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1. REF HAS THE SUMMARY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN VIETNAM BY JTF-FA SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MR G.E. BELL, DURING THE PERIOD 3 TO 19 MARCH 1993. PARA 2.J.OF REF REFERS TO MR NGUYEN KHAC TINH. THE FOLLOWING REPORT PROVIDES THE DETAILS OF THE INTERVIEW CONDUCTED WITH MR TINE. THE INTERVIEW HAS 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 (TRAM), THE CITY MILITARY COMMAND REP, LTC TRAN VAN TAN (TAAN), AND THE CITY PUBLIC SECURITY REP, MAJ NGUYEN VAN HA (HAS).

3. MR NGUYEN KHAC TINH, A 73 YEAR OLD NATIVE OF QUANG BINH AND FORMER DAC LAC PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY, WAS INTERVIEWED IN HO CHI MINH CITY ON 15 MARCH 1993. SOURCE SAID HE MOVED TO THE BAN ME THUAT AREA OF DAC LAC SOMETIME DURING 1945 TO FIGHT AGAINST THE FRENCH. SOMETIME DURING 1955 SOURCE RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF AN UNSPECIFIED ILLNESS. SOURCE RE-INFILTRATED THE DAC LAC AREA IN LATE 1950 OR EARLY 1961. SOURCE SERVED AS THE PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY AND WAS CONCURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY REGION FIVE (MR-5) PARTY COMMITTEE (KHU UY VIEN) UNTIL 1966 WHEN DAC LAC WAS PLACED UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF RANOI VIA THE B-3 FRONT. IN 1956 SOURCE

MOVED TO THE BINH LONG-PHUOC LONG AREA WHERE HE WORKED AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF MILITARY REGION SIX (MR-5), WHICH WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (CO SVN), AKA "R". SOURCE HFLD THAT POSITION UNTIL THE WAR ENDED IN 1975. SOURCE IS CURRENTLY RETIRED AND RESIDES AT 14 LE QUI DON STREET IN HO CHI MINH CITY.

3. SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE HAD NO DIRECT CONTACT WITH U.S. PERSONNEL DURING THE WAR. SOURCE SAID THAT DURING 1962, HE RECALLED HAVING BEEN INFORMED CONCERNING AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THE CAPTURE OF THREE FOREIGNERS FROM THE BUON EA ANA LEPROSARIUM. SOURCE RECALLED THAT FROM THE DAC LAC LOCAL FORCES RAIDED THE COMPOUND, CAPTURED ONE FEMALE DOCTOR, ONE MALE PREACHER, AND ONE MALE MECHANIC WHO MAY HAVE BEEN OF FILIPINO ORIGIN. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE THREE FOREIGNERS WERE CAPTURED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NGO DINH DIEM REGIME AND U.S. FORCES OPERATING IN THE DAC LAC AREA. THE RAIDING PARTY ALSO CAPTURED ONE VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT THE THREE FOREIGNERS FROM THE ARFA. AFTER CAPTURING THE THREE FOREIGNERS AT NIGHT, AND LOADING THEM INTO THE VEHICLE, THE RAIDING PARTY PROCEED SOUTH FROM THE LEPROSARIUM TO THE NORTH BANK OF THE KRONG K'NO RIVER. THE RAIDING PARTY HID THE VEHICLE AND THEN CROSSED THE RIVER SOUTHEAST OF QUANG PHU VILLAGE (ZU 2361) (NOTE: SHOWN AS BUON TSUKE ON U.S. MAPS) ENROUTE TO THE DAK PRI AREA IN DAK NONG DISTRICT. SHORTLY AFTER CROSSING THE RIVER, THE GROUP WAS ATTACKED BY FORCES OF THE "DIEM-NHU REGIME", AND AIRCRAFT WHICH DROPPED "SMALL BOMBS". THE ATTACK RESULTED IN SEVERAL COMMUNIST SOLDIERS OF THE LOCAL FORCE UNIT KIA AND SEVERAL WOUNDED. THE THREE FOREIGN PRISONERS WERE ALSO KILLED DURING THE ATTACK WHICH OCCURRED ABOUT 2900 TO 2900, ONE OR TWO DAYS AFTER THE THREE WERE CAPTURED. THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE RAIDING PARTY BURIED THE BODIES OF THE THREE PRISONERS SOUTH OF THE KRONG K'NO RIVER. THE RAIDING PARTY THEN WITHDREW TO OAK PRI.

4. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL A UNIT DESIGNATION FOR THE LOCAL FORCE UNIT DISPATCHING THE RAIDING PARTY. SOURCE BELIEVES THERE HAS NO SUCH DESIGNATION BECAUSE THE UNIT HAS FORMED SHORTLY BEFORE THE RAID OCCURRED. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL ANY WRITTEN RECORD BEING ESTABLISHED CONCERNING THE INCIDENT, AND BELIEVES THERE WAS NO SUCH RECORD, DUE TO WARTIME CONDITIONS. SOURCE BELIEVES IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO LOCATE THE BURIAL SITES OF THE THREE

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PRISONERS, DUE TO THE TIME LAPSE AND CHANGES IN THE TERRAIN. SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A "MR QUYET" (QUYFETS), WHO WAS ASSIGNED AS A CADRE IN THE KRONG ANA AREA AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. MR QUYET IS BELIEVED TO BE CURRENTLY RESIDING IN BAN ME THUAT CITY. SOURCE RECALLED THAT A CADRE CALLED "CU" (CUWS) WAS ASSIGNED TO DAK PRI AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. MR CU NOW RESIDES IN BAN ME THUAT CITY. SOURCE OPINED THAT MR CU SHOULD HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ANY FOREIGN PERSONNEL CAPTURED AND LATER MOVED TO THE DAK PRI BASE AREA.

5. SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER CAPTURE INCIDENTS. SOURCE ALSO CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF CRASH SITES OR GRAVE SITES. SOURCE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM AFTER THE WAR. CONCERNING POSSIBLE STAY-BEHINDS, SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT U.S. OFFICIALS CONTACT MR QUYET (NOTE: MENTIONED ABOVE), AND A "MR CAN" (CAANF) (SEE COMMENT 7C BELOW) IN BAN ME THUAT. SOURCE SAID ANY STAY-BEHINDS WOULD BE CONSIDERED A SECURITY MATTER, AND THAT MR QUYET AND MR CAN WORKED FOR THE MILITARY PROSELYTING COMMITTEE OF DAC LAC PROVINCE DURING THE WAR.

6. CONCERNING POTENTIAL WITNESSES FOR CASES IN OTHER AREAS, SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT MG TAN (8) HIEN (HIENF), THE FORMER COMMANDER OF MILITARY REGION SIX BE CONTACTED CONCERNING CAPTURE INCIDENTS IN THAT AREA. SOURCE SAID MG TAN HIEN BECAME THE PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY OF THUAN HAI PROVINCE WHEN THE WAR ENDED. MG TAM RIEN IS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN PHAN THIET CITY. FOR MILITARY REGION SEVEN CASES, SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT LTG NAM (5) NGA, THE FORMER COMMANDER OF MILITARY REGION SEVEN, BE CONTACTED. SOURCE SUGGESTED MR NGUYEN TRONG XUYEN, THE CURRENT DEPUTY COMMANDER OF PAVN REAR SERVICES, ALSO BE CONTACTED CONCERNING WARTIME INCIDENTS. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING CASE 1018 (OLSEN), SOURCE SAID HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT, BUT DOES RECALL THAT COMMO-LIAISON STATION T-8, IN CAMBODIA AND ADJACENT TO THE BORDER OF FORMER QUANG DUC PROVINCE, HAS SUBORDINATE TO MR-6. CONCERNING ANY U.S. PERSONNEL HELD AT COMMO-LIAISON STATION T-8, SOURCE SUGGESTED U.S. OFFICIALS CONTACT MR TU (4) NGUYEN, THE FORMER PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY OF SONG BE PROVINCE AND CONCURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE MR-6 PARTY COMMITTEE. MR TU NGUYEN CURRENTLY WORKS AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE SONG BE RUBBER ENTERPRISE.

7. COMMENTS:

A. SOURCE WAS COOPERATIVE, AND CONSIDERING HIS AGE, APPEARED TO HAVE AVERAGE RECALL. SOURCE INDICATED HE DESIRES BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND VIETNAM, AND HE INTENDS TO MAKE A PERSONAL EFFORT IN CONVINCING THE AUTHORITIES IN DAC IAC TO LOCATE THE REMAINS OF THE THREE POWS KILLED AFTER BEING CAPTURED AT THE BUON EA ANA LEPROSARIUM.

B. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SOURCE CORRELATES TO CASE 0011 (VITTI, GERBER, MITCHELL), WHICH IS A DISCREPANCY

CASE PREVIOUSLY INVESTIGATED IN DAC LAC. THE ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT AT THE BUON EA ANA LEPROSARIUM PROVIDED BY THIS SOURCE BEARS CERTAIN SIMILARITIES WITH THE ACCOUNTS RELATED DURING THE PREVIOUS FIELD INVESTIGATIONS BY MR BUON GIA QUI AND OTHERS. THE NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE IS THAT ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, THE THREE AMERICAN POWS WERE TAKEN ACROSS THE KRONG K'NO RIVER, RATHER THAN BEING KILLED BY THE RAIDING PARTY 500 TO 520 METERS FROM THE COMPOUND. SA CONTINUES TO HAVE DOUBTS CONCERNING BOTH VERSIONS, BUT THE ACCOUNT PROVIDED BY THIS SOURCE MORE CLOSELY CORRESPONDS TO SA'S OPINION THAT THE THREE WERE CAPTURED FOR USE IN TREATING WOUNDED COMMUNIST TROOPS IN THE WARTIME DAK PRI BASE AREA HOSPITAL. FORMER DEPUTY VNOSMP DIRECTOR, MR NGO HOANG, HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED A POSITION FOR UNILATERAL VNOSMP RECOVERY OF THE REMAINS, THUS PREVENTING U.S. INVESTIGATORS FROM DETERMINING THE ACTUAL BURIAL SITE, BY INDICATING THAT THE GIVES HAVE BEEN ROBBED BY LOCALS, ASSISTED BY PERSONS UNKNOWN.

C. BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER SOURCES IN QUANG NAM-DANANG, SA HAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE FORMER ENEMY PROSELYTING CADRE, AND CURRENT PROVINCE PARTY SECRETARY OF DAC LAC, MR CAN, IS

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ACTUALLY MR TRINH KUAN CHI. MR CHI MAY HAVE USED AN ADDITIONAL ALIAS OF "PHAM CHINH" WHILE WORKING IN THE MR-5 MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION DURING THE WAR.

D. CONCERNING DETENTION SITES IN MR-6, SOURCE SAID HE HAD HEARD OF BI DOUP CAVE, BUT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY AMERICANS WHO WERE DETAINED THERE.

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