

INTERCAMP 1, SON LA-NGHIA LO

3. ( ) SOURCE STATED THAT ON 30 JUNE 1976, WHILE UNDERGOING RE-EDUCATION IN THE SON LA-NGHIA LO AREA, HE OBSERVED 60 TO 70 US PWS. SOURCE HAD JUST ARRIVED FROM TAN PAI TO A SOCCER FIELD LOCATED NEAR CAMPS 1 AND 2 OF INTERCAMP 1, SON LA-NGHIA LO. WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED ON THE SOCCER FIELD, HE SAW A LARGE GROUP OF PWS WHOM HE BELIEVED WERE AMERICANS FORMING UP IN FRONT OF CAMP 2. SOURCE THEN SAW THE GROUP WALK IN A COLUMN OF THREES (THREE FILES ABREAST) FROM CAMP 2 ACROSS A RED DIRT ROAD TO A CLEARED AREA BETWEEN THE SOCCER FIELD AND CAMPS 1 AND 2 WHICH WERE LOCATED APPROX 700 METERS APART. THE CLEARED AREA WHERE THE AMERICANS STOPPED WAS LOCATED APPROX 30 METERS NORTH OF THE SOCCER FIELD

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██████████ BUILDING APPROX 25 TO 30 METERS  
LONG, 8 METERS WIDE, AND 4 TO 5 METERS HIGH. THE  
BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM LARGE ROCKS SET IN  
CEMENT. THE BUILDING HAD A THATCH ROOF WHICH HAD BEEN  
COVERED COMPLETELY WITH A THIN LAYER OF BLUE PLASTIC  
SHEETING. THE BUILDING HAD TWO 20 CENTIMETERS THICK  
WOODEN DOORS WHICH OPENED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE  
BUILDING. THE BUILDING HAD FIVE TO SIX SMALL WINDOWS  
ALONG THE SOUTHERN WALL. THE WINDOWS WERE POSITIONED  
APPROX 3 METERS ABOVE FLOOR LEVEL. ON THE EAST SIDE  
OF THE BUILDING THERE WAS A SMALL WATER WELL, A CAMP  
KITCHEN, AND A LATRINE. THERE WAS NO FENCE AROUND THE  
CAMP. INMATES WERE AWAKENED AT 0530 AND SENT OUT ON  
TIMBER CUTTING DETAILS AT 0615. THE INMATES DID NOT  
RECEIVE A MORNING MEAL. INMATES RESTED FROM 1130 TO  
1330 HOURS DURING WHICH TIME THEY RECEIVED A NOON MEAL.  
INMATES RETURNED TO WORK AT 1330 AND RETURNED TO CAMP  
FOR THEIR EVENING MEAL AT 1730 HOURS. INMATES HAD  
POLITICAL LECTURES AND CRITICISM SESSIONS FROM 1900 TO  
2100 HOURS AND THEN WENT TO SLEEP. THE CAMP HAD NO  
ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATOR AND USED ONLY OIL LAMPS  
WHICH WERE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. CAMP 1 WAS  
LOCATED 700 METERS EAST OF CAMP 2. CAMP 1 CONSISTED OF  
12 TO 15 RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED  
FROM RED BRICK SET INTO CEMENT. THE BUILDINGS HAD RED  
TILE ROOFS. CAMP 1 OBTAINED WATER FROM TWO LARGE  
RECTANGULAR SHAPED CISTERNS. THE CAMP WAS SURROUNDED  
BY A BAMBOO POLE FENCE WHICH WAS STRUNG WITH BARBED  
WIRE. BOTH CAMPS 1 AND 2 WERE LOCATED BENEATH LARGE  
TREES WHICH WOULD MAKE THEIR OBSERVATION FROM THE AIR  
VERY DIFFICULT. SOURCE NEVER OBSERVED ANY VISITORS OR  
FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WHO VISITED CAMPS 1 OR 2. SOURCE  
VAGUELY RECALLED THE LETTER BOX NUMBER (LBN) OF CAMP 2  
WAS "HT63".

7. ██████████ SOURCE RECALLED THAT OTHER INMATES HELD IN  
CAMP 2 WHO ALSO OBSERVED THE GROUP OF AMERICANS  
INCLUDED FORMER ARVN MAJ DOAN XUAN NGOC (NGOCJ) (FORMER  
4TH CORPS IG), FORMER ARVN MAJ LE VAN HAI (AID TO BG LY  
TONG BA), AND APPROX 150 OTHER INMATES WHOM SOURCE  
COULD NOT RECALL. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE CURRENT  
WHEREABOUTS OF EITHER NGOC OR HAI. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW  
OF ANYONE WHO HAD OBSERVED THE GROUP OF AMERICANS AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY DEPARTED FROM VIETNAM. ARVN INMATES WORE  
BLUE PAJAMA-TYPE UNIFORMS WITH 30MM WIDE VERTICAL WHITE  
STRIPES WITH STRING TIES.

8. ██████████ WHEN SOURCE ARRIVED IN CAMP 2, THE COMMANDER  
WAS PAVN 1LT TRUONG THANH, AN APPROX 27-28 YOA LOCAL  
NATIVE AND MEMBER OF THE ETHNIC MINORITIES. ABOUT SIX  
MONTHS AFTER SOURCE ARRIVED IN CAMP 2, 1LT THANH WAS  
REPLACED BY PAVN 1LT LIEU (LIEUX), AN APPROX 29 YOA

LOCAL NATIVE AND MEMBER OF THE ETHNIC MINORITIES. THE DEPUTY AND POLITICAL OFFICER OF CAMP 2 WAS PAVN 2LT KIFT (KIETJ), A 25-26 YOA LOCAL NATIVE AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ETHNIC MINORITIES. SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CADRE WHO COULD SPEAK ENGLISH. SOURCE RECALLED THAT PAVN GUARDS WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED THE GROUP OF AMERICANS HE SAW HAD USED ONLY WHISTLES TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE AMERICANS. SOURCE NEVER HEARD THE AMERICANS SPEAK TO ANY CADRE. SOURCE NEVER HEARD THE AMERICANS SPEAK AMONG THEMSELVES.

9. [REDACTED] WHILE ON LABOR DETAILS IN THE AREA OF CAMP 2, SOURCE MET MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ETHNIC MINORITIES WHO RESIDED IN A SMALL VILLAGE (U/I) LOCATED APPROX ONE KILOMETER FROM CAMP 2. SOURCE EXCHANGED OLD CLOTHING WITH THE LOCALS FOR FOOD. SOURCE HEARD FROM THE LOCALS (U/I) THAT DURING THE FRENCH COLONIAL PERIOD, CAMP 2 HAD BEEN USED BY THE FRENCH FORCES TO HOLD IMPORTANT VIETNAMESE REVOLUTIONARIES. SOURCE HEARD THE CAMP WAS LATER USED TO HOLD AMERICAN, SOUTH KOREAN, AND THAI PRISONERS. SOURCE HEARD FROM THE LOCALS THE AMERICANS WERE ALLOWED TO RAISE ANIMALS. LOCALS ALSO TOLD SOURCE THAT THE AMERICANS WERE BEING MOVED BECAUSE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE ARVN INMATES. THE LOCALS TOLD SOURCE THAT BETWEEN THE FRENCH WAR AND THE TIME WHEN AMERICANS

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STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CUNG SHOULD BE RECEIVED WITH CAUTION.

15. (S/NF) COMMENT: SOURCE CUNG RELATED HIS STORY HALTINGLY, PAUSING FREQUENTLY TO REFRESH HIS MEMORY. CUNG, AT ONE POINT, STATED THAT THE LARGE GROUP OF AMERICANS WAS HELD IN THE CAMP 2 BUILDING AT THE TIME HE ARRIVED, BUT LATER DESCRIBED THE SAME BUILDING AS BEING LITTERED WITH OLD HAND GRENADE CASINGS AND DEBRIS. CUNG QUICKLY REVERSED HIS STATEMENT, HOWEVER, AND SAID THE BUILDING HAD BEEN CLEARED PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL. SOURCE VOLUNTARILY FOR EXAM BY POLYGRAPH AND STRESSED HE HAD NO REASON TO BE UNTRUTHFUL BECAUSE HE HAS NO FAMILY REMAINING IN VIETNAM AND IS QUALIFIED TO GO TO THE US SINCE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN IN THE US ARE SPONSORING HIM. CUNG CLAIMED TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM CLASS 16 OF THE RVN NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY. HE NOTE THAT SOURCE IS LISTED ON PAGE 205 OF THE ARVN OFFICER'S REGISTER (CPT, DOR 1 JAN 70). FELLOW REFUGEE AND FORMER FELLOW INMATE IN SON LA WHO DID NOT SEE THE AMERICANS (NGUYEN TIN BIEN, PARA 11 ABOVE) IS ALSO LISTED IN THE ARVN OFFICER'S REGISTER ON PAGE 95 (MAJ, DOR 19 JUN 68). LTC BIEM CLAIMED TO HAVE GRADUATED FROM CLASS 12 OF THE NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY. LTC BIEM ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE ATTENDED THE PSYOPS COURSE AT FT BRAGG NC DURING 1967 AND THE ADVANCED INFANTRY OFFICER'S COURSE AT FT BENNING GA DURING 1968. SOURCE CUNG DID NOT CLAIM ANY TRAINING IN THE US, BUT DID CLAIM TO HAVE ATTENDED 6 WEEKS OF JUNGLE WARFARE/COMBAT GUERRILLA OPERATIONS TRAINING IN SINGAPORE DURING 1964. SOURCE'S HAND DRAWN SKETCH OF THE AREA WHERE HE CLAIMED TO HAVE OBSERVED THE AMERICANS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY. SOURCE'S INFORMATION HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE LOCAL STONY BACH TEAM. DCCL: OADR

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