



WAS PHYSICALLY LOCATED. THE PARTY SECRETARY OF THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION FRONT WAS MR LE HANH (HANHJ), WHO SOURCE RECALLED IS NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. SOURCE BELIEVES MR HANH IS MORE QUALIFIED THAN HE TO DISCUSS US POW'S HELD BY VIETNAMESE FORCES INSIDE LAOS DURING THE WAR.

5. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING OTHER CADRE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING US POW/MIA, SOURCE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING NAMES: MR GIAI, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION (BAN BINH VAN TINH UY), NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN HUE CITY. MR THU (LNU) AKA THU MEO MIENG (I.E. TWISTED MOUTH THU), WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE MOUTH DURING THE WAR. MR THU WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF THE PROVINCE PARTY COMMITTEE. HE IS NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN HUE CITY. SOURCE SAID

THAT ALTHOUGH MR GIAI AND MR THU WERE ASSIGNED TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF THE PROVINCE PARTY RATHER THAN THE TRI THIEN MR ENEMY PROSELYTING SECTION, THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH US PERSONNEL DURING THE WAR. PAVN MG THU (LNU), THE FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF FOR TRI THIEN MR, NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN THE TAY LOC AREA NEAR THE MANG CA AIRFIELD (YD747230), INSIDE THE CITADEL OF HUE CITY. SR COL BUI KHAC TOAN (TOANF), THE FORMER DEPUTY OPERATIONS OFFICER (TRO LY TAC CHIEN) FOR TRI THIEN MR, NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN HUE CITY. SR COL NGUYEN TRONG DANH (ZANH), THE FORMER OPERATIONS OFFICER FOR TRI THIEN MR, NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN HUE CITY. (NOTE: SOURCE RECENTLY HEARD THAT A SR COL DANH DIED IN HUE CITY, BUT SOURCE IS NOT SURE WHETHER THE REPORTED DECEASED AND SR COL NGUYEN TRONG DANH MENTIONED BY HIM ARE THE SAME PERSON). MR LE DANH (ZANH) (POSSIBLY LE NGOC DANH), THE FORMER DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR (PRO BAN CHU NHIM) OF THE TRI THIEN MR POLITICAL SECTION, NOW RETIRED AND RESIDING IN QUANG TRI. SOURCE HEARD THAT MR DANH WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED AS THE HEAD OF THE VIETNAM WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION IN QUANG TRI.

WHEN ASKED FOR HIS OPINION AS TO WHAT IMMEDIATE ACTION US INVESTIGATORS MIGHT TAKE TO OBTAIN LEADS CONCERNING US PERSONNEL STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN THE THUA THIEN-HUE PROVINCE AREA, SOURCE SUGGESTED THAT THEY GO TO WESTERN THUA THIEN AND QUANG TRI PROVINCES. SOURCE OPINED THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS OF HUONG HOA DISTRICT IN QUANG TRI, AND A LUOI DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN-HUE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AT LEAST SOME INFORMATION OF INTEREST. SOURCE SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAMES OF CADRE IN QUANG TRI, BUT DID SUGGEST THAT US INVESTIGATORS CONTACT LTC KHOA (KHOAS), THE DISTRICT MILITARY COMMANDER, AND LTC TI LE (LEE), THE FORMER DISTRICT PUBLIC SECURITY CHIEF IN A LUOI DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, BOTH LTC KHOA AND LTC LE WERE ASSIGNED TO THE A LUOI AREA DURING THE WAR.

7. COMMENT

A. ALTHOUGH SOURCE WAS NOT UNCOOPERATIVE, HE WAS VERY IMPATIENT AND CONSTANTLY ASKED IF SA WAS FINISHED WITH THE INTERVIEW. SOURCE CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZED HIS ROLE AS A PARTY OFFICIAL, RATHER THAN A MILITARY MEMBER. AT TIMES SOURCE WAS ACTUALLY JOULAR IN THIS REGARD CAUSING THE MND REP, LTC TEO, TO APPEAR SOMEWHAT UNEASY. SA GAINED THE IMPRESSION THAT SOURCE PROBABLY KNOWS FAR MORE THAN HE REVEALED BUT BELIEVES HE SHOULD PASS ON THE NAMES OF OTHER POTENTIAL WITNESSES WITH SIMILAR KNOWLEDGE DUE TO SOURCE'S COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION. SA MADE NO ATTEMPT TO PREVENT SOURCE FROM TAKING THIS TACK AND BELIEVES THE NAMES PROVIDED BY SOURCE WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL, MORE CASE SPECIFIC LEADS.

E. SOURCE APPEARED TO BE IN UNUSUALLY GOOD HEALTH, CONSIDERING HIS AGE AND JUNGLE ENVIRONMENT LIFE STYLE THROUGHOUT THE WAR YEARS. LTC TEO DID ADVISE HOWEVER, THAT SOURCE SUFFERS FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND UNABLE TO WITHSTAND LONG INTERVIEW SESSIONS. SOURCE WAS NOT CONCLUSIVE TO MAP TRACKING AND CLAIMED BAD VISION.

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