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SUBJ/ INTERVIEW OF REQUESTED SOURCE, NGUYEN VAN THU//

RMKS/

DISTRICT, DURING OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF 1969. THE AMERICAN

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CONGRESS, HE SAID, PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO THIS BATTLE BECAUSE PART OF THE 324TH DIVISION AND THE 6TH REGIMENT, 101ST AIRBORNE WAS SEVERELY DEFEATED. HE SAID THAT U.S. BOMBING CAUSED MANY DEATHS IN THE AREA.

(6) ON 21 JULY 1971, MR. THU SAID, THERE WAS A BATTLE AT TAY LUAT HIGH POINT (EXACT LOCATION UNKNOWN) IN A LUOI DISTRICT. THE PAVN 6TH REGIMENT ATTACKED AN ELEMENT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 12. HE RECALLED THAT HIS TROOPS CAPTURED ONE BLACK AMERICAN DURING THE BATTLE. THREE ESCORTS WERE ASSIGNED TO TAKE HIM TO GROUP 559. HE SAID THAT WAS THE LAST TIME HE HEARD ABOUT THIS PW.

F. MR. THU SAID THAT IN GENERAL MANY AMERICAN PRISONERS AS WELL AS VIETNAMESE WERE KILLED WHILE BEING EVACUATED TO HANOI. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE FEELING OF LOSS IS GREAT, THE VIETNAMESE ACCEPT IT AS A FACT OF WAR AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR LOST COMPATRIOTS WILL NEVER BE FOUND.

G. WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS FOR MR. THU, THE JOINT TEAM AGREED TO CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW.

4. CORRELATIONS TO EXISTING POW/MIA CASES. NONE.
5. POTENTIAL LEADS. NONE.

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

7. COMMENTS.

A. THROUGHOUT THIS INTERVIEW MR. THU'S STATEMENTS WERE LENGTHY AND OFTEN AMBIGUOUS. SEVERAL TIMES HE RESTATED OR ADDED NEW INFORMATION TO A PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED SUBJECT WHILE ADDRESSING A DIFFERENT SUBJECT. THE INTERVIEWERS HAD TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION AT SEVERAL POINTS DURING THE INTERVIEW, BUT THE SUBJECT'S REPLIES WERE NOT ALWAYS CLEAR. ALTHOUGH MR. THU SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO HELP THE JOINT TEAM IN ANY WAY HE COULD, HE APPEARED TO MAKE HIS RESPONSES AS LENGTHY AS POSSIBLE AND APPEARED IRRITATED WITH REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION.

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

C. REQUEST THE VNOSMP MAKE NGUYEN VAN THU AVAILABLE FOR RE-INTERVIEW IF NECESSARY.//

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