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Ha Tay - Bat Bat ? Remains? Cotton-Lyman? Arlo Gay?

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SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT T85-103 AND REEVALUATION OF RPT T85-104 (U)

A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 300223Z MAR 85
B. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 270433Z MAY 85 (NOTAL)
C. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 290916Z MAR 85 (NOTAL)
D. CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 082100Z APR 85 (NOTAL)
E. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 290924Z MAY 85 (NOTAL)

1 cy REFNO-2001-01

1. ~~(S)~~ NGO VAN SAM, SOURCE OF REFS A AND C (T85-103 AND T85-104 RESPECTIVELY) PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANUFACTURE OF METAL BOXES HE BELIEVES WERE USED TO HOLD THE REMAINS OF AMERICANS AND HIS FIRSTHAND SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICANS IN BAT BAT PRISON.

2. ~~(S)~~ REF B WAS JCRC LNO RECOLLECTION THAT DURING ONE HANOI REPATRIATION, REMAINS WERE RETURNED IN METAL BOXES RATHER THAN WOODEN BOXES. IN THE MAR AND SEP 1977 REPATRIATIONS, U.S. REMAINS WERE RETURNED BY THE SRV IN METAL BOXES WHICH WERE OF THE SAME GENERAL SIZE AND CONSTRUCTION AS RELAYED BY THE SOURCE OF REF A.

3. (U) REF D WAS JCRC PRELIMINARY EVALUATION INDICATING NO CORRELATION TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF C BASED ON THE TIME FRAME OF THE LIVE SIGHTINGS PROVIDED BY SOURCE. REF E WAS REINTERVIEW OF NGO VAN SAM.

4. ~~(S/NF)~~ PER REF E REINTERVIEW, SOURCE CHANGED THE DATE OF HIS LIVE SIGHTING OF ONE AMERICAN TO 1976. BASED ON THIS TIME FRAME, ONE OF THE TWO AMERICANS SIGHTED WAS PROBABLY ARLO GAY. IN REF E, SOURCE ALSO STATED HE RECALLED HEARING CAMP CADRE TALKING IN SEPTEMBER 1976 ABOUT THE AMERICAN HAVING ESCAPED FROM THE FACILITY

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AND HAVING JUST BEEN RECAPTURED. ARLO GAY WAS TAKEN TO A PRISON BELIEVED TO BE BAT BAT NEAR BA VI MOUNTAIN AFTER HIS CAPTURE AND DETAINMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IN JULY 1976, MR. GAY ESCAPED FROM THE CONFINEMENT FACILITY, WAS RECAPTURED ALMOST A MONTH LATER AND RETURNED TO THE FACILITY.

5. ~~(S/NF)~~ NO CORRELATION CAN BE MADE TO THE SECOND AMERICAN SIGHTED BY NGO VAN SAM NEAR THE END OF 1978. OTHER AMERICANS HELD IN THE BAT BAT AREA WERE JAMES LEWIS AND PAUL STRUHARIK. HOWEVER, BOTH WERE RELEASED TO U.S. CONTROL PRIOR TO 1978.

6. (U) THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION AND NOT A FINAL EVALUATION.
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