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15. SUMMARY (Leave Blank)

(C) This report contains information concerning the sighting of a US PW, who rallied to the VC after he received intensive indoctrination by them in 1965. Included are the general location of the sighting, physical description, personal information concerning the defector, and limited information pertaining to the conversation that took place between the defector and captive DANG NGOC TOA, CMIC 2891-70. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.

1. (C) Background Information:

a. Name: DANG NGOC TOA (DEANGV, NGOCV TOAL), aka LAM (LAAM), CMIC 2891-70

b. Rank: LTC (NVA)

c. Unit and Position of Assignment: Staff Officer; Combat Staff of QUANG DA Special Zone

d. DPOB: 1928; HUONG LAM Hamlet, HOA LUONG Village, HIEU DUC District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN

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e. Parents' Names: Father, DANG VAN PHO (DEANGV, VEAN FOL), living; Mother, NGUYEN THI THAN (NGUYEENX, THIV TAAN), living

f. Circumstances of Capture. On 13 Jan 70, US and ARVN forces conducted a sweep operation of the area and surrounded Source's home. Source told the troops he would commit suicide if they attacked him, and if they gave him two hours in the house, he would surrender. He was subsequently captured.

g. Significant Activities:

(1) DOB to Apr 61. Source was born in HUONG LAM Hamlet, HOA LUONG Village, HIEU DUC District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN, in 1928. He attended the CHAN THANH School in DA NANG City, QUANG NAM Province, from 1934 to 1944. In Aug 45, Source joined the VIET MINH to fight against the French forces. In 1954, he regrouped to NVN and was assigned as battalion executive officer of the cadre group, located in DAI TU District, THAI NGUYEN Province, NVN. Source remained with this cadre group until Oct 54. In Oct 54, the cadre group was sent to HANOI and Source traveled to THANH HOA Province to join the 108th Regt, which together with the 96th Regt and the 210th Regt, arrived from the RVN. The three regiments joined to form the 305th NVA Div. Source was assigned as the commander of the 50th Bn, 108th Regt, 305th NVA Div, located in THANH HOA Province, NVN. In Sep 57, Source was assigned as the commander of the 343d Bn, 350th NVA Div, located in THANH BA District, PHU THO Province, NVN. In Nov 58, Source was promoted to major, and, in Feb 59, he was transferred to the THAI NGUYEN Iron Factory, located in THAI NGUYEN Province, NVN. In Sep 59, Source was transferred to the Medical University of HANOI, where he studied medicine for one and a half years. He found the medical course too hard and requested a transfer to attend the Economic University of HANOI.

(2) Apr 61 to DOC. From Apr 61 to Jun 64, Source attended the Economic University of HANOI. In Jun 64, he received the Economic University Certificate and was assigned as an assistant in the Plans Department for Technical Materiel, located in HANOI. Source remained in this position until Jul 67, when he was recalled to active military duty. He was assigned to the cadre group, Joint General Staff, located in HANOI City, where he received endurance training in preparation for infiltration to the RVN. In Oct 67, the cadre group, consisting of 30 men ranking from senior captain to colonel, was redesignated the 20th Infil Gp, and began its infiltration. The infiltration group traveled on foot through LAOS and arrived in the border area of QUANG NAM and QUANG NGAI Provinces, RVN, in Dec 67. Source was assigned to the Military Proselyting Section of MR-5, located in QUANG TIN Province, RVN. In Nov 69, Source was promoted to lieutenant colonel and was assigned to the High Command of the QUANG DA Special Zone. In Dec 69, he was given the mission of reconnoitering the approach routes around DA NANG City for the Spring 1970 Campaign. At the same time, Source heard from his cousin that his father was sick, and he went to visit him at HOA LUONG Village, HIEU DUC District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN. While visiting his sick father, Source was captured by US and ARVN forces.

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h. Additional References: CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; MAPS: VIETNAM, AMS Series L701h, Sheets 65h0 I, 65h1 IV, and 66h0 IV, Edition 1, dtd 1965, Scale 1:50,000; US PW Photo Album

2. (C) Sighting of an American Defector in QUANG NAM Province, RVN. The following in response to SICR D-7CX-49018 (Prisoner of War Intelligence):

a. Circumstances of Sighting. In mid-Dec 68, while Source was on his way to a meeting conducted by the QUANG DA Special Zone HQ in the TRUONG SON Mountains (exact loc unk), Source met an American with a group of cadre from VC Region 5 Front. He engaged with the American in a 15-minute casual conversation.

b. Description of the American Defector:

(1) Identification:

(a) Name: GARWOOD, Robert (Bobby)

(b) Rank and Branch of Service: SGT, US Marine Corps

(c) Nationality: American

(d) Physical Description:

1 Height: 1.70m (Interrogator's Note: Source estimated the interrogator's height as 1.70m. The interrogator is 1.66m tall.)

2 Weight: 75kg (Interrogator's Note: Source estimated the interrogator's weight as 95kg. The interrogator weighs 100kg.)

3 Color of Hair: Brown

4 Color of Eyes: Brown

5 Race: Caucasian

6 Complexion: Medium

7 Hair Length: Source estimated that GARWOOD's hair was approximately 4cm long, thick, and combed straight back.

8 Nose: Straight, long

9 Scars: None visible

10 Tattoos: None visible

11 Birthmarks: None visible

12 Build: Medium

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13 Age: 21 or 22. Source stated that GARWOOD told him his age, but Source was not sure if it was 21 or 22.

14 Glasses worn: None

15 Rings/Watches: None noted

(2) Clothing Worn by the Defector. At the time Source spoke with him, GARWOOD was wearing red-colored pajamas, a pair of rubber sandals, and a khaki jungle hat. GARWOOD was armed with a K-54 pistol (basic load, unk).

(3) Physical Condition. GARWOOD was not injured at the time of sighting. He looked and talked as though he was in excellent condition. Source did not believe that GARWOOD was undernourished.

(4) Personal Information:

(a) Nickname: Source stated that GARWOOD told him that his friends back in the United States and in the military service called him "Bobby". After he rallied to the VC, he adopted the nickname of NGUYEN CHIEN DAU (NGUYEENX, CHIEENS DAUS), and was called NGUYEN DAU by his VC friends. Source did not know the reason why GARWOOD adopted this name. Source added that the words CHIEN DAU translates literally as "struggle".

(b) Wife's Name: To the best of Source's knowledge, GARWOOD was not married.

(c) Number and/or Names of Children: Source did not believe that GARWOOD had any children. He was sure that if GARWOOD had any children he would have mentioned it to Source.

(d) Number and/or Names of Brothers and Sisters: GARWOOD's family lived in the United States, but Source could not recall any information concerning the size of the family, or in which state they were residing.

(e) Names of other Relatives and/or Friends: Source did not discuss this subject with GARWOOD.

(f) Birthplace: Source could not remember if GARWOOD told him that he was born in California or Colorado.

(g) Distinctive Habits: Source could not recall any distinctive habits, but he stated that GARWOOD was a heavy smoker. He explained that during his conversation with him, GARWOOD smoked about five cigarettes (brands unk) in a period of about 15 minutes.

(h) Foreign Language Capability: GARWOOD spoke fluent Vietnamese, which Source believed he had learned since 1965, while with the VC. GARWOOD had no difficulty using his linguistic ability to converse with Source. Source stated that GARWOOD spoke the HUE dialect.

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(5) Capture Data. GARWOOD told Source that he was captured in 1965 (exact date and location unk) in QUANG NAM Province, RVN. He was captured by an unidentified VC element of the VC Region 5 Front (sic). After GARWOOD rallied to the VC, he was assigned to the Proselyting Section of MR-5. At a later date GARWOOD was assigned to work with the VC at an unidentified US and ARVN Officers PW Camp, located in the general vicinity of TRA KHE Village (BTO767), HOA VANG District, QUANG NAM Province, RVN (hearsay). GARWOOD also accompanied the VC cadre on trips to various districts in QUANG NAM and QUANG NGAI Province (NFI).

(6) Conversation between Source and GARWOOD. Source stated that during the conversation with GARWOOD, he discussed the current (1968) situation in the RVN, NVN, and the world. GARWOOD stated to Source that he was very privileged to be working for the Liberation forces. He was hoping to be able to become a Party member. GARWOOD also told Source that he was very angry at the US Government for bombing the NVN as well as the VC-controlled areas in the RVN. He was convinced the Liberation forces were doing the right thing in defending the country of VIETNAM from US aggression. Source also discussed the living conditions of the VC, which GARWOOD accepted as they were, and he did not have any complaints. GARWOOD informed Source that he was treated very well by all of his VC friends.

(7) Photo Identification. Source was not able to identify GARWOOD from the US PW Photo Album. Source was shown GARWOOD's photo in the PW Photo Album (photo 22), but he was not able to state that the photo resembled GARWOOD. Source added that at the time of sighting, GARWOOD had long hair on his head and the picture showed a person with a close crew cut. He informed this interrogator that during his interrogation in DA NANG City, he was shown a photo of GARWOOD, which he identified without any difficulties. The photo in possession of the intelligence element in DA NANG City was more recent, and Source suggested that the photo be provided to all interrogation agencies.

(C) COMMENTS: Source appeared to be intelligent and was cooperative to a certain extent during the interrogation. He did not volunteer any information. The interrogator feels that this Source is a hard-core Communist, and it appears that he knows more than he is willing to divulge. When asked about specific locations, Source repeatedly diverted from the subject, and would provide only general locations. Source constantly attempted to engage the interrogator in political discussions. He was administered the Cross-Cultural IQ Test and scored Average (22).

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