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Tay Ninh

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FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

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SUBJ: Burial Sites of Americans in Tay Ninh (P)

REF: A. DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 231547Z May 84.
B. DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 071523Z Sep 84.
C. DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 231703Z Oct 84.

Source:

- a. Name: Do Thanh Linh
- b. DOB: 8 November 1942
- c. POB: Nam Dinh
- d. Former position: ARVN 1LT, service number 42/145716, assigned to Police HQ, Tay Ninh City
- e. Present location: Bk 79, Zone 4, G-I, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
- f. Identification data: PG 086007
- g. DOI: 1963-1975
- h. Map used: 1:100,000, Series L607, Sheet 6231, 6131, and 6232.
- i. Date of interview: 12 April 1985
- j. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
- k. Other: Source departed Vietnam on 16 February 1985. His final address in Vietnam was 453/56 K-B, Nguyen Van Troi, District 3, HCMC.

Source provides general information of US burial sites in Tay Ninh (P) which he and his element collected during his duties from 1963 to 1975.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. While Source was assigned as Intelligence Officer to the Tay Ninh Subsector in Tay Ninh City, he collected information of military significance, which included information pertaining to the capture or death and burial sites of Americans. All information was also passed to his American liaison (named not recalled) whose office was next door to the Tay Ninh Subsector HQ in Tay Ninh City. Source only recalled general information from memory, but stated it was in most part obtained from enemy ralliers to the GVN, ARVN escapee debriefings, and returned Vietnamese prisoners of war.

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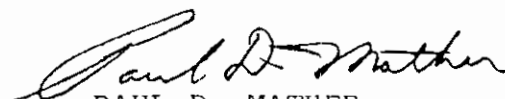
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The North Vietnamese communists issued an order to the COSVN that when Americans were captured, they must be evacuated to North Vietnam. Before evacuation to the North, some US prisoners were temporarily held in the B50 POW Camp located in Cambodia (see sketch) approximately 12 KM north of Katum. In 1970, the ARVN troops mounted an attack into Cambodia in an attempt to locate B50, but ARVN General Do Cao Tri who was commanding the operation was killed in a helicopter crash near the Cau Tra Phi bridge, which took much of the effectiveness out of the operation and it, therefore, failed. During the operation, the VC unit "Central Department R" fled across the Mekong into Cambodia and Laos, pulling back into the Mimot-Chup-Svayrieng areas where the attacking forces followed, but were eventually forced to return to Vietnam without locating the B50 Camp. During this operation, American prisoners were either moved into Cambodia to be evacuated to North Vietnam or were taken deep into the jungle, killed and buried, mostly in the area northwest of Cha Do, Loc Hung (V), Phu Khuong (D) (XT 4167) or Xom Giua, Phuoc Loi (V), Chau Thanh (D) (WT 9869) (see sketch). Most American bodies were buried at B50, a lesser amount at Cha Do, with the least amount having been buried at Xom Giua.


Source provided the following re-education chronology.

June 1975 - July 1976: Tran Lon, Tay Ninh
July 1976 - Oct 1978: Long Giao, Long Khanh
Oct 1978 - Feb 1983: Xuan Loc, Long Khanh

During Source's detention at Long Giao, Source could recall no VNAF airmen held at the facility, but did recall several ARVN troops who had been on special detachment to Air Vietnam, one having been 1LT Tran Trong Khang who was a pilot (aircraft commander) and is now somewhere in the US, having escaped from Vietnam in 1979 or 1980 (NFI). While held in Long Giao, Source never saw or heard anything causing him to believe any foreigner was held in Long Giao. (References: DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 231547Z May 84 and 071523Z Sep 84.) Source also claimed to know nothing of the Hero's Cemetery reported to be located in the Xuan Loc area. (Reference: DIA/DC-2 Msg, DTG 231703Z Oct 84.)


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Sketch of Tay Ninh Area,
Hand-drawn by Source

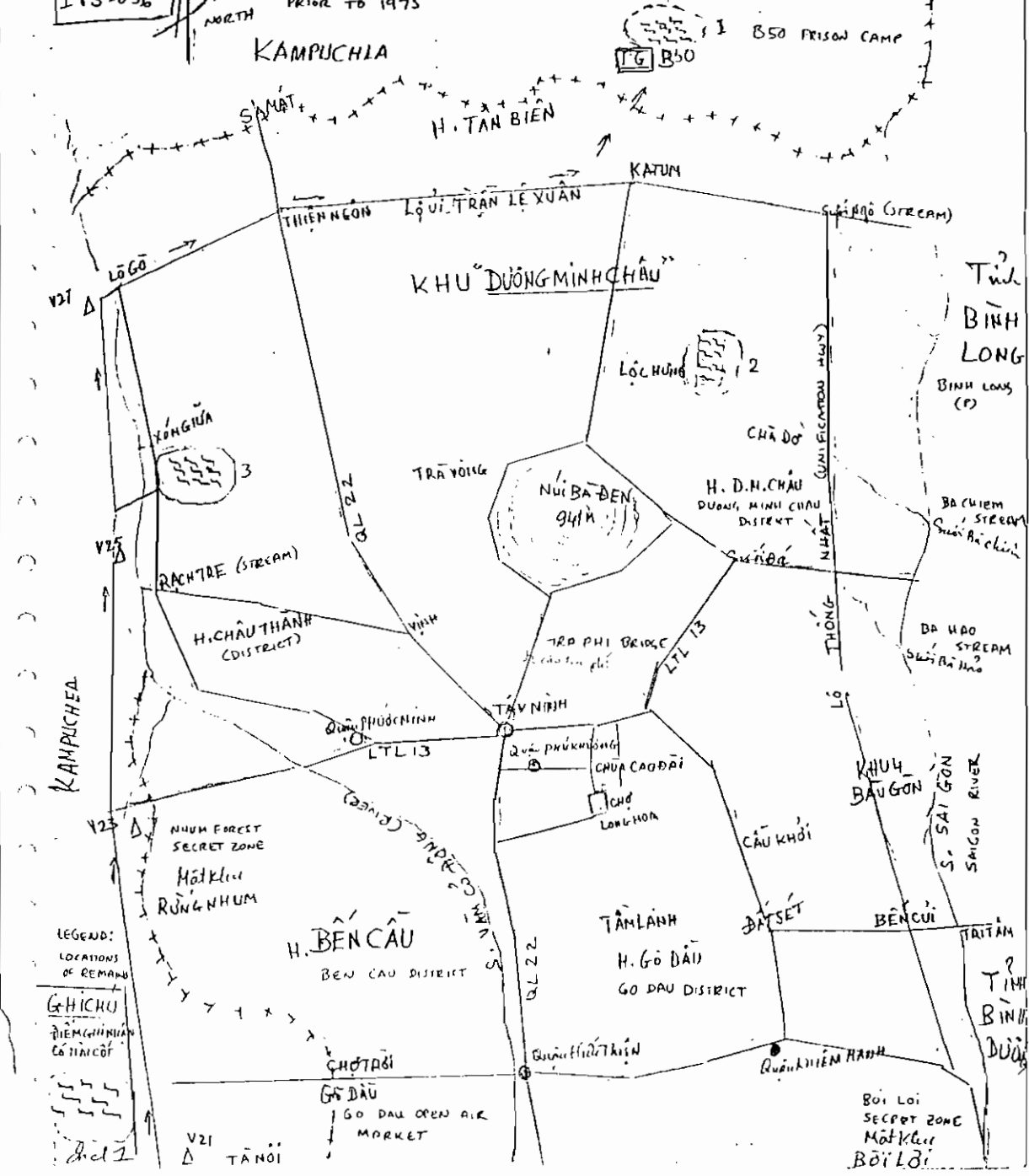


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NGƯỜI MỸ HẤT TỊCH TRƯỚC 1975 TỈNH TÂY NINH

SKETCH OF CRITICAL SITES OF MISSING AMERICANS IN TAY NINH (P)
PRIOR TO 1975



LEGEND:
LOCATIONS
OF REMAINS

GI HICHU
PIEM CHINH
CO TIN COF

VZI TÂN NÔI

CHỢ TÂN
GÒ DẦU
GÒ DẦU OPEN AIR
MARKET

BỜ LỢI
SECRET ZONE
MẬT KẾ
BỜ LỢI

KAMPUCHEA

KAMPUCHEA

TỈNH
BÌNH
LONG
BINH LONG
(P)

TỈNH
BÌNH
DƯƠNG

SAMAT

H. TAN BIEN

KATUM

KHU "DUONG MINH CHAU"

THIEN NGON

LỘ LUI TRẦN LÊ XUÂN

S. H. H. (STREAM)

LỘC HỮU

CHÀ ĐỒ

TRÀ YÔNG

NUC BA DEN GIAM

H. D. N. CHAU
DUONG MINH CHAU
DISTRICT

BACH IEM
STREAM
Sông Bạch Yến

RACH TRE (STREAM)

QL 22

H. CHAU THANH
(DISTRICT)

TRÀ PHI BRIDGE

S. H. H.

BA HAO
STREAM
Sông Bồ Hào

QUẬN PHƯỚC NHINH

TÂY NINH

QUẬN PHƯỚC KHƯỜNG

CHÙA CAO ĐÀI

CHỢ
LONG HÒA

QL 13

QL 19

LO

KHU
BAUGON

S. SAI GON
SAIGON RIVER

NUM FOREST
SECRET ZONE
MẬT KẾ
RỪNG NHUM

H. BÊN CẦU
BEN CAU DISTRICT

TÂN LẠNH
H. GÒ DẦU
GÒ DẦU DISTRICT

CẦU KHÔI

ĐẤT SET

BÊN CUI

TRITAM

QL 22

QUẬN HIỆP THỊNH

QUẬN NIỆM HẠNH

VZI TÂN NÔI