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SUBJECT: ~~JCRC REPORT 186-130~~, EIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS
AND ONE FILIPINO PRISONER IN ~~DARLAC AND FLEIKU~~

REF: JCRC-LNB LTR RPT 186-131 (BY SAME SOURCE)

1. [REDACTED] NAME: NIE KPA WICK AKA Y LUL NIE; DOB: 31 DEC 24; POB: EUCN KRONGBUK (V) PHUOC AN (D) DARLAC (P); FORMER POSITION: MAJ, LOCAL FORCES, SN 482317; PRESENT LOCATION: DEGA CAMP, SITE 2 SOUTH; IDENTIFICATION DATA: NOT YET ISSUED; DOI: MARCH-MAY 1975; MAP USED: ND 48-1 ND 49-9, ND 49-13; SERIES 1501; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 27 MAR 86; NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MR. G. E. BELL, GS-13 DOD; OTHER: SOURCE ARRIVED IN THAILAND ON 7 JAN 85 (LANDROUTE).

2. [REDACTED] SUMMARY. SOURCE, A 51 YCA MALE DEGA (RHADE) REFUGEE AND FORMER C.O. OF THE 269TH LOCAL FORCE BN, KBC 6869, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED FIRST-HAND OBSERVATION OF EIGHT AMERICAN PRISONERS AND ONE FILIPINO PRISONER IN DARLAC AND FLEIKU PROVINCES FROM MARCH TO MAY 1975. END SUMMARY.

3. [REDACTED] SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING MID MARCH 1975, WHILE BEING HELD IN YA SOUP CAMP (VIC ZV 1149) DAR LAC (P), HE OBSERVED EIGHT AMERICAN AND ONE FILIPINO PRISONER. SOURCE STATED THAT AFTER BEING HELD IN YA SOUP FOR APPROX ONE MONTH, HE, ALONG WITH THE AMERICANS AND ONE FILIPINO, WAS MOVED TO A CAMP LOCATED IN THE FOREST APPROX FIVE KM FROM DUC CO (YA 8426) FLEIKU (P). SOMETIME DURING APRIL 1975, SOURCE AND [REDACTED] AMERICANS AND THE ONE FILIPINO WERE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER CAMP IN THANH AN (YA 1330). SOURCE REMAINED WITH THE GROUP UNTIL SOMETIME DURING MAY 1975 WHEN THE ENTIRE GROUP OF AMERICANS AND THE ONE FILIPINO DEPARTED FROM THANH AN IN THE COMPANY OF PAVN SOLDIERS. SOURCE STATED THAT FROM THE TIME THE GROUP DEPARTED HE DID NOT SEE THEM AGAIN, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE FEMALE PRISONER (PARA 4 BELOW) WHEN THE GROUP DEPARTED THE CAMP SOURCE HEARD FROM GUARDS THAT THE GROUP WAS BEING TAKEN TO HANOI.

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4. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE EIGHT MEMBER GROUP OF AMERICANS CONSISTED OF FOUR ADULT CAUCASIAN MALES, THREE ADULT CAUCASIAN FEMALES, AND ONE FEMALE CAUCASIAN CHILD APPROX NINE TO TEN YEARS OLD. SOURCE RECALLED THAT ONE OF THE MEN WAS THE U.S. ADVISOR TO DARIAC (P) AND WAS CALLED "PAUL". SOURCE RECALLED THAT ONE OTHER MAN, WHO WAS APPROX 45-48 YOA AND ABOUT 1.7 METERS TALL, TOLD SOURCE HE WAS A COLONEL AND SOURCE ADVISED HIM TO NOT REVEAL THE FACT. SOURCE HEARD FROM THE THIRD MAN, WHO WAS APPROX 35 YOA AND 1.8 M TALL, THAT HE WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. THE FOURTH MAN TOLD SOURCE THAT HE WAS A MISSIONARY AND HAD LIVED IN CANADA. THE FOURTH MAN HAD A WIFE WHO WAS ONE OF THE FEMALE PRISONERS AND SHE WAS ALSO A MISSIONARY ACCORDING TO SOURCE. SOURCE RECALLED THAT ONE OTHER FEMALE PRISONER WAS ALSO A MISSIONARY AND SHE TOLD SOURCE THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE COMMUNISTS WHILE WORKING WITH LEPERS SOMETIME DURING THE 1960'S. SHE TOLD SOURCE THAT HER NAME WAS "MICHELL". SHE CAME TO VISIT SOURCE IN SITE 2 CAMP DURING DECEMBER 1975. AT THAT TIME SHE TOLD SOURCE THAT SHE AND THE OTHER AMERICANS CAPTURED IN DARIAC (P) DURING MARCH 1975 HAD ALL BEEN RELEASED AFTER BEING MOVED TO HANGI. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE LADY CALLED "MICHELL", THE MAN WHO WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, AND THE MISSIONARY COUPLE COULD ALL SPEAK THE E-DE (RHAD) LANGUAGE. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE AMERICANS. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO RECALL ANY DETAILS CONCERNING THE SOLE FILIPINO MALE PRISONER. SOURCE DID NOT OBSERVE OR HEAR ABOUT ANY OTHER AMERICANS REMAINING IN VIETNAM.

5. SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS HELD IN THE THANH AN CAMP UNTIL JANUARY 1976 WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CAMP 3, GENERAL CAMP 4 (TRAI BA TONG TRAI ECN) MILITARY REGION 5 (QUAN KHU NAM), LOCATED NEAR AN TRUCNG (V) BR 84. IN APRIL 1976, SOURCE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CAMP 5, GENERAL CAMP 5 CUNG SON (TRAI 51, TONG TRAI 5, CUNG SON) LOCATED NEAR BR 7855. SOURCE ESCAPED FROM CAMP 5 IN MAY 1978 AND OPERATED WITH THE "DEGA" RESISTANCE FORCES UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL IN THAILAND.

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