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REPORT CLASS C O N F I D E N T I A L/WARNING NOTICE - SENSITIVE  
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED/NO FOREIGN DISSEM  
COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM  
DOI MID - 1970  
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN TAN  
UYEN DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM  
ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON (5 DECEMBER 1972) [REDACTED]

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1. IN MAY OR JUNE 1970 AT ABOUT 1700 HOURS ONE AFTERNOON, [REDACTED] OBSERVED THREE U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S) IN BINN CO HAMLET, BINH MY VILLAGE, TAN UYEN DISTRICT, BIEN HOA PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN), FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES FROM A DISTANCE OF ABOUT TEN METERS. ACCORDING TO THEIR SIX GUARDS, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE UNIT WHICH HAD CAPTURED THEM, THE POW'S WERE AMBUSHED WHILE RIDING IN A JEEP BY SOLDIERS OF THE THE VIET CONG (VC) CHAU THANH DISTRICT UNIT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE, ON INTER-PROVINCE ROAD 16, NEAR XT916292, ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TAN UYEN DISTRICT TOWN.

2. ALL OF THE POW'S APPEAR TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE WOUNDED. THEY WERE CAUCASIAN AND WORE CIVILIAN CLOTHES. ONE POW WAS ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD, 1.90 METERS TALL, HAD A MEDIUM BUILD AND A LONG FACE. THE SECOND WAS ABOUT 1.80 METERS TALL AND HAD A HEAVY BUILD. THE THIRD POW WAS ABOUT 1.70 METERS TALL AND ALSO HAD A HEAVY BUILD.

3. THE POW'S AND THEIR GUARDS REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN BINH CO HAMLET. THE POW'S WERE GIVEN BREAD TO EAT AND WERE PLACED IN

TRENCHES TO SLEEP. THE NEXT MORNING THEY WERE SENT TO THE VC SUB REGION (SR) 5 HEADQUARTERS IN WAR ZONE D. THE GUARDS WERE ARMED WITH AK RIFLES AND TIED THE HANDS OF EACH MAN FOR THE TRIP. (FIELD COMMENT) VC SR-5 HAS SINCE BEEN REDESIGNATED THU BIEN SR. THU BIEN SR INCLUDES GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (SVN) DUC TU AND TAN UYEN DISTRICTS, BIEN HOA PROVINCE; BIEN HOA CITY, MOST OF THU DUC DISTRICT, GIA DINH PROVINCE; CHAU THANH, LAI THIEU AND PHU GAO DISTRICT, BINH DUONG PROVINCE; PHU CUONG CITY AND PORTIONS OF KIEN TAN DISTRICT, LONG KHANH PROVINCE.)

4. (FIELD COMMENT: ██████████ WAS SHOWN THE "PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SEA" ALBUM PUBLISHED BY THE JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY CENTER (JPRC) BUT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE MEN.)

5 (FIELD COMMENT: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS COORDINATED WITH JPRC WHICH MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: "JPRC'S CORRELATION OF THIS REPORT INDICATES THAT THE SOURCE PROBABLY DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT INVOLVING SFC JOE P. P E D E R S O N, SP4 JAMES E. R O Z O AND PFC ROBERT P. P H I L L I P S , ALL OF THE US ARMY. THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE BY THE VC/NVA ON 23 JUNE 1970 AT XT801340 ON A ROAD NEAR BEN CAT VILLAGE, BINH DUONG

PROVINCE, SNV. FURTHER, THIS IS THE ONLY DATE/CIRCUMSTANCE CORRELATION FOR THE TIME-FRAME AND AREA. THE VEHICLE INVOLVED WAS A 2 AND ONE-HALF TON MILITARY VEHICLE, NOT A JEEP AND WAS LEFT AT THE SCENE. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CARRIED BY THE US ARMY IN THE FOLLOWING STATUS: SFC PEDERSON - MIA; SP4 ROZO AND PFC PHILLIPS - CAPTURED (BASED ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION). FOR INFORMATION ON ANOTHER SIGHTING OF TWO OF THREE POW'S, SEE

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7. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY USMACV JPRC 7TH AIR FORCE  
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