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15. SUMMARY: (C) This report contains information concerning the past activities and areas of knowledgeability of returnee, LE VAN BUU (LEE, VEAN BUWUR), CMIC 2890-70, Chief of the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-1), Military Proselyting Section, Regional Party Committee (T-3 or C-112), R. Source arrived at the CMIC on 13 Feb 70. The suspense date for levying CMIC with Collection Requirements on source is 20 Mar 70. (Leave Blank)

1. (C) Biographical Data:

- a. Name: LE VAN BUU (LEE, VEAN BUWUR), CMIC 2890-70
b. Alias: CHIN TIEN (CHINS, TIEENS)
c. Rank: None (VC)

d. VC Position and Unit of Assignment: Chief; Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-1), Military Proselyting Section, Regional Party Committee (T-3 or C-112), R

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e. DPOB: 1927; TAN HOA Ham, TAN THUAN Vil, DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov, RVN

f. HOR: Same

g. Parents: Father, LE MINH SANG (LEE, MINH SANG), living; Mother, NGUYEN THI TAM (NGUYEENX, THIV TAMS), living

h. Formal Education: Four years

i. Total Military Service: Jan 55 to 3 Nov 69

j. Political Affiliations: Joined People's Revolutionary Party in Jan 57

k. Religion: Confucianism

l. Marital Status: Married, wife: BUI THI HOA (BUIL, THIV HOA)

m. Relatives Working for RVN or RVNAF: TRAN VAN GIAU (TRAANL, VEAN JAUL), cousin, ARVN officer; LE VAN PHUOC (LEE, VEAN FUOWCS), cousin, RVNAF pilot (NFI)

n. Relatives Working for VC or NVA: HUYNH VAN PHONG (HUYNHL, VEAN FONGL), brother, NVA; LE VAN NAM (LEE, VEAN NEAM), cousin, VC (NFI)

o. Civilian Occupation: Farmer

p. Foreign Travel and Purpose of Travel: None

2. (C) Circumstances of Return:

a. Geographical Location: AN XUYEN City, AN XUYEN Prov, RVN

b. Date of Return: 3 Nov 69

c. Returned to: CHIEU HOI Center, AN XUYEN City, AN XUYEN Prov

d. Mission when returned: None

e. Documents or Weapons in Possession: None

f. Others Returned with Source: None

3. (C) Significant Civilian and Military Activities:

Source was born in TAN HOA Ham, TAN THUAN Vil, DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov, RVN, in 1927. He attended school at his POB from 1949 to 1953, and worked as a farmer until he joined the VC.

In Jan 55, source joined the VC at his POB and organized youth groups in TAN THUAN Vil, DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov. In Jan 57, he joined the People's Revolutionary Party and was promoted to district group committee member. In this capacity, he was in charge of organizing youth groups in DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov. From Jan to Mar 60, he attended a refresher political indoctrination course at the MUI ONG LUC Jungle

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Area, CAI NUOC Dist, AN XUYEN Prov, RVN. Those attending the course possessed the required prerequisites to be village, district, or province party secretaries.

In Apr 60, source was assigned as cadre in the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-5), Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R, located in CAN THO (VC) Prov. The mission of the unit was to spread propaganda. From Jan to May 62, he attended a refresher political indoctrination course organized by T-3 at the CAN THO Jungle Area, unk dist, AN XUYEN Prov, for those who possessed the prerequisites to be village, district, or province party secretaries. In May 62, source returned to KC-5 with the same mission.

From May to Jul 65, source attended the Military Proselyting Conference, organized by R, in the War Zone D Jungle Area, unk district and province. Cadre from propaganda units all over the RVN met to report their activities and their achievements.

From Jul 65 to Jan 66, source was assigned to the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-3), Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R, operating in BA XUYEN Prov and BAC LIEU Prov. Concurrently, he was Asst Party Secretary of KC-3. The party secretary of KC-3 was TU NGUYEN (TUW, NGUYEENX). The chief of KC-3 was BAY THACH (BAYR, THACHV). The mission of KC-3 was to spread propaganda to these two provinces. KC-3 was organized politically into three cells of ten men each, but the mission was the same in each cell. KC-3 spread propaganda to ARVN troops, relatives of ARVN troops, and civilians in RVN-controlled areas. The means of spreading propaganda consisted of letters, leaflets, broadcasts, slogans, and posters displayed in public, and personal contact. KC-3 was notified by T-3 (location unk) of seasonal military campaigns, and accelerated their activities prior to and during those campaigns. KC-3 operated a "penetration" element within BA XUYEN Prov and BAC LIEU Prov. The mission of this element was to discover the internal situation and morale of ARVN troops and people in RVN-controlled areas. This element consisted of civilians working in ARVN and Allied installations and agencies, and VC who had joined the ARVN. Source could provide no names of members in this element because he had not worked with them. The "penetration" element communicated with KC-3 through a liaison element. Each member of the liaison contacted a cadre man of KC-3, daily, at a meeting place (location unk) and reported the information from a member of the "penetration" element.

Source was in charge of the following four liaison members, whom he had requested through party channels: HAI NGHIA (HAI, NGHIA), captured in a raid source led on 29 Jan 70; THU HA (THU, HAL) and HAI AN (HAI, AANX), who both lived in THUAN DIEN Ham, LONG DIEN TAY Vil, GIA RAI Dist, BAC LIEU Prov; and NAM AU (NAMR, AAU), who lived in THANH TRI Ham, LONG DIEN TAY Vil, GIA RAI Dist, BAC LIEU Prov. Source had trained these four, but they had performed no liaison duties for him.

In Apr 69, source was promoted to Chief of the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-1), Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R, at DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov. He had no political duties, but had the authority of asst secretary of the district. The mission of the unit was the administration of the Military Proselyting Section of T-3, consisting of KC-1, KC-2, KC-3, KC-4, and KC-5. Source's mission was to command

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the unit. KC-1 consisted of a medical records element, a printing element (propaganda material), a finance element, a base camp element (for movement of KC-1), and a legal commo-liaison element, which provided false identification papers. KC-1 was composed of 28 men divided politically into three cells.

Source worked for the VC for 15 years, and thought that the VC had no chance for victory. During this time he rarely saw his family. He communicated by letter with TRUONG MINH CHIEU (TRUOWNG, MINH CHIEU), his brother-in-law, who explained the CHIEU HOI Program. CHIEU arranged for source to meet LAM CHANH NGON (LAAM, CHANHS NGOON), the AN XUYEN Prov Chief, on 29 Oct 69. Source told the location of his unit, and, on 3 Nov 69, rallied to the CHIEU HOI Center in AN XUYEN City, AN XUYEN Prov.

On 6 Nov 69, source led the Recon Co (CIDG), AN XUYEN Prov, on an attack against the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-1), Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R, in BA VIEN Vil, DAM DOI Dist, AN XUYEN Prov. Five cadre of KC-1 were KIA; one K-44 carbine, one MAS-36 rifle, one jeep filled with documents, and four mortar sampans were captured; and three buildings and one medicine warehouse were destroyed as a result. On 9 Nov 69, source again led the same unit to the same village, and they captured three K-2 rifles (sic) and one member of the BA VIEN Vil Party Chapter Committee. On 29 Jan 70, source led one company of field forces (unit designation unk), BAC LIEU Prov, and two companies of regional forces (unit designation unk), BAC LIEU Prov, and they captured five VC of the Military Proselyting Subsection (KC-3), Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R, at LONG DIEN TAY Vil, GIA RAI Dist, BAC LIEU Prov.

4. (C) Significant Responses to the CMIC Indicator Questionnaire for SICRs:

VC are able to detect the presence of Allied forces by the odors of cigarette smoke and soap.

5. (C) Knowledgeability: Source will be exploited in the following areas of interest:

- a. Organization of the Military Proselyting Section, T-3, R
- b. Organization of T-3
- c. VC Proselyting and Propaganda Activities
- d. VC Espionage Activities
- e. VC Sniffing Ability
- f. VC Use of Motorized Sampans

6. (C) Interrogator's Comments:

- a. Physical Condition: Good
- b. Cooperation: Very good
- c. Intelligence: Average

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