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REPRODUCED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE

AT HIS SISTER'S HOUSE, NGO THI THUC, AT 585/29 PHAN DINH PHUNG ST, DISTRICT 3, HCMC. SOURCE THEN WORKED AS A SHOE MAKER IN HIS SISTER'S HOME, WHILE CONTINUING TO WORK FOR THE CHI CHIEU HOI OF DISTRICT 3 AS AN INFORMANT REPORTING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN HIS AREA. SOURCE LIVED AND WORKED HERE UNTIL THE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER IN 1975.

ON 5 JULY 1975, SOURCE WAS ARRESTED AND WAS FORCED INTO RE-EDUCATION AT THE TRAI GIAM CUC CHINH TRI MIEN DONG NAM BO AT THE THREE WAY INTERSECTION AT KATUM, TAY NINH (P), WHERE HE WORKED AS A BLACKSMITH IN THE CAMP MAKING SPADES AND HOES, UNTIL JUNE 1976. WHILE IN KATUM, SOURCE RECALLED ONE OCCASION HE WAS SEARCHING FOR METAL WHEN HE DISCOVERED THE WRECKAGE OF A C-130, AROUND WHICH WERE SCATTERED MANY 105 MM HOWITZER ROUNDS, MANY STILL UNEXPLODED. (NOTE: SOURCE WILL BE REINTERVIEWED ON THIS INCIDENT DURING THE NEXT TRIP TO SI KHIU). IN JUNE 1976, SOURCE AND APPROXIMATELY 300 OTHER INMATES WERE TAKEN BY VEHICLE TO THE BEN TEN CANG PORT BETWEEN BIEN HOA AND SAIGON WHERE THEY BOARDED TWO WAITING SHIPS AND SAILED TO THE BEN THUY PORT IN VINH CITY, NVN. THERE, THEY BOARDED A TRAIN AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO THUONG TIN (D) OF HA DONG (P), WHERE THEY WERE LOADED ON TRUCKS AND WERE TAKEN TO THE CENTRAL MILITARY PRISON 771, SON TAY (P), AKA BAT BAT PRISON (SEE SKETCH FORWARDED IN REFERENCE). SOURCE WAS CONFINED HERE FROM JUNE 1976 UNTIL HIS RELEASE ON 5 JANUARY 1980. UPON RELEASE, SOURCE RETURNED HOME TO HIS SISTER'S ADDRESS AND WORKED AS A GOLD MERCHANT WITH HIS WIFE. IN SEPTEMBER 1981, SOURCE AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO 164 BUI THI XUAN ST, WHERE HE LIVED WITH HIS WIFE AND HER DAUGHTER AS A GOLD MERCHANT UNTIL 4 OCTOBER 1983, WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED FOR THE OFFENSE OF BEING PRIVATE GOLD MERCHANTS. THEY WERE CONFINED IN THE DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER ON HUNG VUONG ST, HCMC IN CHO LON. SOURCE WAS IMPRISONED WITH HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WIFE AND NEPHEW FOR THREE MONTHS. AFTER THREE MONTHS, SOURCE AND HIS NEPHEW WERE RELEASED BUT HIS WIFE AND SOURCE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WERE TRANSFERRED TO CHI HOA, WHERE THEY WERE HELD UNTIL THEIR RELEASE IN JAN 1984. FROM JAN 1984 UNTIL THEIR ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM ON 19 OCTOBER 84, SOURCE WAS UNEMPLOYED, WORKING ONLY AT LIQUIDATING THEIR ASSETS. SOURCE CLAIMS THE FOLLOWING FAMILY MEMBERS: FATHER, NGO VAN MAO, DECEASED IN HANOI; MOTHER, VU THI MUI, DECEASED IN HANOI; SISTER NGO THI QUE, 57 LAM ONG ST, HANOI; SISTER NGO THI THUC, 113 NGUYEN THIEN THUAT ST, DISTRICT 3, HCMC; FATHER-IN-LAW NGUYEN TIEN TUU, 96/1/10 VO DI NGUY ST, PHU NHUAN; HCMC; MOTHER-IN-LAW GIANG THI NGO, 374

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