

PRISONERS DID NOT MOVE WELL IN THE JUNGLE, HE SAID, CREATING UNSAFE SITUATIONS FOR THE VIETNAMESE, ESPECIALLY DURING B-52 STRIKES. HE ALSO SAID FEEDING AND CLOTHING THE PRISONER WAS TOO DIFFICULT AND COSTLY FOR MANY PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) UNITS.

E. HE RECALLED SEEING A MOVIE ABOUT AMERICAN PW'S AT CHRISTMAS TIME, IN WHICH PRISONERS SANG CHRISTMAS SONGS AND MADE PRESENTS FOR EACH OTHER. HE SAID THAT KHUONG XUAN QUE, A CADRE OF THE ENEMY PROSELYTING OFFICE; A MAN NAMED THU (NFI), AND SEVERAL OTHERS ORGANIZED THE PARTY FOR THE PW'S.

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F. MR. FLANAGAN ASKED MR. THAO IF HE KNOWS OF ANY "CROSS-OVERS" STAYING IN VIETNAM DURING OR AFTER THE WAR. MR. THAO SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE WERE NONE.

G. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONING, MR. THAO SAID THAT HE IS UNAWARE OF ANY U.S. PW'S IN VIETNAM SINCE 1973.

H. MR. THAO SAID THAT THE U.S. WAS VERY GOOD AT RECOVERING THE BODIES OF LOST SOLDIERS DURING THE WAR, BUT THERE IS PROBABLY VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF FINDING REMAINS OF SERVICEMEN NOW. HE CITED THE CHANGES IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS BECAUSE OF SEVERE WEATHER, HEAVY U.S. BOMBING DURING THE WAR, AND LACK OF RECORDS AND WITNESSES AFTER 25 YEARS AS REASONS FOR THIS.

I. WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. THAO, THE JOINT TEAM AGREED TO CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW.

4. CORRELATIONS TO EXISTING POW/MIA CASES. NONE.

5. POTENTIAL LEADS.

A. MR. THAO REFERENCED A FILM ABOUT A GROUP OF PRISONERS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS. KHUONG XUAN QUE, NUMBER 7 OF THE LIST OF 83, WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE JOINT TEAM ON 17 MAY 93, AND WAS, ACCORDING TO MR. THAO, ORGANIZER OF THE PARTY. A MAN NAMED THU

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RMKS/
(NFI) AND SOME OTHERS WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY INVOLVED WITH THE
MAKING OF THIS FILM.

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B. ACCORDING TO MR. THAO THERE WAS A B3 SECRET DOCUMENTS FACILITY IN THE NHA TRANG DURING 1977 AND 1978. THE DOCUMENTS HELD THERE ACCORDING TO MR. THAO, DID NOT CONTAIN IDENTIFYING PW INFORMATION, BUT MAY HAVE PROVIDED FURTHER LEADS FOR JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAMS. HE DID NOT KNOW IF THE FACILITY OR THE DOCUMENTS STILL EXIST.

6. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE. THIS SOURCE BROUGHT NO RECORDS, NOTEBOOKS, DIARIES, OR ANY MATERIAL EVIDENCE ASSOCIATED WITH UNACCOUNTED FOR U.S. PERSONNEL.

7. COMMENTS.

A. THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TEAM CONFERRED ON THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED DURING THIS INTERVIEW. TEAM MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE NEED TO REINTERVIEW THIS SUBJECT WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. THAO ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW TEAM'S FUTURE WORK.

B. REQUEST THE VNOSMP MAKE NGUYEN DINH THAO AVAILABLE FOR REINTERVIEW IF NECESSARY.//

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