

SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY ADDITIONAL US PERSONNEL IN DETENTION. SOURCE WORKED AS THE DEPUTY POLICY OFFICE CHIEF UNTIL 1972 WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PUBLIC SECURITY. SOURCE ASSUMED HIS CURRENT DUTY POSITION AS CHIEF OF THE PEOPLE'S INSPECTORATE SHORTLY AFTER THE WAR ENDED.

5. WHEN ASKED FOR HIS OPINION CONCERNING CADRE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON US PERSONNEL STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR, SOURCE WAS ABLE TO RECALL THE FOLLOWING:

A. SR COL TAM HUY, A FORMER INTERPRETER WITH GOOD CAPABILITY IN ENGLISH. (NOTE: SR COL HUY HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED DURING A PREVIOUS TRIP).

B. SR COL TRUNG (POSSIBLY NGUYEN VAN TRUNG), THE FORMER CHIEF OF ENEMY PROSELYTING FOR THE 9TH PAVN DIV. (NOTE: SR COL WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED, THE RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY).

C. SR COL NGO DAT TAI, AKA MUOI (10) TAI, THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE EPO. (NOTE: SR COL TAI IS INCLUDED IN SA'S NEXT TENTATIVE INTERVIEW TRIP NAME LIST WITH REQUESTED DATE OF INTERVIEW AS 6 MAY 1993).

D. SR LT NGUYEN HUNG TRI, A FORMER ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER. (NOTE: LLT TRI HAS ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED).

E. MR "VAN", THE COMMANDER OF B-22 INTELLIGENCE CAMP. (NOTE: SOURCE CLAIMED ONLY A VAGUE RECOLLECTION OF MR "VAN" AND NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE B-22 CAMP. SEE COMMENT 8C BELOW REGARDING MR "VAN").

6. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF CRASH SITES OR GRAVE SITES, SOURCE SAID HE COULD RECALL ONLY ONE INCIDENT. SOURCE SAID THAT SOMETIME DURING THE MID- 1960'S HE HEARD ABOUT A US L-19 AIRCRAFT THAT CRASHED IN THE WAR ZONE "D" AREA. SOURCE VAGUELY RECALLED THAT THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE WAS CALLED "BA DA" (BAR DDAR) BY LOCALS. (NOTE: SOURCE MAY BE REFERRING TO THE MA DA SECRET ZONE (I.E. FORMER BASE OF REAR SERVICES GROUP DB14), ON THE MA DA RIVER WHICH RUNS ALONG THE PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN DONG NAI AND SONG BE, EAST OF PHUOC VINH). SOURCE HEARD THAT RELATIVES OF THE PILOT TRAVELED FROM DONG NAI (I.E. WARTIME BIEN HOA PROVINCE/UL) TO THE AREA OF THE CRASH SITE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF THE PILOT. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE VISIT. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL THE NAME(S) OF THE INDIVIDUAL(S) WHO RELATED THE ACCOUNT CONCERNING THE L-19 CRASH INCIDENT TO HIM, BUT SOURCE DID SUGGEST THAT WE CONTACT FORMER CADRE OF MR7 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS. (NOTE: BASED ON SOURCE'S LIMITED DESCRIPTION, HE MAY BE REFERRING TO REFNO 0043, DAWSON). SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INCIDENT.

7. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING THE MILITARY PROSELYTING OFFICE,

SOURCE SAID HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE ORGANIZATION BECAUSE IT'S ACTIVITIES AND CAMP SYSTEM WERE UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND COMPLETELY SEPARATED FROM THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE DURING THE WAR. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF ANY US PERSONNEL REMAINING IN VIETNAM AFTER THE WAR SOURCE SAID THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE ALL US PERSONNEL WERE RELEASED DURING 1973.

8. COMMENTS:

A. SOURCE WAS GENERALLY COOPERATIVE BUT ALSO PROFESSIONALLY EVASIVE THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW. AS A FORMER DEPUTY OF THE POLICY SECTION CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE AT LEAST INDIRECT KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING OTHER CAMPS IN THE SYSTEM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOURCE IS WAITING FOR AN INTERNAL EVALUATION OF HIS INTERVIEW RESULTS BEFORE BEING MORE FORTHCOMING AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, AFTER HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DO SO. AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS SOURCE HAS INDICATED THAT SOURCE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENEMY SITUATION (DICH TINH) ELEMENT (I.E. INTELLIGENCE/RESEARCH) OF THE POLICY SECTION, EPO. SOURCE

SKILLFULLY DEFLECTED ALL INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS PARTICULAR ELEMENT.

B. CONCERNING THE EPO CADRE, LE HOA, MENTIONED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, AT LEAST TWO SUCH CADRE WITH THE GIVEN NAME "HOA" HAVE THUS FAR BEEN IDENTIFIED. BASED ON THE ACCOUNTS RECEIVED THUS FAR, ONE OF THE CADRE IS PROBABLY DECEASED AS REPORTED BY THIS SOURCE. THERE IS STILL SOME CONFUSION, HOWEVER, CONCERNING THE ACTUAL WARTIME DUTIES AND POTENTIAL KNOWLEDGEABILITY OF BOTH INDIVIDUALS. SA'S TENTATIVE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TRIP HAS THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE EPO IN THE SOUTH DURING THE WAR, SR COL "HOA", LISTED FOR AN INTERVIEW SESSION ON 13 MAY 1993.

C. SA RECALLS A FORMER CADRE CALLED "VAN DUY", WHO WAS THE ACTING CHIEF OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING DEPARTMENT, GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTORATE, HQ PAVN, DURING THE MID 1960'S. DURING THIS SAME TIME FRAME THE HONORARY CHIEF OF THE EPD WAS A MOROCCAN, FORMER POW FROM THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION WHO ELECTED TO REMAIN IN VIETNAM AND WORK FOR THE EPD. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS GIVEN THE NAME "MA" (MAR) BY THE VIETNAMESE. PREVIOUS REPORTING INDICATES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WITH SIMILARITIES TO THE STAY-BEHIND "MA" WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS LABOR MEDAL FIRST CLASS (HUAN CHUONG LAO DONG HANG NHAT), BEFORE BEING SENT TO CUBA, ALONG WITH HIS VIETNAMESE WIFE, SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 1970'S. SA'S TENTATIVE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TRIP HAS SR COL VAN DUY LISTED FOR A SESSION ON 4 MAY 1993. SINCE SR COL VAN DUY WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE EPD FROM THE PAVN AIR FORCE, WHICH IS A RARE OCCURRENCE, AND THE FACT THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MOROCCAN STAY-BEHIND BEARS SOME SIMILARITIES TO THE "CUBAN" INTERROGATOR DESCRIBED BY RETURNING US POW'S, THE POSSIBILITY THAT SR COL VAN DUY WAS INVOLVED IN THE EXPLOITATION OF US POW'S FOR AVIATION/AVIONICS TECHNOLOGY WILL BE PURSUED DURING THE INTERVIEW SESSION. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE B-22 INTELLIGENCE CAMP CAN BE OBTAINED AT THAT TIME).

D. WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE BEN TRE AREA, SA OBSERVED THAT MILITARY HOSPITAL 120 OF MILITARY REGION NINE (QUAN Y VIEN QUAN KHU 9) IS CURRENTLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS FROM THE RACH MIEU FERRY LANDING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BEN TRE CITY. ALTHOUGH MR9 IS HEADQUARTERED IN CAN THO, IT APPEARS THAT THE MAIN MEDICAL FACILITY FOR THE DELTA AREA IS ACTUALLY LOCATED IN BEN TRE. A WAITRESS AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT SAID THE HOSPITAL WAS STAFFED PRIMARILY BY FORMER CADRE FROM THE VIET CONG K-20 FIELD HOSPITAL, WHICH PROVIDED MEDICAL TREATMENT TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNIST FORCES DURING THE WAR. THIS MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITY IS THE ONLY SUCH FACILITY CAPABLE OF PROCESSING REMAINS OBSERVED IN THE AREA BY SA.

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