



Song Be

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FROM: JCRC-LNM
TO: Commander, JCRC

SUBJ: Discovery of Remains in Body Bag near Former Tong Le Chan Re-ed Camp

Source:

- a. Name: Nguyen Huu Duc
- b. DOB: 13 May 1958
- c. POB: Saigon
- d. Former position: Student
- e. Present location: Bks 40, Zone 2, Galang Refugee Camp, Indonesia
- f. Identification data: ID 940018
- g. DOI: 1982
- h. Map used: 1:250,000, sheet NC48-4
- i. Date of interview: 29 August 1984
- j. Name of interviewer: Thomas R. McKay, CW2, USA
- k. Other: Source's final address in Vietnam was 111F Ha Ton Huynh St., Ward 4, District 5, HCMC. Source has a cousin, Nguyen Thi Tu, living at 1809 East 21st St., Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Source provides first hand information of the discovery of remains in a body bag while working on forced labor.

Information:

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. Sometime in 1982 (exact date not recalled), Source and friend Huynh Nam Viet were held in former Tong Le Chan Re-education Camp located in Binh Long District, Song Be (P) which was a former ARVN Ranger base camp near Minh Duc (V) and Thanh Binh (V), vicinity XT 7483. During Source's internment in the camp, it was only being used to hold escapees and criminals. Source was held here for a foiled escape attempt.

While working on a labor detail digging an irrigation ditch, Source saw his friend, Viet, unearth an orange body bag which contained human remains. Source viewed the incident from approximately 50 M away. The bag was approximately two meters long and had a single zipper running the entire length. The accompanying communist cadre forced Viet to empty the remains, which consisted only of bones, into the hole they were digging but allowed him to keep the bag. There was no further mention of the remains. At the end of the work day, Viet returned to his quarters with the bag and later made a hammock out of it. Upon return to camp, Source heard no additional details from Viet concerning the incident except that Viet felt that the remains were of an American (reasons not given).

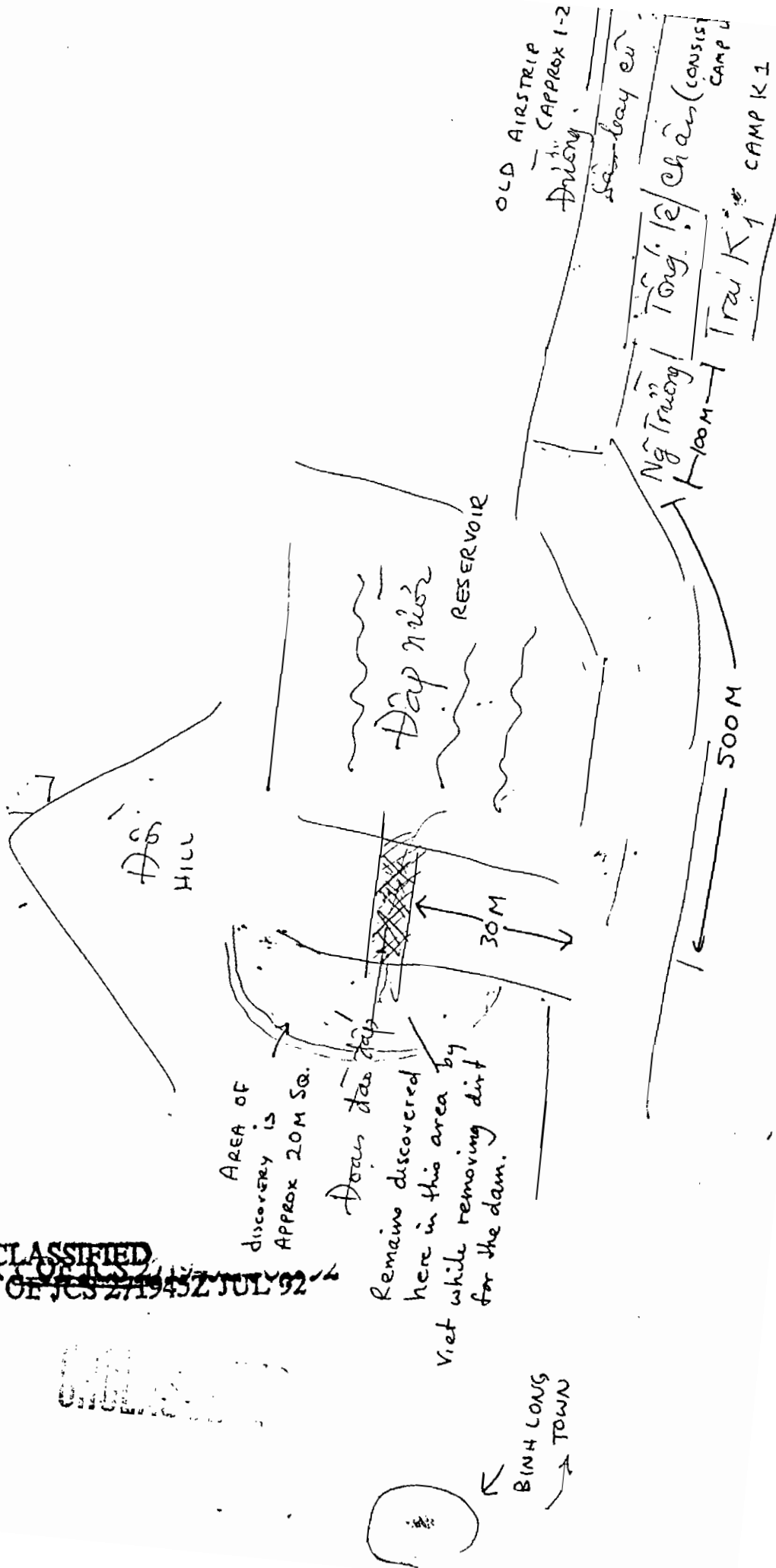
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