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<p>15. SUMMARY: (C) This report contains information on 30 US PW sighted at TU SON Village, XUAN MAI District, HA TAY Province, NVN, on 25 Sep 71; to include the prisoners' clothing, security measures, and their direction of travel. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.</p>		(Leave Blank)
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<p>1. (C) Background Information:</p> <p>a. Name: NGUYEN THE DIEN (NGUYENX, THEES DIEENL), CMIC FS 0159-72</p> <p>b. Rank: CPL</p> <p>c. Unit and Position: Squad Leader; 3d Sqd, 2d Plat, 1st Co, 89th Sapper Bn, 44th Front</p> <p>d. DPOB: 19 Aug 53; HUNG LINH Village, HUNG NGUYEN District, NGHE AN Province, NVN</p>		
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e. Parents' Names: Father, NGUYEN THE NHAN (NGUYEENX, THEES NHAAN), deceased; Mother, NGUYEN THI VIN (NGUYEENX, THIV VIN), living

f. Circumstances of Rallying. On 18 May 72 Source and four other men in his unit were sent to reconnoiter NON NUOC Airfield, DA NANG City, RVN, and a nearby PW camp. On 15 Jul 72, after completing the reconnaissance, Source slipped away from the other men and rallied to the 768th ARVN Regional Force in DA MAN Village, HOA VANG District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN. He rallied because he could not endure the hardships of combat and because he was afraid of death.

g. Significant Activities. Source lived with his parents at his POB from 1953 to 1970, and attended the village school from 1959 to 1970. He was drafted into the NVA on 2 Jan 71, and was taken to GIA LAM District, HA NOI Province, NVN, where he was assigned to the 1st Sqd, 2d Plat, 4th Co, 6th Sapper Bn, 305th Sapper Hq Command. He received sapper training with this battalion from Jan to Dec 71, and was promoted to PFC upon completing the course. On 30 Dec 71 the 6th Sapper Bn left GIA LAM District and went by train to VINH City, NGHE AN Province, NVN. Here the 45th Co was redesignated as the 1006th Infil Gp. Source did not know what became of the other companies of the 6th Bn. The 1006th Infil Gp travelled by truck to an unknown location in the border area of QUANG TRACH District, QUANG BINH Province, NVN. From there, the men of the 1006th Infil Gp travelled on foot through LAOS to LOC AN Village, DAI LOC District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN, arriving on 28 Feb 72. While in LAOS, Source was promoted to corporal and given the position of cell leader. The entire 1006th Gp was assigned to the 89th Sapper Bn, 44th Front. Source was assigned as leader of 1st Sqd, 2d Plat, 1st Co, 89th Bn, 44th Front, and continued to hold this position until 15 Jul 72, when he rallied to the GVN.

h. Additional References. CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; Defense Intelligence Agency, Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia (U), Volumes I and II, 23 May 72; Map: VIETNAM, AMS Series L7014, Edition 3, Sheet 6050 I, dtd 1966, Scale 1:50,000

2. (C) US PW Sighted in HA TAY Province, NVN:

a. Circumstances of Knowledgeability. At approximately 0900 or 1000 hours on 25 Sep 71, Source observed a group of approximately 30 US PW being led through TU SON Village (vic WH478962), XUAN MAI District, HA TAY Province, NVN. Source observed the PW from a distance of from three to five meters for approximately two minutes.

b. Description of the PW. Source could not recall a description of any of the PW, and he was unable to identify any of them from photographs in Defense Intelligence Agency's two volumes, Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia (U). Source heard that all of the PW were Air Force pilots (NFI). They were dressed in civilian clothing; some wore white shirts and long black trousers and some wore black shirts and green trousers.

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<p>c. Security Measures. The PW were not blindfolded but their hands were tied behind their backs. They were tied to each other by a long rope, and were guarded by 12 NVA soldiers armed with AK-47s. The guards walked along both sides of the trail to keep passers-by from throwing stones. Some children threw stones at the PW.</p> <p>d. Direction of Travel. The PW were moving in the direction of HANOI City. NVN.</p> <p>(C) COMMENTS: Source was cooperative and appeared to be of average intelligence. Control questions revealed no attempts at deception.</p>		(Leave Blank)

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