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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, ASA MUOI (12) TAI. (NOTE: SA'S TENTATIVE INTERVIEW SCHEDULE HAS SR COL TAI LISTED FOR 8 MAY 93). THE DEPUTY EPO CHIEF WAS BA BAN. (NOTE: SR COL PHAM VAN BAN, ASA BA (3) BAN WAS INTERVIEWED IN HANOI ON 7 JAN 93, SEE DDT 1 JTF-FA MSG 261015Z JAN 93).

C. 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 DEFANOR 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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