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SUBJECT: JCRC RPT T87-181, AMERICAN WORKING IN A
 RE-ED CAMP IN NORTH VIETNAM (S/NF)

REF: JCRC LTR RET T87-182 (BY SAME SOURCE)

1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
 - A. NAME: NGUYEN VAN QUAN (M)
 - B. DPOB: 7 MARCH 1942; QUANG TRI PROVINCE
 - C. PROFESSION:
 - PRE -1975: REGULAR FORCES 1LT, SVC
 - NER 62/204707, ASSIGNED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADRE
 - POST-1975: RE-EDUCATION
 - D. PRESENT LOCATION: BLDG I-333, PHANAT NIKHOM REFUGEE CAMP, THAILAND
 - E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: CB 300931, 1567601
 - F. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: 12 YRS (TU TAI II DEGREE)
 - G. LANGUAGES SPOKEN: VIETNAMESE (NATIVE), ENGLISH AND FRENCH (SCHOOL STUDY)
 - H. RELIGION: CATHOLIC
 - I. STATUS: REFUGEE
 - J. DATE OF INFORMATION: 1976-1977
 - K. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED AT PHANAT NIKHOM REFUGEE CAMP, THAILAND ON 27 APR 1987 BY THOMAS R. MCKAY, CW2, USA.
 - L. OTHER: SOURCE ARRIVED IN CAMP ON 19 FEBRUARY 1987. HIS FINAL ADDRESS IN VIETNAM WAS 215 B/6 PRAN DANG IUD ST, PHU KHUAN DISTRICT, HCMC. SOURCE HAS A DAUGHTER, NGUYEN THI DANH, WHO LIVES AT 11810 ALGONGUIN #147, HOUSTON, TX 77089 WHO PROCESSED THROUGH INDONESIA AS A REFUGEE IN 1985.

2. INCIDENT SUMMARY: SOURCE PROVIDES HEAR-SAY INFORMATION CONCERNING AN AMERICAN WHO WORKED IN THE HA TAY RE-ED CAMP OPERATING A GENERATOR FROM AT LEAST 1976 TO 1977. END SUMMARY.

Ha Tay - Bat Bat

3. INFORMATION: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RELATED BY SOURCE TO INTERVIEWER AS FACT. PRIOR TO SOURCE'S DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM, HE MET AN ACQUAINTANCE AND FORMER ARVN LTC LY DINH CONG (LEE DINH COONG) WHO WAS FORMERLY IN THE LOGISTICS BRANCH. CONG TOLD SOURCE THAT IN 1976, WHILE A RE-EDUCATION INMATE AT HA TAY RE-ED CAMP IN NORTHERN VIETNAM, HE SAW FROM A DISTANCE AN AMERICAN WHO NORMALLY TOOK CARE OF AN ELECTRICAL GENERATOR AND WORKED IN THE GENERATOR SHED NEAR THE CAMP. THIS GENERATOR WAS NOT, HOWEVER, THE GENERATOR FOR THE CAMP, BUT A SEPARATE GENERATOR (NFI). CONG WAS NEVER ABLE TO PERSONALLY CONTACT THE AMERICAN AND COULD NOT TELL IF THE MAN WAS AN INMATE, PRISONER OF WAR, OR DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT THE MAN'S STATUS WAS. CONG TOLD SOURCE A STORY ABOUT THE MAN WHICH HE (CONG) CONSIDERED HUMOROUS, A STORY ABOUT CONG HAVING OBSERVED THE AMERICAN ON ONE OCCASION SMOKING "THUOC LAO" TOBACCO (A STRONG TOBACCO CALLED "LAOTIAN" TOBACCO) IN A BAMBOO WATER PIPE. ON AN APPROXIMATE WEEKLY BASIS, CONG OBSERVED THE AMERICAN LEAVE AND RETURN TO THE CAMP ALONG WITH AN AMERICAN IN A LARGE TRUCK TO TRANSPORT FUEL FOR THE GENERATOR. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE TYPE OR DESIGNATION OF THE VEHICLE USED, BUT RECALLED HE HAD THE IMPRESSION FROM CONG THAT THE VEHICLE WAS LARGER THAN A JEEP. CONG LAST SAW THE AMERICAN JUST PRIOR TO CONG'S TRANSFER FROM THE CAMP IN 1977 TO HA NAM NINH CAMP. CONG WAS RELEASED FROM RE-ED IN JANUARY 1982 AND CURRENTLY LIVES SOMEWHERE IN DISTRICT 4, HCMC (ADDRESS UNKNOWN BY SOURCE).

4. SOURCE UNDERWENT RE-EDUCATION FROM JUNE 1975 TO JANUARY 1978. HE WAS INITIALLY CONFINED IN L19 HCC MON RE-ED CAMP, WAS LATER MOVED TO T3 L19 CAMP AT LONG GIAO, AND THEN TO KHU B, Z30A CAMP AT GIA HAI, FROM WHERE HE WAS RELEASED. IN 1979, SOURCE ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM, WAS ARRESTED AND WAS THEN CONFINED IN THE BINH THANH DISTRICT TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER, HCMC, CHI HOA PRISON, HCMC AND THEN Z30D RE-ED CAMP FROM WHERE HE WAS RELEASED IN 1984. IN 1985, SOURCE AGAIN ATTEMPTED A BOAT ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM

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