTER BEING TREATED BY THE 9TH DIV SURGICAL TEAM, THE AMERICAN WAS FURTHER EVACUATED TO THE Y-71 FIELD HOSPITAL OF THE SVNIAF, AKA "MIFN". (NOTE: SOURCE COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE Y-71 FIELD HOSPITAL WAS LOCATED INSIDE CAMBODIA AND NORTHWEST OF THE POINT OF CAPTURE. SOURCE IS PROBABLY REFERRING TO A FIELD HOSPITAL COLOCATED WITH THE 220TH RSG INSIDE CAMBODIA AND BETWEEN KATUM, TAY NINH AND MEMOT.

KAMPONG CHAM. SOME PERSONNEL FROM THIS HOSPITAL WERE TRANSFERRED TO MILITARY HOSPITAL 175 IN HO CHI MINH CITY AFTER THE WAR ENDED). SOURCE INTERROGATED THE CAPTURED AMERICAN AND LEARNED THAT HE WAS A U.S. ARMY PFC (POSSIBLY A CORPORAL OR SERGEANT), AND MACHINE GUNNER ON THE DISABLED APC. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE MAN'S WOUND WAS ONLY A FLESH WOUND TO THE LEG AND NOT SERIOUS. AFTER INTERROGATING THE AMERICAN, SOURCE RETURNED TO THE EPO AND HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH HIM. SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1970'S (POSSIBLY 1972 OR 1973), SOURCE WAS INFORMED THAT HE WOULD REPRESENT THE EPO DURING AN EXCHANGE OF U.S. AND COMMUNIST POWS. SOURCE WAS INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED TO THE SONG CHIFU BRIDGE (CAU SONG CHIFU) LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 7 AT THE CAMBODIAN BORDER. WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED AT THE EXCHANGE POINT HE REALIZED THAT THE U.S. POW TO BE SWAPPED WAS THE SAME MAN WHO WAS CAPTURED ON THE APC WEST OF QUAN LOI AIRFIELD DURING 1969. SOURCE RECALLED THAT A U.S. HELICOPTER LANDED NEAR THE EXCHANGE POINT AND PICKED UP THE U.S. POW. AT THE SAME TIME, THE HELICOPTER BROUGHT IN A COMMUNIST POW NAMED NGUYEN QUANG VUNG (VUONG). SOURCE SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THE EXCHANGE BECAUSE SUCH EXCHANGES WERE ARRANGED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POLITEBURO AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY DETAILS CONCERNING THE COMMUNIST POW NGUYEN QUANG VUNG, EXCEPT THAT HE WAS AN IMPORTANT CADRE FROM THE HA NAM AREA OF NAM HA PROVINCE IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. (NOTE: FORMERLY HA NAM NINH AND RECENTLY REDESIGNATED AS NAM HA WITH THE PROVINCIAL SEAT IN NAM DINH CITY. ALSO FORMER LOCATION OF CAMP FOR U.S. POWS CALLED "ROCKPILE" BY U.S. PERSONNEL AND "BA SAC" BY VIETNAMESE; AN ELEMENT OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT, GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE IN HANOI WAS LOCATED THERE DURING THE WAR). SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

7. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING OTHER WARTIME CADRE WHO MAY HAVE WITNESS POTENTIAL DUE TO PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT WITH U.S. PERSONNEL, SOURCE WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. MR NGUYEN HA (HA), A FORMER INTERPRETER ASSIGNED TO THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE OF THE HQ, SVNIAF. MR HA IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE HAI PHONG IMPORT-EXPORT COMPANY (CONG TY XUAT NHAP HAU). (NOTE: DUE TO HIS POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING LEADS CONCERNING DISCREPANCY CASES, SA'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT INTERVIEW TRIP HAS MR HA LISTED FOR INTERVIEW IN HAI PHONG ON 3 MAY 1993).

B. MR NGOC (NGOCJ) (INU), A FORMER INTERPRETER ASSIGNED TO THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE OF THE EPO, HQ, SVNIAF. MR NGOC IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND SPORTS (PROBABLY DUTY STATION IN HAI PHONG, ACCORDING TO SOURCE). (NOTE: DUE TO HIS POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING LEADS CONCERNING DISCREPANCY CASES, SA'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT INTERVIEW TRIP HAS MR NGOC LISTED FOR INTERVIEW IN HAI PHONG ON 3 MAY 1993).

C. ITC PHUONG (INU), A FORMER INTERPRETER ASSIGNED TO THE EPO, HQ, SVNIAF. ITC PHUONG IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS EDITOR OF THE "TOTAL POPULACE DEFENCE" MAGAZINE (TAP CHI QUOC PHONG TOAN DAN) IN HANOI. (NOTE: DUE TO HIS POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING LEADS FOR THE CURRENTLY STAGNATED INVESTIGATIONS OF DISCREPANCY CASES, SA'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT INTERVIEW TRIP HAS ITC PHUONG LISTED FOR INTERVIEW IN HANOI ON 10 MAY 1993).

D. MR NGUYEN HUNG TRI (TRIS), A FORMER INTERPRETER ASSIGNED TO THE EPO, HQ, SVNIAF. MR TRI WAS ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE AFTER THE WAR ENDED BUT WAS RECENTLY REASSIGNED TO THE OIL SERVICES COMPANY. (SEE COMMENT IN PARA 9.D BELOW).

E. SR COI NGUYEN VAN HOA (HOA), A NATIVE OF THAI BINH AND THE FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE POW POLICY SECTION, ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT, GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE. SR COI HOA IS RETIRED AND RESIDES IN EITHER HANOI OR THAI BINH. (NOTE: DUE TO HIS POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING LEADS FOR INVESTIGATION OF DISCREPANCY CASES, SA'S TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT INTERVIEW TRIP HAS SR

COL HOA LISTED FOR INTERVIEW ON 13 MAY 1963).

F. TU (4) MAO (MAOX), (NOTE: ALIAS FOR PHUONG HUYNH MAO), FORMER EPO CADRE. (NOTE: INTERVIEWED IN HO CHI MINH CITY 12 MAR 63, SEE DET 1, JTF-FA 0908422 APR 63).

G. LE CA, AKA BAY (?) CA, (NOTE: ALIAS FOR HUYNH KHAC CHIEU), FORMER DEPUTY EPO CHIEF. (NOTE: INTERVIEWED IN BEN TRE 7 MAR 63, SEE DET 1, JTF-FA 0207292 APR 63).

H. BA (3) BAN, (NOTE: ALIAS FOR SH COL PHAM VAN BAN), FORMER POLICY OFFICE CHIEF, EPO, HO. SVNLA. (NOTE: INTERVIEWED IN HANOI 7 JAN 63, SEE DET 1, JTF-FA 261215Z JAN 63).

I. TAM (8) HUY, (NOTE: ALIAS FOR LE QUANG HUY, THE FORMER COMMANDER OF THE CAMP FOR DESERTERS AND LATER COMMANDER OF INTER-CAMP "A". (NOTE: INTERVIEWED IN BEN TRE DURING 1969, MESSAGE REF NO LONGER AVAILABLE).

J. LE HOA, FORMER INTERPRETER, DECEASED DUE TO ILLNESS AFTER THE WAR. (NOTE: REPORTEDLY THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF NGUYEN XUAN OANH. REPORTEDLY HAS A NIECE WHO IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE SRV U.N. MISSION IN NEW YORK).

8. EXCEPT FOR THOSE LOCATIONS REPORTED ABOVE, SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING CAMP LOCATIONS OR BURIAL SITE LOCATIONS FOR U.S. PERSONNEL WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY. SOURCE DID HEAR MENTION OF A CAMP DESIGNATED "TB-22", BUT COULD NOT RECALL ANY DETAILS. SOURCE EXPLAINED HIS LACK OF SUCH KNOWLEDGE BY STATING THAT SUCH INFORMATION WAS COMPARTMENTED AND HE WAS NOT TRANSFERRED TO THE EPO UNTIL 1969. SOURCE SAID HIS INITIAL ASSIGNMENT WITH THE 9TH DIV PLACED HIM AS A TEAM MEMBER OF A TACTICAL ENEMY PROSELYTING TEAM DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT THE DIVISION. IN 1967 WHEN SOURCE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 7TH DIV HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING TEAM WAS CALLED "TRO LY" (I.F. ASSISTANT), BECAUSE HIS JOB WAS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR (CHINH UY) OF THE DIVISION. SOURCE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ISSUE OF U.S. POWS AND REMAINS WAS CONSIDERED A POLITICAL AND INTELLIGENCE MATTER WHICH DID NOT FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER OR ANY SUCH COMBAT ARMS PERSONNEL. SOURCE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CAMPS WITH A "B" OR "C" DESIGNATOR.

### 9. COMMENTS:

A. SOURCE WAS NOT COOPERATIVE OR HOSTILE. SOURCE MAINTAINED A NEUTRAL STANCE AND STATED HE WAS "MAKING HIMSELF AVAILABLE" TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE INTERVIEWER. SOURCE GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE ENJOYED BEING INTERVIEWED AND WAS VERY OBSERVANT OF AMERICAN TECHNIQUES. ALTHOUGH SOURCE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE VALUABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING DISCREPANCY CASES, SA BELIEVES HE SHOULD BE CONTACTED AGAIN IN THE FUTURE, AFTER HE HAS HAD TIME TO GATHER HIS THOUGHTS. DURING THE TERMINATION PHASE OF THE INTERVIEW SA REINFORCED THE FACT THAT SOURCE WOULD MOST LIKELY BE CONTACTED AGAIN AND SOURCE SEEMED TO HAVE

NO PROBLEM WITH THIS POSSIBILITY. SA BELIEVES SOURCE IS AN OLD HAND IN THE INTERROGATION/EXPLOITATION FIELD, AND AS SUCH PROBABLY HAS CONTACTS WHO CAN SHARE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON OTHER CASES IF CONTACTED.

B. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE IN PARA 3 ABOVE CONCERNING THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN TAY NINH DURING NOVEMBER 1963 PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 0232 (TALLEY AND LFD BLETTER). THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE IN PARA 4 ABOVE CONCERNING THREE AMERICANS CAPTURED IN XUAN SON VILLAGE DURING NOVEMBER 1964 PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASES 0249 (BENNETT AND CRAFTS) AND 0250 (COOK). THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE IN PARA 5 ABOVE CONCERNING ONE AMERICAN WOUNDED IN THE LEG AND FOOT DURING CAPTURE, WHO LATER DIED WHILE BEING TREATED IN A FIELD HOSPITAL PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1277 (SHARK). THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE IN PARA 6 ABOVE CONCERNING ONE AMERICAN CREW MEMBER CAPTURED ON AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER AND LATER SWAPPED FOR A COMMUNIST POW PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 1480 (SEXTON).

C. AFTER SOURCE PROVIDED HIS INFORMATION CONCERNING

THREE AMERICANS CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE OF BINH GIA (PARA 4 ABOVE), SA ASKED SOURCE CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING WARTIME HISTORICAL ARTISTS WHO PAINTED OR SKETCHED U.S. POWS DURING THEIR PERIOD OF CAPTIVITY. SOURCE SAID HE RECALLED THAT AN ARTIST NAMED HUYNH PHUONG DONG HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE AREA DURING THE WAR, AND IT IS POSSIBLE HE SKETCHED PORTRAITS OF SOME OF THE U.S. POWS CAPTURED THERE. SOURCE ADDED THAT HEARD RECENTLY THAT MR DONG WAS TRAVELLING TO THE U.S. WHERE HE WAS BEING SPONSORED BY U.S. WAR VETERANS ON A CULTURAL TOUR. SOURCE SUGGESTED HE BE CONTACTED FOR ANY INFORMATION HE MIGHT HAVE. (NOTE: DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1321 (ERSKINE) THE U.S. CASE FILE CONTAINED INFORMATION THAT A SKETCH CAPTIONED "TWO GUERRILLAS ESCORTING JACK" WAS AMONG DOCUMENTS CAPTURED IN AN ENEMY BASECAMP NORTHEAST OF THE CAPTURE POINT FOR CASE 0050. SOMETIME DURING 1987 SA REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST BASED IN BANGKOK, MR ALAN DAWSON, WHO PASSED ON INFORMATION INDICATING THAT A COLLEAGUE FROM AUSTRALIA HAD RECENTLY OBSERVED SOME PAINTINGS OF U.S. POWS IN THE HOME OF A RETIRED COMMUNIST CADRE IN DONG NAI PROVINCE VIETNAM. SINCE THE JOURNALIST WHO REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THE PAINTINGS HAD ALREADY RETURNED TO AUSTRALIA, THIS REPORT WAS PASSED TO DIA/PW-MIA FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION. ADDITIONALLY, SA ACCOMPANIED BY STONEY BEACH-HONG KONG REP, MR MCILAY, OBSERVED A PHOTOGRAPH DISPLAYED AT THE MILITARY MUSEUM IN HANOI DURING 1984 WHICH DEPICTED ONE LIVE AMERICAN CAUCASIAN POW. THE CAPTION INDICATED THE MAN WAS CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE OF BINH GIA IN 1964. THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AND FORWARDED TO JCRC ANALYSTS).

D. DURING HIS TOUR AS CHIEF OF THE U.S. OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS IN HANOI, SA REQUESTED THE VNOSMP TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH FORMER EPO INTERPRETER MR NGUYEN HUNG TRI, BUT THE VNOSMP INDICATED A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING A CADRE WITH THIS NAME. IN OCTOBER 1991, SA, ACCOMPANIED BY DIA SPECIAL OFFICE FOR POW/MIA AFFAIRS RESEARCHER/HISTORIAN, DR SYDOW, PROCEEDED TO THE ADDRESS FOR MR TRI PROVIDED BY REFUGEE SOURCES IN MALAYSIA DURING 1979. THE SPECIFIC STREET ADDRESS WAS THEN ADDED TO A LIST OF POTENTIALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE WITNESSES, INCLUDING FORMER ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT CHIEF, LTG THAN VAN QUANG, CURRENTLY THE CHAIRMAN OF VIETNAM'S NATIONAL WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION. THIS LIST WAS PROVIDED TO THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE DURING NOVEMBER 1991, AS PART OF A LARGER LIST SUBMITTED BY SA IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION FROM SENATOR MCCAIN DURING THE HEARINGS, REQUESTING SA'S OPINION CONCERNING POSSIBLE AREAS FOR INCREASED COOPERATION ON THE PART OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT ORIENTED TOWARD FACILITATING RAPID RESOLUTION OF THE LIVE SIGHTING/DISCREPANCY CASE ISSUE. THIS LIST WAS PASSED TO SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN MANH CAM BY THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE IN HANOI DURING APRIL 1992. THIS LIST WAS ALSO INCLUDED IN SA'S PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DISCREPANCY CASE LEADS DATED 26 MAY 1992. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIVING THESE LISTS, THE VNOSMP DID ARRANGE FOR MR TRI TO BE INTERVIEWED, AND LTG THAN VAN QUANG SURFACED TO MEET WITH

GEN VESSEY ON 30 JANUARY 1992. HE SURFACED AGAIN MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE SOLOMAN ON 5 MARCH 1992. ANOTHER CADRE LISTED IS THE CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, PG VU YUAN VINH, AKA THAN XUAN VINH. HE ACCOMPANIED DEFENSE MINISTER, GEN DOAN KHUAT, DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH GEN VESSEY. OTHER CADRE LISTED WHO HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED AS A RESULT OF THIS LIST INCLUDE: THE FORMER HEAD OF THE EPO, WHO WORKED WITH SA FOR TWO MONTHS DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING, SR COL RUI PHANH NGON; DEPUTY POW POLICY OFFICE CHIEF, TRUONG HUYNH MAO; FORMER CHIEF OF THE DESERTER SECTION DAO SY TO; FORMER POW POLICY OFFICE CHIEF, SR COL PHAM VAN BAN; FORMER EPO CADRE, NGUYEN DAU; FORMER EPO CHIEF, MG VO VAN THOI; FORMER EPO CADRE/INTERPRETER, WHO ALSO WORKED WITH SA FOR TWO MONTHS DURING OPERATION HOMECOMING, COL NGUYEN MINH Y, AKA "RABBIT". APPARENTLY THE VIETNAMESE ARE CONTINUING TO VIEW THE POW/MIA ISSUE AS A "U.S. PROBLEM", AND THEY INTEND TO RESPOND ONLY TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS FROM THE U.S. SIDE. THE PERSONNEL IN THE VNOSMP HAVE IMPLIED THAT THEIR HANDS ARE TIED AND THEY CAN ONLY ACT IN RESPONSE TO U.S. INITIATIVE. THIS PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AT THE TIME THE LISTS WERE PRESENTED TO

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THEIR SUPERIORS. THEY ARE PROBABLY DISAPPOINTED BY WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS AN EXTREMELY SLOW RESPONSE IN FOLLOWING UP THESE REQUESTS, ESPECIALLY REGARDING LTG QUANG, SINCE HE REPORTEDLY AUTHORED THE DOCUMENT PERTAINING TO U.S. POWS DISCOVERED IN THE SOVIET ARCHIVES DURING FEBRUARY 1993).

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