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SUBJ: JCRC REPRC T85-203, OBSERVATION OF AMERICANS AND
FOREIGNERS IN VIETNAM AFTER 1975, HEARSAY CONCERN-
ING ALLEGED U.S. REMAINS (U)

1. SOURCE: NAME: PHAM QUANG KHAI; DOB: 23 APR 21;
FCB: GIA PHUC (H), XUAN DAI (V), YEN LAC (D), VINH YEN
(F); FORMER POSITION: U.S.G. CONTRACTOR; PRESENT LOCATION
SUAN PHU (TRANSIT); IDENTIFICATION DATA: V-9152; DOI:
1975-85; DATE OF INTERVIEW: 12 JUN 85; NAME OF INTERVIEW-
ER: MR. GARNETT E. BELL; OTHER: ARRIVED BANGKOK 6 JUN
85, TO U.S. 17 JUN 85.

2. SUMMARY: SOURCE, A 64 YOA MALE VN REFUGEE
AND FORMER CONTRACTOR, PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING
AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS REMAINING IN VIETNAM APRIL
1975 AND HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING ALLEGED U.S.
REMAINS. INT OF SUMMARY.

3. SOURCE STATED THAT AS OF 30 APRIL 1975 HE SAW
FOUR OR FIVE MALE CAUCASIANS (COULDN'T RECALL EXACT NUMBER
DUE TO TIME LAPSE) WHO RESIDED AT #30 YEN DO STREET IN
SAIGON. SOURCE STATED THAT HE OBSERVED THE MEN GOING IN
AND OUT OF THE HOUSE PERIODICALLY FOR APPROX TWO MONTHS
AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER AND AFTER THAT HE DID NOT
SEE THEM AGAIN. SOURCE HEARD FROM NEIGHBORS THAT THE
MEN WERE QUAKERS FROM THE QUANG NGAI AREA. SOURCE STATED
THAT HE READ IN THE NEWSPAPER AT THAT TIME THAT THE AMERI-
CANS REMAINING IN SAIGON WOULD BE SENT HOME ON 1 AUGUST
1975 AND SPECULATED THAT THE "QUAKERS" WENT HOME WITH THE
OTHER AMERICANS. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE
MEN EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY WERE ALL CAUCASIANS ABOUT 25
YOA.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT WHILE HELD AT PHAN DANG LUU
PRISON, AKA T-20, FROM 21 SEPTEMBER 1975 UNTIL LATE 1976
HE OBSERVED A CAMBODIAN MAN CALLED "FERNANDEZ" ALSO BEIN
HOLD. SOURCE RECALLED THAT FERNANDEZ WAS A DOCTOR WHO
SAID THAT HE HAD STUDIED MEDICINE IN CANADA AND THAT HE
WAS BEIN CHIEF OF A HOSPITAL IN PHNOM PENH. SOURCE RE-
CALLED THAT "FERNANDEZ" WAS IN PHAN DANG LUU WHEN SOURCE
ARRIVED AND THAT HE WAS RELEASED SOMETIME DURING LATE
1976 TO GO TO FRANCE.

5. SOURCE ALSO MET ANOTHER CAMBODIAN IN THE DIS-
PENSARY OF PHAN DANG LUU WHO SAID HE WAS THE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IN CAMBODIA UNDER PRINCE SIHANOUK.
SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE MAN WAS VERY FRAIL AND ABOUT
62-63 YOA WITH A SICKLY APPEARANCE. SOURCE STATED THAT
THE MAN WENT TO THE DISPENSARY OFTEN FOR MEDICINE.
SOURCE SAID THAT THE SICK CAMBODIAN MAN OFTEN COMPLAINED
ABOUT HIS TREATMENT BY THE VC AND STATED THAT HE HAD
BEEN VERY KIND TO THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND LET THEM
REMAIN IN CAMBODIA DURING THE WAR AGAINST THE AMERICANS.
SOURCE STATED THAT THE MAN WAS IN PHAN DANG LUU WHEN
SOURCE ARRIVED AND THAT HE LAST SAW HIM DURING LATE 1976

6. SOURCE STATED THAT ALSO AT PHAN DANG LUU WERE
TWO MALE CAUCASIANS WHO WERE THERE WHEN HE ARRIVED.
SOURCE RECALLED THAT SOME INMATES THOUGHT THAT THE MEN
WERE AMERICANS AND SOME THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE FRENCH.
SOURCE STATED THAT ABOUT FIVE MONTHS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL
AT PHAN DANG LUU, A MAN FROM THE FRENCH CONSULATE IN
HCM CITY ARRIVED IN A PIUGOT 404 CAR ONE NIGHT AT ABOUT
1900 HOURS AND PICKED UP THE TWO CAUCASIANS. SOURCE
HEARD FROM INMATES THAT BOTH OF THE MEN HAD RETURNED TO
FRANCE. AFTER THE TWO MEN DEPARTED IN THE CAR SOURCE
DID NOT SEE THEM AGAIN.

7. SOURCE STATED THAT WHILE HELD IN CHI HOA
PRISON, AKA T-30, HE HEARD FROM ANOTHER INMATE KNOWN TO
HIM AS PHAM VAN LUYN (APPROX 40-50 YOA) WHO CLAIMED
TO BE A FORMER BODY GUARD OF GEN VO NGUYEN GIAP. THAT
HE KNEW THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE B52 CREW WITH EIGHT
MEN LED BY A U.S. COLONEL REMAINING IN NORTHERN VIETNAM.
SOURCE HEARD FROM LUYN THAT THE B52 CREW HAD BEEN TAKEN
TO THE FORMER FRENCH MOUNTAIN RESORT CALLED "CHAPA" IN
LAC CAI PROVINCE. SOURCE ALSO HEARD THAT SCIENTIFIC TECH-
NICIANS HAD GONE TO CHAPA TO INTERROGATE THE U.S. B52
CREW CONCERNING THE B52 AIRCRAFT. SOURCE STATED THAT HE
BELIEVED THE STORY TOLD BY LUYN BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THE
SAME STORY FROM A NORTHERN CADRE WHO WORKED AS THE
DIRECTOR OF A TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. SOURCE RECALLED
THAT THE CADRE (U/I) WHO WAS APPROX 55 YOA HAD COME TO
VISIT RELATIVES IN HCM CITY AND THAT SOURCE HAD MET HIM
AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND OF SOURCE WHO WAS KNOWN TO HIM

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AS MR. NGAN. SOURCE STATED THAT LUYEN HAD COME FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO THE SOUTH IN JUNE 1975 AND TOLD SOURCE THAT WHEN HE DEPARTED FOR THE SOUTH THE P-52 CREW WAS STILL BEING HELD. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL WHEN THE UN-IDENTIFIED CREW CAME SOUTH.

6. SOURCE ALSO HEARD FROM LUYEN THAT HIS NAME WAS NOT ACTUALLY LUYEN BUT THAT AFTER 30 APRIL 1975 HE HAD SICKED WITH GEN GIAP AGAINST LE DUAN AND HAD TRIED TO PERSUADE LE DUAN TO SIDE WITH GIAP BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND WAS THEREFORE BRANDED AS A TRAITOR WHICH CAUSED THE CHANGE OF FIRST NAMES FROM HIS REAL NAME (UNKNOWN BY SOURCE) TO LUYEN.

SOURCE HEARD FROM LUYEN THAT DURING 1976 WHILE WORKING AS A RUBBER MERCHANT IN THE FORESTS OF LONG GIAP HE HAD COME UPON A FULL REGIMENT OF VC WHO HAD BEEN KILLED BY A CBU BOMB AND THAT ALL OF THE BODIES AND CLOTHING APPEARED TO BE INTACT, BUT HE TOUCHED ONE AND IT TURNED INTO DUST. LUYEN TOLD SOURCE THAT HE REPORTED THE FIND TO COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES AND THAT THEY SENT A TEAM TO INSPECT THE BODIES WHICH WERE STILL LYING IN THE SAME SPOT WHERE THEY WERE KILLED INSTANTLY BY THE POWERFUL CBU BLAST.

10. SOURCE ALSO HEARD FROM LUYEN THAT HE WAS BORN IN VIENTIANE AND THAT HIS FAMILY HAD MOVED FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO VIENTIANE, LAOS, LONG AGO. SOURCE HEARD THAT LUYEN AND SEVERAL OF HIS RELATIVES HAD WORKED IN NORTH-EASTERN THAILAND BUT SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ANY DETAILS. SOURCE HEARD THAT LUYEN STILL HAD ONE BROTHER WORKING IN VIENTIANE AND THAT ANOTHER BROTHER WAS A PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICER WHO WAS A VICE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. SOURCE HEARD FROM LUYEN THAT HE HAD A HOUSE LOCATED AT 555/2 PHAN LINH PHUNG ST. HCM CITY. SOURCE STATED THAT LUYEN CONFIDED IN HIM BECAUSE SOURCE REMINDED HIM OF GEN GIAP. LUYEN SAID GIAP LIKED MUSIC AND HAD WRITTEN A SONG ABOUT THE LIEN BIEN PHU BATTLE. SOURCE HEARD FROM LUYEN THAT GEN GIAP HAD TWO UGLY DAUGHTERS BUT DID NOT HEAR ABOUT ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. SOURCE HEARD THAT LUYEN HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO "DEPARTMENT R" (CUC R) IN TAY NINH BEGINNING IN 1967 BUT THAT AFTER THE 1968 "TET" OFFENSIVE HE RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM. SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO EAST GERMANY TO MONITOR VIETNAMESE STUDENTS THERE. LUYEN RETURNED TO VIETNAM AND DEPARTED FOR HCM CITY FROM HANOI IN JUNE 1975. SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS HELD IN THE SAME CELL AT CHI HUA WITH LUYEN FOR SIX MONTHS DURING 1979 AND THAT LUYEN WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CHI HUA TO HAM TAN.

11. WHILE IN CHI HUA SOURCE HEARD FROM A LABORER CAUCASIAN HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY HELD IN A PRIVATE CELL IN A SECTION. SOURCE HEARD FROM THE LABORER THAT THE TALL CAUCASIAN HAD BECOME SICK AND HAD DIED IN CHI HOA BUT DIDN'T SAY WHEN.

12. SOURCE ALSO SAW THREE ORIENTAL MALES IN CHI HUA

DURING 1978 AND 1979. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE THREE MEN WERE HELD IN SECTION "ED". SOURCE HEARD THAT THE MEN WERE KOREAN COINTEL (COMMON RUMOR). SOURCE SAW THE MEN FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS WEARING WHITE PULLOVER (T-SHIRTS) AND LONG KHAKI PANTS. AFTER THAT, SOURCE DID NOT SEE THE THREE AGAIN BUT ABOUT THREE WEEKS AFTER HE LAST OBSERVED THEM HE HEARD THAT THEY HAD BEEN RELEASED.

13. SOURCE STATED THAT SOMETIME DURING LATE MAY 1963 WHILE RESIDING IN SAIGON HE WAS VISITED BY AN ACQUAINTANCE WHO WAS KNOWN TO HIM AS NGUYEN NHU CHAU, THE FORMER ASSISTANT TO THE U.S. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IN THE U.S. EMBASSY SAIGON (MR. PATRICK T. KILG, MR. PFILLOCHI, AND FINALLY MR. JAMES ASHIDA). CHAU STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN SEEKING INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. MIAS. SOURCE STATED THAT MR. CHAU HAD WORKED WITH MR. BILL RIDER AND COLONEL WATKINS IN THE CONTRACTING OFFICE AND THEREFORE WANTED TO HELP OUT ON THE MIA ISSUE DUE TO HIS PAST ASSOCIATION WITH THE AMERICANS. SOURCE HEARD FROM CHAU THAT HE HAD CONTACTED ANOTHER MAN (U/I) WHO KNEW THE LOCATIONS OF SEVEN AMERICAN REMAINS IN BIEN HOA, TWO REMAINS IN DANANG, AND SOME MORE (DIDN'T SAY HOW MANY) IN THE AREA OF BAN ME THUOT. CHAU SHOWED SOURCE A PHOTO COPY OF SEVEN DOGTAGS (SOURCE COULDN'T REMEMBER NAMES) WHICH CHAU

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SOURCE WAS A PHOTO COPY OF DOCTAGS WHICH THE MAN RECOVERED ALONG WITH THE U.S. REMAINS. SOURCE SAW ONE TCOOTH AND SOME SMALL BONE FRAGMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF CHAU WHICH CHAU PUT INTO SMALL BAGS WITH A SEPARATE BAG FOR EACH MAN. SOURCE STATED THAT IN ORDER TO CONCEAL HIS REMAINS ACTIVE LIES CHAU HAD OBTAINED A PERMIT FROM THE SRV GOVERNMENT TO EXHUME THE REMAINS OF HIS (CHAU'S) SON. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED U.S. REMAINS.

14. SOURCE ALSO HEARD FROM CHAU, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A CHINESE MAN THAT TWO AMERICANS (ONE WHITE AND ONE BLACK) WERE LIVING IN THE BAN ME THUOT AREA AND THAT THEY WERE BEING CAPED FOR BY HILLTRIBES PEOPLE. SOURCE HEARD THAT THE BLACK MAN WAS BLIND. SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER FROM CHAU CONCERNING THE TWO ALLEGED AMERICANS RESIDING IN THE AREA OF BAN ME THUOT.

15. SOURCE STATED THAT CHAU CAME TO SEE HIM JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE AND WARNED SOURCE NOT TO MENTION HIS NAME CONCERNING THE REMAINS BECAUSE SOMEONE (DIDN'T SAY WHO) HAD JUST BEEN ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED AFTER HE GAVE SOME REMAINS TO SRV AUTHORITIES AND TRIED TO EXCHANGE THEM FOR A REWARD AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. SOURCE SAID CHAU MENTIONED TO HIM THAT HE MUST BE CAREFUL BECAUSE HE HAD PREVIOUSLY WORKED FOR AMERICAN CIA AGENTS INCLUDING COL LANSCALE AND ANOTHER MAN CALLED MR MELVIN WHO LIVED IN HAWAII. CHAU TOLD SOURCE THAT HE HIMSELF HAD ALSO WORKED IN HAWAII FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND THAT HE HAD A SON DAN (NFI) WHO RESIDED IN THE U.S. (NFI REGARDING ADDRESS). SOURCE RECALLED THAT CHAU HAD AFFILIATION FOR THE CIP AND HAD AN IV NUMBER BUT SOURCE DIDN'T KNOW THE NUMBER. SOURCE WAS NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING NGUYEN NHU CHAU.

16. SOURCE STATED THAT UP UNTIL 30 APRIL 1975 HE HAD WORKED AS A CONTRACTOR WITH THE U.S. CONTRACTING OFFICE IN SAIGON. SOURCE STATED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS AFFILIATION WITH THE U.S.G. ON 1 SEPTEMBER 1975 AND PLACED IN LE VAN TUYET JAIL WHICH IS LOCATED AT #4 PHAN DANG LUU AND RENAMED BY THE COMMUNISTS AS PHAN DANG LUU PRISON. SOURCE WAS HELD IN BLOCK A FROM SEPTEMBER 1975 TO FEBRUARY 1976, THEN TRANSFERRED TO BLOCK C-2 FOR SIX MONTHS. SOURCE WAS THEN HE IN BLOCK C-1 FOR APPROX EIGHT TO NINE MONTHS, THEN TRANSFERRED BACK TO BLOCK C-2 FOR ONE MONTH, THEN TO BLOCK A UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO CPT HCA IN DECEMBER 1977. SOURCE WAS HELD IN SECTION FG OF CHI HOA FOR THREE MONTHS, THEN TRANSFERRED TO SECTION AH WHERE HE WAS HELD FOR EIGHT MONTHS. SOURCE WAS HELD IN SECTION BC FROM DECEMBER 1976 UNTIL HIS RELEASE ON 12 JULY 1982.

17. (U) SOURCE GAVE HIS SPONSOR'S ADDRESS IN THE U.S. AS 4806 A JETH ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22207. SOURCE SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PHAN DANG LUU AND CHI HOA FACILITIES. SOURCE WAS NOT FULLY DEBRIEFED IN

BANGKOK CONCERNING THESE FACILITIES BECAUSE HE WAS IN TRANSIT DIRECT TO THE U.S. AND LIMITED TIME WAS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW.
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