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Ha Tay - Bat Bat

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From: JCRC-LNO
To: Commander, JCRC

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Subj: REMAINS STORED IN ~~BAT BAT PRISON~~ (U)

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1. (C) Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: Do Van Ho, AKA Duong Viet Ho (M)
- b. DPOB: 23 Mar 46 (also reported 23 Mar 34); Dai Dong (V), My Van (D), Hung Yen (P)
- c. Occupation:
 - Pre-1975: Communications security cadre, PAVN, to 1970; Hoi Chanh, 1970-75
 - Post-1975: Prisoner, 1975-86; unemployed thereafter
- d. Present location: Quarantine Barracks, Site II, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
- e. Identification data: Boat #SG 0353
- f. Education: 4/12
- g. Languages: Vietnamese only
- h. Religion: Catholic
- i. Status: Asylum seeker
- j. Final address in Vietnam: 37/5 Trung Chanh (H), Trung My Tay (V), Hoc Mon (D), HCMC
- k. Date of arrival in 1st asylum: 8 May 89
- l. Date of information: 1977-79
- m. Resettlement address/POC: c/o Nguyen Thi Se (aunt), 5250 Gasmer Dr., Houston, TX 77035
- n. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Galang on 18-19 Jul 89 by James M. Coyle, GS-12, DOD.
- o. Map used: Scale: 1:50,000; Series: L7014; Sheet: 6051-II

2. (U) Summary: Source claims to have seen a remains storage facility while imprisoned at Bat Bat Camp from 1977 to 1979. He assumes the remains stored therein were American.

3. (C) Information: A former Hoi Chanh, Source was imprisoned in various northern Vietnamese facilities from June, 1975 to June, 1986. From June, 1977 to February, 1979 he was held in a prison camp he calls T1-66, located in Bat Bat (D), Ha Tay (Ha Son Binh). In this camp he was placed in the Zone B Separate Detention building (Khu B Biet Giam), where he occupied a cell in the northeastern corner (See attached map).

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4. (C) One night in 1977 Source climbed out of a window in his building and scaled a "sa cu" tree located in the Biet Giam compound. He had heard that there was ginseng growing around the building next door, and as that building was separated from the Biet Giam compound by a wall 2 meters high topped with barbed wire, he had to climb the tree to see over the wall. Inside the compound next door he saw a small, square building. The door to the building was open, so Source was able to see that it was divided into four rooms. In the rooms Source saw wooden boxes, and what he took to be American uniforms and towels scattered on the floor.

5. (C) Source immediately decided that he was looking at a storage facility for American remains. This belief was confirmed when, on a later occasion, Source saw PAVN troops carry five or six of the boxes out of the building and transfer the remains held in them to other boxes. On still another occasion, Source saw unboxed remains lying on shelves in the rooms of this building. He assumes the remains kept in the building are American, not only because of the uniforms he saw on first viewing the facility, but also because of the care exercised by the PAVN in charge of the building.

6. (C) Source recognized one of the PAVN in charge of the remains storage facility as a Senior Captain named "Teo" (LNU).

7. (C) The remains storage facility is located in the northwestern corner of the T1-66 compound. The compound walls, which are 3.5 meters high and crowned with barbed wire, form two sides of the storage compound. Walls to the south and east of the facility separate it from the main part of the T1-66 compound. These latter walls are 2 meters high. The southern wall, which separates the remains storage compound from the Biet Giam, is topped by barbed wire.

8. (C) In February, 1979, Source was transferred to the MR 3 camp at Kien An, Hai Phong. At the time of this transfer, the remains storage facility at T1-66 was still in use.


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9. (U) COMMENT: Source presented the foregoing information in an unconvincing manner, full of dramatic gestures and verbal exclamation points. When confronted with some of the more improbable features of his story, such as being able to see into all four rooms from his vantage point in the tree, and to recognize American uniforms and towels on the floor of this building at night, he nevertheless insisted that his account was the truth. Interviewer suspects that Source is trying to present hearsay information as firsthand, and is using his familiarity with certain aspects of the SRV penal/"re-education" system to enhance the credibility of his story.



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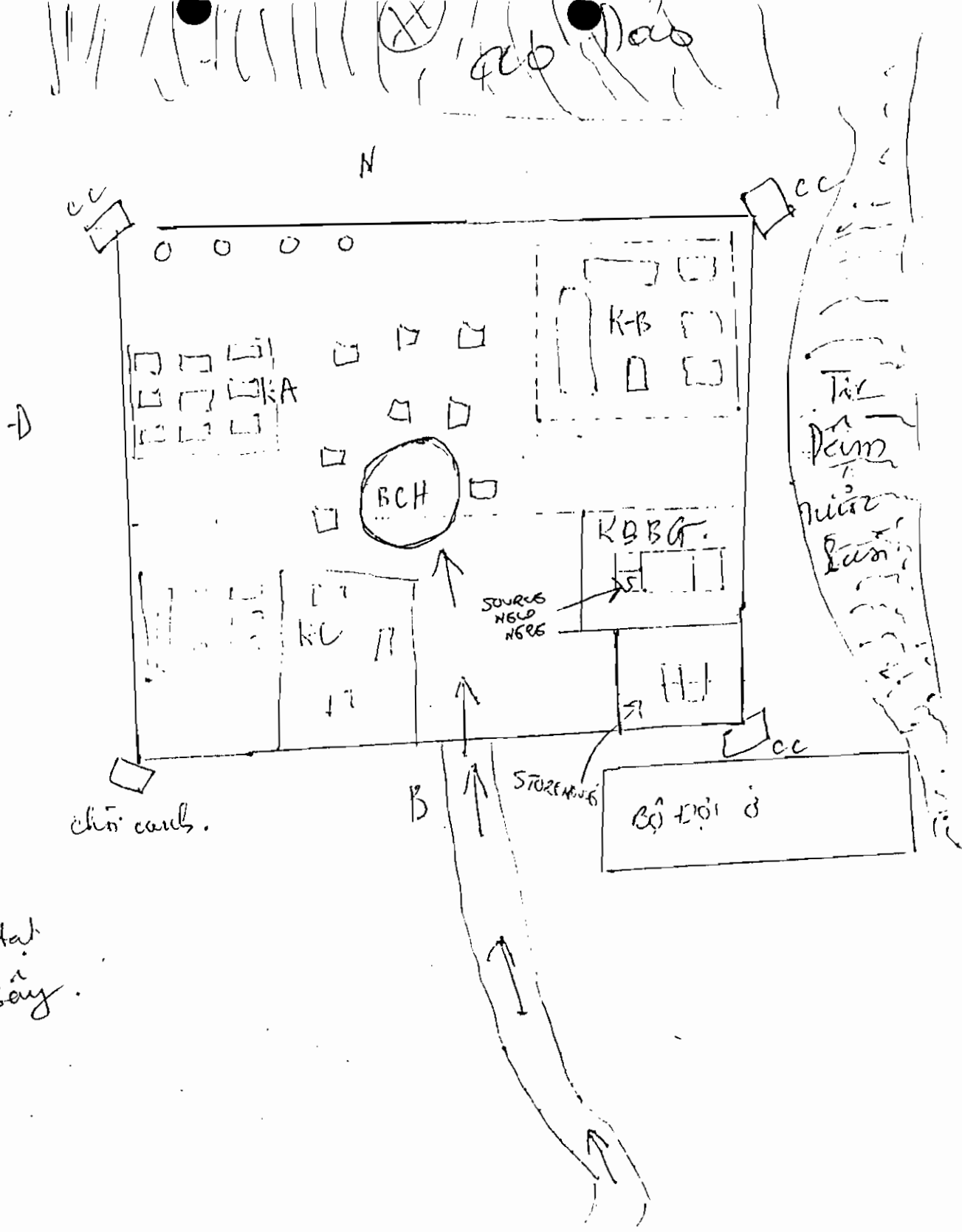
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