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REF: A. JCRC EKK MSG RPT T85-104, DTG 290915Z MAR 85.  
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1. [REDACTED] REF A AND REF B REPORTED RESULTS OF INITIAL INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT REFUGEE CONCERNING HIS FIRSTHAND SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICANS IN FAT BAT PRISON AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE MANUFACTURE OF BOXES HE BELIEVES WERE USED TO HOLD THE REMAINS OF AMERICANS. REF C LEVIED REINTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS.

2. [REDACTED] SOURCE WAS CONTACTED AND REINTERVIEWED IN MAY 85 AT SIKHIN REFUGEE CAMP, THAILAND. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS FORWARD RESULTS OF THE REINTERVIEW.

3. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED HE FIRST SAW AN AMERICAN IN THE FAT BAT PRISON SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER 1976 AND DID NOT SEE HIM AFTER JUNE 1977. SOURCE WAS HELD CAPTIVE IN FAT BAT FROM JUNE 1976 UNTIL HIS RELEASE ON 5 JANUARY 1980. ALSO IN SEPT 1976 SOURCE RECALLED HEARING CAMP CADRE TALK ABOUT THE MAN HAVING ESCAPED FROM THE FACILITY AND HAVING JUST BEEN RECAPTURED, CITING THIS AS THE REASON WHY THE MAN WAS THIN. ACCORDING TO GUARDS, THE MAN WAS ORIGINALLY CAPTURED IN IANANG IN MARCH 1975. HE HAD A CURLY FULL-FACE BEARD WHICH WAS REDDISH. SOURCE FAILED TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE INTERVIEWER'S PHOTOS, WHICH INCLUDED PHOTOS OF ARIC GAY. SOURCE PROVIDED THE SEP 76-JUNE 77 SIGHTING DATES AFTER THOUGHT WITH EYES CLOSED AND FACE IN HANDS. HE THEN CHANGED THE JUNE 77 DATE TO POSSIBLY SEP 77 AS THE DATE OF LAST SIGHTING THE AMERICAN, DUE TO RECALLING THE LAST TIME HE WAS ALLOWED TO GO BY THE AREA WHERE THE AMERICAN WAS QUARTERED.

4. [REDACTED] SOURCE ESTIMATED, AS WAS REPORTED IN REF A, THE FIRST TIME HE SAW THE SECOND MAN WAS SOMETIME NEAR THE END OF 1976. THE MAN APPEARED YOUNG AND HEALTHY. CADRE IN THE CAMP SAID THE MAN HAD JUST BEEN CAPTURED

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ALONG WITH ONE OTHER (SOURCE NEVER SAW ANY OTHER MAN CAPTURED WITH HIM) AND THE TWO HAD CLAIMED THEY HAD GOTTEN LOST WHILE FISHING. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ANY BOAT OCCASION OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE. SOURCE SAW THIS MAN ON TWO OCCASIONS WHILE SOURCE WAS ENROUTE TO FATBAT BOTH TIMES NEAR THE END OF 1976. IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1979, SOURCE WENT TO A TOOL STORAGE BUILDING LOCATED ON THE SMALL ISLAND AND SAW NO ONE INHABITING THE HUT ON THE ISLAND OR THE HUT WHERE HE HAD SEEN THE SECOND AMERICAN.

5. [REDACTED] CONCERNING SOURCE'S INFORMATION (REF B) OF THE BOXES HE MADE WHILE AT FAT BAT WHICH HE FELT WERE USED TO HOLD AMERICAN REMAINS SOURCE RECALLED THE SEAL ON THE DOOR OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE BOXES WERE KEPT CONTAINED A STAMP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY JUSTICE AND A SIGNATURE. SOMETIME IN THE SUMMER OF 1977, SOURCE RECALLED SEEING LIGHTS SHINE FROM THE BUILDING UP OVER THE WALL ONE EVENING AFTER INMATES HAD BEEN SECURED IN THEIR ROOMS. SOURCE ALSO HEARD CLANGING AND CLATTERING COMING FROM THE DIRECTION OF THE BUILDING AS IF SOMEONE WERE MOVING THE BOXES STORED THERE. APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK LATER SOURCE RECALLED HEARING A RADIO HANCI BROADCAST IN THE CAMP THAT HANCI HAD JUST RETURNED 13 SETS OF REMAINS TO THE US. THE RADIO WAS COMMONLY PLAYED OVER THE CAMP LOUDSPEAKER FOR INMATES TO LISTEN TO THE NEWS. SOURCE NEVER SAW ANY ACTIVITY IN THE BUILDING DURING THE DAYTIME EXCEPT FOR MOVING THE BOXES HE MADE INTO IT. SOURCE FELT THE NIGHT-TIME ACTIVITY IN THE BUILDING MAY BE LINKED TO THE REMAINS TURN-OVER.

6. [REDACTED] REFERENCE TO SOURCE'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE BA VI FACILITY SOURCE KNEW OF NO FACILITY AT OR NEAR BA VI OR CALLED BA VI, EXCEPT FOR THE MOUNTAIN. SOURCE DID RECALL THAT FAT BAT PRISON WAS SUBORDINATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY JUSTICE OF THE SRV MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. IT IS ALSO CALLED CAMP T-771 OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY DETENTION CAMP (TRAIJ GIAM CHUAN SUWJ TRUNG WONG). THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS CAPTAIN TRONG (TRONGJ) AND HIS DEPUTY WAS SENIOR LIEUTENANT DUCNG HUU TUYEN (DUCNG HUUWUX TUYENR). THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY JUSTICE WAS COLONEL THAI (THAIS) WHO WORKED

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N HANCI BUT SOMETIMES CAME TO THE CAMP FOR INSPECTION VISITS.

7. CONCERNING POST 1975 HANDLING OF RALLIERS SOURCE STATED THAT ALL KNOWN RALLIERS (CALLED "THOSE WHO SURRENDERED TO THE ENEMY" OR DAU HANG QUAN DICH BY PAVN) WERE ARRESTED AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER EXCEPT THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY CHANGED THEIR NAMES AND EVASIVELY AVOIDED ARREST. BOTH SOUTHERN VC AND NORTHERN NVA HOI CHANH'S WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO KATUM, WHERE THEY WERE DETAINED IN THREE SUBCAMPs DESIGNATED C1, C2 AND C3. BOTH EX-NVA AND VC WERE HELD IN ALL THREE SUB-CAMPs MIXED TOGETHER, FROM RIGHT AFTER THE TAKE-OVER UNTIL JANUARY 1976. SOURCE WAS ARRESTED ON 5 JULY 1975 AND WAS HELD FOR TWO DAYS IN THE FORMER MILITARY (ARVN) PRISON AT GO VAP PRIOR TO BEING MOVED TO KATUM. IN JANUARY 1976, ALL INMATES WERE MOVED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE SUB-CAMPs AND WERE MOVED INTO ONE LARGE CAMP NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BY PREVIOUS INMATE LABOR DETAILS FROM THE SUB-CAMPs PRIOR TO THE MOVE. IN JUNE 1976, ALL SOUTHERNERS WERE SEPARATED FROM THE NORTHERNERS AND ALL FORMER NVA WERE MOVED TO BAT BAT, WHILE THE SOUTHERNERS EITHER REMAINED AT KATUM OR SOME OTHER LOCATION BUT IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. ALL HOI CHANH'S WERE HATED BY THE COMMUNISTS AS TRAITORS. ALL NVA ENLISTED WERE TO BE IMPRISONED FROM 5-25 YEARS WHILE FORMER NVA OFFICERS WERE TO BE IMPRISONED FROM 25 YEARS TO LIFE OR WERE EXECUTED. SOURCE KNEW OF THREE WHO WERE EXECUTED AT BAT BAT: MSG TRAN THUAN, AKA TRAN BACH THET, (EXECUTED FOR INFORMING ARVN OF WPACONS CACHES IN CAMBODIA, FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED 20 MILLION DONG); 1LT LE CHUAN CHUYEN, A COMMANDER OF THE ARMED PROPAGANDA FORCES OF HOI CHANH'S, AND 1LT HAI THANH WHO HAD WORKED AT RECRUITING HOI CHANH'S AFTER HIS DEFECTION.

8. IN JULY 1975 ALL HOI CHANH'S WERE ORDERED TO REPORT TO THE CHIEU HOI CENTER IN SAIGON, WHERE THEY WERE ARRESTED AND TAKEN TO KATUM. SOURCE WAS HELD IN C3 SUB-CAMP FROM JULY 75 TO JAN 76 AND RECALLED THE FOLLOWING FORMER NVA INTERNEED WITH HIS NAME: [REDACTED] AND LATER AT BAT BAT:

A. PHAN THE CHIEU (CHIEU), MSG, RELEASED AND NOW LIVING SOMEWHERE IN WARD 2 DISTRICT 6 HCMC;

B. NGUYEN VAN PHAY (PHAY), CPL, SOURCE HEARD HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM BAT BAT TO THANH HOA;

C. NGUYEN VAN THIN (THIN) SR LT SOURCE HEARD HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE BA SAO CAMP IN HA NAM NINH (P);

D. NGUYEN LUC HOP (LUCS HOP), SGT, RELEASED AND NOW LIVING SOMEWHERE ON AN ALLEY OFF NGUYEN VAN THOI ST, HCMC;

E. NGUYEN LANG THINH (DANG THINH), PFC, RELEASED AND NOW WORKING AS A BARBER AT THE THANH HAI BARBER SHOP ON VUCN CHUI ST, HCMC;

F. LUCNG XUAN IC (ICO), PFC, SOURCE HEARD HE WAS STILL HELD IN THANH HOA HAVING BEEN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS CONFINEMENT FOR PARACHUTING INTO A SECRET ZONE FOR ARVN SPECIAL CPAS OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES;

G. NGUYEN VAN VIENG (VIEENG) PFC RELEASED AND NOW A FISH VENDOR WITH HIS WIFE AT THE XA CANG MARKET IN HCMC WAS SENTENCED TO NINE YEARS AND ALSO HAD WORKED FOR SPECIAL CPAS, TECHNICAL SERVICES;

H. TRUCANG CONG CANG (COCONG CANG) PFC WAS RELEASED AND RETURNED HOME IN THANH HOA (P);

I. NGUYEN VAN NHUNG, HAD WORKED AS THE CHIEU HOI CENTER MEDIC PRIOR TO APRIL 1975. PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

9. ALL BUILDINGS OF THE C3 SUB-CAMP, KATUM WERE MADE OF BAMBOO WITH THATCH ROOFS. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF SEVEN UNDESIGNATED INMATE BUILDINGS, EACH OF WHICH HOUSED APPROXIMATELY 20 INMATES. THE CAMP WAS SURROUNDED WITH FUNGI STAKES AND BARBED WIRE. THERE WERE RICE, EGGPLANT AND FRUIT CULTIVATION AREAS AROUND THE CAMP BUT AS