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SUBJ: JCRC REPORT T85-104B, REINTERVIEW OF REFUGEE NGO  
 - VAN SAM (U)

REF: A. DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 051727Z AUG 85.  
 - B. JCRC MSG RPT T85-103, DTG 300223Z MAR 85.  
 - C. JCRC BKK MSG, DTG 050359Z AUG 85.

1. (U) REF A PROVIDED ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS TO BE POSED TO SUBJECT REFUGEE. THE FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF REINTERVIEW OF MR. SAM, CONDUCTED AT SI KHU REFUGEE CAMP, THAILAND BY THOMAS R. MCKAY ON 6 AUG 85.

2. [REDACTED] REF PARA 1A. OF REF A, SOURCE CLAIMED HE WAS ISSUED THE CERTIFICATE ON 5 JAN 80 (SAME AS DATE OF CERTIFICATE). SR LT DUONG HUU TUYEN WAS REMEMBERED BY SOURCE TO BE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS MANAGEMENT AS WAS REPORTED IN REF B. THE DESIGNATION GP 771 WAS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY IN REF C AS A CAMP DESIGNATOR OF THE CENTRAL MILITARY PRISON, AKA BAT BAT, WHERE SOURCE WAS CONFINED. THE CLASSIFYING OF 771 AS A GROUP WAS IN ERROR, AND REINSPECTION OF THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE DURING RE-INTERVIEW REVEALED THE DESIGNATION TO BE T-771. THE ENTIRE SEAL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING: T-771, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN VIET NAM, CUC BAO VE.

3. [REDACTED] IN REGARDS TO PARA 1B. OF REF A, SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE LEFT HIS CERTIFICATE WITH HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, NGUYEN TIEN LAP OF 374 NGUYEN VAN TROI ST. DISTRICT 3, HCMC. HIS REASON FOR THIS WAS TO ASSIST IN CONCEALING THE FACT HE WAS A HOI CHANH FROM LOCAL TROOPS IN THE EVENT HE WAS CAPTURED DURING HIS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT DUE TO LACK OF "FLAGPOLE" SUPERVISION, LOCAL TROOPS WOULD PROBABLY KILL HIM ON THE SPOT, UPON DISCOVERING HE WAS A HOI CHANH. SOURCE STATED THAT SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN THAILAND, HE WAS INITIALLY AFRAID TO WRITE BACK TO VIETNAM TO ASK FOR THE CERTIFICATE BUT SAW THAT FORMER ARVN "RE-EDUCATED" OFFICERS IN SI KHU CAMP WRITING BACK TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS HAD NO DIFFICULTIES, SO SOURCE DID LIKEWISE, USING HIS TRUE RETURN ADDRESS AND NAME AS OTHERS DID. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT A STAMP ON HIS RE-ED CERTIFICATE WHICH READ "SAIGON", SOURCE EXPLAINED IT WAS STAMPED AT THE HANOI RAILROAD STATION AFTER HIS RELEASE ON HIS TRIP HOME.

4. [REDACTED] SOURCE HAS BEEN RECENTLY INFORMED BY THE U.S. ETHNIC AFFAIRS OFFICER THAT DUE TO HIS LACK OF JOINING THE RVN GOVT IN SOME ANTI-COMMUNIST MANNER (I.E. JOINING THE MILITARY, ETC.), HIS CASE WOULD NOT BE PRESENTED TO INS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR RESETTLEMENT TO THE US. SOURCE CLAIMED THIS CAUSED HIM A GREAT DEPRESSION AND LACK OF APPETITE. (NOTE: SOURCE DEFINITELY APPEARED TO BE DEPRESSED AND DISCOURAGED. IT APPEARED TO INTERVIEWER THAT PERHAPS SELF PRIDE WAS THE BIG FACTOR IN SOURCE'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING INFORMATION TO INTERVIEWER. FEW QUESTIONS WENT BY THAT WERE NOT INTERRUPTED BY SOURCE'S COMMENTS ON HIS FUTURE, ETC). SOURCE AGREED TO CONTINUE WITH THE PLANNING FOR THE POLYGRAPH BUT FAILED TO UNDERSTAND HIS RESETTLEMENT REJECTION. INTERVIEWER WAS ASKED BY SOURCE THAT IF HIS POLYGRAPH DETECTED NO DECEPTION, WOULD THAT HELP HIS RESETTLEMENT CHANCES. INTERVIEWER AGAIN REITERATED THE INHERENT SEPARATION BETWEEN DOD AND THOSE IN CHARGE OF RESETTLEMENT. SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD DONE WHAT WAS REQUIRED OF HIM DURING HIS RALLYING UNDER THE US-FUNDED OPEN ARMS PROGRAM AND HAD HELPED THE U.S. IN PROVIDING ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED OF HIM WHICH WOULD BE PROVEN BY THE POLYGRAPH, AND WAS SEVERELY DEPRESSED BECAUSE THE U.S. WOULD NOT IN TURN CONSIDER HIM FOR RESETTLEMENT. SOURCE, WITH A RATHER BEGRUDGING ATTITUDE, FURNISHED INFORMATION ON THE C-130 CRASH AND THE CRASH AT THAI NGUYEN MENTIONED IN REF B, WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY IN DFTAIL.

5. [REDACTED] DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION FOLLOWING REINTERVIEW, SOURCE STATED HE HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR COMMANDO DUTY, BUT THAT THE PROGRAM WAS NEARLY WINDING DOWN DURING LATE 1971 WHEN HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE CHIEU HOI CENTER. HE DID RECALL HAVING BEEN HELD WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIST DEFECTOR VOLUNTEER COMMANDOS WHO WERE ALSO UNDERGOING RE-EDUCATION IN BAT BAT WITH SOURCE: NGO PHUOC TONG, SOUTHERNER, MOBILE STRIKE FORCE, WORKED ON MIXED VN/US TEAMS, RELEASED FROM BAT BAT IN 1982; CAO FOAI NO, SOUTHERNER, MOBILE STRIKE FORCE, WORKED ON MIXED VN/US TEAMS; NGUYEN VAN LIEN, AKA LUAN, AKA DO, STRATEGIC TECHNICAL DIRECTORATE (STD) COMMANDO, NORTHERNER; DINH VAN SON, AKA KEO, NORTHERNER, STD COMMANDO; AND NGUYEN VAN VIENG, AKA VIEN, NORTHERNER, STD COMMANDO. ALL WERE

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STILL AT BAT BAT WHEN TONG WAS RELEASED. SOURCE NEVER FEARED OF NGO DE OR TRAN VINH QUANG.  
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BLACKSMITH, SOURCE DID NOT LEAVE THE CAMP FOR HIS LABOR AND THEREFORE IS NOT CLEAR AS TO THE LOCATION OF THESE AREAS. THE C3 SUB-CAMP WAS ALREADY CONSTRUCTED WHEN THEY MOVED IN. IT WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE C50 UNIT OF THE EASTERN POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH (CUC CHINH THI MIEN LONG NAM BC). C3 CAMP CDR WAS PAVN 2LT NHAC (NHACJ) AND HIS DEPUTY WAS PAVN MSG KHAKH (KHAKHS). WHO CONSIDERED AN APPROXIMATE 15 MAN CADRE FORCE. SOURCE COULD NOT LOCATE THE CAMP BUT ESTIMATED ITS LOCATION TO BE APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF ONE OF THE ROADS (N71) WHICH FORMS THE KATUM THREE-WAY INTERSECTION, SOMEWHERE TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE JUNCTION. SOURCE RECALLED BEING MOVED TO THE C3 CAMP BY TRUCK THROUGH TAY NINH CITY, EAST NUI BAN DEN MT TO THE KATUM INTERSECTION WHERE THEY DISMOUNTED. THEY WERE THEN WALKED IN A NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ON A TRAIL FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE KILOMETERS BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE C3 SUB-CAMP. SOURCE CLAIMS TO KNOW OF NO STREAMS IN THE AREA AND NEVER HEARD OF TO TUC. HE RECALLED THE AREA WAS A BAMBOO FOREST AREA WITH VERY FEW HARDWOOD TREES. SOURCE'S SKETCH OF C3 WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

12. AFTER CONSOLIDATION OF THE C1 C2 AND C3 SUB-CAMPS, SOURCE MOVED TO THE NEW CAMP. INMATES TOOK NO BUILDING MATERIALS OR ANYTHING FROM THE C3 SUB-CAMP. LABOR DETAILS WERE LATER DISPATCHED TO RECOVER THE BARBED WIRE BUT EVERYTHING ELSE WAS LEFT IN PLACE. THE CONSOLIDATED CAMP HAD NO NAME AND WAS ONLY CALLED THE DETENTION CAMP OF THE EASTERN POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. SOURCE ESTIMATED IT WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1 KM FROM C3 (DIRECTION UNKNOWN). THE CONSOLIDATED CAMP HELD APPROXIMATELY 400 INMATES, ALL NVA AND VC HOI CHANH'S. IT HAD SEVEN BUILDINGS EACH OF WHICH HELD 50-60 INMATES. NO BUILDINGS WERE DESIGNATED BY LETTER OR NUMBER, AND ALL WERE MADE OF BAMBOO WITH THATCHED ROOF. INMATES STILL WERE NOT SEGREGATED. PAVN 1LT NAM THANG WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE APPROXIMATE 50 MAN CADRE FORCE, WHICH INCLUDED CADRE FROM THE C3 SUB-CAMP WHO HAD ALSO MOVED WITH THE INMATES. SOURCE HEARD THE CAMP WAS LOCATED 8KM FROM MIMOT TOWN, CAMBODIA, BUT WAS LOCATED IN A CLEAR AREA WITH FEW TREES. SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN IED FROM THIS CAMP TO THE SITE OF A C-130 CRASH TO COLLECT METAL FOR HIS BLACKSMITH WORK. THIS INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY BY LETTER REPORT. SOURCE'S TENTATIVE SKETCH OF THE CONSOLIDATED CAMP WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

11. SOURCE KNEW OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HCMC DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER.

- A. CHIN SON (CHINH SON) LTC, PSS CADRE CHIEF.
- B. NGUY HIAP BINH (NGUY HIAPPJ BINH), LTC, PSS DEPUTY.
- C. NGUYEN VAN TIEN (TIENPS), MAJ, PSS DEPUTY.
- D. NGUYEN VAN THINH (THINHJ), MAJ, PSS DEPUTY (SIGNED FOR SOURCE'S ARREST AND RELEASE ORDER).

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- F. TAM (DAAM), 1LT, TEAM LEADER OF THE POLITICAL TEAM.
- F. VU (VUY), 1LT, DEPUTY, POLITICAL TEAM.
- G. SON (SONN), 2LT, DEPUTY, POLITICAL TEAM.
- H. SI (SIX), 1LT, TEAM LEADER OF THE ECONOMIC TEAM.
- I. BAY (BAYF), WORKED FOR SI.
- J. THANG (THANGS), 1LT, TEAM LEADER OF THE CRIMINAL TEAM.
- K. AI (AIS) INTERROGATOR.
- L. MAI (MAI), FEMALE, INTERROGATOR.
- M. BA LOAN (BA LOAN), 1LT, DEPUTY, DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER.
- N. DINH (DINH) 1LT DEPUTY DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER.

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C. SAU VINH (SAUS VINH) 2LT DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER INMATE ADMINISTRATOR AND TRAINING (QUANR GIACS).

SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAME OF THE DETENTION CENTER COMMANDER.

12. [REDACTED] AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS ON 4 OCT 83 SOURCE'S WIFE, NGUYEN THI NGHIA; HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, NGUYEN THI TU (ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED AS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF B); AND HIS NEPHEW, NGUYEN VAN QUANG WERE INVOLVED IN THE PERSONAL SALE OF GOLD (UN-AUTHORIZED BY SRV) AT 100 NGUYEN ANH KHUONG ST, WARD 3, DISTRICT 5 HCMC WHEN THEY WERE ARRESTED AT GUNPOINT BY DISTRICT 5 CADRE 111 VU, WHO TOOK THEM TO THE DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER. SOURCE HEARD OF THE NEWS PRIOR TO HIS ARREST AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO FIND A MIDDLE MAN TO WHOM HE COULD PAY BRIBERY MONEY TO GET THEM RELEASED. AT 1200 HOURS ON 4 OCT 83, SOURCE WAS ARRESTED ON HUNG VUCNG ST BY CADRE SUBORDINATE TO VU AND WAS ALSO TAKEN TO DISTRICT 5. THE DISTRICT 5 DETENTION CENTER WAS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF HUNG VUONG ST AND BA HOA ST. THE DISTRICT 5 FACILITY WAS ALSO CALLED THE BA HOA POST, AFTER THE STREET NAME. BA HOA STREET IS A SMALL STREET WHICH HAS A SMALL UN-NAMED MARKET ON IT. ON THE TOP THE TUNG STREET SIDE OF THE FACILITY IS THE BACH KHOA GENERAL STORE WHICH SHARES A COMMON WALL WITH THE WALL SURROUNDING THE FACILITY BUT WHICH IS TALLER. THE WALLS WERE APPROXIMATELY TWO METERS TALL AND WERE TOPPED WITH BARBED WIRE. THE FACILITY HELD APPROXIMATELY 500 INMATES. SOURCE COULD NOT RECALL THE COMMANDER'S NAME, BUT RECALLED TWO DEPUTIES, BA ICAN AND DINH (PARA 11 /ECVF). CONFINEMENT ROOMS MEASURED 4M X 10M AND WERE NUMBERED ONE THROUGH TEN, ONE THROUGH FIVE ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR AND SIX THROUGH TEN ON THE TOP FLOOR. DIRECTLY ABOVE ROOMS ONE THROUGH FIVE, THERE WAS ALSO A SPECIAL DETENTION ROOM ON THE BOTTOM FLOOR. ROOMS 9 AND 10 WERE FOR FEMALE INMATES. SOURCE WAS HELD IN ROOM 4 UNTIL 15 DECEMBER AND WAS THEN MOVED TO CELL 6 UNTIL HIS RELEASE ON 17 DECEMBER 1983. ROOM 12 WAS A SPECIAL DETENTION ROOM FOR FEMALES. THE INMATE OCCUPANCY FOR EACH ROOM WAS FROM 60 TO 70 PEOPLE WHILE THE SPECIAL DETENTION ROOMS WHICH MEASURED APPROXIMATELY 4M X 2M HELD FROM 15 TO 20 PEOPLE.

13. SOURCE STATED THAT THE SRV IS VERY HARSH ON PRIVATE GOLD DEALERS MAINTAINING THAT GOLD BEING AN INTERNATIONAL MONETARY STANDARD, IS COMMONLY USED FOR PAYMENT OF SMUGGLING OPERATIONS AND GOODS AND THEREFORE ULTIMATELY ENDS UP OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. SOURCE AND HIS WIFE AND RELATIVES NEVER APPEARED BEFORE COURT. HIS SISTERS-IN-LAW PAID BRIBERY MONEY THROUGH AN UN-IDENTIFIED ETHNIC CHINESE MIDDLEMAN AT THE RATE OF FIVE TAELS OF GOLD PER PERSON FOR THEIR RELEASE. INITIAL PAYMENT OF ONE TAIL WAS MADE TO OBTAIN SOURCE'S RELEASE, AFTER WHICH THE BALANCE OF FOUR TAELS WAS PAID. SOURCE'S NEPHEW WAS THE FIRST OF THE GROUP TO BE RELEASED. SOURCE WAS NEXT TO BE RELEASED, BUT AS THE PROCEDURE WAS TIME CONSUMING SOURCE'S SISTER-IN-LAW AND WIFE WERE TRANS-

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FERRED TO CHI HCA BEFORE THEY COULD BE RELEASED. INMATES WERE COMMONLY MOVED TO CHI HCA TO AWAIT TRIAL TO EASE THE OVERCROWDED CONDITION AT THE DISTRICT 5 CENTER. ALL FOUR PEOPLE WERE BRIBED OUT PRIOR TO GOING TO COURT FOR A TOTAL OF 20 TAELS OF GOLD.

14. [REDACTED] JCRC INTERVIEWER RECALLED THAT THE SOURCE OF JCRC PK MSG DTG 190319Z DEC 84 FORMERLY A PSS CADRE FROM DISTRICT 5, WAS ALSO NAMED VU, SO A DESCRIPTION OF VU (PARA 11 AND 12 ABOVE) WAS SOLICITED FROM SOURCE. SOURCE DESCRIBED VU AS AVERAGE HEIGHT, APPROXIMATELY 32 YOA, HAD VERY WHITE SKIN, WAS APPROXIMATELY 1.60 M TALL, WORE EYEGLASSES AND WAS FROM CENTRAL VIETNAM. SOURCE RECALLED HE HAD HEARD VU HAD ESCAPED TO MALAYSIA AS A REFUGEE. SOURCE DID NOT REMEMBER VU'S FULL NAME, BUT UPON HEARING THE NAME HOANG MINH VU, IMMEDIATELY AND EMPHATICALLY CONFIRMED IT TO BE HIS FULL NAME. NOTE: BASED ON INTERVIEWER'S MEMORY OF VU DURING INTERVIEW AT GALANG REFUGEE CAMP INDONESIA SOURCE'S PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FITS WELL, TO INCLUDE HIS BEING FROM CENTRAL VIETNAM. REFERENCED MSG REPORTED VU'S

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