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SOUTH VIETNAM

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AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN VIET CONG INTER-REGION 5

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MAJOR LE C A N,

ALSO KNOWN AS LE NGOC MINH, LEADING CADRE OF THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION, VIET CONG MILITARY INTER-REGION 5, WHO WAS CAPTURED NEAR DANANG ON 5 JANUARY 69, AND WHO WAS CONVERTED TO HALLYER STATUS IN JULY 71.

(FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, SEE PARA 6)

WHILE CAN APPEARED TO HAVE ABOVE AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE AND WAS COOPERATIVE DURING THE DEBRIEFING, HIS REPORTING RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 FROM PERSONEL OBSER-

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VATION, THE INFORMATION IN PARA 3 FROM A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE KONTUM PROVINCE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION, AND THE INFORMATION IN PARA 4 FROM (FNU) THANH, A CADRE OF THE QUANG DA PROVINCE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION.

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1. [REDACTED] AMERICANS

[REDACTED] QUANG NAM PROVINCE UNIT IN LAN THANH HAMLET, HOA LUONG VILLAGE, HOA VANG DISTRICT, AND TURNED OVER TO THE [REDACTED] QUANG NAM PROVINCE. AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SECTION IN CHARGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR, MAJOR LE CAN DECIDED TO [REDACTED] BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ADEQUATE DETENTION CAMP NEARBY AND TO TAKE HER TO THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY INTER-REGION [REDACTED] WOULD TAKE BETWEEN TWO AND THREE MONTHS. (FIELD COMMENTS: VIET CONG MILITARY INTER-REGION 54 INCLUDED GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN, QUANG NGAI, BINH DINH, PMU BON, KONTUM AND [REDACTED] PROVINCES.)

2. ONE OF THE PRISONERS RELEASED WAS CALLED BROWN AND HELD THE RANK OF EITHER PRIVATE FIRST CLASS OR SERGEANT; HE WAS AN ADVISOR TO THE GVN REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY IN HOA VANG DISTRICT. HE WAS BORN [REDACTED] 13 AND 26 YEARS OF AGE, ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL, AND WEIGHED ABOUT 75 KILOGRAMS; HE HAD GREY EYES, BLOND HAIR, A LARGE FOREHEAD, STRAIGHT NOSE AND PALE COMPLEXION. THE OTHER PRISONER WAS [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) AND HELD THE SAME RANK AND POSITION AS THE OTHER PRISONER. HE WAS ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS BROWN AND WAS ABOUT 1.75 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED ABOUT 65 KILOGRAMS. HE ALSO HAD [REDACTED] HAIR, GRAY EYES, A STRAIGHT NOSE BUT HAD A TANNED COMPLEXION.

[REDACTED] CAN SAY A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE KONTUM PROVINCE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF [REDACTED]

KUPHON

AMERICAN MEDICAL OFFICER WHO HELD THE RANK OF CAPTAIN.

(FIELD COMMENT: THIS PRISONER MAY BE IDENTICAL [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] WHO WAS REPORTED TO BE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE IN
DECEMBER 1970 AND WAS A CAPTAIN AND A MEDICAL DOCTOR.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PRISONER WAS
TURNED OVER TO THE [REDACTED] DIVISION OF MILITARY
INTER-REGION 5 WHICH PUT HIM INTO A DETENTION CAMP WHERE HE
LATER CONTRACTED DYSENTERY AND DIED. HE WAS BURIED IN TRA MI
DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, BUT THE EXACT LOCATION WAS NOT
KNOWN. HE WAS ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD.

[REDACTED] DAN WAS ON A TRIP TO DIEN TIEN VIL-
LAGE, DIEN BAN DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WHERE HE MET (FNU)
[REDACTED] A CADRE OF THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF QUANG
NAM PROVINCE. THANH TOLD HIM THAT AN AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR
HAD BEEN RELEASED IN 1966 BUT HAD [REDACTED] TO HIS
[REDACTED] THE AMERICAN INSTEAD HAD VOLUNTEERED TO WORK AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE MILITARY PROSELYTING SECTION OF MILITARY
INTER-REGION 5. DAN WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT THOUGHT THE NAME OF
THE PRISONER WAS [REDACTED] (FIELD COMMENT: THIS PRISONER MAY BE

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[REDACTED] 5TH MARINE
ACQUIRED BY THE VC IN 1965 WHO IS REPORTED TO HAVE DEFECTED IN
1967. ACCORDING TO THANH) THE PRISONER WAS A PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS. AFTER HE DEFECTED, HE USED A LOUDSPEAKER TO BROADCAST
PROPAGANDA TO THE U.S. 5TH MARINE REGIMENT, LOCATED
[REDACTED] MILITARY CAMP DIEN TIEN VILLAGE, DIEN BAN DISTRICT.
PRIOR TO 1964, THERE WAS NO CLEAR POLICY ON THE DISPOSAL
OF REMAINS OF DEAD AMERICAN PRISONERS. USUALLY, THEY WERE
LEFT BY THEIR CAPTORS WHERE THEY DIED. IN 1964, THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM ISSUED A DIRECTIVE, NUMBER NOT KNOWN,



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(C) Directive 25/KHBV, dated 26 May 1973, originated by D21 also known as the [redacted], Quang Da Special Zone Party Committee, VC Region 5, addressed to subordinate agencies, pertains to the activities to be carried out from June thru September 1973. The directive states that except some successes attained in Dien Tien and Dien Tho Villages, Dien Ban District, and Xuyen Hiap Village, Duy Xuyen District, insignificant results were obtained in other villages in the motivation of RVNAF troops to defect, revolt, or refuse to participate in land-grab operations. This is due to the poor leadership of

responsible cadre, the shortage of VC cadre enjoying RVN legal status, and the underdevelopment of VC in-place organizations. The mission of agencies subordinate to D21 is to frustrate the RVN projects of consolidating its administration, resettling the people along strategic routes, increasing Chieu Hoi, psywar, and intelligence activities, developing anti-Communist political factions, and strengthening the RVNAF. They should make RVNAF troops understand the VC reconciliation spirit and the RVN belligerent attitude in order to win their sympathy. VC hardcore cadre should seek to contact RVN personnel for motivation purposes and organize legal recreations such as athletic games and cultural conferences to facilitate the approach. They are to focus their efforts on the establishment of Party chapters or Party civil affairs committees in the quarters of RVNAF servicemen's dependents. They are further to recruit fifth columnists in the RVN police and RVNAF auxiliary forces to create favorable conditions for the conduct of political struggles demanding the GVN to observe the cease-fire agreement, RVNAF troops at rear bases, sectors, sub-sectors, and outposts should be instigated to oppose incursions into VC controlled areas. They should manage to isolate RVNAF loyal officers or to have them transferred so as to facilitate troop revolts. They should also, on the one hand, recruit agents among school teachers and students who are to be drafted as RVNAF reserve officers, and on the other hand, try to have RVNAF officers who are VC agents promoted or assigned to sensitive positions for long-term operations. [redacted] province level should take charge of the motivation of [redacted] force members, and those at district level of RVNAF auxiliary force members. Each province is to train 100 overt and 42 covert military proselyting cadre, and each district 110 military proselyting cadre of both categories from early June to the end of September 1973 to thoroughly implement the recent resolution adopted Z50 [unidentified].