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15. SUMMARY:		(Leave Blank)
<p>(C) This report contains information concerning the sighting of two US PWs in NUOC TRONG Worksite, LONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN, during the monsoon season of 1969, to include circumstances of sighting, physical descriptions, capture data, and movement data. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.</p>		
<p>1. (C) Background Information:</p> <p>a. Name: LUU VAN NAM (LUWU, VEAN NEAM), CMIC C-3644</p> <p>b. Rank: LT</p> <p>c. Position and Unit of Assignment: XO; 20th Signal Co, 274th Regt, MR-7</p> <p>d. DPOB: 1939; THANH LANG Village, BINH XUYEN District, VINH PHUC Province, NVN (VINH PHUC and PHU THO Provinces have merged to form VINH PHU Province)</p>		
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<p>e. Parents' Names: Father, unknown (Source's father died when Source was an infant), deceased; Mother, NGUYEN THI TY (NGUYEENX, THIV TYS), deceased</p> <p>f. Circumstances of Return. While on his way to purchase rice for his company, Source rallied to the 2d Bde, US 25th Inf Div, in XUAN LOC District, LONG KHANH Province, RVN, on 26 Dec 70.</p> <p>g. Significant Activities:</p> <p>(1) DOB to Jul 64. Source remained at his POB until Mar 59. Source attended his village school from 1949 to Mar 1959, at which time he was drafted into the NVA and assigned to an unidentified unit in HANOI for six months of basic infantry training. In late Sep 59, Source was sent to the Technical Wireless Information School in HANOI, where he received one year of training in five types of radio and in sending and receiving Morse code. Upon completion of the course, in Sep 60, Source was assigned to the 1st Signal Co, directly subordinate to the NVA Joint General Staff, as a Morse code operator. In Jan 61, Source attended a Chief Radio Operator Course in the Technical Wireless Information School. In Sep 61, Source returned to the 1st Signal Co, where he worked as a chief radio operator on a 15-watt radio. In Feb 63, Source was sent to the Signal Platoon Cadre Training School in THANH HOA Province, NVN, for an eight-month course in the techniques of disseminating wireless information. In Oct 63, Source was given three months of infiltration training. After finishing the infiltration training, Source and the remainder of the trainees in the school rested and studied political subjects until Jul 64.</p> <p>(2) Jul 64 to Jun 67. In Jul 64, Source and approximately 50 technical cadre who had studied in the Signal Platoon Cadre Training School began infiltrating to the RVN as the 26th Infil Gp. The group traveled from THANH HOA Province, NVN, to the border of LAOS and QUANG BINH Province, NVN, by truck. The group then walked across the TRUONG SON Mountains into LAOS, through CAMBODIA, finally ending the infiltration in the jungles of TAY NINH Province, RVN, in Oct 64. Source stayed at the reception area in TAY NINH Province until Nov 64, waiting for assignment. In Nov 64, he was assigned as assistant platoon leader of the 1st Plat, 20th Signal Co, 274th Regt, which at that time was subordinate to the 5th Div. The 20th Signal Co base camp was located in an unknown area in the jungles near the DONG NAI River in LONG KHANH Province, RVN. In Jan 65, Source was promoted to platoon leader of the 1st Signal Plat, 20th Signal Co. Source's mission was to direct his platoon in maintaining radio contact between R, the 274th Regt Hq, and the 274th regt's subordinate battalions. Source was promoted to company executive officer of the 20th Signal Co in May 65 and maintained that position until Jun 67.</p> <p>(3) Jun 67 to 26 Dec 70. In Jun 67, the 274th Regt was assigned to MR-7, as the 5th Div moved to TAY NINH Province, RVN. Source kept his same position and duties under the new command. Source's company was responsible for providing all signal services for the 274th Regt. Source remained in this position until he rallied on 26 Dec 70. Source rallied because he was tired of the excessive length of the war, because he suffered shortages of food supplies, because he was tired of all the hardships of VC/NVA life, and because he believed the</p>		(Leave Blank)
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h. Additional Reference: CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; 525
 MI Gp PW Photo Album

2. (C) PW Sighting in NUOC TRONG Worksite, BIEN HOA Province. The
 following information is given in accordance with SICR D-7CX-49018
 (Prisoner of War Intelligence):

a. Places of Confinement. Source could not provide any information
 concerning places of confinement of US PWs.

b. Two US PWs:

(1) Identification:

(a) Number and Nationality of PWs. Sometime during the
 monsoon season of 1969, Source sighted two US PWs who had been given
 a period of rest alongside a trail in the jungles of NUOC TRONG Worksite,
 LONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN.

(b) Information about the PWs:

1 Name: Unknown

2 Rank and Branch of Service. Source was told by
 one of the guards that one PW was a 2LT, while the other PW was an NCO
 (NFI). The 2LT was reportedly a helicopter mechanic, and he spoke
 Vietnamese fluently. Source did not know the branch of service of
 the PWs.

3 Type of Aircraft: None

4 Nationality: American (assumed)

5 Physical Description:

a 2LT:

Height: 1.75m

Weight: 80kg

Color of Hair and Eyes: Reddish-brown hair, blue eyes

Complexion: Tanned; subject wore a full beard

Race: Caucasian

Hair: Long and curly

Nose: Long, straight

Scars: None visible

Tattoos: Unidentified blue tattoo on right forearm

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<p>Birthmarks: None visible</p> <p>Age: Unknown</p> <p>Glasses Worn: Sunglasses (NFI)</p> <p>Rings/Watches: Silver wristwatch with a black face (NFI)</p> <p><u>b</u> NCO:</p> <p>Height: 1.60m</p> <p>Weight: 60kg</p> <p>Color of Hair and Eyes: Black hair, black eyes</p> <p>Race: Oriental (Interrogator's Note: Source stated that this PW looked like a Vietnamese, and that if the PW had been able to speak Vietnamese Source would have mistaken him for a Vietnamese.)</p> <p>Complexion: Dark, clear, very little facial hair</p> <p>Hair: Short, straight</p> <p>Nose: Short, flat</p> <p>Scars: None visible</p> <p>Tattoos: None visible</p> <p>Birthmarks: None visible</p> <p>Age: Approximately 25 years</p> <p>Glasses Worn: Sunglasses (NFI)</p> <p>Rings/Watches: Silver wristwatch with a black face (NFI)</p> <p>(c) Clothing. At the time Source sighted the two US PWs, they were both wearing green jungle fatigues with jungle boots. Neither PW wore a hat.</p> <p>(d) Insignia. Source stated that both PWs wore rank and unit insignia on their uniforms, but Source could not remember what the insignias were. The unit insignia for both PWs was the same (NFI).</p> <p>(e) Photographs. Source was unable to identify either of the PWs from the PW Photo Album.</p> <p>(f) Health of the PWs. At the time of the sighting, both PWs appeared to be in good physical condition with no indications of illnesses or wounds.</p>		<small>(Leave Blank)</small>
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(g) Background of the PWs. Source stated that one of the guards showed him a picture of the 2LT's wife and three children (NFI). Source stated that the guards took all papers and pictures away from the PWs. The 2LT spoke fluent Vietnamese, and he was serving his second tour in VIETNAM. Source could not provide any background information concerning the enlisted PW.

(h) Separation of the PWs. At the time of the sighting, the PWs were not separated.

(1) PW Deaths. Source was unable to provide any information concerning the deaths of US PWs.

(2) Capture Data:

(a) Circumstances of Capture. Source talked to one of the soldiers who was guarding the PWs, and was given the following capture information: the two PWs were captured at approximately 1500 hours one week before Source sighted them. The two PWs were captured just outside an unidentified village in THU DUC District, GIA DINH Province, RVN, by a company of soldiers from an unidentified district unit belonging to LONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN. The PWs had been walking along a trail with two Vietnamese girls when the captors, dressed in ARVN uniforms with M-16s, captured them. The Americans were held captive, and the Vietnamese girls were released.

(b) Capturing Unit. The capturing unit was a company from an unidentified unit subordinate to LONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN. Source did not know if the Americans were captured while the company was on a patrol, or if the captors had set up a checkpoint in order to take the PWs. Source was told by the guard that the company could take Americans captive any time they wanted to do so because they could move through the area freely while wearing the ARVN uniforms.

(c) Search for Other PWs: Unknown

(d) Attempts to Escape by the PWs: Unknown

(e) Handling of the PWs. Source stated that the PWs were immediately searched for weapons, but none were found. All papers and pictures belonging to the PWs were confiscated, but the PWs were allowed to keep all other personal possessions. The PWs were not bound or blindfolded.

(f) Mistreatment of the PWs: Unknown

(g) Treatment of Wounded PWs: Unknown

(h) PWs Too Seriously Injured or Sick to be Moved: Unknown

(i) PW Medical Treatment: Unknown

(j) Photographs or Movies Taken of the PWs. Source was told by one of the guards that a press man from the capturing unit took pictures of each of the PWs but could not say how the pictures were used.

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<p>(3) Movement of PWs to a Detention Camp:</p> <p>(a) Mode of Transportation. When Source sighted the PWs, they were resting alongside a trail. It was obvious to Source that the PWs had been walking, and he assumed that this was the only mode of transportation used to move the PWs.</p> <p>(b) Security Measures. At the time Source sighted them, the PWs were neither bound nor blindfolded. Source could not say whether the PWs were bound at any time while being moved to a detention camp.</p> <p>(c) Segregation of PWs. When Source sighted the PWs, they were not segregated. Source did not know whether the PWs were segregated at any other time.</p> <p>(d) Guarding the PWs During the Move. The PWs were guarded by six soldiers from the capturing unit, all armed with AK-47s. Two guards had to march in front, one moved with the PWs, and three marched at the rear of the procession.</p> <p>(e) Evacuation of PWs. Source was unable to provide any specific information concerning the speed of evacuation of the PWs after their capture. The PWs were sighted by Source in LONG THANH District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN, one week after they were captured in THU DUC District, GIA DINH Province, RVN.</p> <p>(f) Harassment of PWs: Unknown</p> <p>(g) Exhibition of PWs: Unknown</p> <p>(h) PWs Interviewed or Photographed in Transit. Source stated that the PWs were photographed by the press man of the capturing unit, but Source did not know if the PWs were photographed at any other time, or if they were interviewed in transit.</p> <p>(4) In Camp: Unknown</p> <p>(5) Interrogation of PWs: Unknown</p> <p>(6) Prisoner Mail Privileges: Unknown</p> <p>(7) Indoctrination: Unknown</p> <p>(8) Medical Care and Health: Unknown</p> <p>(9) NVA/VC/PATHET LAO Policy Concerning the Capture or Execution of US Personnel: Unknown</p> <p>(10) Miscellaneous. Source believed that the PWs he sighted were being taken to COSVN. Source based his idea on the fact that in 1965, COSVN directed all units in the RVN to bring all US and Allied PWs, with the exception of ARVN PWs, directly to COSVN as soon after capture as possible.</p> <p>(C) COMMENTS: Source appeared to be of average intelligence and was extremely cooperative throughout the interrogation. He seemed to be genuinely interested in being of assistance to this interrogator. Source answered all control questions accurately and without hesitation.</p>		(Leave Blank)
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