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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #M86-058  
15 October 1986

SUBJ: JCRC Rpt M86-058, Hearsay Death of Two Americans

1. Source/administrative data:
  - a. Name: Do Phuoc Hoa (M)
  - b. DPOB: 1 October 1953; Tan An Ward, Can Tho City
  - c. Profession:  
Pre -1975: Tailor  
Post-1975: Tailor
  - d. Present location: LH D24/1, Sungei Besi Refugee Camp, Malaysia
  - e. Identification data: MB 540
  - f. Educational level: 8 years
  - g. Languages spoken: Vietnamese (native), English (10 months study)
  - h. Religion: Buddhist
  - i. Status: Refugee, accepted by Australia (movement date unknown)
  - j. Date of information: Early 1986
  - k. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Sungei Besi Refugee Camp, Malaysia on 9 September 1986 by Thomas R. Mckay, CW2, USA.
  - l. Other: Source arrived in camp on 5 July 1986. His final address in Vietnam was Ap My Ai Hamlet, My Khanh Village, Can Tho City, Hau Giang Province. Source has no relatives currently living in the US.
  - m. Maps used: Scale: 1:100,000, Series: L607, Sheet: 6028

2. Incident summary: Source provides hearsay information concerning the death of two Americans which took place during the war in Truong Long Village, Chau Thanh District, Hau Giang Province (vicinity WS 6703).

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3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. Several months before Source's escape from Vietnam (exact date unknown by Source), Source met a friend, Vu Huy Le, also of Ap My Ai Hamlet, My Khanh Village, Can Tho. Le told Source that he normally went into the countryside to sell items he'd purchased in the city. While travelling through the area of Truong Long Village, Chau Thanh District (formerly Phong Dien District), vicinity WS 6703, Source saw some local people of the village praying. Other unidentified local villagers told Le that they often prayed for the souls of two Americans who had died in the area during the war. It was not made clear to Le whether the bodies of the two were still in the village area or not. Source knew no further details concerning the incident as related to him by Le.

Source stated he had seen the JCRC in-camp poster and had related to the Records Branch personnel at Pulau Bidong Refugee Camp that he had information. He claimed that he was told to keep his information to himself until the representative in charge of POW/MIAs came (meaning JCRC), but in the interim, Source was moved to Sungei Besi. Source stated this was the reason he did not report his story until hearing the in-camp loudspeaker appeal at Sungei Besi.

Source stated his uncle was an instructor for the GVN Special Police in MR-4 and his uncle obtained false exemption papers to help Source evade the GVN military draft. His uncle was only known to him as "Tu Sang" (Tuw Sang).



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