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<p>(C) This report contains information on a US PW camp sighted in late Mar 69, in HA TAY Province, NVN, to include circumstances of sighting and camp description. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.</p>		
<p>1. (C) Background Information</p> <p>a. Name: TRAN SI KHAM (TRAAANL, SIX KHAAM), aka PHAN HUNG (FAN, HUNGL), CMIC 0320-71</p> <p>b. Rank: CPL</p> <p>c. Position and Unit of Assignment: Asst QM; Z-28 Sapper Bn, WS-5</p> <p>d. DPOB: 1948; BINH NGUYEN Village, KIEN XUONG District, THAI BINH Province, NVN</p>		
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<p>e. Parents' Names: Father, TRAN SI THIEM (TRANL, SIX THIEEM), deceased; Mother, PHAM THI NGANG (FAMV, THIV NGANGS), living</p> <p>f. Circumstances of Capture. While on a rice supply mission, Source was captured by an unidentified element of the 5th ARVN Div at (vic XU524436) in KRATIE Province, CAMBODIA, on 21 Feb 71.</p> <p>g. Significant Activities:</p> <p>(1) DOB to 27 Jan 70. Source lived at his POB until he joined the NVA, attending his village school from 1958 to 1967. After quitting school, Source worked as a farmer on his village's cooperative farm until Apr 68, at which time he joined the NVA and was assigned to the 6th Sqd, 2d Plat, 2d Co, 446th Inf Bn, 568th Regt, 330th Div. The 446th Bn was located in LUC NGAN District, HA BAC Province, NVN. Source received basic infantry and infiltration training with his battalion from Apr to Dec 68, at which time he was reassigned to the 2d Plat, 2d Co, 11th Sapper Training Bn, 305th Div, located in VAN LAM District, HAI HUNG Province, NVN. Source received sapper training with the 11th Sapper Bn from Jan to Jun 69, and then was reassigned to the 2d Plat, 2d Co, D-19 Sapper Training Bn, 305th Div, operating in CHUONG MY District, HA TAY Province, NVN, and LUONG SON District, HOA BINH Province, NVN. While with this unit, Source received additional sapper training from Jun to Dec 69. Upon completion of the training, Source was promoted to CPL, and the battalion rested until 27 Jan 70.</p> <p>(2) 27 Jan 70 to DOC. On 27 Jan 70, the D-19 Sapper Training Bn began infiltrating to the RVN as the 2162 Infil Gp, and ended the infiltration in the jungle area of KRATIE Province, CAMBODIA, on 4 May 70. The D-19 Bn then engaged in counter-offensive operations against Allied Forces in CAMBODIA until early Jul 70. At that time the D-19 Sapper Bn was assigned to WS-5, and designated Hamlet 28-B, and was located in KRATIE Province, CAMBODIA, with the mission of conducting combat operations against US/Allied Forces. Source was assigned as the assistant quartermaster for the rear service section, Hamlet 28-B. Source obtained orders for rice and salt from the rear service chief, and then went to a WS-5 cache, located in an unidentified area of KRATIE Province, CAMBODIA, to pick up the needed supplies. Source was given money by the rear service chief to purchase other needed supplies from nearby Cambodian villages. In Aug 68, Hamlet 28-B was redesignated the Z-28 Sapper Bn, replacing the former Z-28 Bn, which had been disbanded after being decimated during the Cambodian operation. Source remained assistant quartermaster until early Nov 70, at which time he was sent to the K-96 Dispensary of WS-5, located in KRATIE Province, CAMBODIA, for treatment of malaria. Source remained in the dispensary until late Dec 70, at which time he returned to his position of assistant quartermaster of the Z-28 Sapper Bn, and remained in that position until his DOC, on 21 Feb 71.</p> <p>h. Additional References: CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; US PW Photo Album, Hq, 525th MI Gp, dtd Nov 68; Map: VIETNAM, AMS Series L70L4, Sheet 6150 IV, Edition 1, dtd 1965, Scale 1:50,000</p>		<small>(Leave Blank)</small>
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## 2. (C) US PW Camp Sighting in HA TAY Province, NVN:

a. Circumstances of Sighting. At 1600 hours, on an undetermined day in late Mar 69, Source's unit, the 11th Sapper Training Bn, 305th Div, was passing through a hilly region of HA TAY Province, NVN, when Source observed what appeared to be a US PW camp. (Interrogator's Note: Through careful map tracking, it was determined that the camp was located three kilometers north of Highway 6, in a hilly region between Highway 21 and the CON River. (See map on page 4.) Source's unit had just completed technical sapper training in HUNG YEN Province, NVN, and was traveling to HA BAC Province, NVN, for further sapper training when the sighting occurred. Source's unit, the 2d Co, 11th Sapper Training Bn, 305th Div, was walking in single file when he spied the camp and used a pair of binoculars he was carrying to view the camp. He observed the camp for a little more than a minute at an estimated distance of 400 to 500 meters. He then passed the binoculars to fellow soldiers for a glance. He observed approximately 10 US PW dressed in white T-shirts, shorts, and boots, ~~playing ping-pong and volleyball.~~ (Interrogator's Note: Source discussed the sighting with other members of his unit and it was decided that the camp could only be a US PW camp because of its location and the elaborate security measures employed; hence, Source assumed the individuals he saw were US PW.)

b. Camp Description. The camp was surrounded by what Source surmised to be a barbed wire fence. One armed guard (type of weapon unknown) was standing at the gate. Outside of the fence stood several search lights. A trench, of undetermined demensions, surrounded the entire camp. Source was only able to observe two buildings (dimensions undeterminable) with roofs of worn tile, and walls painted a dull yellow.

c. Photo Identification. Source was unable to identify any of the PW from the US PW photo album.

(U) COMMENTS: Source was tested and scored Average (22) on the Cross-Cultural IQ Test. Source answered all questions willingly and his answers to control questions were consistent. This report partially satisfies the requirements of SICR D-7CX-49018.

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<p>Overlay of area believed to be the location of US PW camp, provided by captive, TRAN SI KHAM, CMIC 0320-71 (DOI: Mar 69)</p> <p>Map: VIETNAM, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6150 IV, Edition 1, dtd 1965, Scale 1:50,000</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>1. Highway 21</p> <p>2. CON River</p> <p>3. Highway 6</p> <p> Hilly region (located between Highway 21 and CON River)</p> </div>		<p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Leave Blank)</p>
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