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SUBJ: SRY ORAL HISTORY, NGUYEN DAU

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1. REF WAS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM BY JTF-FA SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MR G.E. PEIL, DURING THE PERIOD 3 TO 19 MARCH 1993. PARA 2G OF REF REFERS TO MR NGUYEN DAU. THE FOLLOWING REPORT PROVIDES THE DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH MR DAU. THE INTERVIEW WAS MONITORED BY ASSIGNED COUNTERPART AND MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) REP, LTC PHAM TEO, AND MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR (MOI) REP, MR NGUYEN THE CONG. REPRESENTING THE HO CHI MINH CITY PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE WERE THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS FOR SOUTHERN VIETNAM, MR BUI DAC TAM (TAAM), THE CITY MILITARY COMMAND REP, LTC THAN VAN TAN (TAAN), AND THE CITY PUBLIC SECURITY REP, MAJ NGUYEN VAN HA (HAS).

2. MR NGUYEN DAU (ZAAUR), AKA BAY (?) DAU, A 62 YEAR OLD NATIVE OF GO VAP DISTRICT, SAIGON CITY, WAS INTERVIEWED IN HO CHI MINH CITY ON 12 MARCH 1993. SOURCE SAID HE REGROUPED TO NORTH VIETNAM AND JOINED THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) WHEN THE COUNTRY WAS DIVIDED IN 1954. SOURCE RE-INFILTRATED SOUTH VIETNAM DURING 1960 WITH THE PAVN 9TH DIV. SOURCE'S INITIAL TASKING WAS TO TEACH THE PROPER TECHNIQUES FOR HANDLING US POWS TO ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH DIV. SOURCE WAS INSTRUCTED TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON KIND TREATMENT OF THE POWS AND SPEED IN EVACUATING THEM TO THE CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN). SOMETIME DURING 1967, SOURCE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ENEMY

PROSELYTING OFFICE (EPO), POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION ARMED FORCES (SVNIAF). SOURCE'S INITIAL ASSIGNMENT WAS BATTALION COMMANDER OF INTER-TEAM (LIEN DOI) "B", WHICH PRIMARILY HELD POWS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN). WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED AT THE CAMP THERE WERE ALSO FOUR AMERICANS ALREADY BEING HELD THEREIN AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE THE IDENTITIES OF THE FOUR US POWS, AND COULD ONLY RECALL THAT ALL FOUR WERE CAUCASIANS. NONE OF THE FOUR MEN WERE WOUNDED. NONE OF THE FOUR COULD SPEAK VIETNAMESE. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ANY OF THE MEN (I.E. EYEGLASSES, TATOOS, SCARS). SOMETIME DURING MID-1969 SOURCE WAS REASSIGNED TO THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ELEMENT OF THE HQ, SVNIAF, AND THE FOUR US POWS WERE PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF SOURCE'S DEPUTY, MR KIEN (KIENJ). WHEN SOURCE DEPARTED THE CAMP IN MID-1969, ALL FOUR US POWS WERE HEALTHY. AFTER HE DEPARTED, SOURCE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ABOUT THE FOUR AMERICANS AGAIN. THE DEPUTY, MR KIEN, WAS LATER KILLED IN ACTION DURING A BATTLE AT TONG KHUEN. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC LOCATION FOR THE CAMP, BECAUSE IT WAS MOVED FREQUENTLY.

3. SOURCE SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING CAMPS B-17, B-22, B-23, OR C-53. SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE US POWS HELD IN HIS CAMP WERE MILITARY OR CIVILIANS BECAUSE THEY WERE WEARING ISSUED BLACK PAJAMAS. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT ANY RECORDS. INTER-TEAM "B" CAMP COMMUNICATED WITH THE EPO BY HAND CARRIED MESSAGES AND NO SIGNAL EQUIPMENT WAS MAINTAINED AT THE CAMP. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL ANY INSTANCE WHERE US POWS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED OR REQUIRED TO HAVE ORAL STATEMENTS RECORDED ON TAPE. SOURCE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF FOREIGN ADVISORS PRESENT AT THE CAMP. SOURCE ALSO HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VISITING DELEGATIONS FROM THE FOREIGN PRESS. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL ANY INSTANCE WHERE US POWS WERE ALLOWED TO SEND OR RECEIVE MAIL. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT ANY CRASH SITES OR GRAVE SITES. SOURCE DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM.

4. SOURCE WAS ABLE TO RECALL THE FOLLOWING CADRE ASSIGNED TO INTER-TEAM "B" CAMP: "HOA" (HOA), A COMPANY COMMANDER WHO WAS KILLED DURING THE WAR; CAT (CATS), AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM. (NOTE: ACCORDING TO LOCAL OFFICIALS, MR CAT WAS RECENTLY

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INTERVIEWED BY A US INVESTIGATION ELEMENT DURING A JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY); HUONG (HWONG), A COMPANY COMMANDER FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM, CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO SOURCE. SOURCE SAID HIS SUPERVISOR WAS EPO CHIEF, NGO DUC TAI, AKA MUOI (12) TAI. (NOTE: SA'S TENTATIVE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE HAS SR COL TAI LISTED FOR 8 MAY 93). THE DEPUTY EPO CHIEF WAS PA BAN. (NOTE: SR COL PHAM VAN BAN, AKA BA (3) BAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN HANOI ON 7 JAN 93. SEE DDT 1 JTF-FA MSG 261015Z JAN 93).

5. COMMENTS:

A. SOURCE WAS GENERALLY COOPERATIVE BUT DEFLECTED QUESTIONS DIRECTED TOWARD OTHER CAMPS. FOR EXAMPLE, SOURCE STATED HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FORMER GUARD FORCE COMMANDER, BAO BINH, BUT CLAIMED THAT SINCE BAO BINH HAS ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER CAMP, SA WOULD HAVE TO CONTACT HIM INDIVIDUALLY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THAT PARTICULAR CAMP.

B. SOURCE QUESTIONED THE NECESSITY OF ASKING HIM ABOUT CERTAIN TOPICS HE CONSIDERED AS BEING UNRELATED TO THE INTERVIEW (I.E. HIS AGE, POB, ALIAS). SOURCE'S PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS AND DEMEANOR SUGGEST THAT HE MAY BE AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR WHO WAS DETACHED TO WORK FOR THE EPO OF THE PAVN.

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