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SURJ: HONG KONG REFUGEE REPORTING LIVE SIGHTINGS OF

ED SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LY NAM DE AREA TO A VIETNAMESE MAN WHO WAS WORKING IN THE CAMP AND THAT SOURCE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE MAN BY NAME. SOURCE STATED THAT THE MAN ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE A SKETCH OF THE LY NAM DE AREA, WHICH SOURCE DID PROVIDE. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL ANYONE NAMED NAME AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW. SOURCE STATED THAT HE WOULD VOLUNTEER TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION.

C. SOURCE WAS EXAMINED BY POLYGRAPH ON 5 JUNE 85. PRIOR TO THE EXAM SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY RELATED. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM A PAVN SR CPT NAME THAT U.S. PILOTS HAD REMAINED IN VIETNAM AND WERE BEING USED AS INSTRUCTIONS AT AN AIRFIELD (NFT) TO TEACH VIETNAMESE PILOTS REGARDING MISSILE AVOIDANCE TACTICS. SOURCE WAS NOT SURE CONCERNING THE TIMEFRAME BUT ASSUMED THAT NAME WAS REFERRING TO A PERIOD AFTER THE WAR. SOURCE CLAIMED TO HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING POW/MIA. SOURCE WAS INITIALLY FRIGHTENED BUT SEEMED TO GAIN CONFIDENCE PRIOR TO THE EXAM. SOURCE REVEALED THAT HIS FATHER HAD FALLEN INTO DISFAVOR WHEN HE WAS BLAMED FOR THE DEATH OF THE CHILD OF A SENIOR SRV OFFICIAL KNOWN TO HIM AS NAME. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS FATHER HAD PROVIDED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR NUMEROUS HIGH RANKING CADRE

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WHILE ASSIGNED TO HOSPITAL "K" IN HANOI. SOURCE STATED THAT NAME HAD CONTRACTED A VENEREAL DISEASE FROM A MINOR WIFE WHICH HE PASSED ON TO HIS MAJOR WIFE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF THE CHILD. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS FATHER WAS BLAMED FOR THE DEATH AND LATER DECIDED TO MOVE TO SAIGON. SOURCE ALSO REVEALED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY HAD PROBLEMS WITH HIS FATHER BECAUSE SOURCE HAD TAKEN A CAMERA FROM THE CENTRAL FILM DOCUMENTARY FACTORY FOR PERSONAL USE IN MAKING MOVIES OF WEDDINGS AND THAT HE HAD ALSO WORN THE UNIFORM OF A HIGH RANKING PAVN OFFICER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN ORDER TO SINGGLE RUSS. SOURCE WAS LATER POLYGRAPHED AND DRAMATICALLY INDICATED DECEPTION ON BOTH QUESTIONS CONCERNING HIS HEARSAY INFORMATION FROM NAME AND HIS OWN ALLEGED OBSERVATION OF TWO U.S. PWS. SOURCE ALSO INDICATED DECEPTION CONCERNING HIS INTENTION TO PURPOSELY PROVIDE FABRICATED INFORMATION. SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXAM, SOURCE BECAME VERY EMOTIONAL AND MAINTAINED THAT THE MACHINE WAS IMPERFECT AND THAT HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO ANY FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE INTERVIEWER.

9. SOURCE WAS REINTERVIEWED IN HONG KONG CAMP, NEW TERRITORIES, HONG KONG ON 7 JUNE 85.

A. SOURCE NAME RELATED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT OF HIS PREVIOUS STORY WITH SOME VARIATIONS. IN THIS SESSION SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE SAW OVER 20 U.S. PWS ALL WEARING ARMY TYPE CAMOUFLAGE FATIGUES VICE 14-18 PWS WEARING CAMOUFLAGE FATIGUES AND BLUE PRISON TYPE UNIFORMS. SOURCE CHANGED THE TIME OF HIS SIGHTING FROM 1977 TO SOMETIME DURING LATE 1978 OR EARLY 1979. SOURCE ADDED IN THIS VERSION THAT HE WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE TIME OF HIS SIGHTING BY ANOTHER TRUCK DRIVER KNOWN TO HIM AS NAME APPROX 30 YRS FROM HAI DUONG, WHO WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO SOURCE'S UNIT (QUI XE 26, QUANG XE 2, XI NGHIEP VAN 1A1 HANG HOA SH 2, CHU VAN 1A1 DUONG DO, HO GIAU THUNG). SOURCE LAST SAW NAME SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGHTING AND DID NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS.

B. SOURCE ADDED THAT HE ALSO HAD HEARD ABOUT U.S. PWS FROM HIS MATERNAL UNCLE NAME APPROX 36-37 YRS, PWS THUM AG NY (M), XA DAT THANG (V), PHU ANH (D), HA SON GIEM (P), FORMER INTERPRETER TRANSLATING RUSS AND ARTICLES FOR THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS UNCLE WORKED GATHERING NEWS ARTICLES FROM THE VIETNAM (U.S. STATE DEPT. PHILIP CONYER VIET WAR.) AT THE USE TO BE FACILITY FOR THE PEOPLE'S ARMY NEWSPAPER (HAI

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DUAN ONI KHAN DAN). SOURCE HEARD SOMETIME DURING 1974
WHILE DRINKING BEER WITH THAT SOME AMERICANS WERE
BEING HELD AND THAT NAME HAD HEARD THE INFORMATION FROM
SOME OF HIS FRIENDS (U.S.I). SOURCE DID NOT HEAR ABOUT HOW
MANY AMERICANS OR WHERE THEY WERE BEING HELD. SOURCE
RECALLED HEARING FROM NAME THAT THE AMERICANS HAD BEEN
MOVED BUT DIDN'T HEAR TO WHAT LOCATION.

C. ALTHOUGH SOURCE HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO A POLY-
GRAPH EXAM, HE STATED THAT HE HAD CHANGED HIS MIND AND NOW
WOULD NOT TAKE ONE BECAUSE HE WAS APPAID THE RESULTS WOULD BT

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NOT RE ACCURATE. SOURCE ADDED THAT HE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH
STRESS CAUSED BY LIFE IN THE CAMP.

U. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW ANYONE CALLED
NAME BUT DID RECALL A MAN CALLED NAME (HE
COULDN'T RECALL SURNAME, BUT POSSIBLY NAME WHO
HAD RESIDED IN HONG KONG. SOURCE DID NOT RECALL
DISCUSSING U.S. PWS WITH SOURCE STATED THAT HE DID
REMEMBER NAME NAME TITLE IN CHINA AND THAT NAME
WAS THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION WITHIN THE CAMP. SOURCE
STATED THAT ACCORDING TO COMMUN RUMOR IN THE CAMP,
NAME HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELATIVES OF SOME
AMERICANS WHO WERE BEING HELD PRISONERS IN VIETNAM. SOURCE
RECALLED THAT NAME HAD BEEN WORKING IN AN AREA OF CHINA
CALLED THE "GREEN HOUSE" OR "THE TRAILER" AND THAT HE HAD
BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE CAMP TO WORK IN THE AMERICAN CONSUL-
ATE. SOURCE STATED THAT AFTER NAME PROVIDED HIS INFOR-
MATION CONCERNING THE AMERICANS IN VIETNAM HE WAS GIVEN
MONEY, MEDICINE, CLOTHES, AND A CASSETTE PLAYER. SOURCE
STATED THAT AFTER PROVIDING HIS INFORMATION NAME WAS
ALLOWED TO RESETTLE IN AUSTRALIA. SOURCE RECALLED HAVING
MET NAME IN VIETNAM SOMETIME DURING 1962 WHEN SOURCE WENT
TO SAMPLE ON PHU HANG BOAT STREET. SOURCE RECALLED THAT
NAME DID NOT GAMBLE OFTEN BECAUSE HE HAD VERY LITTLE
MONEY. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT DISCUSS HIS ALLEGED

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SIGHTING OF U.S. PWS WITH NAME BUT THAT HE HAD TALKED ABOUT AMERICANS BEING HELD IN VIETNAM WITH OTHER REFUGEES WHILE NAME WAS NEARBY. SOURCE STATED THAT HE HAD RESIDED IN THE SAME BUILDING WITH NAME IN CHINAMAN CAMP.

4. SOURCE STATED THAT HE KNEW OF ONLY ONE CAUCASIAN WHO RESIDED IN HANOI, BUT HE COULD NOT RECALL HIS NAME. SOURCE STATED THAT THE MAN WAS FRENCH AND A FORMER SOLDIER OF THE FRENCH ARMY WHO REMAINED IN VIETNAM TO WORK IN A HANOI AUTO REPAIR SHOP AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF FRENCH FORCES. SOURCE STATED THAT THE FRENCH MAN WAS STILL RESIDING IN HANOI DURING LATE 1982. SOURCE RECALLED THAT THE MAN HAD A SON CALLED "MICHELLE" WHO ALONG WITH APPROX 16-17 OTHER HALF CAUCASIANS HAD CLIMBED OVER THE WALL OF THE FRENCH CONSULAR SECTION IN HANOI SOMETIME AROUND 1977. SOURCE, WHO RESIDED WITHIN THE FRENCH EMBASSY COMPOUND AT THE TIME, RECALLED THAT THE GROUP DEMANDED ASSISTANCE FOR RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE BUT WERE TURNED AWAY BY FRENCH OFFICIALS. SOURCE RECALLED THAT A FEW MONTHS AFTER THE INCIDENT THE GROUP WENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNHCR BUT THAT ONLY "MICHELLE" CLIMBED THE FENCE AND ENTERED THE COMPOUND AND THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE GROUP BECAME FRIGHTENED AND RAN AWAY. SOURCE STATED THAT MICHELLE WAS ARRESTED FOR ENTERING THE COMPOUND AND WAS IMPRISONED IN HUA LU FOK 10 MONTHS. SOURCE ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN IMPRISONED IN HUA LU FOK FOR TAM JUVINS DURING 1982 (HELD THERE FOR STEALING SHEETS OF GLASS PLATE FROM HIS TRUCK) BUT THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANY AMERICANS OR EURASIANS HELD THERE. (SOURCE PROVIDED A SKETCH OF LIMITED DETAIL WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.)

5. COMMENTS: ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE REFUGEES IN PARAS 2, 3, AND 4 WOULD ADMIT THAT THEY HAVE CONSPIRED IN FABRICATING INFORMATION CONCERNING POW/MIA, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT AT LEAST SOME COLLUSION HAS OCCURRED. IN THE CASE OF NAME HE BY HIS OWN ADMISION HAS POSED AS A HIGH RANKING OFFICER IN ORDER TO SMUGGLE, WHICH INDICATES THAT HE IS NOT ONLY DISHONEST BUT ALSO BOLD. IN THIS SESSION NAME CLAIMED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW NAME BUT IN HIS 27 MARCH 84 INTERVIEW HE ADMITTED THAT HE KNEW NAME WHO WAS THE FIRST OF THE GROUP TO CLAIM A LIVE SIGHTING OF U.S. PWS. ALL FOUR OF THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE CLAIMED LIVE SIGHTINGS HAVE RESIDED IN THE SAME CAMPS AND IN THE CASE OF NAME IN THE SAME ROOM. ALL OF THESE REFUGEES WERE AT LEAST CASUALTY OR MIA-TIED TO VIETNAM AND IN THE CASE OF NAME AND NAME THEY ARE PROBABLY NOT BEING TRUTHFUL IN THIS

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REGARD SINCE THEY RESIDED IN THE SAME AREA PRIOR TO ESCAPING ON THE SAME BOAT. FURTHERMORE, AND SOURCE ALL WORKED AS TRUCK DRIVERS IN THE HANOI AREA. THE FACT THAT NAME NAME SOURCE WERE ALL PRESENT IN THE CAMP WHEN RUMORS CONCERNING NAME SPECIAL TREATMENT AND RESETTLEMENT TO AUSTRALIA WERE BEING CIRCULATED AFTER HE PROVIDED POW/MIA INFORMATION MAY HAVE ENCOURAGED THEM TO FABRICATE THEIR STORIES IN ORDER TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR CASES SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED IN CLOSED PRISON-LIKE CAMPS FOR OVER TWO YEARS WITH LITTLE HOPE FOR RESETTLEMENT.

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TO: HQ CIA WASHINGTON DC

Subj: ^{Debriefed} VN Refugees in Beijing

- Ref
- USDAO BEIJING MSG 230811Z Feb 82, Subj: ~~SC~~ Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes
 - USDAO BEIJING MSG 270419Z Feb 82, Subj: Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes
 - USDAO BEIJING MSG 120622Z MAR 82, Subj: Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes
 - USDAO BEIJING MSG 080822Z MAR 82, Subj: Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes

1. Ref msg transmitted information concerning SOURCE who claimed to be an officer of the SRV Bo Noi Vu, and who claimed ~~to~~ to possess knowledge about 215 PWs.
2. SC 1. Request your assessment of the authenticity of background legend and his reliability as a reporter.
3. Transmit responses to our new address DIA//DI-E2//

TO: USDAO BEIJING CH

USDAO BANGKOK TN //JHC-LAD//

INFO: SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC

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HQ CIA WASHINGTON DC //DDO/EA/VLK//

Subj: VN Refugees Debriefed in Beijing

Ref: A. USDAO BEIJING MSG 230811Z Feb 82, Subj: Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes
B. DIA/DI-7C MSG 280134Z Feb 82, Subj: Debrief of VN Defectors/Escapes

1. Request that you forward a source sketch of Cuong Tuoi (AKA Quyét Tien) Camp, Ha Giang Province. Para 5, ref msg noted that these sketches would be transmitted with zero copies of SC ID papers. We have received the ID papers, but not the sketches. The sketches will help us evaluate SC claim to have been imprisoned here and, thus, evaluate his claim to have obtained US PW-related info during that period of employment.
2. If sketches have been transmitted, provide date, method and address to which sent.
3. If sketches were not sent and are not retrievable, request that the interviewer, if possible, try to recreate as much of the sketch as possible from memory.
4. Transmit reply to our new address: DIA//DI-E2// Washington, D.C. 20301.

DIRECTORATE FOR INTELLIGENCE
ANALYSIS DIVISION

ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM

TO

SNF-03-53286-82

FROM

DATE: 8 March 1982

SUBJECT: Bac Mai Airfield Escape

COUNTRY:
VH

1. REFERENCE/REQUIREMENT:

PAR 00389F2, dated 3 March 1982

S.E. NO:
0616-08407

2. TARGET INFORMATION:

Geo Coords
20-59-24N/105-50-12EMap/Chart Ref:
USAMS Series L909
Ha Noi City MapTDI Col.
80101/75900

3. JATA:

Project

Date

Available from analyst upon request.

4. COLLATERAL REFERENCES:

NONE

5. ANALYSIS/COMMENTS:

NOTE: Information contained in this report is derived primarily from interpretation of
and is not intended to constitute all-source, finished intelligence.

a. This report satisfies the reference requirement.

b. of Bac Mai Airfield is enclosed (1 and 2).

c. The following is a box score of UH-1 aircraft present at the Ha Noi/Bac Mai Airfield:

Date	Total	Operational	Static Display	Derelict
17 Sep 81	1	1	0	0
16 Aug 81	0	0	0	0
21 Nov 80	12	10	1	1
19 Nov 80	11	9	1	1
9 Nov 80	9	7	1	1
16 Feb 79	0	0	0	0

Covered

d. A consultation with air order of battle analysts indicates that there are no UH-1 helicopters permanently based at Bac Mai but that they merely transit that facility.

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e. While the presence or absence of intentional, surreptitious breaches in perimeter security cannot be determined. There are openings in the fence at this facility, some readily identifiable as gates, others, merely openings in the fence which show signs of recent or continuous use. These are annotated on

6. Product Quality Feedback Request: In order to provide you with more timely, accurate, and complete reports we encourage your critical review of this report. Please pass any comments you feel necessary.

7.

ANALYST:

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SC / SD

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July 5, 1982

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN POWS IN VIETNAM

Gentlemen:

My name is SC / SD
My bus route went from Hanoi to Saigon and vice versa. I arrived in the USA on SD am residing at the above address
I would like to report to you what I have seen

I was a bus driver on the Saigon-Hanoi route for over four years. I used to transport on the top of my bus merchandises of all kinds for Communist high officials, free of charge. They therefore introduced me to each others; the ranking Communist officials looked for my bus to transport merchandises for them. Those were items they stole from the South after they conquered the South.

The high officials who transported the merchandises on my bus used to eat diner with me during our night stop at communication checkpoints. They ate their rice mixed with shorghum up to 70% shorghum, while I ate my rice unmixed. During dinertime, I used to ask them about the military feats of our armies, or our nation. All of them lecture me nonstop on those accomplishments. Some samples of what they said: "We have a military genius named Vo Dai rhang. when the soviet union provided us with missiles to shoot enemy's B-29s, our military genius decided that those missiles could not reach the planes, he therefore added gunpowder, the result was that many enemy planes were downed, that has caused the American imperialists to flee Vietnam."

By the end of December 1978, I transported merchandises for a Communist Colonel. when he first saw me, he introduced himself as the "Prison Chief", I did not quite know what 'prison chief' meant. He has been introduced to me by Gen. Dao Son Tay, who was the Corps 7 commander. I have transported merchandises for the general earlier. I asked to see the letter of introduction and saw that his name was Nguyen Canh, a prison commander. I agreed to transport the merchandises for him from Saigon to Hanoi. The trip took six days, and as usual he and I ate our diner together at communication checkpoints.

When our vehicle arrived at the Kim Lien bus depot in Hanoi, Canh, like the other high ranking officials before him, asked me to take the merchandises to his home. Vehicles for transportation were very scarce in N. Vietnam, so he told me, please comrade, help me bring these items to my home, I will not leave you without a compensation.

I was very reluctant, because the roads were very bad. In reality I did not want to go, but he pleaded with me several times. The next morning, I was thinking about unloading his stuff in the bus depot,

but I knew they would be stolen, and lots of troubles would happen to me; I therefore had no choice but to transport the merchandises to his home to avoid troubles.

After we arrived in his place, my two aides helped unload the merchandises; we took a bath and we ate diner in his home. After diner, the Prison Commander told one of his guards, go and get for me a Bo Dai uniform and a pair of (Ho Chi Minh)sandals, and a Bo Dai hat. He told me to change into these outfits, that he would take me to a tour of his prison camp. During the tour, I saw that the prisoners were Americans, they looked at me coldly, they thought I was a Bo Dai, and were apprehensive not knowing what I was up to. I looked at them, they were in a sorry state, very thin and pale, their clothes were in a faded brown color, they ate part rice part shorghum, the kind previously used to feed hogs. The prison compounds were covered with elephant grass, the walls were made with dirt mixed with grass, earthen floor. Beds were made with bamboo. The prison camp was located in a thick jungle area, quite large, surrounded on all sides by military camps, the armies of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

After the prison tour, we returned to the home of the camp commander, I told one of my bus aide to go to the bus to take some dried squids and some liquor, I wanted to drink the whole night with the Chief, I told him, so that I would bid farewell tomorrow to return home.

After a number of drinks, I asked him why did our government keep those people for? Since the war has truly ended, and the US imperialists have withdrawn from Vietnam, why would our government let those men go home too, so that our Party and our State would not have the burden of keeping them and guarding them.

After my question, the Camp commander gave me the following explanation: You see, Our Party and our State are not stupid, we have spent a large amount of money to feed and guard those men, we want to use them to bargain and set a price for their release with the U.S. imperialists. The reason we need to keep those/flying bandits (meaning pilots) is because these bandits have killed many of our comrades. Our people, our Party, and our State will make the claims, in order that our children will enjoy those."

I asked: Thus, how many of those headmen, how many of those "flying bandits" are our Party and our State keeping? His answer was: About 300 of them, the headmen and flying bandits. We keep them here. (That was in Son La, formerly Bac Son province. Currently the province is named Cao-Bac-Lang, they(the Communists) lumped 3 provinces into one), and we keep them in who Quan, in former Ninh Binh province, which is today's Ba Nam Ninh province

It was late, I went to bed, to return to Hanoi the next morning, bringing other comrades to Saigon.

headmen

I have presented in detail what I know on the subject. I did it following my conscience. I am still very afraid of Communist retaliation against my family, my wife and children are still in Vietnam. Please keep this confidential to protect my wife and children, because, as you know, when they retaliate, they destroy until the last person. Also please keep confidential to protect me, my personal safety is at stake.

I am sending you my greetings and my best wishes that you will soon be able to liberate your compatriots.

Sincerely

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SC/SD

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TO: LE THI ANH
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
BUREAU OF EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR
AND MISSING IN ACTION MATTERS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHIEF, PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION BRANCH
RESOURCES AND INSTALLATIONS DIVISION
DIRECTORATE FOR INTELLIGENCE (RESEARCH) CENTER

PRINCIPAL ADVISOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND
MISSING IN ACTION AFFAIRS
(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT

: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON U.S. PRISONERS OF
WAR REPORTEDLY HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM AND
REPORTED SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM POLICY
ON INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. PERSONNEL
KILLED IN ACTION

ATTACHED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS A REPORT
OBTAINED IN EARLY JUNE 1979 FROM :
WE ARE GIVING THIS REPORT NO FURTHER DISSEMINATION.

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1. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT

ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION IN ALL FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS IS FRAGMENTARY AND SECOND-HAND, WE ARE REPORTING IT BECAUSE OF THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT OF U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S).

2.

IN 1976, ABOUT 230 U.S. POW'S WHO WERE BEING HELD AT BAT BAT IN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (SRV) HA SON BINH PROVINCE. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THIS LOCATION WAS PREVIOUSLY MISTAKENLY IDENTIFIED AS BAT BAC. THE NUMBER OF U.S. POW'S REPORTED HERE APPEARS EXAGGERATED.

3.

4. IN A CONVERSATION HELD SOMETIME IN 1978, COLONEL SAID THAT UNNAMED PSS COLLEAGUES HAD TOLD HIM THAT AS OF AUGUST 1977 THERE WERE STILL U.S. POW'S HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THESE COLLEAGUES GAVE NO DETAILS.

5.

SRV REEDUCATION CAMP IN FORMER YEN BAI (NOW PART OF SRV HOANG LIEN SON) PROVINCE, IN MID-1978 ONE AMERICAN WAS AT THIS CAMP WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN A POW. THIS AMERICAN, WHO HAD MARRIED A VIETNAMESE WOMAN, WORKED AS PART OF THE CAMP LABOR FORCE AND HAD GREATER FREEDOM THAN THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HELD AT THIS CAMP. HE WAS NO LONGER TREATED AS A POW AND HE APPEARED TO BE COOPERATING FREELY WITH THE SRV AUTHORITIES. (SOURCE COMMENT: WHETHER THIS AMERICAN WAS ACTUALLY FREE TO LEAVE THE SRV OR WHETHER HE WAS SIMPLY ALLOWED MORE FREEDOM IS UNKNOWN.)

6.

THAT AS OF 1978 NO MORE U.S. POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN THE SRV. THE SRV GOVERNMENT WAS WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON BURIAL SITES OF THOSE U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION FOR USE LATER AS A BARGAINING CHIP WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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NFAC/OPA

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REPORT AS STATED

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MENT OF VIETNAM POLICY ON INFORMATION REGARDING U.S. PERSONNEL
KILLED IN ACTION.

2. IN MID-1976 TWO MEMBERS OF FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERN-
MENT SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAMS WHO HAD BEEN INSERTED INTO NORTH
VIETNAM SOMETIME PRIOR TO THE END OF THE WAR IN APRIL 1975 AND
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APPEARS EXAGGERATED ALTHOUGH THE SAME FIGURE WAS USED BY A VIET-
NAMESE DOCTOR

3. A SON OF AN SRV PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS) OFFICIAL
NAMED [REDACTED] SAID IN MID-1978 THAT, WHILE HE (THE SON)

WAS IMPRISONED AT BAT DAT IN FEBRUARY 1976 FOR HAVING HAD AN ILLICIT LOVE AFFAIR AS A STUDENT IN MOSCOW, III. HAD SEEN U.S. POW'S THERE.

4. IN A CONVERSATION HELD SOMETIME IN 1978, SAID THAT UNNAMED PSS COLLEAGUES HAD TOLD HIM THAT AS OF AUGUST 1977 THERE WERE STILL U.S. POW'S HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, THESE COLLEAGUES GAVE HIM NO DETAILS.

5. ACCORDING TO A WHO HAD BEEN HELD IN AN SRV REEDUCATION CAMP IN FORMER YEN BAI (NOW PART OF SRV HOANG LIEN SON) PROVINCE, IN MID-1978 ONE AMERICAN WAS AT THIS CAMP WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN A PCV. THIS AMERICAN, WHO HAD MARRIED A VIETNAMESE WOMAN, WORKED AS PART OF THE CAMP LABOR FORCE AND HAD GREATER FREEDOM THAN THE FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HELD AT THIS CAMP. HE WAS NO LONGER TREATED AS A POW AND HE APPEARED TO BE COOPERATING FREELY WITH THE SRV AUTHORITIES. (SOURCE COMMENT: WHETHER THIS AMERICAN WAS ACTUALLY FREE TO LEAVE THE SRV OR WHETHER HE WAS SIMPLY ALLOWED MORE FREEDOM SINCE HIS WIFE COULD BE HELD AS A HOSTAGE IS UNKNOWN.)

6. ACCORDING TO UNNAMED RELATIVES HAD TOLD HIM THAT AS OF 1978 NO MORE U.S. POW'S WERE BEING HELD IN THE SRV. THE SRV GOVERNMENT WAS WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ON BURIAL SITES OF THOSE U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION FOR USE LATER AS A BARGAINING CHIP WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. (HEADQUARTERS COMMENT: THE ACCESS OF THE SOURCE'S RELATIVES TO THIS INFORMATION IS UNKNOWN).

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

11 JUN 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR, VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA
BUREAU OF EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR
AND MISSING IN ACTION MATTERS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHIEF, PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION BRANCH
RESOURCES AND INSTALLATIONS DIVISION
DIRECTORATE FOR INTELLIGENCE (RESEARCH CENTER)

PRINCIPAL ADVISOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND
MISSING IN ACTION AFFAIRS
(INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS)
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR REPORTEDLY HELD IN
NORTH VIETNAM IN 1977

NO HARD COPY FOLLOWS

ATTACHED AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO YOU IS A REPORT
OBTAINED IN EARLY JUNE 1979 FROM

CC: D/NFAC
NFAC/OPA

ATTACHMENT:
REPORT AS STATED

**SUBJECT: U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR REPORTEDLY HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM
IN 1977**

2. IN FEBRUARY 1977, TWO SURVIVING MEMBERS OF A SEVEN-MAN SPECIAL FORCES TEAM INSERTED INTO NORTH VIETNAM IN 1971, RETURNED TO HO CHI MINH (HCM) CITY. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE SOURCE, THEY TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD LEARNED THAT 230 U.S. PILOTS WERE BEING HELD IN A PRISON AT BAT BAC, SON TAY (NOW DA SON BINH) PROVINCE, 100 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI. ALL THE PRISONERS WERE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.

3. IN LATE FEBRUARY 1977, THE SON OF A HIGH RANKING NORTH VIETNAMESE SERVING IN HCM CITY STATED THAT IN FEBRUARY 1976, WHILE REPAIRING A FENCE AROUND A PRISON ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI, HE HAD SEEN SEVERAL AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) INSIDE THE PRISON COMPOUND. ALL APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY THIN.

4. IN MID-1977 A HIGH RANKING SRV PUBLIC SECURITY OFFICER IN HCM CITY SAID, IN CONVERSATION WITH AGENT RUN BY THE RESISTANCE GROUP, THAT THE SRV GOVERNMENT WAS STILL HOLDING A LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. PILOTS IN A PRISON OUTSIDE OF HANOI.

5. IN OCTOBER 1977, A NORTH VIETNAMESE DOCTOR VISITING HCM CITY WAS OVERTHEARD TO SAY TO A GROUP THAT HE WAS PROVIDING MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR U.S. PILOTS IN A PRISON ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS FROM HANOI. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ORIGINALLY THERE HAD BEEN 230 PRISONERS BUT 11 HAD DIED FROM ILLNESS, AND THE REMAINING PRISONERS WERE ALL SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION.

6. (SAID THAT INITIALLY THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL FORCES TEAM IN 1977 WAS TREATED WITH CONSIDERABLE SKEPTICISM. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE SUBSEQUENT COLLATERAL GAINED, HE BECAME SATISFIED PERSONALLY THAT THERE MAY BE SOME SUBSTANCE TO THE VARIOUS REPORTS. HOWEVER, WITHOUT RULING OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY BE SOME U.S. POW STILL BEING HELD IN VIETNAM, THE NUMBERS PROVIDED BY HIM SEEM UNDULY HIGH.)

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SC claimed that he observed an unspecified number of US PWs at Son La [about 230 km west of Hanoi] in Dec '78, and hearsay knowledge that the total number of US PWs in NVN is about 300 [DOI: Dec '78].
 - We have an appointment for telephone interview on Friday 6 Aug 82, at which time we will attempt to set up a personal interview and polygraph.

07/12/82

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MEMO FOR RECORD

9 APR 1983

SUBJ: Conversation with SC

REF: Telecon of 7 April 1980 between SC AND AN
(DIA/DI-7C), subject: Vietnamese Refugee SC

1. SC called in response to DI-7C's letter in which Mr. SC was provided a picture of ~~NAME~~ and information from Mr. NAME's debriefing which pertained to Mr. SC's confinement in North Vietnam in early 1973. Mr. SC stated that neither he nor his friend Mr. NAME could identify Mr. NAME from memory by name or photograph. Mr. NAME had been at Son Tay for several months prior to Mr. SC's arrival and could not remember anyone arriving at that camp one day prior to Mr. SC as Mr. NAME claims he did. SC stated that while he was at Son Tay he was isolated under guard in the center of the camp but managed to talk to some of the ARVN prisoners. However, he could not remember talking to anyone resembling NAME. SC stated that his friend NAME knew almost all of the ARVN Marine Corp officers captured in South Vietnam but did not know anyone by the name of NAME.
2. The information provided by NAME regarding the camp at Son Tay, the camp commander, and the political officer were accurate according to SC. Additionally, the information concerning the incremental release described by NAME is accurate. SC stated that the information regarding the detention of other ARVN PWs who were not released is probably accurate; as ARVN PWs captured in southern Laos are still detained in North Vietnam, today.
3. The information regarding the detention of 30 US PWs on the outskirts of the Son Tay as reported by NAME is according to SC inaccurate. SC stated that the ARVN PWs at Son Tay had freedom of movement in and out of the camp. They were allowed to work outside of the camp in the fields. None of the ARVN PWs ever reported seeing 30 PWs on the outskirts of the Son Tay camp where SC and NAME were held.
4. SC stated he was happy to assist us and that we could call on him anytime.

AN
Analyst
DI-7CDEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

PRIORITY

P 270800Z JUN 83

FM AFOSI DIST 42 CLARK AB RP//CCPG//

TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2//

INFO USDAO BANGKOK TH//JCRC-LNO//

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2//J3//J4//

ZYUW RHMDWLA0432 1780909

SUBJ: POLYGRAPH OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REF: DIA MSG 162326Z JUN 83, SAME SUBJECT.

1. AN (1542) WAS EXAMINED ON 21 JUN 83 BY AN IN THE OPINION OF THE EXAMINER, NO DECEPTION WAS INDICATED TO THE RELEVANT QUESTIONS. RELEVANT QUESTIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- DURING 1978, DID YOU SEE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS IN HANDI? ANS: YES

- DURING 1982, DID YOU SEE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS NEAR LE VAN LINH CAMP? ANS: YES

- DID QUOC TELL YOU THE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS YOU SAW IN 1978 WERE AMERICAN? ANS: YES

- DURING 1982, DID YOU SEE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS NEAR LE VAN LINH CAMP WHO WERE SUNBATHING? ANS: YES

3. THE POLYGRAMS GENERATED DURING THE FIRST EXAMINATION (PARA 1 ABOVE) WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REVIEWED BY AN AFOSI DIST 42/DOD POLYGRAPH EXAMINER, WHO CONCURRED WITH THE "NO DECEPTION INDICATED" OPINION. THE POLYGRAMS AND ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO HQ AFOSI/IVSP ON 28 JUN 83 FOR A PRIORITY QUALITY CONTROL REVIEW.

BT

ACTION DC-2(2)

INFO CJCS(4) J3(6) NIDS(1) J3:NMCC(1) J4(4) J5(2) (U,7,F)

SECDEF: (1) SECDEF (9) USDP (15) ASD:PA (1) NMIC (1)

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TO DIA WASHDC//DC-2//
INFO JCRC BARBERS PT HI

JCS MESSAGE CENTER
ZYUW RUMJNG 1229 1750924

USDAO BANGKOK TH//JCRC-LNO//

CITE: 1346

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE LOCATION REQUESTS (U)

REF: A.DIA DC-2 162326Z JUN 83
- B.DIA DC-2 312143Z MAY 83
- C.DIA DC-2 091352Z JUN 83

1. VN REFUGEES SC [REDACTED] AS
REQUESTED IN REF (A) WERE LOCATED AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR
JCRC LNO, [REDACTED] ON 21 AND 23 JUNE RESPECTFULLY. REPORTS
TO FOLLOW BY JCRC LNO AND AFOSI.

2. IAW REF (A), TOTAL COSTS INCURRED TO INTERVIEW DAO
WERE HK DLR\$ 397.30/US DLR\$ 56.04. RATE OF EXCHANGE USED
ON 21 JUN 83 WAS 6.99HK TO 1.00 US. NAME COV-
ERED THE EXPENSES FROM PERSONAL FUNDS.

[REDACTED]

ACTION DC-2 (2)
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240908Z JUN 83

PH/MLA AUGMENTATION TEAM REVIEW

DATE: PMAALS6

NAME/CASE NUMBER(S): SC

FOLDER REVIEW

- Establish logical order
- Clarify non-self evident notes
- Check with analyst regarding any missing data
- Follow-up required

Additional collection required:

HUMINT SIGINT IMINT POLYGRAPH

Additional production required:

Analysis Production Computer Support

---Concur with conclusions

COMMENTS:

TEAM MEMBER: AN

SUBSEQUENT PH/MLA OFFICE ACTION:

DATE:

Contact with sources YES NO N/A

Polygraph

Collection tasked (HUMINT SIGINT IMINT)

Production/Analysis completed

No action taken

DATE: 29 July 1982

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DC

SUBJECT: PW/MIA Daily Report

TO: DR

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

U-11588/DI-E2

1309

The following has transpired today on PW/MIA activities:

- Interview of Vietnamese Refugee in Maryland

A former ARVN major, SC, claims that while in a reeducation camp in Yen Bai, North Vietnam in 1976 and 1977 he met with and spoke to an American prisoner of war. According to SC, who currently resides in SD, the American prisoner claimed to be a B-52 gunner shot down in 1972.

A DI-E2 interpreter/analyst will interview SC at Andrews AFB on 29 and 30 July. Polygraph examinations of SC will be accomplished by OSI personnel.

- Interview of Vietnamese Refugee in SD

A Vietnamese refugee, SC, who resides in SD reportedly observed a large number of American prisoners in northern Vietnam in December 1978.

SC who immigrated to the U.S. in February 1980, claims that while employed as a bus driver transporting merchandise from Saigon to Hanoi he delivered goods for North Vietnamese Colonel Nguyen Canh to a prison camp which was located in western North Vietnam. SC observed a large number of American prisoners and upon inquiry was told that the SRV held a total of 300 Americans at Son La and Ha Nam Ninh in North Vietnam.

A North Vietnamese reeducation camp system is known to be in the area reported by SC and we have had several reports of American prisoners at Son La but none have been substantiated. Additionally we have good information on the main prison at Ha Nam Ninh and feel confident that no American prisoners were being held at that location during the time frame reported by SC.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
(REV. 1-80)
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6
5010-114

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We are attempting to arrange for an interview with SC in SD during the 16-20 August time frame. He reportedly is willing to participate in a polygraph examination. Polygraph support will be provided by local OSI assets.

cc: DD
CS

- DATA 1309--
- Vietnamese Refugee in DATA
 - Refugee SC claimed that in December 1978, he observed at least 5,000 Caucasian prisoners including 300 Americans at a prison camp in the northern SRV, near the Chinese border.
 - According to SC he had operated a bus and on one occasion transported merchandise to this prison camp.
 - SC has volunteered to participate in polygraph exams.
 - We anticipate that SC will be polygraphed in SD later this month.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

U 4252/DC-2

1309--

DATE: 2 June 1988
REPLY TO: DC
ATTN: DC

SUBJECT: PW/MIA Daily Report

TO: DR

The following has transpired today on PW/MIA activities:

- Previously Reported Interview of Vietnamese Refugee
- The Daily Report of 24 May provided results of the interview and polygraph examination of Vietnamese refugee SC who alleges to have seen at least 5000 Caucasian prisoners, including 300 Americans, at a prison in northern Vietnam near the Chinese border in December 1978. The results of the polygraph examination indicated deception on SC story.
- In response to your query as to additional methods of verifying SC information, the following information was compiled to assist in our assessment of his report:
 - SC was unable to provide a coherent description of the PW camp location, giving a different location with each reinterview.
 - Beginning in late 1977, the Vietnamese began transferring ARVN prisoners and civil criminals away from the PRC border. At the time of SC alleged sighting in December 1978, most if not all of the transfers were complete. The border war broke out in early 1979.
 - DIA has received hundreds of accurate reports about prisoners in North Vietnam after 1975. We have received no reliable reports of a prison at the location described by SC.
 - SC gave extensive false information regarding his background, some of which was offered to explain how and why he was able to obtain access to the PW camp.
- At this point in the investigation it appears that SC report is a fabrication.
- DC-2 Representatives Brief League of Families Board of Directors
- On 3 June DC-2 representatives presented a general overview of the PW/MIA situation to the Board of Directors of the National League of Families at Andrews Air Force Base.

cc: DD
CS
CAO

SIGNED

ALLAN G. PAULSON
Rear Admiral, USN
Assistant Vice Director
for Collection Management

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
(REV. 1-80)
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6
5010-114

TALKING POINTS RE:

ISSUE: Mrs. A.M. Griffiths' 8 & 11 April 1983 correspondence requesting status
DIA follow-up of SC reported observation of 5,000 Western (US,
Australian, New Zealanders) prisoners at a prison camp near the PRC
border in December 1978.

DISCUSSION:

- DI-E2 analyst interviewed SC by telephone on 6 August 1982. SC claimed that he observed over 5,000 caucasian prisoners at a prison camp near the PRC border in December 1978. SC claimed that he has a truck driver who who delivered some goods to the camp as a favor for the camp commander. Upon seeing the caucasian prisoners SC decided to get the commander drunk and pump him for information. Once intoxicated the commander revealed that 300 of the 5,000 caucasians were Americans.
- SC was not able to supply a coherent description of the location. He described the final camp as located near "the town of Son La in Bac Son Province, now called Cao Bac Lang Province." In response to specific questions intended to help SC recall the geography of Northern Vietnam, SC explicitly ruled out the town of Lang Son and all other towns and insisted that he was correct in his statement about Son La town. He described the location of Son La as on the right side of highway QL-1, traveling north from Hanoi, and in Son La District, Bac Son Province, near the SRV-PRC border. [Note: Son La is located in a remote mountainous region about 200 km west of Hanoi. The location described by SC closely approximates that of Lang Son town, about 150 km NE of Hanoi.] SC was not able to supply any details that would more precisely fix the location of this camp.
- SC apparently has told his story to several other "resistance" figures who are associated with the editor of Trang Den Magazine and Mrs. Anh. Two of these persons have asked a DI-E2 analyst to render an opinion on SC story in recent weeks. One of these persons, when a response was not forthcoming from our analyst offered that the story did not make any sense -- the numbers and nationalities were unreasonably high, the communists would not permit casual visitors to a secret prison, and they would not have held sensitive prisoners close to the PRC border in December 1978.
- On 6 and 19 August 1982, DI-E2 told the League that DI-E2 anticipated conducting polygraph examinations of SC in the near future. At that time we anticipated a need to send an analyst to a location near to SC home in SD. The need did not arise, and SC story was less probable to supply reliable information than other live-sighting reports we were working on at the time.
- SC has agreed to polygraph exams; and we may attempt to administer them on a future trip to the SD area.
- Contrary to what SC may have told the League, DI-E2 did not make any commitment to make an in-person visit with SC to work with maps.

CONCLUSION:

- SC story is considered to be highly improbable, but will receive a polygraph examination if the opportunity presents itself.

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Memorandum for Record:

6 August 1982

SUBJECT: Interview Notes re: VN Refugee

Source ID:

Name: SC
DPOB:Address:
Phone:
Departed SRV:
Arrived U.S.:
Family:

Background:

1. (U) On 5 July 1982, SC wrote to the National League of Families. In his letter, SC asserted that he had seen an unspecified number of U.S. PWs at a location that he described as: Son La in Cao Bac Son (formerly Bac Son) Province, N VN, in December 1978. The League forwarded the letter to DIA/DI-E2 o/a 27 July 1982, for follow-up action and analysis.
2. On 6 August 1982, Reporting Officer (R/O) accomplished a telephone interview of SC. R/O obtained a summary of SC background to help assess his capabilities and reliability as an observer and reporter; and attempted to obtain a detailed description of his reported sighting of U.S. PWs to help assess the extent, accuracy and reliability of his claimed knowledge about U.S. PWs.

Interview:

1. Prior to 1953, according to SC he was a military officer. He stated

2. (U) stated that he was a prisoner of war from 1953 until 25 December 1955, at which time he was released in a prisoner of war exchange that occurred at the Hien Luong bridge across the Ben Hai River that bisected the Demilitarized Zone separation the Democratic Republic of VN (DRV) from the Republic of Vietnam (RVN). Following his release, went to Saigon, RVN

where he resumed command of the ^{SD} ~~SC~~ claimed, he requested and was granted release from active duty. In 1961,

5. (U) Following the communist take-over, ~~SC~~ asserted, he was arrested for refusing to register with the new authorities and placed in re-education.

to live.

6. (U) After escaping from re-education ~~SC~~ claimed, for \$2,000 VN he was able to purchase from a public security officer personal identity and work permits in the assumed name of ~~SC~~. At this point, ~~SC~~ explained that at the time the communists seized power, he owned nine transportation buses. Fortunately the communists had confiscated only eight, leaving the best bus for ~~SC~~ use. With the bus and new identity papers ~~SC~~ acquired a contract to transport troops of the People's Army of Viet Nam (PAVN) between Ho Chi Ninh (HCM) City and Hanoi. According to ~~SC~~ he operated one of only 15 buses that made the regular HCM City-Hanoi run. ~~SC~~ pointed out with apparent pride that he had received a certificate of commendation from the Party Central Committee for his excellent maintenance record.

7. (U) Except for a period of about 4.5 months during the latter half of 1978, when he was transporting PAVN troops of the Sao Yang (Gold Star) division into Cambodia ~~SC~~ made the HCM City - Hanoi run on a regular schedule. During these runs he frequently carried goods for senior PAVN officers, free of charge. As a result he became well known among the senior officer corps of the PAVN.

8. (U) In December 1978 a senior officer of Military Region 7, Dao Xuan The, introduced ~~SC~~ to Colonel (Thung ta) Nguyen Khanh. Colonel Khanh asked ~~SC~~ to transport some items to NVN, and ~~SC~~ accepted. As a favor to Colonel Khanh, who accompanied the bus, ~~SC~~ agreed to take the goods beyond Hanoi to the colonel's final destination.

9. (U) ~~SC~~ described the final destination as a POW camp near "the town of Son La in Bac Son Province, now called Cao Bac Lang Province." In response to specific questions, ~~SC~~ explicitly ruled out Lang Son or any other town as the location for this camp and insisted that the preceding place names are accurate. He described the location as on the right side of QL 1, traveling

north from Hanoi, and in Son La District, Bac Son Province, near the SRV-PRC border. [Note: Son La is located in a remote mountainous region about 200 km West of Hanoi. The location described by ~~SC~~ closely approximated that of Lang Son town, about 150 km NE of Hanoi.] ~~SC~~ was not able to supply any details that would more precisely fix the location of this camp.

10. ~~SC~~ claimed that upon reaching the final destination he discovered that it was a PW camp guarded by a platoon of PAVN. He estimated that he observed at least 5,000 European prisoners (e.g., Australians, New Zealanders, Americans). He also discovered that Colonel Khanh was in charge of all prisoners in the SRV. Upon seeing so many European prisoners, ~~SC~~ contrived to get Colonel Khanh intoxicated that evening and then pumped him for information about the prisoners. ~~SC~~ claimed that Khanh told him that 300 of the 5,000 prisoners were Americans. The Colonel also mentioned that some (NFI) Americans were being held somewhere in Ha Nam Ninh Province. ~~SC~~ was not able to supply any information concerning the identity of any individual American PW.

11. At this point ~~SC~~ urged the U.S. government to strive to recover the U.S. PWs who remain in the SRV. ~~SC~~ volunteered his advice that efforts to learn the identity and location of these PWs through intelligence collection is a waste of time ~~SC~~ advised that as soon as the U.S. demonstrates its willingness to pay money for them, the U.S. will get their PWs -- not before.

12. ~~SC~~ stated he is willing to participate in follow-up interviews and polygraph examinations.

13. (U) R/O thanked ~~SC~~ for his assistance, and agreed to contact him if DIA has any further questions.

ANALYST

DI-EZ

JOINT CASUALTY
RESOLUTION CENTER

SOURCE DATA:

REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: T84-349, 2 January 1985

ANALYST:

CROSS REFERENCE(S): None

CATEGORY DATA: Live Sighting/First hand account.

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

CORRELATE DATA: None

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: No correlation could be made to the alleged American B-52 pilots based on the limited identification data provided. Source was polygraphed on 28 May 1985 concerning his report. During the course of the examination, source made an admission that he fabricated his sighting of two American captives. According to the examiner, source's charts depicted "clear" deception.

Joe S. Harvey
JOE S. HARVEY
LTC, USA
Commander

DISPOSITION: JCRC LIAISON OFFICE, BANGKOK
JCRC A&S FILES
OSD/ISA, PW-MIA AFFAIRS
DIA, DC-2
JCRC REFNO FILE:

This is not a final evaluation, this is
a preliminary analytical position.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

ZYUW RUMTBKA2409 1610502

ROUTINE
R 100502Z JUN 85
FM JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH
TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2//
INFO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI

LIAISON BANGKOK TH 32409

CITE: 3349 JUN 85

SUBJ: SOURCE Source

REF: A. JCRC-LNB LETTER REPORT T84-349 DATED 2 JAN 85.
B. JCRC BKK MSG, DTG 250849Z MAY 85 (T84-349A).

1. THIS IS TO ADVISE THAT SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL WAS ADMINISTERED A POLYGRAPH EXAM ON 28 MAY. DURING THE COURSE OF THE EXAM, SOURCE MADE A PARTIAL ADMISSION OF FABRICATION OF HIS ALLEGED SIGHTING OF TWO AMERICAN CAPTIVES. ACCORDING TO THE EXAMINER, SOURCE'S CHARTS DEPICTED CLEAR DECEPTION.

2. TEST RESULTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO HQ

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. [REDACTED]

9. [REDACTED]

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11. [REDACTED]

12. [REDACTED]

13. [REDACTED]

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42. [REDACTED]

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45. [REDACTED]

46. [REDACTED]

47. [REDACTED]

48. [REDACTED]

49. [REDACTED]

50. [REDACTED]

ACTION DC-2 (2) (U,F)
INFO NMIC (1) AT-3 (1) DB-2 (1) DB-2C (1) DB-2C2 (1) DIA (1)
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PRIORITY

P 291830Z MAY 85

FM DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2//

TO JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH

INFO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI

USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J36//

SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//OASD-ISA/PW-MIA//

20,601/DC-2

SUBJ: JCRC REPORT T84-349A

REF: A. MSG JCRC LNO 250849Z MAY 85 SAB

B. MSG DIA DC-2 061622Z MAY 85, SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE,
POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

1. REFERENCE A PROVIDED THE RESULTS OF A PRE-POLYGRAPH INTERVIEW OF SOURCE. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. NOT-WITHSTANDING, SC RETRACTION OF HIS ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BACKGROUND INFORMATION, DC-2 CONTINUES TO CAST A JAUNDICED EYE UPON HIS REPORT OF SIGHTING 2 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN NORTH VIETNAM.

A. SC REFERENCE TO THE CAMP (TRAI GIAM 63) IN WHICH HIS UNCLE WAS ALLEGEDLY HELD MAY HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM A DOCUMENT/COVER DESIGNATION OF THE MOI PRISON MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO 63. REPORT T84-349 REFERRED TO THE CAMP AS THE SON LA CAMP, OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT THIS REFERENCE WAS ADDED BY THE INTERVIEWER, AND NOT THE SOURCE, FOR CLARIFICATION. PLEASE ADVISE, IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

B. WE HAVE COMPARED THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLEGED PRISON FACILITY (PARA 9 OF REF) TO IMAGERY ON HAND. NONE OF THE CAMPS OF LIEN TRAI II (AKA SON LA) APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CUT INTO A MOUNTAINSIDE, ESPECIALLY THOSE THREE CAMPS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF REF B WHICH DATE TO THE FRENCH ERA AND ARE WALLED FACILITIES.

C. THE REPORT OF THE SOURCE'S ABDUCTION BY HIS FATHER, SC, MAY RELATE TO THE THAI EXPULSION OF PRO-COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF THAILAND IN THE LATE 50'S AND EARLY 60'S. SC MAY HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE ETHNIC VIETNAMESE WHO RETURNED TO NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH THE AUSPICES OF THE ICRC.

D. WITH RESPECT TO SC STATEMENT ABOUT HAVING BEEN RELEASED/HAVING ESCAPED FROM PRISON, SOURCES DEBRIEFED HERE UNIFORMLY SPEAK OF RELEASE FROM PRISON CAMPS USING THE TERM "THA" WHILE BEING RELEASED FROM STOCKS IS "HET BI CUM". THIS MAY BE LINGUISTIC QUIBBLING BUT GIVEN THAT SC'S STORY IS BEGINNING TO BREAK DOWN, THE SEMANTICS TAKE ON ADDED IMPORTANCE.

E. WE VIEW AS EXCESSIVE HIS CLAIMS TO 3 YEARS OF DETENTION FOR A BOAT ESCAPE ATTEMPT. ORDINARILY AN INDIVIDUAL SO CHARGED IS PLACED IN A LOCAL POLICE FACILITY FOR 72 HOURS AND THEN IN A TEMPORARY DETENTION FACILITY TO THE TIME OF TRIAL AND SENTENCING. HE ALSO WOULD HAVE BEEN INTERROGATED IN DETAIL BY THE PSS. A NORMAL PRISON TERM WOULD BE 6-12 MONTHS FOR SUCH AN OFFENSE. A LONGER SENTENCE IMPLIES EXAGGERATION ON THE PART OF THE SOURCE OR A MORE SERIOUS CRIME. WE ALSO FIND IT IMPROBABLE THAT THE SOURCE, WHO RECENTLY HAS ESCAPED FROM ONE PRISON, PRESENTS HIMSELF AT ANOTHER IN A REMOTE LOCATION TO VISIT AN UNCLE, THE ATTACHMENT TO WHOM THE SOURCE HAS NOT SPECIFICALLY INDICATED WAS VERY CLOSE.

2. POC AT DIA/DC-2 IS

ACTION DC-2(2)

INFO CMB OC(1) SECDEF: (1) SECDEF (9) USDP (11) NMIC (1) (D,6,8,F)

VO (1) DIA (1)

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JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346

29 May 1985

FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRCSUBJ: Letter of Transmittal, Memory Sketch and
Writing Sample of SOURCE

1. Please refer to our message JCRC Bkk Message Report T84-349A, DTG 250849Z May 85.
2. Inclosed for your information is SC hand drawn memory sketch and his attempt to write his mother's name in Thai.

ANALYST

JCRC Liaison Officer

Incl: (2)
asCy to:
DIA/DC-2

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
JCS MESSAGE CENTER

ZYUW RUMTBKA6459 1280434

PRIORITY
P 080434Z MAY 85
FM JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH
TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//DC-2// PRIORITY
INFO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI

LIAISON BANGKOK TH 26459

CITE: 3274 MAY 85.

SUBJ: VN REFUGEE *Source*

REF: DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 061622Z MAY 85.

REFERENCED MESSAGE PERTAINING TO SUBJECT REFUGEE REFERS TO OUR REPORT T84-349. NO OTHER REFERENCE IS INCLUDED; HOWEVER, TEXT OF MESSAGE (PARA 6) SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO A "REF B". PLEASE ADVISE WHAT IS "REF B".

BT

CP

ACTION DC-2 (2)
INFO CJCS (4) J3 (8) NIDS (1) J4 (4) J5 (2) JSOA (1) SECDEF: (1) (U.P.7.F)
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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

8 MAY 1985

20,509/DC-2

TO: Headquarters
Central Intelligence Agency
DDO/EA/VCL
Room 5C18
Washington, D.C. 20505

SUBJECT: Request for Assistance - Polygraph Examination

Reference: JCRC-LNO-Message 061622Z May 85, SAB

Forwarded as stated in paragraph 1 of referenced message are copies of a report from JCRC-LNO T84-349 dated 25 January 1985, subj: Americans Being Held Captive in Son La Camp Trai 63.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Enclosure
JCRC Report T84-349 (S)

John R. Oberst
JOHN R. OBERST
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Prisoner of War and
Missing in Action Division

ARRANGING FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF SOURCE BY (SAB) AT BANGKOK. COPIES OF JCRC REPORT (REF) AS WELL BEING FORWARDED TO DIA AND JCRC BARBERS PT HI. SOURCE IMPROVED. SOURCE IMPROVED.

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
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MESSAGE HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

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 JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK
 INFO CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI
 CINCAMP HONOLULU HI//J2/J3/J6//

RD-490/JC-2

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION (U)
 REF: JCRC LNO REPORT T84-349 DATED 25 JAN 85. SUBJECT:
 AMERICAN BEING HELD CAPTIVE AT SON LA CAMP, TRAI 63
 NOTAL

- FOR HQ SOURCE OF REF A ABOVE, *Source* PROVIDED JCRC INTERVIEWERS WITH AN ACCOUNT OF 2 CAUCASIANS CONFINED AT A PRISON CAMP AT SON LA NORTH VIETNAM IN 1984. WE HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE VERACITY OF *Source* CLAIMS. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION OF SOURCE BY DATA BANGKOK. COPIES OF JCRC REPORT (REF A) ARE BEING FORWARDED TO HQ SIRO SEPARATELY. ~~SOURCE IS PRESENTLY LOCATED AT DESH...~~

DIA/NMIC/VO/DC-2

ANALYST

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COL OBERST, USAF, DC-2 CHF

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SI KHUU REFUGEE CAMP, TH. DPOB: *Source Data* REFUGEE
 NUMBER 5D. THIS IS NOT A TIME SENSITIVE REQUEST. RECOMMEND
 THAT LOCAL AND JCRC-LNO COORDINATE TO ARRANGE A
 MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE DURING THE PERIOD MAY-JULY 1985.
 2. FOR JCRC LNO: REQUEST JCRC-LNO RE-INTERVIEW SOURCE
 PRECEEDING THE POLYGRAPH AND PROVIDE INTERPRETER SUPPORT LOCAL
 POLYGRAPH OPERATION.
 3. THE AREA DEPICTED IN THE SKETCH PREPARED BY THE
 SOURCE (REF A APPLIES) BEARS A SUPERFICIAL RESEMBLANCE TO THE SITE
 OF A PRISON LOCATED AT VICINITY VJ 637485. THIS IS AN OLD FRENCH
 PRISON CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1954. UNFORTUNATELY, THE NARRATIVE
 DESCRIPTION AND SKETCH (REF B APPLIES) DO NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT
 DETAILS TO SUPPORT A DEFINITIVE CONCLUSION. THE AREA DEPICTED BY
 THE SOURCE WAS THE SITE OF A GROUP OF REEDUCATION CAMPS CALLED LIEN
 TRAI (CAMP GROUP) II (AKA: SON LA AND MUONG COI), WHICH WAS ONE OF
 THE SIX CAMP GROUPS (LIEN TRAI) ADMINISTERED BY PAVN GROUP 776
 BETWEEN LATE 1975 AND 1979. THERE WERE 9 CAMPS WITHIN LIEN TRAI
 II. THREE OF THESE WERE CLASSIC PRISONS (I.E. HIGH STONE WALLS,
 GUARD TOWERS, ETC.). TWO OF THE CLASSIC PRISONS, LOCATED AT
 VJ 637411 AND VJ 637484, WERE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO 1954; BUT

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