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JCRC RPT [REDACTED] HEARSAY OF THE DEATH AND  
BURIAL OF AN AMERICAN IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, 1966  
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1. SOURCE/ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:
  - A. NAME: LUU QUOC TAI (LWU QUOOC TAIF, M)
  - B. DPOB: 1 JUL 50; HAI HAU (D), NAM DINH (P)
  - C. OCCUPATION:
    - PRE-1975: VN NAVAL NCO, 1967-75
    - POST-1975: VENDOR TO 1977; "RE-EDUCATION" CAMP INMATE, 1977-89
  - D. PRESENT-LOCATION: BLDG. 5/6 ZONE D, PULAU BIDONG REFUGEE CAMP, MALAYSIA
  - E. IDENTIFICATION DATA: POAT NO. MC 614
  - F. EDUCATION: 11/12
  - G. LANGUAGES: VIETNAMESE (NATIVE), ENGLISH (LIMITED)
  - H. RELIGION: BUDDHIST
  - I. STATUS: ASYLUM SEEKER
  - J. DATE OF INFORMATION: NOVEMBER, 1989
  - K. FINAL ADDRESS/POC IN VIETNAM: 134A IAC LONG QUAN ST., PH. 10, Q. 11, HCMC
  - L. POC/RESETTLEMENT ADDRESS: NONE
  - M. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN 1ST ASYLUM: 21 JUN 90
  - N. INTERVIEW DATA: SOURCE WAS INTERVIEWED AT PULAU BIDONG ON 10 SEP 90 BY JAMES M. COYLE, GS-12, DOT.
  - O. MAP USED: SCALE: 1:100,000; SERIES: L607; SHEET: 6737

2. SUMMARY: A FELLOW-PRISONER TOLD SOURCE THAT IN 1966, WHILE A MEMBER OF THE NLF IN HOAI NHON (D), BINH DINH PROVINCE (BR 8796), HE WITNESSED THE AMBUSH OF A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN AND PARTICIPATED IN THE BURIAL OF HIS BODY. SOURCE KNOWS NEITHER THE

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3. INFORMATION: FROM 1977 TO 1989 SOURCE WAS HELD IN VARIOUS "RE-EDUCATION" CAMPS FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES. HIS LAST CAMP WAS GIA TRUNG, IN GIA LAI - CONG TOM (P). IN THIS CAMP SOURCE MADE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NLF NAMED NGUYEN VAN NHI (NHI), OF HOAI NHON (D), BINH DINH (P). NHI IS A CIVIL CRIMINAL, IMPRISONED FOR MURDER, AND SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE IN 1991.

4. THREE DAYS BEFORE SOURCE WAS RELEASED FROM GIA TRUNG (I.E., 25 NOV 89) NHI TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD WITNESSED THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN DURING THE WAR. NHI SAID THAT DURING THE HARVEST SEASON OF 1966 (POSSIBLY IN OCTOBER), WHILE HE WAS STILL WITH THE NLF, HE AND TWO OTHER MEN (NFI) AMBUSHED A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN WHO WAS RIDING A MOTORCYCLE. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ABOUT 700 OR 800 METERS FROM A LARGE CHURCH. (NHI DID NOT TELL SOURCE THE LOCATION OF THIS INCIDENT, BUT, BECAUSE NHI EARLIER TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HAD SERVED WITH THE NLF IN [REDACTED] AREA, SOURCE ASSUMES THAT THE AMBUSH TOOK PLACE IN HOAI NHON (D), BINH DINH (P). THE DISTRICT SEAT OF HOAI NHON (BONG SON) IS LOCATED AT BR 8796.) THE THREE MEN DRAGGED THE BODY OFF THE ROAD AND HASTILY BURIED IT ON A NEARBY MOUND ON WHICH SEVERAL OTHER GRAVES WERE LOCATED. THEY FLED WHEN THEY HEARD AN ARVN PATROL APPROACHING THE AMBUSH SITE. NHI DOES NOT KNOW IF THE ARVN FOUND THE BURIAL SITE.

5. NHI DID NOT PROVIDE SOURCE WITH ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE SIAM AMERICAN. NHI DID SAY THAT THE MAN WAS DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING, BUT THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY.

6. NHI ALSO SAID THAT HE LEFT THE NLF SHORTLY AFTER THIS INCIDENT, AND WENT TO LIVE ELSEWHERE. HE WAS UNABLE TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN THIS NEW LOCATION, SO HE JOINED THE ARVN A SHORT TIME LATER, SERVING UNTIL 1975.

7. COMMENT: SOURCE PRESENTED THIS INFORMATION

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