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<p>1. COUNTRY: VS, RVN MR-3, BINH LONG Province</p> <p>2. SUBJECT: (U) Sighting of Eight US PW in BINH LONG Province, RVN</p> <p>3. ISC NUMBER: 723.600</p> <p>4. DATE OF INFORMATION: Jul 67</p> <p>5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: CMIC, SAIGON, VS 16 Dec 71</p> <p>6. EVALUATION: SOURCE <u>F</u> INFORMATION <u>6</u></p> <p>7. SOURCE: PW Interrogation</p>	<p>8. REPORT NUMBER: 6 029 1142 71</p> <p>9. DATE OF REPORT: 28 Dec 71</p> <p>10. NO. OF PAGES: 3</p> <p>11. REFERENCES: DIRM: 6G1, 6G3 SICR: D-7CX-49018</p> <p>12. ORIGINATOR: US Element, CMIC, USMACV</p> <p>13. PREPARED BY: DAVID O. JOHNSON 1LT, USA</p> <p>14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: <i>La Vern A. Gustafson</i> LAVERN A. GUSTAFSON MAJ, USA Acting Dir, US Elm, CMIC</p>
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15. SUMMARY: (Leave Blank)

(C) This report contains information concerning the sighting of eight US PW in BINH LONG Province, RVN, to include location, circumstances of sighting, physical condition, and treatment. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.

1. (C) Background Information:

- a. Name: NGUYEN MINH TRI (NGUYEENX, MINH TRIS), CMIC 0422-71
- b. Rank: None (VC)
- c. Position and Unit of Assignment: Asst Plat Ldr; C-2 Co, SA LONG (VC) Province Unit, MR-7 (T-7)
- d. DPOB: Oct 40; AN HOI Village, TRUC GIANG District, KIEN HOA Province, RVN

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e. Parents' Names: Father, NGUYEN BAO AN (NGUYEENX, BAOR AN), deceased; Mother, VO THI KEO (VOX, THIV KEO), deceased.

f. Circumstances of Capture. Source was captured on 3 Aug 71, while he was on his way to pick up his unit's payroll from the finance unit located at Plantation No 20, THOI GIAO Village, XUAN LOC District, LONG KHANH Province, RVN. Source had in his possession at the time of his capture one SONY Radio, 2,000\$ RVN, and one notebook. Source had no weapons or ammunition in his possession at the time of his capture.

## g. Significant Activities:

(1) 1956 to Nov 68. Source worked on his family's farm from 1956 to 1965. In May 65, Source joined the VC and was taken to R, located near the BAU CO area, TAY NINH Province, RVN. Source remained there for two months. In Aug 65, Source was sent to adjutant's training in the BAU CO area, TAY NINH Province, RVN. Source received training for six months. This training consisted primarily of finance and economics training pertaining to his future job. In Feb 66, Source was assigned to an engineering unit belonging to Office No 5, COSVN. Source awaited orders for two months, and in Mar 66, Source was assigned to C-2 Co, 65th Engr Bn, Engineer Department, COSVN, located in the DA BANG Stream area, TAY NINH Province, RVN. Source worked as adjutant for this unit. In Nov 67, the 65th Engr Bn moved to War Zone D, and was assigned to WS-5, located in BINH LONG Province, RVN. In Nov 67, Source's unit, the 65th Engr Bn, and WS-5 combined in order to harass and ambush US/Allied convoys and troops along Highway No 1, located in TRANG BOM District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN. Source and his unit remained there until Nov 68.

(2) In Nov 68, WS-5 moved to COSVN, and the 65th Engr Bn became known as the 67th Engr Bn and moved to TRANG BOM District, BIEN HOA Province, RVN, subordinate to MR-7 (T-7). In Feb 69, Source's unit moved to Highway No 15 in order to disrupt and harass US/Allied operations along the highway. The 67th Engr Bn remained along Highway No 15 until Sep 70, when the unit received orders to disband. This action sent Source's company, the C-2 Co, to the BA LONG Province Unit area along Highway No 2. Source's C-2 Co, arrived at the BA LONG Province Unit in Sep 70. Source's job was adjutant of the C-2 Co, BA LONG Province Unit. The mission of the C-2 Co was to lay mines and to ambush and harass US/Allied units along highway No 2. Source remained with this unit until he was captured.

h. Additional References: CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; MACV/JPRC Photographs of missing and captured personnel in SEA, dtd 12 Sep 71; Map: VIETNAM, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6332 IV, Edition 1, dtd 1965, Scale 1:50,000

2. (C) Sighting of Eight US PW in BINH LONG Province, RVN. This report is based on SICR D-7CX-49018 (Prisoner of War Intelligence):

a. Location. The PW were sighted at Commo-liaison Station K-6 (vic XU805093), 10 kilometers southeast of the LOC NINH Rubber Plantation, LOC NINH District, BINH LONG Province, RVN.

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b. Mission at the Time of Sighting. On an unrecalled day in Jul 67, Source was on his way to the LOC NINH Rubber Plantation, LOC NINH District, BINH LONG Province, RVN, in order to purchase rice. Source had stopped at Commo-liaison Station K-6 to spend the night before continuing to the plantation.

c. Circumstances of Sighting. On an unrecalled day in Jul 67, at approximately 1700 hours, while on his way to buy rice at the LOC NINH Rubber Plantation, Source stopped at Commo-liaison Station K-6 for the night and observed eight US PW for approximately three hours. The PW were detained by eight guards; two were armed with K-54 pistols, and the remaining six were armed with AK-47s. The prisoners were not segregated nor restricted from speaking to one another. Six of the PW were Caucasian and two were Negro.

d. Conversation Between Source and Guards. During the three hours he observed the PW, Source talked with the guards and learned that the PW were members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and had been captured on Highway 13 on an unknown date (NFI). The guards also stated that they had been sent from a PW camp to pick up the PW (NFI). Source did not know the location of the PW camp, but he noticed that they departed in the direction of CAMBODIA.

e. Physical Condition of US PW. All of the PW appeared to be in good health with the exception of one Negro PW. This PW had a wound in his upper right arm and had a bandage covering it with the arm in a sling.

f. Clothing. All eight PW wore the National Liberation Front uniform of black pajamas.

g. Biographical Correlation. Due to the lack of capture data, biographical correlation was not possible. Source was shown the MACV/JPRC Photographs of Missing and Captured Personnel in SEA, dtd 12 Sep 71; however, he was unable to identify any photographs.

(U) COMMENTS: Source was cooperative throughout the interrogation but offered little information on his own. He appeared to be in good health and of average intelligence. His responses to control questions revealed no attempts at deception. He was administered the cross-Cultural IQ Test and scored Average (20). This report partially satisfies the requirements of SICR D-7CX-49018.

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