

that SS had obtained the information in July or August 1980 and denied ^{previously} having told U.S. Refugee Office that the date was July 1979. SV also claimed during this later interview that upon his escape from Phi Long he went to the home of his wife's parents in Dalat. He denied his previous statement that he had sought refuge with a friend in Ban Me Huet. He also stated during this interview that he had been at Phi Long only one month before his escape, again denying his earlier statement of four months. While staying with his in-laws in Dalat, he would travel to Saigon very few months to

obtain money from his wife. In June 1980 he took a train to Hanoi but, unlike his earlier reports, he claimed to have bribed no one and carried no travel permits. "SC" could not provide any additional information concerning the Americans at the Citadel. When asked why he had not come forward with this information until October 1981 when she had been at the SV camp since 7 June 1981, he claimed he had not been asked about (the Americans, only airplanes crashes and graves), so he did not know that such information was needed.

3. In view of the many inconsistencies in SC's testimonies, which seem to become more numerous

with each interview, his reliability has become
 so questionable, ~~thus resulting~~ ^{that} in little credibility
 can be attributed to that portion of his report dealing
 with US PWs. While DIA has ^{previously} received refugee
 reports of American PWs in Hanoi, none of these
 reports have been substantiated as providing
 credible evidence that US PWs continue to be
 held in Vietnam. SC information cannot
 be separately analyzed inasmuch as
 the ~~low~~ information is hearsay and he was not
 given additional details concerning the
 alleged US PWs. It should be noted, however,

that ^{while} there were no US delegations to Hanoi in
 July or August 1980, which SC ^{also} ~~also~~ ^{maintains} is the accurate timeframe of the
 US delegation's visit, ^{Hanoi} two JACC representatives
 did visit Hanoi on 1 October 1980. Belmond
 the status of this case to change to Category 4.

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ROUTINE
R 032244Z FEB 82

FM DIA WASHINGTON DC//DI-7C//

TO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI

INFO USDAO BANGKOK TH//JCRC-LNO// CINC PAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3//
BT

SUBJ: REFUGEE REPORT - SC
REFS: A. USDAO MANILA RP MSG DTG 260754Z OCT 81
B. JCRC LTR RP81-060, 21 DECEMBER 1981
REF B PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS TO REF A CONCERNING SUBJECT'S
HEARSAY INFORMATION OF U.S. PWS AT THE CITADEL IN HANOI. REF A
STATED THAT IN JULY 1979 SS (THE SOURCE OF SC INFORMATION)
HEARD HIS FATHER SAY A U.S. DELEGATION WAS ARRIVING AND WOULD VISIT
THE HANOI CITADEL AND THEY WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO MOVE THE U.S. PW'S
DETAINED THERE INTO THE BASEMENT SO THEY WOULD NOT BE OBSERVED. REF
B STATED THAT SS OBTAINED THE INFORMATION IN JULY OR AUGUST 1980.
REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT TO REINTERVIEW SOURCE ON NEXT SCHEDULED TRIP TO
RP AND DETERMINE EXACTLY WHEN TIEN OBTAINED HIS INFORMATION. IN
ADDITION, REQUEST YOU ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN AN EFFORT
TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF REF B: WHAT WAS SC POSITION IN
THE FRENCH ARMY? HOW LONG DID HE SERVE AND HAVE HIM IDENTIFY THE
UNITS TO WHICH HE WAS ATTACHED. SC STATED THAT HE HAD ESCAPED
FROM THE PHI LONG BUILDING IN SAIGON WHERE HE WAS BEING REEDUCATED
AND SOUGHT REFUGE AT A FRIEND'S HOME NEAR BAN ME THUOT. SINCE THERE
IS QUITE A DISTANCE BETWEEN SAIGON AND BAN ME THUOT, HAVE SC
EXPLAIN HOW HE TRAVELLED TO BAN ME THUOT UNDETECTED BY SECURITY
POLICE. WHY HAD HE PLANNED TO ESCAPE TO CHINA AS OPPOSED TO ESCAPING
BY SOME OTHER ROUTE? WHERE WAS HIS FAMILY DURING THE TIME THAT HE
WAS IN HANOI? WHY DID HE NOT TAKE THEM TO HANOI WITH HIM? WHERE ARE
THEY NOW? IF THEY REMAIN IN VIETNAM, WHY DID HE CHOOSE TO LEAVE
THEM BEHIND AT THE HANDS OF COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES WHO MIGHT PUNISH
THEM FOR SC ESCAPE FROM REEDUCATION AND EVENTUAL ESCAPE FROM
VIETNAM? WHY DID SS CONFIDE TO SC THE PW INFORMATION WHICH HE
HAD OVERHEARD FROM HIS FATHER? IN YOUR REINTERVIEW OF SC PRESENT
HIM WITH A MAP OF HANOI AND HAVE HIM PINPOINT THE EXACT LOCATION OF
HIS UNCLE'S HOME, WHERE HE LIVED FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. AND
HAVE HIM ALSO PINPOINT THE LOCATION OF SC HOME. HAVE
PROVIDE DETAILS OF HIS ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM. WHEN DID HE ARRIVE AT
THE SD N REFUGEE CAMP? WE NOTE THAT HE ORIGINALLY REPORTED
THIS INFORMATION ON 22 OCTOBER 1981. IF A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF
TIME LAPSED FROM HIS ARRIVAL AT THE REFUGEE CAMP TO OCTOBER 1981,
REQUEST YOU QUERY SC AS TO WHY HE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION
EARLIER.
REVN 3 FEB 88 REAS 3
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ACTION DI-7C(1)
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JULIAN CASUALTY
RESOLUTION CENTER

ANALYSIS & STUDY

REFUGEE REPORT & EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: SC
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: RP81-060, 21 Dec 81
ANALYST: AJ
CROSS REFERENCE(S):

CATEGORY DATA: Live Sighting/3rd Hand Account

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals no correlation to data in JCRC files

CORRELATE DATA: None.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Although there have been other reports of Americans still being held captive in Vietnam, none have ever been corroborated.

DISPOSITION: JCRC Liaison Office, Bangkok
JCRC A&S Files
OSD/ISA, PW-MIA Affairs
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FOLLOW-UP:

JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
NAS BARBERS POINT, HAWAII 96862

Ref: (C)RP81-060
21 December 1981



From: CH-OPS
To: CDR-JCRC

Subj: U.S. POWs in Hanoi Citadel (Hearsay)

Source:

- a. Name: -- SC
b. DOB: SD
c. POB: SD
d. Former Position: Warrant Officer, ARVN 1955-1975
e. Present Location: SD
f. Identification Data: Gp 474/Cap Anamur
g. DOI: Jul/Aug 1979

Information:

In 1941 source, along with his family, moved from China to Long Son Province, NVN, and then on to Hanoi in 1948. Source joined the French Army in 1951 and was assigned to an airborne unit at Tan Son Nhut. Source's family moved to Saigon in 1954. Source joined ARVN in 1955, and served with airborne units to 1972. With the rank of warrant officer, he served as the personal aide to the ARVN Surgeon General from 1972 to 1975.

In June 1975, source reported as directed by the communist government to Phi Long Building, Le Van Duyet St (former name), Saigon, to commence reeducation. After 4 months, source escaped by climbing a wall at night and sought refuge at a Chinese friend's home near Ban Me Thuot (AQ 7903), where he remained until June 1980. With a view to escaping overland to China, he travelled to Hanoi in June 1980. He had a false I.D. procured with the help of his friend and train tickets in his false name. Travel papers to visit his wife's uncle in Hanoi, were obtained by bribes to various police and local communist officials. He arrived at his residence on 11 June 1980 and remained there til December 1980. Unable to procure false documents with which he could travel northward to escape to China, and fearing detection, he returned to southern Vietnam in December 1980 and escaped by sea.

Source claimed that while in Hanoi he and a neighbor named SS who lived at SSD meet with his parents, had casual conversations on several occasions. Source described SS as about 22 years old, dedicated to communism, a braggart, and the son of a PAVN Colonel (name unknown). During one of these conversations in July or August 1980, SS is alleged to have stated that he had heard his father and mother talking in the previous evening after he had gone to bed. SS claimed his father had said that over 50 U.S. POWs held at the "Citadel" were being moved that evening to underground bunkers there because the "U.S. delegation" in Hanoi at the time was scheduled to visit the Citadel on the following day (NFT).

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Ref: (C)RP81-060
21 December 1981

For A&S, re internal EEI: Source claimed no knowledge of American bodies stored at the Citadel. He could provide no information as to the reason for the "special visit" of the "U.S. delegation," nor could he say when it arrived in Hanoi, claiming his knowledge was limited to the information obtained second-hand from SS

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memorandum ¹¹⁰¹

DATE: October 23, 1981

TO: AN Operations Officer

SUBJECT: MIA/POW Interview

Date of Interview : 10/22/81
 Place of Interview : SO --- Asylum Refugee Camp
 Refugee Interviewed: SC MT

TO: Captain AN gh, DAO

SC provided the following information which was derived from a fairly recent conversation with a young man, (about 20 years of age) in Hanoi named SS (only given name known).

In July 1979, SS heard his father, a Colonel in the NVA, telling SS's mother that as a U.S. Delegation was arriving, and would visit the Hanoi Citadel, they would have to move the U.S. POWs kept there into the basement so they would not be observed.

SS, reportedly, went on to say that such was customary during any kind of "special visit", and that as of July 1980, over 50 U.S. POWs were held in the Citadel.

Comments: SC is a former Airborne Officer who says he feels concern for the Americans as some may be his friends. He further claims that he was in Hanoi to arrange for his escape. While SC does not know the full name of SS, he recalled his address: SSD. He further states that he believes the house was that of NVA agents, as it contained monitoring devices.

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 DIA FOR DI-7C, USDAO BANGKOK FOR JCRC
 SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF REFUGEE MIA/POW INTERVIEW
 E204:
 1. SUMMARY OF REFUGEE SC SD...
 INTERVIEW OF 22 OCT 81,
 WITH STATE DEPT REFUGEE COORDINATOR.
 -A. SC PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH WAS DERIVED FROM A FAIRLY RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A YOUNG MAN, (ABOUT 20 YEARS OF AGE) IN HANOI NAMED SS (ONLY GIVEN NAME KNOWN). IN JULY 1979 SS HEARD HIS FATHER, A COLONEL IN THE NVA, TELLING SS'S MOTHER THAT AS A U.S. DELEGATION WAS ARRIVING, AND WOULD VISIT THE HANOI CITADEL, THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE THE U.S. POWS KEPT THERE INTO THE BASEMENT SO THEY WOULD NOT BE OBSERVED. SS REPORTEDLY, WENT ON TO SAY THAT SUCH WAS CUSTOMARY DURING ANY KIND OF "SPECIAL VISIT", AND THAT AS OF JULY 1980, OVER 50 U.S. POWS WERE HELD IN THE CITADEL.
 2. SC IS A FORMER AIRBORNE OFFICER WHO SAYS HE FEELS CONCERN FOR THE AMERICANS AS SOME MAY BE HIS FRIENDS. HE FURTHER CLAIMS THAT HE WAS IN HANOI TO ARRANGE FOR HIS ESCAPE. WHILE SC DOES NOT KNOW THE FULL NAME OF SS, HE RECALLED HIS ADDRESS: SSD. HE FURTHER STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THE HOUSE WAS THAT OF NVA AGENTS, AS IT CONTAINED MONITORING DEVICES.
 3. MEMORANDUM OF REFUGEE INTERVIEW FORWARDED THIS DATE.
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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEW OF REFUGEES

- A. YOUR 252203Z SEP 81
B. USDAO BANGKOK TH 031036Z NOV 81
C. YOUR 191617Z NOV 81
D. YOUR 200216Z AUG 81
E. YOUR 252152Z SEP 81
F. YOUR 242249Z NOV 81
G. MY 281600Z OCT 81 (READDRESSED DET 31 PSAA 200713Z OCT 81)
H. YOUR 101832Z NOV 81
I. USDAO MANILA RP 260754Z OCT 81
1. UNABLE TO CONTACT FOL REFUGEES ON 2-12 DEC INTERVIEW TRIP TO RP, PURSUANT TO CITED REFS:
A. NAME (REFS A AND B). NO RECORD AT REFUGEE OFFICE, MANILA. LUMINARY TO INFO AT REF B. NAME PRIMARILY LEFT DIRECTLY TO AIR FM MALAYSIA BASED ON INFO RECEIVED NAME A REFUGEE AT DATA NAME WHO WAS A FRIEND OF NAME IN THE DATA STATED NAME DEPARTED MALAYSIA FOR U.S. ON 30 SEP 81. ALSO PROVIDED FOL ADDR AND TEL: DATA (415) DATA
D. NAME (REF J). NUI IN QTRS AT DATA ON VISITS THERE BY INTERVIEWER AND JVA REP OVER 2-DAY PERIOD. DID NOT RESPOND TO MSGS LEFT WITH NEIGHBORS. UNDOUBTEDLY AVOIDING INTERVIEWER. IS REPORTED TO HAVE CONTACTED JVA REP AFTER INTERVIEWER'S RETURN TO MANILA. WILL CONTINUE PURSUIT FEB 82.
2. FOL REFUGEES CONTACTED PURSUANT TO CITED REFS; REPORTS FORTHCOMING:

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Names

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R 162330Z MAR 82

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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON INTERVIEW OF REFUGEES IN RP PURSUANT TO DIA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. YOUR 191617Z NOV 81
B. YOUR 290124Z JAN 82
C. YOUR 092304Z FEB 82
D. YOUR 032244Z FEB 82
E. YOUR 230135Z JAN 82
F. YOUR 102353Z FEB 82
G. YOUR 252233Z JAN 82
1. REFUGEE NAME PARTED FOR IN JAN 82 AND WAS NOT INTERVIEWED PURSUANT TO REF A. FWDG ADDR: DATA
2. FOL REFUGEES CONTACTED PURSUANT TO CITED REFS; REPORTS FORTHCOMING:
A. NAMES
B. NAMES
C. NAMES
D. NAMES
3. INITIAL JCRC INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED ON FOL REFUGEES. CITED REFS WERE ADDRESSED DURING COURSE OF INTERVIEWS:
A. NAMES
B. NAMES
4. COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS RECEIVED AFTER 21 FEB 82 WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEWER, WERE NOT PURSUED DURING INTERVIEWS IN RP 23 FEB - 11 MAR 82, AND ARE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR SPECIFICALLY IN THIS STATUS REPORT. WHILE MOST REFUGEES IN THIS CATEGORY WERE ROUTINELY INTERVIEWED, FORTHCOMING REPORTS MAY NOT ADDRESS ALL COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS. LOOSE ENDS WILL BE ATTENDED TO NEXT TRIP (TENTATIVELY MAY 82).
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LIVE SIGHTING REPORT
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CONFIDENTIALITY IS YES

NAME 3 : SC ID # 2 : 08615
 AKA 16 : SD CONFIDENTIALITY 37:
 BOAT NUMBER 74 : CONTACTED 32: 6
 CATEGORY: 6
 ONRY LOCATED 23 : TH STATE/CITY 15 :
 ONRY REPORTED 10: VS
 TYPE SIGHTING 46 : POW-F/H
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 RACH GIA
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 SOURCE POP 14: ADDRESS 25:
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 REVIEW
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11 APRIL 1989

VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO WAS
 CLAIMED PROVINCIAL JAIL BY
 SUMMARY: THIS IS
 CONTAINS LIMITED FIRST HAND
 AMERICAN, INCLUDING
 THE KIEN GIANG PROV
 SEPT 82. ENCLOSURE
 TEXT:
 SOURCE WAS REPORTED ON
 IN APRIL 1989 AT
 WAS SAID TO THE KIEN GIANG
 RACH GIA CITY WHERE HE
 IN ABOUT SEVENTEEN
 MONTHS TO WORK IN THE
 OTHER WORKER ABOUT
 BROUGHT INTO THE CAMP
 FOREIGNERS WHO WAS THAT
 AMERICAN AND BRITISH. THE
 WAS CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE
 NEAR THE KIEN GIANG NEAR
 THE KIEN GIANG NEAR THE
 VIETNAMESE WATERS WITH CAMBO
 AND CAMBODIAN WERE PURPO
 COUNTRY BY THE THAI. SOURCE
 FURNISHED OVER A PERIOD OF
 GOOD WAS MADE BY THEM. IN
 THREE FURNISHERS WERE TAKEN
 RETURNED TO THE CAMP AFTER
 ALL FURNISHERS. THE ALLEGED
 WERE MAY BE
 RELEASED PRIOR TO SOURCE'S
 THEM MONTH. AFTER THIS
 ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THESE
 THE ALLEGED AMERICAN AND
 1.8 METERS TALL WITH
 WHITE. HE HAD A HEAVY
 THINLY BUILT MALE WITH
 HE WAS WEARING A BLACK
 FURNISHER WAS ABOUT 26
 YEARS, WHITE SKINNED WITH
 AND WAS WEARING IN THE
 THE WOUND WAS DAMAGED. HE
 FURNISHER YARD WORKER
 HEIGHT OF BETWEEN
 1.6 METERS TALL, HAIR
 WHITE, BARE BROWN EYES AND

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SECTION 01 OF 02 BANGKOK TH//PW- 00364

SERIAL: IIR 6 024 0042 89.

BODY
 /***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/
 COUNTRY: THAILAND (TH).

SUBJ: IIR 6 024 0042 89/FIRST HAND SIGHTING OF AN
 ALLEGED-AMERICAN, ENGLISHMAN AND THAI IN THE KIEN GIANG
 PROVINCIAL JAIL (RACH GIA CITY) AS OF SEPT 82 (S/NF).

 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI: 820900.

REQS: D-VOP-2430-04; VOP-05161.

SOURCE: SOURCE IS A
 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO WAS INCARCERATED IN THE KIEN
 GIANG PROVINCIAL JAIL BETWEEN APR 80 AND DEC 83.
 SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT
 CONTAINS LIMITED FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON AN ALLEGED
 AMERICAN, ENGLISHMAN AND THAI WHO WERE INCARCERATED IN
 THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCIAL JAIL IN RACH GIA CITY AS OF
 SEPT 82. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT:

1. SOURCE WAS CAPTURED OFFSHORE OF RACH GIA
 CITY IN APRIL 1980 ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM.
 HE WAS TAKEN TO THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCIAL PRISON IN
 RACH GIA CITY WHERE HE WAS INCARCERATED UNTIL DECEMBER
 1983. IN ABOUT SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1982, HE WAS
 ASSIGNED TO WORK IN THE PRISON KITCHEN AND TAKE FOOD TO
 OTHER INMATES. ABOUT THIS TIME THREE FOREIGNERS WERE
 BROUGHT INTO THE COMPOUND. HE LEARNED FROM ONE OF THE
 FOREIGNERS WHO WAS THAI THAT THE OTHER TWO WERE
 AMERICAN AND ENGLISH. THE THAI SAID THE THREE OF THEM
 WERE CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES WHILE ON A BOAT
 NEAR THU CHU ISLAND NEAR THE EXTREMITY OF VIETNAMESE
 TERRITORIAL WATERS WITH CAMBODIA. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN
 AND ENGLISHMAN WERE PURPORTEDLY ADVENTURERS WHO WERE
 GUIDED BY THE THAI. SOURCE SAW THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS
 FREQUENTLY OVER A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS WHEN HE TOOK
 FOOD AND WATER TO THEM. IN ABOUT JANUARY 1983 THE
 THREE FOREIGNERS WERE TAKEN TO COURT. THE THAI
 RETURNED TO THE COMPOUND AFTER BEING SENTENCED TO SERVE
 SIX MORE MONTHS. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN AND ENGLISHMAN
 WERE NOT RETURNED TO THEIR CELLS, BUT WERE EVIDENTLY
 TAKEN TO ANOTHER UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. THE THAI WAS
 RELEASED PRIOR TO SOURCE'S RELEASE. SOURCE NEVER SAW
 THEM AGAIN. AFTER THE THAI LEFT, SOURCE NEVER HEARD
 ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS.

2. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN WAS ABOUT 45 YOA,
 1.8 METERS TALL WITH A MEDIUM BUILD. HIS SKIN WAS
 WHITE. HE HAD A HEAVY BROWN BEARD AND THICK BUSHY
 EYEBROWS. HIS HAIR WAS SHOULDER LENGTH, MEDIUM BROWN.
 HE WAS DRESSED IN BLACK SHIRT AND PANTS. THE
 ENGLISHMAN WAS ABOUT 26 YOA, 1.8 METERS TALL, MEDIUM
 BUILD, WHITE SKINNED WITH MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK HAIR. HE
 HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE LOWER LEFT LEG NEAR THE ANKLE.
 THE WOUND WAS BANDAGED. HE WORE GRAY TROUSERS WITH A
 YELLOW TEE SHIRT. THE THAI WAS ABOUT 32 YOA,
 1.6 METERS TALL, MEDIUM BUILD WITH BROWN SKIN, BLACK
 HAIR, DARK BROWN EYES AND WORE GRAY SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THEIR NAMES OR ANY OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THEM.

COMMENT: SOURCE WAS COOPERATIVE DURING THE INTERVIEW AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS IN A STRAIGHTFORWARD MANNER. HE ASKED FOR NO FAVORS.

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PROJ: () 6999-10.

COLL: () AB, AC.

INSTR: () US: NO.

PREP: () TM-10.

ENCL: () TO FOLLOW: ONE ENCLOSURE.

1. HAND DRAWING OF KIEN GIANG PRISON AS OF DEC 83 (U),

1 CY, 1 PG.

ACQ: SITE TWO, ARANYAPRATHET, THAILAND

(881214). FIELD: AMEMBASSY BANGKOK (AMB, DCM, POL,

DISSEM: SA, DATT/TLO JCRC).

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340

DIA EVALUATION OF INFORMATION
PROVIDED BY VIETNAMESE REFUGEE
5c (08615)

SUMMARY: Source reported on his observation of an American, an Englishman, and a Thai at the Kien Giang Provincial Prison in September 1982.

DETAIL: Source ^{5c} reported he was jailed at the Kien Giang Provincial Prison in Rach Gia City, Vietnam, from April 1980 to December 1983. Assigned to work in the prison kitchen, his duties included taking food to other inmates. In about September or October 1982, three foreigners were brought into the compound. In conversation with one of these men, a Thai, source learned the other two were American and English and that the three of them had been captured near Thu Chu Island, in Vietnamese territorial waters in proximity to Cambodian waters. Source described the two Caucasians as adventurers and the Thai as their guide. Source saw the three men frequently over a three month period when he brought food and water to them. They were taken to trial in January 1983. The Thai was returned to the prison to serve a six month sentence, then released. The two Caucasians did not return to the prison and source heard nothing further about their fate. Source provided a sketch of the internal configuration of the prison.

ANALYSIS: Richard Knight, an Englishman, and Frederick Graham, an American, were arrested on an island off the coast of Vietnam in June 1983 and held at the Kien Giang Provincial Prison for a period of about two weeks prior to their transfer to Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC).

Knight and Graham entered Vietnamese waters on a Thai fishing trawler in mid-June 1983, in search of the buried treasure of the pirate Captain Kidd. They dispatched the rented trawler southward to replenish fuel, then went ashore at Hon Doc Island in a rented rubber dinghy. Hon Doc is an island in the Isles des Pirates archipelago off the shore of Vietnam, near the territorial waters of Cambodia. Arrested by the local militia, they were taken to Kien Giang Prison. Graham, who was debriefed extensively concerning his detention by the Vietnamese, said he had heard the two Thai crewmen of the trawler had been arrested at sea, but had no confirmation of this until he saw them later, in HCMC. Graham and Knight were transferred to a HCMC detention facility on 2 July 1983, then returned to Rach Gia in late September for trial. They were not again held in the provincial prison. Returned to HCMC, they were eventually released; Graham in May 1984, Knight in August 1984.

EVALUATION: This source's information correlates exclusively and, for the most part, accurately to the arrest and detention of Frederick Graham and Richard Knight.

DATE OF EVALUATION: 13 January 1989.

PW-MIA CATEGORY: Formerly-held U.S. Civilian Detainee/Non-U.S., Westerner.

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TH UDDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA//
TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-PW/DAM/DAH-3//
BANGKOK TH//PW- 00365

SUBJECT: STONY BEACH BIOGRAPHIC REPORT

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2. DPOB: SD AN BIEN DISTRICT, KIEN GIANG
PROVINCE.

3. CITIZENSHIP/ETHNIC GROUP: VIETNAM.

4. SEX: MALE.

5. RELIGION: BUDDHIST.

6. BOAT/REFUGEE NUMBER: SD

7. CURRENT ADDRESS: SD

8. PREVIOUS ADDRESSES: HAMLET 2, VINH HOI DONG
VILLAGE, TAN CHAU DISTRICT, AN GIANG PROVINCE.

9. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: SEVEN YEARS.

10. MILITARY SERVICE/EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:
- 1970 - 1980 FISHERMAN
- 0480 - 1283 IN JAIL FOR ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE VN
ILLEGALLY
- 1983 - 1988 SAW MILL WORKER.
11. RE-EDUCATION CAMP/PRISON CHRONOLOGY:
- 0480 - 1283 KIEN GIANG PROVINCIAL JAIL.

12. RELATIVES:

- RELATION NAME DOB ADDRESS
- WIFE SSD

- DAUGHTER SSD 1978 SAME AS ABOVE

- DAUGHTER SSD 1980 SAME AS ABOVE

13. AFFILIATION WITH RESISTANCE GROUPS: NONE.

14. COMMENTS: A. SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN IIR 6 024 0042 89.15. DATE/PLACE OF DEBRIEF/NUMBER OF DEBRIEFER:
(861214)/BAN THAO CAMP, SITE 7, ARANYAPRATHET, TH/TM-10

ACTION DIA/SPEC(10)

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COUNTRY: VM

SUBJ: IIR EVALUATION 6 024 0042 89

REF: , 6 024 0042 89

REQS:

SOURCE: SC

TEXT:

CONSPREP: AN INFORMATION IN SUBJECT IIR RELATES TO
THE DETENTION OF FREDERICK GRAHAM AND RICHARD KNIGHT AT THE KIEN GIANG
PROVINCIAL PRISON. GRAHAM IS AMERICAN, KNIGHT BRITISH. THEY WERE
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TRANSFERRED TO HCMC ON 2 JULY, THEY WERE DETAINED FOR TWO MONTHS,
RETURNED TO RACH GIA FOR TRIAL, THEN TAKEN BACK TO HCMC UNTIL MID-1984,
WHEN THEY WERE RELEASED FROM VM. THEY HAD ENTERED VM WATERS ON A THAI
FISHING TRAWLER WITH TWO THAI CREWMEN. THEY WERE ARRESTED ON AN ISLAND
OF THE ISLES DES PIRATES OFF THE COAST OF VM, NEAR CB TERRITORIAL
WATERS, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR THE BURIED TREASURE OF THE
PIRATE CAPTAIN KIDD.

REPORTER:

IRDT: 890105.

GUID: AN CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN
AT THIS FACILITY IN 1987, BELIEVED TO BE THOMAS SCHOOLEY. WAS HE
TRANSFERRED? WHEN, WHERE? WHAT IS HIS STATE OF HEALTH? WAS HE
RELEASED? WHEN?

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SERIAL: IIR 6 024 0042 89.

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/***** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE *****/
 COUNTRY: THAILAND (TH).

SUBJ: IIR 6 024 0042 89/FIRST HAND SIGHTING OF AN
 ALLEGED-AMERICAN, ENGLISHMAN AND THAI IN THE KIEN GIANG
 PROVINCIAL JAIL (RACH GIA CITY) AS OF SEPT 82 (S/NF).

 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DOI:

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REQS:

D-VOP-2430-04; VOP-05161.

SOURCE: /SOURCE IS A
 VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO WAS INCARCERATED IN THE KIEN
 GIANG PROVINCIAL JAIL BETWEEN APR 80 AND DEC 83.
 SUMMARY: THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT. IT
 CONTAINS LIMITED FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON AN ALLEGED
 AMERICAN, ENGLISHMAN AND THAI WHO WERE INCARCERATED IN
 THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCIAL JAIL IN RACH GIA CITY AS OF
 SEPT 82. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT:

1. SOURCE WAS CAPTURED OFFSHORE OF RACH GIA
 CITY IN APRIL 1980 ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM.
 HE WAS TAKEN TO THE KIEN GIANG PROVINCIAL PRISON IN
 RACH GIA CITY WHERE HE WAS INCARCERATED UNTIL DECEMBER
 1983. IN ABOUT SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1982, HE WAS
 ASSIGNED TO WORK IN THE PRISON KITCHEN AND TAKE FOOD TO
 OTHER INMATES. ABOUT THIS TIME THREE FOREIGNERS WERE
 BROUGHT INTO THE COMPOUND. HE LEARNED FROM ONE OF THE
 FOREIGNERS WHO WAS THAI THAT THE OTHER TWO WERE
 AMERICAN AND ENGLISH. THE THAI SAID THE THREE OF THEM
 WERE CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES WHILE ON A BOAT
 NEAR THU CHU ISLAND NEAR THE EXTREMITY OF VIETNAMESE
 TERRITORIAL WATERS WITH CAMBODIA. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN
 AND ENGLISHMAN WERE PURPORTEDLY ADVENTURERS WHO WERE
 GUIDED BY THE THAI. SOURCE SAW THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS
 FREQUENTLY OVER A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS WHEN HE TOOK
 FOOD AND WATER TO THEM. IN ABOUT JANUARY 1983 THE
 THREE FOREIGNERS WERE TAKEN TO COURT. THE THAI
 RETURNED TO THE COMPOUND AFTER BEING SENTENCED TO SERVE
 SIX MORE MONTHS. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN AND ENGLISHMAN
 WERE NOT RETURNED TO THEIR CELLS, BUT WERE EVIDENTLY
 TAKEN TO ANOTHER UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. THE THAI WAS
 RELEASED PRIOR TO SOURCE'S RELEASE. SOURCE NEVER SAW
 THEM AGAIN. AFTER THE THAI LEFT, SOURCE NEVER HEARD
 ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS.

2. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN WAS ABOUT 45 YOA,
 1.8 METERS TALL WITH A MEDIUM BUILD. HIS SKIN WAS
 WHITE. HE HAD A HEAVY BROWN BEARD AND THICK BUSHY
 EYEBROWS. HIS HAIR WAS SHOULDER LENGTH, MEDIUM BROWN.
 HE WAS DRESSED IN BLACK SHIRT AND PANTS. THE
 ENGLISHMAN WAS ABOUT 26 YOA, 1.8 METERS TALL, MEDIUM
 BUILD, WHITE SKINNED WITH MEDIUM LENGTH BLACK HAIR. HE
 HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE LOWER LEFT LEG NEAR THE ANKLE.
 THE WOUND WAS BANDAGED. HE WORE GRAY TROUSERS WITH A
 YELLOW TEE SHIRT. THE THAI WAS ABOUT 32 YOA,
 1.6 METERS TALL, MEDIUM BUILD WITH BROWN SKIN, BLACK
 HAIR, DARK BROWN EYES AND WORE GRAY SHIRT AND TROUSERS.

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COUNTRY: TH.
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 REF: 6 024 0042 89.
 REQS: D-VOP-2430-4.
 SOURCE: *sw*

TEXT: *AM* DIA/PW-MIA) INFORMATION IN SUBJECT IIR
 CONSP: RELATES TO THE DETENTION OF FREDERICK GRAHAM AND RICHARD KNIGHT AT
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 TYPICAL OF TM-10.

REPORTER: TM-10.

IRDT: 890105.

GUID: *AM* CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE PRESENCE OF AN AMERICAN
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 TRANSFERRED? WHEN, WHERE? WHAT IS HIS STATE OF HEALTH? WAS HE
 RELEASED? WHEN?
 VALUE: C OF VALUE.

EVALNAME:

ANALYST

PRODUSE: A BASIC INTEL.
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 COMSOBJ: 521.
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 PROJ: 6999-10.

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Sketch demonstrates YH knowledge of
RG Prison.Work

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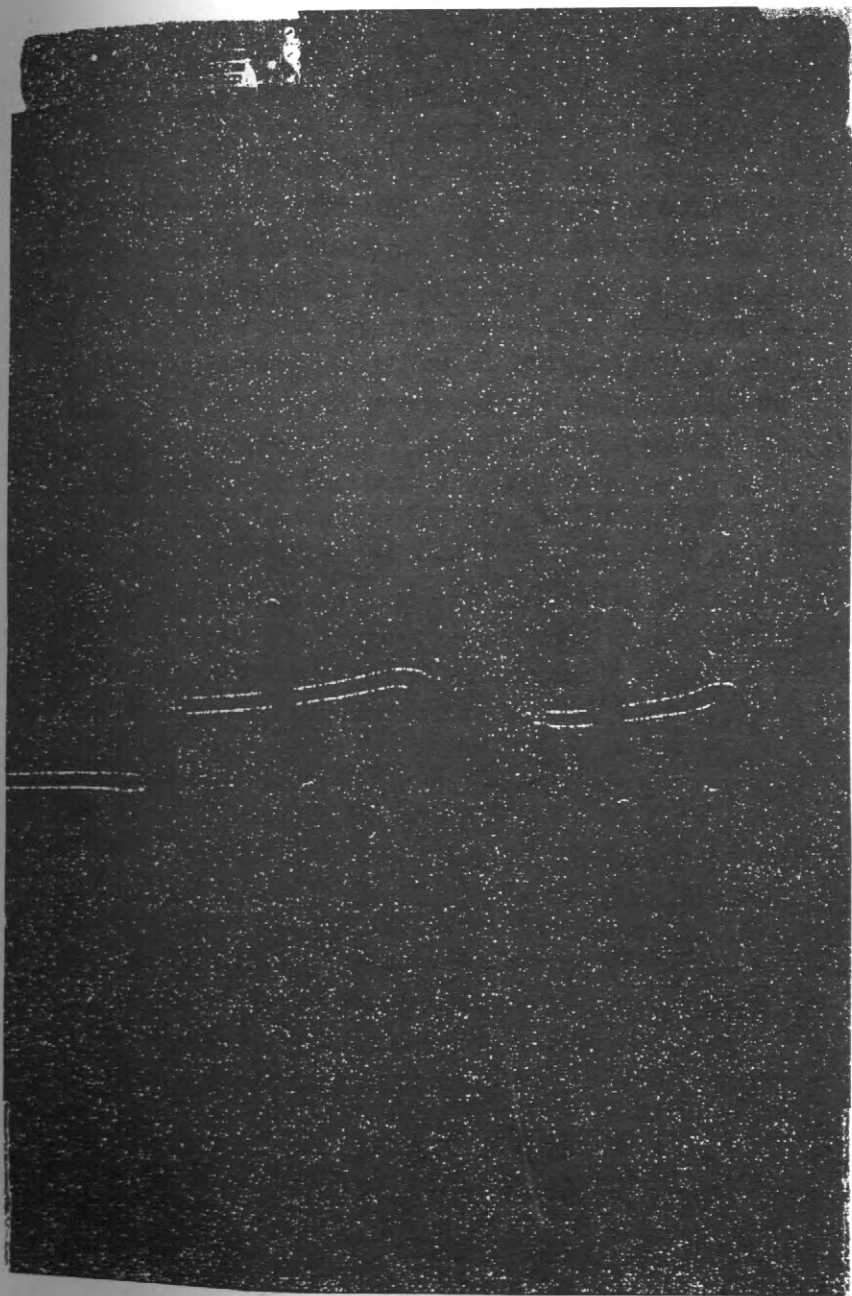
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Arr. 9/10/82, dep 1/83

vs 6/83-7/83

Went court, vs. HCMC fac

Physical descriptions somewhat
related to 2 came's, etc. it
appears he has compared the
him with Eng. v. as he
described them.

SOURCE
DATA

26 AUGUST 1979

DEAR MRS. DOROTHY M. BODDEN,

I HAVE SEEN YOUR LETTER ON 6 AUGUST 1979.

THAT YOU HAVE SEND TO MR. THONG MY VITHAGNAYONG THAT

YOU KEEP LOOKING FOR YOUR SON - THAT IS THE SEASON WHY

I WRITE YOU THIS LETTER. I WAS IN THE JAIL IN VIENG XAY

SUMNEO PROVINCE SINCE DECEMBER 1975 TO JULY 1978

ON 30 DECEMBER 1976 I HAD SEEN 5 AMERICAN PILOTS

UNKNOWN NAMES IN THE JAIL WHICH IS 16 KM. IN THE NORTH

OF VIENG XAY. THE SAID JAIL IS JUST 400 METERS FROM

THE JAIL WHERE I WAS. I CAN NOT KNOW THE 5 AMERICAN

PILOTS BECAUSE WE WERE NOT IN THE SAME JAIL.

THE AMERICAN JAIL IS IN THE HOLE OF THE FOOTHILL.

THE MEAT AND OTHER THAT THE COMMUNISTS GAVE TO

PRISONERS OF WAR ARE BETTER THAN LAOTIANES.

I WONDER WHY THE COMMUNISTS DO NOT

SEND THEM BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY BECAUSE THE

WAR HAS ALREADY ENDED.

ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF THE JAIL, HE SAID THAT

THEY WOULD KEEP 5 AMERICAN PILOTS HERE TO WORK AT

THE MANUFACTURE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD BACKGROUND

OF THE MACHINE.

HOPING THAT MY LETTER WILL GIVE YOU SOME IDEA

AND REQUEST YOUR GOVERNMENT TO FORCE THE

FRIEND KAYSONE PHOMVICHANE THE PRIME MINISTER OF

LAOS TO SEND 5 AMERICAN PILOTS BACK TO THEIR

COUNTRY SO THAT THEY CAN MEET THEIR WIVES

CHILDRENS AND THEIR PARENTS.

THAT IS MY GREAT PURPOSE

IF YOU INTEREST SOME THING PLEASE YOU WRITE AGAIN

Sincerely yours,

SOURCE

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 BOAT NUMBER 34 : CONTACTED 32 :
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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (T-4HX-49018)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS VALIDATED AS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO

SUBJ CIR:

2. REQUIREMENTS: A WASHINGTON AREA ORGANIZATION PROVIDED A LETTER RECEIVED

ON 16 NOV 1979, FROM LAO REFUGEE MR. SC

SD DATED 26 AUG 79. REFUGEE STATED THAT

WHILE HE WAS DETAINED IN VIENG SAY, SAM NEUA PROVINCE, FROM DEC 75

TO JULY 78, HE SAW FIVE AMERICAN PILOTS IN A JAIL LOCATED 15 KMS

NORTH OF VIENG SAY, 2400 METERS FROM HIS DETENTION AREA. HE FURTHER

STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW THE AMERICANS, NOR THEIR NAMES. REQUEST

THAT REFUGEE BE CONTACTED REGARDING HIS INFORMATION. SPECIFICALLY

REQUEST A SKETCH MAP OF THE CAMP AND SURROUNDING AREA AND THAT HE BE

QUERIED REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

A. HOW OFTEN AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES DID HE SEE THE

ALLEGED AMERICANS?

B. HOW DID HE KNOW THESE PRISONERS WERE AMERICANS?

C. DID HE EVER SPEAK TO THESE AMERICANS, OR DID HE EVER HEAR ANY

OF THEM SPEAKING?

NOTE: LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, SO SOURCE HAS SOME COMMAND OF

THE LANGUAGE.

D. DOES HE KNOW THE CAPTURE LOCATION AND DATES OF THE ALLEGED

AMERICANS?

E. REFUGEE STATED "ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF THE JAIL, HE SAID

THAT THEY WOULD KEEP 5 AMERICAN PILOTS HERE TO WORK AT THE MANU-

FACTURE BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD BACKGROUND OF THE MACHINE." WHAT

EXACTLY DOES HE MEAN BY "THE MANUFACTURE" AND "THE MACHINE?"

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F. COULD HE POSSIBLY IDENTIFY THE AMERICANS IF HE WERE SHOWN PHOTOS?
G. DID HE HEAR ABOUT ANY OTHER AMERICANS BEING HELD IN LAOS AT ANY TIME?
3. GUIDANCE:
A. SKETCH MAP SHOULD INCLUDE THE GENERAL SIZE, SHAPE, AND

PAGE 3 RUEKJCS 1386
USE OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CAMP AND THE DISTANCE FROM TWO OR MORE LOCATIONS OR GENERAL LANDMARKS IDENTIFIED ON EXISTING MAPS.
ADDITIONAL PW/MIA INFORMATION DEVELOPED DURING THE INTERVIEW SHOULD BE REPORTED.

B. IF REFUGEE HAD DEPARTED 'SD , REQUEST FORWARDING ADDRESS.
C. REQUEST RESPONSE BE PROVIDED TO DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECT, ATTN: DI-7C.

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1. HOW DID HE KNOW THESE PRISONERS WERE AMERICANS?
2. DID HE EVER SPEAK TO THESE AMERICANS, OR DID HE EVER HEAR ANY OF THEM SPEAKING?
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SUBJ: REQUEST STATUS OF REFUGEE INTERVIEW

REF: DIA MSG 040027Z DEC 79, SUBJ: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(T-4HX-49018).

REFERENCE REQUESTED THAT MR. L. GARDNER BE CONTACTED AND INTERVIEWED REGARDING HIS ALLEGED U.S. PW INFORMATION. REQUEST STATUS OF INTERVIEW OR U.S. ADDRESS IF REFUGEE HAS DEPARTED.

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MS. PENNY GARDNER, DI-7C, 44708
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DR. DD, CS, DI-D, DI-7C, DI-A,

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CITE:

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DIA FOR DI-7C/ CINCPAC FOR J2/J3

SUBJ: STATUS OF REFUGEE INTERVIEWS

REF: A. DIA MSG 4548 DTG 032326Z JAN 80
R. DIA MSG 4551 DTG 032329Z JAN 80

- REF A AND B REQUEST STATUS OF INTERVIEW OF REFUGEES *NAME* AND *MR. Sovell* RESPECTIVELY.
- REFUGEE INTERVIEW TRIP TO NORTHEAST THAILAND. REFUGEE CAMPS WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING WEEK OF 7 JANUARY. ATTEMPTS TO INTERVIEW ABOVE NAMED REFUGEES, AMONG OTHERS, WILL BE MADE AT THAT TIME.
- REFERENCE A REQUESTED ADDRESS OF *SS* HE DEPARTED TO UNITED STATES ON 18 DECEMBER. FORWARDING ADDRESS IS LISTED AS FOLLOWS:

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DIA FOR DI-7C, DC-4A; CINCPAC FOR J2/J3

SUBJ: ADDITIONAL RQMTS (T-4HX-49018)

REF: DIA MSG 4802 DTG 040227Z DEC 79

REF MESSAGE REQUESTS INTERVIEW OF LAO REFUGEE MR.
Source WHO HAD SENT LETTER TO WASH DC ALLEGING
POW/MIA KNOWLEDGE.

NOTE SPELLING, TAKEN FROM
BIO FILE) PLUS WIFE AND TWO INFANT SONS DEPARTED TO UNITED
STATES ON 2 DECEMBER 1979. ACCORDING TO NEIGHBORS IN *DATA*
REFUGEE CAMP, ADDRESS IS:

*SOURCE DATA**Source* A WAS RESETTLED BY TH*SOURCE DATA*

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FOLLOWING BIO DATA WAS A SEARCHING ON *Source*
STORY AS DESCRIBED IN REF MSG. *Source* WAS BORN
IN *Source DATA*, LAOS. HE HAD SIX YEARS PRIMARY

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SOURCE DATA

HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE PATHET LAO. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN
INPRISONED FOR ONE MONTH AT VIENGRAY, THEN HELD FOR MORE
THAN TWO YEARS IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE IN A FOREST AREA
NEAR THE VIETNAM BORDER. HE ESCAPED IN MAY 1978 AND
CROSSED INTO THAILAND ON 20 JUNE 1978. *Source* ENTERED
DATA ON 1 JAN 1979 AND WAS INTERVIEWED BY U.S.
REFUGEE WORKERS ON 29 AUGUST 1979. AT THE TIME OF HIS
INTERVIEW HE MADE NO MENTION OF ANY POW/MIA KNOWLEDGE,
AND DID NOT MENTION THE SIGHTING OF ANY AMERICANS DURING
HIS PERIOD OF CAPTIVITY. BIO FILE INDICATES *Source*
IS LITERATE IN LAO. (NOTE: WE HAVE FOUND THAT OFTEN
ONE REFUGEE WILL WRITE A LETTER FOR ANOTHER; THUS THE
ASSUMPTION IN REF MSG THAT *Source* HAS SOME COMMAND OF
ENGLISH MAY NOT BE VALID. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT AS A
WARTER IN AN AMERICAN CLUB, HE SHOULD HAVE SOME DEGREE
OF FAMILIARITY WITH ENGLISH.

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Memo for Record

Information concerning refugee Mr. *Soule* was discussed with USA interviewer, who will pursue the case.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington, D.C. 20520

July 9, 1980

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIA - Admiral Tuttle
FROM: EA/VLC - Michael Gelner
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Telephone Conversations

Mr. Don Bissonette (spelling?), an English teacher at North Seattle Community College called today to inform me that a student of his claimed to have information regarding Americans held prisoner in Laos. Mr. Bissonette said that the student, a refugee from Laos, had said that he was captured in 1977 by the Vietnamese and that he met five Americans. The student is *Soule*.

Soule DATA

After checking with DI-7C, I called Mr. Bissonette to tell him that the U.S. Government had previously interviewed *Soule* and that he would probably be interviewed again. I thanked him for calling the matter to my attention.

Since Mr. Bissonette would have only hearsay information, and since DI-7C holds considerable information from *Soule*'s prior interview, I did not seek further details, preferring to leave these for a personal interviewer to pursue at some future time if you think it desirable.

22 July 1980

MEMO FOR RECORD

Reference: Dept of State Memorandum, dated 9 July 1980, subj: Memorandum of Telephone Conversation.

With reference to the attached memorandum, Mike Gelner telephoned me after receiving a call from Mr. Don Bissonette in Seattle. Mr. Bissonette told Mike that he had been teaching English to a Lao refugee named SOURCE. During one of the classes, SOURCE mentioned having knowledge of five American prisoners in Laos.

DIA initially became aware of SOURCE's information through a letter he wrote to the League of Families. The letter stated that he had seen five American prisoners in the Vieng Say area of Laos from December 1975 to July 1978.

JCRC Bangkok was tasked to interview SOURCE; however, he departed for the U.S. before he could be interviewed. He is currently on the list of Lao refugees in the U.S. to be interviewed.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SOURCE

STATE OF WASHINGTON }
County of Pierce } ss.

SOURCE, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says:
That I am a Laotian Citizen and I speak very little English. I am making this Affidavit today through an interpreter, NAME

SOURCE DATA

I was given two pieces of United States identification. One piece of identification was to authorize me to guard houses and buildings that Americans were occupying. The other piece of identification was given to me from the US AID Program, and identified me as an employee of the program. After I quit working for the United States, I drove a taxi in Pakse City to Savannaket.

At the end of December, approximately three days before the end of the year, I was stopped by the Communists and asked for identification while in my taxi. I did not have all of the travel documents which I was supposed to have had to be driving the taxi, and, at that time, the Communists found my United States identification card. Because of the identification card I was arrested. This arrest took place in the Town of Thakak in Laos. I was then transported in the back of a truck which was covered with canvas, and I was unable to see where the truck was going. We stopped at many villages, and would stay at a village usually every night. At night I would be brought out of the truck, my hands and feet tied, and allowed to sleep outside and to eat.

After twenty days of travelling in the truck we arrived at a village called Viengxay. I was told the village was Viengxay by my captors, and I also read the name of the village on signs in the outskirts of the village. I did not go into the village itself, but I could see a number of houses in the hills and near the road that looked like a village.

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We stayed in Viengxay two days, and then I was taken by truck to a prison camp. The road to the prison camp was not in good condition, and there were some small hills over which the road crossed. We travelled approximately 25 mph to 30 mph, and it took us 3 1/2 hours to reach the prison camp from Viengxay. I believe that we travelled in an easterly direction.

When we arrived at the camp, the camp was surrounded by bamboo trees. There was one cave at the mountain that looked like the cave was a natural cave and not man made. The cave was being used to hold prisoners. There was a small stream coming down from the mountain on the left side of the cave which was used for drinking water and also to take showers. There were two guard huts made of bamboo, approximately ten yards from the front of the cave. I was held in a bamboo tent some distance from these guard huts. The prison camp looked like it was large enough to accommodate approximately 100 prisoners.

I saw five Caucasian prisoners being held in the cave. I was told by my guard that these prisoners were American pilots. All five of the prisoners were quite tall -- approximately six feet in height. One of the prisoners was slightly shorter than the others. This prisoner had mixed white and dark hair. Three of the prisoners had light brown hair and the last prisoner also had whitish, dark hair. I noticed a gold ring on one of the prisoners hands. This was one of the prisoners that had light brown hair. I stayed at this prison camp for approximately one month. During this time my hands were tied and I was kept a short distance away from the cave. When I was interrogated I was brought down to the cave, approximately ten yards from the entrance, and interrogated in bamboo huts that were located about ten yards from the cave. During the interrogation the guards would point to the American prisoners and ask me if I had helped Americans. They also would question the American prisoners while they were questioning me and I could see the American prisoners shaking their heads when they pointed to me. I could not hear any of the questions being asked of the American prisoners and I don't think that the American prisoners could hear the questions being asked of me.

The Americans wore a light green uniform that appeared to be a Soviet uniform. They wore pieces of car tires tied onto their feet for shoes. I also saw a pink towel which the Americans used to wash themselves when they were taken to the stream to wash. All five of the American prisoners were quite skinny; however, they all appeared to be uninjured. There were twelve guards at the camp, and there were always two guards guarding the Americans at the cave. All of the guards had guns -- apparently, they were A-K guns. I did notice that when the American prisoners were sitting down that I could see a red rash on the lower part of their ankles.

The guards prevented myself or the three other Laotians who were

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prisoners with me, from communicating with the Americans, or allowing the Americans to communicate with us.

Approximately thirty days after I had arrived at this prison camp, which would have been the latter part of February, 1976, I was transferred to Engkahn Re-education Camp in a truck which took approximately ten days and was in the south of Laos. I remained in that camp until the latter part of 1978. The Communists then released me.

After being released from the prison camp I returned to my home town, NaDou, and was reunited with my wife and my son, who was born 50 after I had been captured. Thereafter my family and I escaped to Thailand, and were in a refugee camp DATA. I was given a Category-I since I had worked for the U. S. Government, and was given priority for immigration to the United States. My family and I then came to the United States in February of 1979.

I have had this affidavit read to me by NAME and I swear that the contents herein are true.

SOURCE

NAME, being duly sworn on oath state: I am a Laotian National who has immigrated to the United States. While in Laos, I was a pilot in the Lao Air Force, and went to the University of Taiwan. I speak Laotian, Thai, six dialects of Chinese, some Vietnamese and English. I have read the affidavit of SOURCE, and I swear that the answers set forth herein are the answers given to me by SOURCE on this date.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 18 day of Aug, 1980.

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at:

Puyallup

On this day personally appeared before me SOURCE, and through his interpreter, NAME who was also personally present before me, sworn that the foregoing statement was true and made voluntarily by him, and that his interpreter has read the entire statement to him.

SIGNED this 18th day of August, 1980.

Louis H. Barnes
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at: Puyallup

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SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE *Source*

1. FYI - DURING LATE 1979, A LAO REFUGEE *Source* WROTE A LETTER FROM THAILAND IN WHICH HE INDICATED HE HAD OBSERVED FIVE CAUCASIAN PWS AT VIENG XAI. HE REPORTED THAT HE WAS ALSO A PRISONER AT THE TIME HE OBSERVED THE CAUCASIANS AND THAT HIS CAPTORS TOLD HIM DURING TWO INTERROGATIONS THE CAUCASIANS WERE U.S. FLYERS. SUBSEQUENTLY, *Source* ISSUED A SIGNED SWORN DEPOSITION CONCERNING HIS SIGHTING AT THE REQUEST OF THE FATHER OF A SERVICEMAN MISSING IN SEA.

2. DURING THE PERIOD OF 30 OCT 80-1 NOV 80, *Source* WAS DEBRIEFED BY A DIA ANALYST IN SEATTLE, WASH. HE REPORTED THAT HE WAS A USAID EMPLOYEE (TRUCK DRIVER) IN SAVANNAKHET DURING 70-75. AFTER HIS USAID EMPLOYMENT, HE OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT AS A BUS DRIVER, ALSO IN SAVANNAKHET. HE WAS ARRESTED BY COMMUNIST FORCES IN LATE DEC 75 WHEN TWO FORMS OF USAID IDENTIFICATION WERE DISCOVERED ON HIS PERSON DURING A SEARCH CONDUCTED AT A HIGHWAY CHECK POINT LOCATED IN THAKHEK. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSFERRED BY TRUCK WITH THREE OTHER PRISONERS TO THE VIENG XAI AREA WHERE HE OBSERVED THE FIVE CAUCASIANS IN JAN 76. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEBRIEFING, *Source* VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION. THE EXAMINER OPINED THAT *Source* WAS TRUTHFULLY REPORTING HIS OBSERVATIONS.

3. FURTHER DEBRIEFING OF *Source* IS ANTICIPATED. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY HIS BONA FIDES AND TO LOCATE THE DESCRIBED DETENTION FACILITY WILL BE MADE. THIS MATTER WAS BRIEFED AT THE PW/MIA INTERAGENCY GROUP MEETING ON 7 NOV 80.

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SUBJECT: LAO REFUGEE *Source*

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1. EMBASSY VIENTIANE IS MAKING WHAT EFFORTS IT CAN TO LOOK

INTO THE REPORT THAT FIVE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS OF WAR WERE

OBSERVED AT VIENG XAI IN JANUARY OF 1976 (REFTEL). WE HAVE

THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON

EITHER *Source* OR THE VIENG XAI SITE. WE WILL, OF COURSE,

REPORT ANYTHING THAT WE MAY SUBSEQUENTLY DEVELOP.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AMPLIFYING

THIS REPORT, ALSO THE RESULTS OF EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH

THE BONA FIDES OF *Source*.

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ADMIN MESSAGE FOR DIA/DI-7C/DI-D.

SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE SOURCE

REF A. DIA MSG 7234, DTG 122135Z NOV 80.
B. USDAO BKK 55874, DTG 180940Z NOV 80.

1. REF A INDICATED EFFORTS TO VERIFY BONA FIDES OF REFUGEE SOURCE (NOTE SPELLING). OUR REF B REQUESTED INFO TO ASSIST IN LOCATING HIS REFUGEE FILE AND INDICATED WE COULD NOT VERIFY REFUGEE'S ALLEGED EMPLOYMENT BY USAID LAOS.

2. DISREGARD PARA 1 OF REF B AS WE HAVE NOW LOCATED REFUGEE FILE FOR SOURCE S). FOLLOWING INFO SOURCE DATA

SOURCE DATA

PRISONED IN VIENG XAY FOR ONE MONTH AND THEN FOR TWO PLUS YEARS IN SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE IN A FOREST NEAR THE VN BORDER (NFI). ESCAPED ON 20 APRIL 1978. PLED TO THAILAND

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ON 20 JUNE 1978. ENTERED JANUARY 1979. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY REFUGEE WORKERS ON 29 AUGUST '79 AND NOTATION WAS MADE THAT HE PROVIDED NO POW/MIA INFO DURING THIS INTERVIEW. PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST DATED 25 NOV 79 ALSO INDICATES BY NOTATION THAT HE PROVIDED NO POW/MIA INFORMATION.

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HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, DC 20332

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CVPG

SUBJECT: (80HQD479-9) SOURCE

TO: DIA/DI-7C

- 5 Nov 80
1. A polygraph examination was requested by Mr QUALSET (DI-7C), for the purpose of verifying information related by SOURCE regarding the possible imprisonment of U.S. citizens within Laos during 1976.
 2. On 26 Oct 80, the Chief, USAF Polygraph Program authorized the conduct of requested examination in accordance with AFR 124-15.
 3. Background: In a signed sworn affidavit SOURCE provided information indicating he had been arrested by communist forces and transported to a containment area near the village of VIENG XAI, LAOS. While held at the containment area he observed five caucasian males who were identified by his captors as U.S. flyers. The five caucasians were held in a hillside cave and were observed by SOURCE from a distance of approximately 30 feet. A copy of 1 SOURCE'S affidavit is attached.
 4. On 30 and 1 Nov 80 SOURCE was administered a polygraph examination by NAME Certified DoD Polygraph Examiner with the assistance of an interpreter/translator. The following are the relevant questions asked and the answers provided by SOURCE

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After a careful analysis of the charts produced during the examination it was the opinion of the examiner that SOURCE was truthful in his answers to questions a, b, and c, Series I, and questions b and d in Series II. An analysis of questions a and c of Series II failed to reflect sufficient significant responses to make a determination of truthfulness and therefore the results are inconclusive.

5. On 4 Nov 80, the polygraph charts produced during the examination of SOURCE conducted on 30 and 31 Oct 80 were independently reviewed by MR. Deputy Chief, USAF Polygraph Program, who concurred with opinion of the original examiner.

6. The polygraph charts and allied documents are on file at HQ AFOSI/CVPG, available to your office on request.

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Chief, USAF Polygraph Program
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SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE *Source*

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REF: DIA SECRET MSG 7234, DTG 122135Z NOV 88.
 1. WE NOTE FROM REF MESSAGE YOUR ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY THE BONA FIDES OF SUBJECT REFUGEE. WOULD AN EXAMINATION OF HIS REFUGEE RECORDS HERE BE OF ANY USE? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFO AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIST US IN LOCATING HIS FILE: SPELLING OF HIS NAME AS REFLECTED ON HIS REFUGEE PAPERWORK, DATE OF BIRTH, T-NUMBER, DATE OF DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND, NAME OF REFUGEE CAMP WHILE IN THAILAND, NAME OF PRIMARY APPLICANT (PA) IN *Source*

2. SC 'S REFUGEE FAMILY IF NOT *Source*.
 FYI, THE PERSONNEL RECORDS FROM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE WERE EVACUATED TO BANGKOK IN 1975. TO INCLUDE RECORDS OF ALL USAID LOCAL NATIONAL EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE CHECKED THESE RECORDS AND FIND NO EVIDENCE OF *Source* EMPLOYMENT BY USAID LAOS.

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SUBJ: LAO REFUGEE *Source*

REFS: A. DIA MSG 122135Z NOV 88, SUBJECT: SAME AS ABOVE.

B. AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE MSG 180715Z NOV 88, CITE 0909, SUBJ: SAME AS ABOVE.

- REF A PROVIDED INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM LAO REFUGEE *Source* REGARDING HIS SIGHTING OF FIVE CAUCASIAN PWS AT VIENG XAI, LAOS IN JANUARY 1976. REF B REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION AMPLIFYING REF A.
- REF A PROVIDED ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DATE ON THIS CASE. *Source* WILL BE REINTERVIEWED IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP MORE DETAIL. IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED DURING THIS INTERVIEW, WE WILL, OF COURSE, FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE AND OTHER ADDRESSEES.

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4 December 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Lao Refugee SOURCE

1. On 2 December 1980, Mr. Stanford Stone, a USAID employee, was interviewed concerning his possible knowledge of SOURCE. Stone was the USAID area co-ordinator in Savannakhet Province during the period 1966-1975.
2. In regard to SOURCE, Stone recalled, although vaguely, that SOURCE was employed as a waiter at the USAID club in Savannakhet. He also indicated that he thought SOURCE was employed at the club as a guard. He could not recall SOURCE's employment with USAID as a driver. In regard to SOURCE's claimed employment with Pepsi Cola, Stone stated that there was no Pepsi Cola plant in Savannakhet. There was, however, a Chinese man, whose name Stone could not recall, who distributed Pepsi Cola in Savannakhet. Stone opined that SOURCE might have been employed by this man.
3. Stone stated that the residences of USAID employees in Savannakhet were not guarded. The residences of DATA were guarded by Lao nationals. These Lao nationals were under the control of a Lao Col named Le. Col Le, according to Stone, was the Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) commander who was the direct counterpart to the DATA in Savannakhet. Col Le, then General Le, was executed by the Pathet Lao after the government fell in 1975.
4. Stone advised that Lao nationals were employed by USAID in one of two ways: either as direct hire or as hourly rate employees. Each type of employee would have been issued a USAID I.D. card by the USAID HQDS in Vientiane.
5. Using a map of Savannakhet, Stone identified the USAID compound, his residence, the residence of the DATA, the USAID warehouse, the Pepsi Cola distributorship, and the DATA. Additionally, Stone provided the identities of several persons (John Tucker, Jerry Nell, Gordon Dibble) all of whom are in the Washington D.C. area, who might be able to provide additional information in regard to SOURCE.

Analyst/DI-7C

4 December 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Re: SOURCE

1. On 2 December 1980, Mr. J. Nell, a current USAID employee, was interviewed concerning his possible knowledge of SOURCE. Nell was assigned to Savannakhet city Laos with USAID from 1966-1974.
2. In regard to SOURCE,ig, Nell recalled that he hired a man named SOURCE at the USAID club during the period Mar 69-Dec 69. He employed SOURCE there as a waiter and recalled that SOURCE's wife also was employed at the club. Additionally, he recalled that SOURCE was employed as a driver for USAID in an hourly capacity. Nell felt that SOURCE drove for DATA but was not certain of his recollection. Nell had no recollection of SOURCE's involvement in guarding the residences of DATA, but provided the name of one DATA currently assigned in the Washington D.C. area who might amplify on this point.
3. Nell, DATA recalled that those Lao nationals who guarded residences were issued a small pink identification card which was signed by Col Le, the SGU commanding officer in the Savannakhet area. A small photograph of the bearer was affixed on each I.D. card and the writing of three languages (Lao, French, and English) was present on each card.
4. Additionally, Nell provided the identities of two Lao nationals who are currently in the U.S., who might know SOURCE. Nell concluded by stating that SOURCE was still employed by USAID in 1974 when he (Nell) left that area.

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Analyst/DI-7C

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SEATTLE (UPI) -- A FORMER ROYAL LAO AIR FORCE PILOT CLAIMS UP TO 50 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN OF THE VIETNAM WAR ERA ARE BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN LAOS, IT WAS REPORTED.

IN A COPYRIGHT STORY SUNDAY, THE SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER SAID THE FORMER PILOT, SAYFA PHOUNSAVAN, WHO NOW DIRECTS THE LAO FAMILY CENTER INC., IN SEATTLE, HAS GAINED HIS INFORMATION FROM THE HUNDREDS OF LAOTIAN REFUGEES WHO SEEK SERVICES FROM HIS AGENCY.

"THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE ARE TODAY 40 OR 50 AMERICANS, MOST OF THEM PILOTS WHO WERE SHOT DOWN OVER LAOS DURING THE (VIETNAM) WAR, BEING HELD PRISONER THERE NOW," SAID SAYFA. "THE PEOPLE COMING TO THE LAO FAMILY CENTER TELL ME THAT THE COMMUNISTS FOUND MANY AMERICANS ALIVE IN THE JUNGLES AND HAVE KEPT THEM."

SAYFA PREDICTED THAT THE AMERICANS BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN LAOS WON'T BE RETURNED FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS BECAUSE, IN ADDITION TO WORKING AS LABORERS, THEY ARE BEING FORCED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW.

"THE GOVERNMENTS THERE USE THE AMERICANS TO TEACH THEM HOW TO FLY THE AIRPLANES AND HELICOPTERS ABANDONED IN 1975," SAYFA SAID. "THEY ARE ALSO BEING USED AS ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS AND FOR OTHER WORK."

UNTIL RECENTLY, OFFICIAL U.S. POLICY HAS BEEN TO DENY SUCH REPORTS, BUT LAST WEEK, THE POST-INTELLIGENCER SAID, STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE CARRYING OUT AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION INTO SERVICEMEN MISSING IN ACTION.

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Amnon Silath - English language letter (typewritten) dated 9 August 1979, from Bangkok, Thailand. Source reported on (1) capture and death of 4 Americans, February 1962; (2) death of American killed in action November 1974; (3) three Americans killed March 1971; (4) death of American pilot (no date); (5) 50 American POWs at end of 1978. Long-hand notes on page did not copy well and are not decipherable. Has there been any follow-up with this source?

7. Nanthavongsa Boonteng - Laotian and English language letter dated 4 October 1979, from Udon, Thailand. English section refers to two American POWs. The Laotian section of the letter needs to be translated. Source has offered to help. Any follow-up on this report?

8. Bouakhus Phanavong - English language letter dated 26 August 1979, from Udon, Thailand. Source reported seeing five American POWs in prison on 30 December 1975, asked Dorothy Hodson to write to him. Any follow-up on this?

I would appreciate your comments on these reports, Dorothy. Following that, I will obtain translations and then turn the reports over to DIA and to the Asian and Pacific Affairs Committee, as soon as they are complete and ready for investigation.

Sincerely,

George L. Brooks

MENTAL CHIEF
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Physical Well-Being
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LETTER (ENGLISH) 26 AUGUST 1979 -

FROM

TO N -

SOURCE SAW N. LETTER TO ANOTHER
REFUGEE.REPORTS SEEING 5 AM PILOTS IN
PRISON, 30 DEC. 1975.

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