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With all my wishes for your well-being and an early realization of every hope and expectations nurtured by you.

Signed: SC

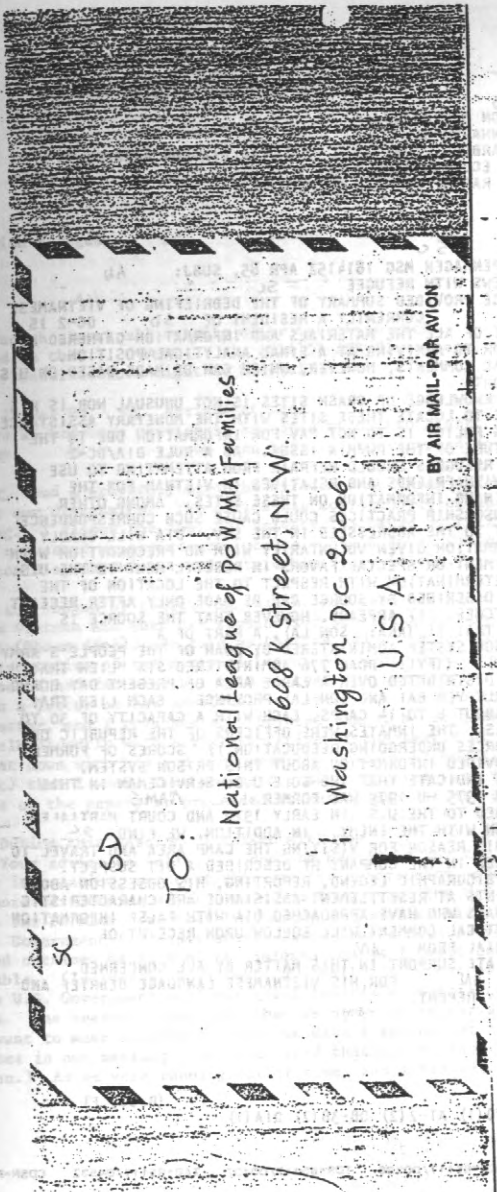
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L-20,447/DC-2  
SUBJ: REFUGEE SC  
REF: USDAO COPENHAGEN MSG 181415Z APR 85. SUBJ: AN  
INTERVIEWS WITH REFUGEE SC  
1. REFERENCE PROVIDED SUMMARY OF THE DEBRIEFING OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SC CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF SD DC-2 IS AWAITING RECEIPT OF ALL THE MATERIALS AND INFORMATION GATHERED BY AN PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT A FINAL ANALYTICAL POSITION. THERE ARE SEVERAL COMMENTS, HOWEVER, WHICH CAN BE MADE BASED ON HIS PRELIMINARY REPORT.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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REPLY TO ATTN OF: AN  
SUBJECT: Interviews with Refugee SC (15 Apr - 18 Apr 1985)  
25 Apr 85

TO: DIA/DC-2B AN

1. Although almost all details of my interview with SC were included in the DATA 181415Z APR 85 message, the following observations/ recollections might be helpful.
2. On 15 Apr 85, SC arrived at the DATA promptly at 1500 hours as had been previously arranged by US DAO staff. He and I were introduced by AN, who then left us and returned to his office.
3. SC and I privately used the office of the Army Attache, AN for our discussion. The office was comfortable, clean and quiet with good lighting. I closed the door for privacy. I began by telling SC that the embassy requested my assistance because I could speak Vietnamese. He asked if I could speak Chinese and I told him "very little."
4. SC began by telling me that he had seen American prisoners of war (PWs) in Vietnam and that his reasons for providing information were humanitarian (Nhaan daoj). He told me that he had asked to speak directly with a representative of the National League of PW/MIA families. He asked me what questions I had for him, but told me that the information he had was contained in a letter he had previously written. At this point, I had not seen that letter, and I told him so. Several times, he told me that he would prefer to talk directly with a representative of the League of Families, however I sat down with him and went over the outline of questions (biographic outline, etc) that I would like answered. He cooperated, and with both of us making notes on the paper, he proceeded to answer many of the questions.
5. During this session, I talked with you NAME by phone. Your advice to tell SC that he had asked for the opportunity to present his information, and that this was the opportunity, proved helpful. He seemed more forthcoming after I told him that, that the U.S. Government was responsible for PW/MIAs, and that the League of Families had passed his letter to the U.S. Government for assistance. Also, I made note of your specific requests and obtained as much of the information as I could in the amount-of time available. (Incidentally, I never did tell SC that as a matter of policy, the U.S. Government will not grant rewards or special favors for information. The reason I didn't is that he never asked for anything, and seemed to want to make sure that I knew he wasn't asking for anything. Thus, several times in our meetings, he reiterated that his reasons were humanitarian.) As we were running out of time, and I had not seen the letter

SC referred to, I asked him to write the information again, for me and bring it the next day. He promised to do this. At this session, I ascertained that SC is unemployed, has a language (Danish) tutor twice a week at his home, and that he was taking the bus (with three changes) to the embassy. I offered to have a car pick him up the next day, but he refused, saying that would be too much trouble for us. I asked him to come to the Embassy the following morning, but he insisted on 1500 hours for our meeting. He departed at approximately 1730 hours.

6. On 16 April, SC again arrived promptly at 1500 hours, however he said he had to leave no later than 1630 hours because of a sick child. To this session, he brought the letter dated 15 Apr 85, the magazine clipping of the Le Thi Anh notice, and several papers (health certificate and identity papers from Vietnam), to prove who he was. At this session, we clarified what his previous occupations were. Apparently, he had been a songwriter with a dance troupe from 1968 until the SINO-Vietnamese rift, after which he was no longer allowed to work at this because he was a resident Chinese. In 1973 he became a merchant and craftsman, making things out of aircraft metal. He would hammer and forge metal parts into useful utensils. According to him, he was well known in North Vietnam and could always catch a ride with people, and as a result, travelled all over. Also, as a result of dealing with people who gathered metal from crash sites, he claims to know many people with knowledge of those sites. He provided some names and says that some of these people are in the U.S. and England, but he doesn't have any addresses. Also at this session, SC told me that he just heard of Le Thi Anh through her notice in Trang Den Magazine, that he wrote to her once, and that he received one letter in reply. Finally, we concluded this session by making the rough sketch of the area where he claims to have seen the group of American PWs in 1977, and he departed at approximately 1710 hours.

7. On the morning of 17 April, AN received your 121415Z APR 85 message and had me called to read it. This morning, I also read the letter which SC had written some months before. I then proceeded to SC apartment to ask him to come with me to the U.S. Embassy. He refused to go because of his sick child, but we had coffee and talked in his apartment. I was there from about 1000 - 1100 hours. Again, he showed me documents (health certificate, identity, some photographs, etc.) I asked if I could copy those on the Embassy copier, and he said no. He also showed me two or three sheets of songs (words and music) that he wrote, and some personal photographs he had brought from Vietnam, but none of any apparent significance. I asked about any association with the Community of Free Vietnamese in Europe, and he said he had no connection with them or with anything political. We also talked about his concern for safety, and I assured him that we would keep his identity secret. He's afraid for other Vietnamese and Chinese in Denmark to find out that he is talking to us. A letter to him from the U.S. Embassy had tape on the back. He wanted to know if Embassy personnel had put the tape on, or if perhaps the letter had been opened and resealed. Since it was a wide tape as was available in the Embassy, I told him I thought Embassy personnel had applied it. He said he was willing to be interviewed further, but would feel safer in the U.S. where

we could better assure him safety. At this meeting, I also ascertained why he left Vietnam. He said the reasons were political, not economic. He feared that he might be used as cannon fodder in a war with China, that is being forced to go in the front of Vietnamese forces against Chinese forces.

a. At this meeting, I was most interested in any details of the 1977 sighting of Americans. The details were included in the 181415Z Apr 85 message to you, however the following may be of interest. I was really curious about the Australians mentioned, and confirmed that he really meant Australians. He showed me the country on a map. He said there were about twenty Laotian and Australians, just back from a work detail. He said he could recognize the Laotians himself, and that his friend told him the tall ones were Australians. I asked him the color of hair of the Australians and he said black.

(1) As for the Americans, he said he recognized them by the colors of their hair. I asked what color and he said brown. In reply to my questions, he said none wore hats and that he couldn't see their shoes. I asked if any of them were black men and he said no. He said they had all different items of clothing, not similarly dressed. They were just sitting down in four or five rows of about ten men per row. Part of his view was blocked by buildings located between him and the men, and there might have been more rows of men sitting on down the slope of the ground out of sight. In other words, the rows covered his field of view, but there may have been more men out of sight to the right side and in the area blocked by the buildings.

(2) He said that all the guards he saw wore civilian clothes and were Thai or Muong. He didn't see any uniformed Vietnamese soldiers. He also said he thought that the many camps of South Vietnamese PWs in plain view from the road were located there to camouflage the camp containing Americans.

(3) I tried to obtain information on the people with SC at this sighting. All details that I got were in the 18 April message.

(4) As to why SC was at the PW camp, he said he was just along for the ride, for fun.

(5) SC also offered the opinion that there would certainly not be any PWs left in Laos; that they would have been moved to Vietnam if any existed.

b. In concluding this meeting, I asked SC to prepare a more detailed sketch of the area of the camp where the Americans were seen. I also asked him to list for me a history of his former residences in Vietnam. I asked if he could bring them to the Embassy the next morning, but he asked me to come to his apartment instead. I promised to return at 0900 the next morning.

8. I arrived at SC apartment at 0900 hours 18 Apr 85. As promised, he had a better sketch for me. He did not give me a history of residences. We again had coffee and talked for about thirty minutes. He showed me various ways to write his name (using the back of another sketch of the PW camp area). I asked to keep this also, and he agreed. Again, I clarified how many Americans he had seen, and I made some notes on that rough sketch. This was sent to you. I told SC that I would send all of my notes to Washington for review and that I did not know what further action would take place. He told me that he was sure that he could help us find a lot of information on crash sites if we could put him in contact with former acquaintances/customers who used to bring aircraft metal to him.

9. Personal observations:

- a. SC made a point of assuring me that he was asking nothing in return for information, that he was providing information for humanitarian reasons. He reiterated this several times.
- b. I have the impression that if SC wants anything special, it is to be put into contact with friends/acquaintances from Vietnam.
- c. I felt that SC did not want me to have a list of his residences in Vietnam. When I asked for this, he just said his home remained Haiphong, while he travelled many places. On 17 Apr, I asked him to list residences for me to pick up on 18 April. He did not do this.
- d. SC did not mind me coming to his house, but he fears the telephone and he fears that his mail will be opened. I believe he would agree to further interviews.
- e. He told me that he originally applied, from the SD refugee camp, to enter the U.S. Because his wife heard that they would be held in the SD for several months on the way and she would not agree to this, they came to SD instead.
- f. During the 16 April meeting, SC asked me if I would buy for him a Vietnamese-Chinese-English dictionary, or if that wasn't available, a Vietnamese-Chinese dictionary, or a Chinese-Vietnamese dictionary. He tried to give me Danish money for this purpose, but I, of course, refused. I told him that I did not know if one was available but that I would try to find one to send for him.

8. Although AN introduced us, I believe that SC neither understood nor knows my name. I never showed him any identification and I don't believe he ever saw my name written anywhere. I did not tell him that I was in the military and I did not tell him that I represented any particular agency of the U.S. I told him that I came from England, at the U.S. Embassy's request, to speak with him in the Vietnamese language. I did imply that I represented the U.S. Government when I told him that the U.S. Government was responsible for PW/MIA personnel, that he had asked for the opportunity to give such information, and that this was the opportunity.

10. This is the extent of what I can recall to add to the details already listed in the 18 April message, and to the items mailed from the DAO SD. I trust you have received those by now. This will be my final communication unless you have any questions which I will gladly answer. I was delighted with this assignment and with the superb assistance and helpfulness provided by yourselves, AN, and the personnel of U.S.-DAO SD.

11. Thank you for the opportunity to try to help with a matter that is indeed dear to my own heart.

Regards,

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## Translator's notes.

- (1) The Vietnamese word "qua" would usually be translated as "through", but as such it appears to be a non sequitur. Clearly, the author is setting the stage in this paragraph, hence my choice of "reference" vice "through".
- (2) Nha Hat Lon Hanoi is translated as Grand Hanoi Theater. Selection of grand vice large or big for Vietnamese word "lon" is arbitrary.
- (3) The Vietnamese word used is "Bo Tri" which usually translates as "deploy"; in the context it made little sense, hence my choice of "Had arranged things".

DEC 1984

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To: National League of POW/MIA Families

Reference (1) the shocking news of the January 1983 raid into Laos to find American prisoners by Lt Col James Gritz, and the talk of Captain Coffee at Berkeley University.

Dear National League of POW: As a commoner, I don't like to participate in politics, but my conscience will not allow me to keep quiet, regarding information about American prisoners, which I accidentally came to know.

In order to clarify the matter of American prisoners concerning which Lt Col Gritz and American delegations have wasted so much time and resources by searching for them in Laos, I would like to let you know: I do not believe that there are any prison for American in Laos. If you continue to look for American prisoners in Laos, your efforts will be like pouring water into the sea. However, high ranking Laotian prisoners are still being kept prisoner in North VN, in the hands of the Hanoi Communists.

Item #2: I would like to clarify Captain Coffee's answer. I would like to ask you a question. While Captain Coffee as a prisoner in VN, did he have the honor of participating in the review of troops along with thousands of American prisoners, two prisoners shared a pair of #8 handcuffs, two in a row and walked from the "Grand Hanoi Theater" (Nha Hat Lon Hanoi) (2) to the Kham Thien section, or was Captain Coffee mercifully released before the large-scale operation involving thousands of American prisoners mentioned above.

My eyes saw, my ears heard the true situation. On September 1977, I and two other people and a doctor, Dr. N himself, were at a prison camp holding Americans for 30 minutes; 3 of us were waiting in the car, about 20 meters from the barbed-wire fence, and saw very clearly the American prisoners, 10 people in a row sat on the ground. The Hanoi Communists had arranged things (3) as follows: they took some Laotian prisoners and worked them miserably in the American prison...

When I see you, I will describe the location and layout of the American prison in more detail.

This matter cannot be presented on paper, by letter or on the phone.

Once again, would you send a representative to see me or create an opportunity for me to come to see you.

I wish your organization well, speeding attainment of your goals.

Address: SC  
DATA

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PS: NAME already has my address



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3/14/84

- Do we have a file on

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- Claims pers observed 20 US  
PWs in Sep 77 at an  
unspecified PW camp at  
unspecified location. Text  
says Lao PWs are  
used as laborers at the  
PW camp.

- Source promises details when  
he meets personally with a league  
representative.

- Any ideas?

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PEN MARK

TO

National League of POW/MIA Families

1608 K Street N.W.

Washington D.C. 20006

U.S.A

BY AIR MAIL - PAR AVION

LN 106-85

Dear NAME

By now you <sup>and the baby</sup> and your family have probably arrived in England. My family and I wish you <sup>all</sup> the best of health.

<sup>When convenient</sup> ~~At your earliest convenience~~, please write or telephone to sister) about the family's ~~address~~ <sup>address</sup>.

NAME

DATA

Tell her <sup>(to be)</sup> extremely careful in sending medicines <sup>back</sup> (to Vietnam), otherwise it would be <sup>harmful</sup> ~~hazardous~~ to the <sup>health</sup> ~~lives~~ of the patients.

Summer, Year of the ~~Big Pig~~

LN 106-85

London, October 7, 1983

Dear

Attached is a letter to me from SS in Vietnam as a proof for your trust.

SS and I were fellow inmates in communist reeducation camps in Vietnam. SS was a serious and intelligent man with a terrific memory. In the reeducation camp, we clandestinely studied palm reading and horoscope together to forget about hunger and sufferings. I was lucky to be released before SS after spending 6 years in reeducation, and survived with the support from my mother and sister in London. In the meantime, SS had to drive a pedicab from dusk to dawn to earn 20 to 30 piasters in communist currency. Under the inhuman communist regime, all the people, especially those released from reeducation camps, must suffer and live in an impasse without a future. My family and I were allowed to emigrate to England but I can never forget my friends who remain in Vietnam. Before my departure, SS entrusted me with a "mission". I am trying today to fulfill it by writing to you with the hope that you could save SS family.

By chance, SS family and another family found the remains of a U.S. serviceman in Vietnam. I did not ask if an identification tag was also found with the remains, but SS was 100% sure that the remains belonged to an American. According to SS, only his family and another family know about this. Of course, it must be kept secret because if the communist authorities find out about it both families will spend the rest of their lives in reeducation camps.

SS asked you to keep this secret and only contact and request the agency in charge of finding the remains of U.S. servicemen to help his and the other family to resettle in the U.S. (Please ask the U.S. government to withhold the identity of both families). In my opinion, this problem is quite complicated but the lives of the people in Vietnam would be in immediate danger if their identity is disclosed.

I think you should contact SS for more details before proceeding.

By this deed you not only render a service to the family which had lost a member in the Vietnam war but also help SS family escape from the communist regime. I am sure that SS family will never forget what you do for them.

May God bless you and your family.

Please reply to me to the address on the envelope.

Sincerely,

SC

(Signature illegible)

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TO: (FROM DIA Name, Initials) NAME: LN ID: 85

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To: The National League of POW/MIA Families ((sic.))

Based on the sensational news about the January 1983 raid on Laotian POW's and U.S. POW's conducted by troops under Lieutenant-Colonel James Gritz (and the talk by Captain Coffee at the Berkeley University), I wish to express my opinion -

Dear National League of POW Families,  
I am a civilian, not involved in politics but my conscience does not permit me to turn a deaf ear to the question of U.S. prisoners of war. As I have knowledge of this question by chance, I wish to shed some light on the POW's in Laos for whom LTC Gritz and various U.S. parties searched in vain. I do not believe there are U.S. prisoners of war in Laos. Any further effort to search for them would be a waste because even Laotian prisoners who formerly held high positions are being detained in North Vietnam by Hanoi communists.

The second question is about Captain NAM. I would like to ask one question: While being held as a prisoner in Vietnam, was Captain Coffee among the thousands of U.S. prisoners of war paraded in handcuffs from the Hanoi Opera House to Kham Thien street...or was he released before the parade took place?

In September 1977, with 2 other men and a Vietnamese doctor I entered a camp for U.S. POW's for about 30 minutes. Waiting in a car parked approximately 20 meters from the barbed wire fence, we saw clearly the U.S. POW's sitting on the ground in rows of ten. Laotian prisoners were forced to work in this camp.

The location of this camp will be disclosed to you when we meet. This cannot be discussed by mail or over the telephone. Please send a representative to meet me or arrange a trip for me to see you.

Best wishes.

Signed: SC

1984-11-9

Address:

SC

SD

P.S. NAME has my address and telephone-number.



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U-20,148/DC-2

4 FEB 1985

TO: U.S. Defense Attache Office  
American Embassy

SUBJECT: Refugee

- References:
- DIA/DC-2 Msg 131537Z Dec 84, SAB
  - DIA/DC-2 Msg 301707Z Jan 85, SAB
  - USDAO Copenhagen Msg 311420Z Jan 85, SAB

1. Enclosed for your information and retention is a copy of the letter from SC forwarded to the National League of POW/MIA Families by the consular section of the American Embassy Copenhagen in November 1984. Also attached is a translation of SC letter.

2. Point of contact at AN

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

3 Enclosures -

- Letter from SC  
9 Nov 84
- Translation of letter of SC
- Copies of envelope faces

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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SC

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U-20-132/DC-2

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE NAME

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ZYIM RUEKJCS9506 348224Z

TRAVEL RELATED COSTS TO INCLUDE MEALS AND LOGGING. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE PREPARED TO REIMBURSE SOURCE FOR WAGES LOST AS A RESULT OF THE TIME SPENT IN DEBRIEFING. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE INCUR TRAVEL RELATED COSTS, WE WILL REIMBURSE. ADVISE IF FUND CTTE NEEDED AND PROVIDED ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

NAME

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1. REQUEST YOUR OFFICE CONTACT VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SC  
SC PRESENT RESIDENT OF COPENHAGEN, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEBRIEFING HIM FOR U.S. PW/MIA INFORMATION. SC WROTE TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PW/MIA FAMILIES THROUGH THE ANEMB COPENHAGEN ON 8 NOV 84 INDICATING THAT HE, ALONG WITH THREE FRIENDS, SPENT 30 MONTHS INSIDE A CAMP FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS IN VIETNAM. DURING THIS PERIOD HE CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN 30 AMERICANS SITTING ON THE GRASS, ALSO IN THE CAMP WERE A NUMBER OF LAO PRISONERS WHO WERE NAMED TO WORK THERE (NFI). SC REFUSED TO PROVIDE DETAILS IN HIS LETTER AND INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCUSS THE MATTER ON THE PHONE. SC REQUESTED THAT THE LEAGUE SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO FIND A WAY IN WHICH HE SC COULD COME TO THE LEAGUE. THE LEAGUE PASSED SC CORRESPONDENCE TO DIA FOR ACTION.

2. REQUEST DEBRIEFING CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING:  
A. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON SC TO INCLUDE DPOB, SCHOOLING, MILITARY SERVICE, ALIASES, FAMILY MEMBERS, WORK HISTORY, LANGUAGES SPOKEN (INDICATE DEGREES OF FLUENCY), PLACES OF RESIDENCE IN VIETNAM, DATE AND REASONS OF ESCAPE FROM VIETNAM, REFUGEE CAMPS IN WHICH HE RESIDED AND INCLUSIVE DATES OF STAYS IN EACH.

B. NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS ACCOMPANYING HIM AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING AND REASON FOR VISITING THE PRISON. LOCATION OF AND DATE OF VISIT TO THE PRISON (VILLAGE, DISTRICT AND PROVINCE), SKETCH MAP BY THE SOURCE OF GENERAL AREA AROUND PRISON CAMP (IDENTIFY NEARBY VILLAGES, ROADS, RIVERS, INCLUDE NORTH ARROW), DETAILED SKETCH OF PRISON CAMP TO INCLUDE STRUCTURES AND USES, GARDENS, FISH PONDS, LATRINES, WELLS, FENCING, WALLS, GUARD POSTS AND ENTRANCES.

C. SKETCH OF LOCATION AT WHICH ALLEGED AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE SEEN TO INCLUDE LOCATION OF SOURCE DURING SIGHTING AND DISTANCE FROM THE ALLEGED AMERICANS.

D. DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLEGED U.S. PWS: HEIGHT, WEIGHT, COLOR OF HAIR, CLOTHING, SHOES, HEADGEAR, ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN.

E. NAMES OF FRIENDS WHO ALLEGEDLY ACCOMPANIED SC TO THE PRISON CAMP. BASIC BIO DATA ON EACH. (REF PARA 3A ABOVE). CURRENT LOCATION OF THEIR FRIENDS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ANY WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ESCAPED VIETNAM AND ARE NOW IN A RESETTLED OR REFUGEE STATUS.

F. EXPLORATION OF SOURCE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NAME SOURCE INDICATED IN HIS LETTER THAT NAME HAS HIS ADDRESS (NFI). COMMENT: MRS. NAME, AN ETHNIC VIETNAMESE AMERICAN CITIZEN LIVING IN THE U.S. WHO IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PW/MIA ISSUE. IN THE PAST SHE HAS INTRODUCED AND PROMOTED TO THE PRESS, DIA AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, SEVERAL SOURCES WHO HAVE BEEN PROVEN TO BE INVOLVED IN FABRICATING PW/MIA INFORMATION. DISCRETION SHOULD BE USED IN PROBING SOURCE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NAME AS UNWARRANTED EMPHASIS ON THE ISSUE MAY SERVE TO AROUSE SOURCE'S SUSPICION OF THE NATURE OF THE QUESTIONS.

3. SOURCE HAS GIVEN HIS ADDRESS AS SD SUGGEST INITIAL CONTACT EMPHASIZE THE USG RESPECT FOR CONFIDENTIALITY WITH REGARD TO ITS SOURCES. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE SOURCE UNDERSTAND THAT THE LEAGUE OF FAMILIES PASSED HIS LETTER TO THE USG FOR ACTION.

4. ANY INTIMATION THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR THE SOURCE'S INFORMATION MUST BE AVOIDED. WE DO NOT WISH THE SOURCE, HOWEVER, TO SUFFER ANY FINANCIAL LOSS AND THEREFORE WILL REIMBURSE HIM FOR

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 I guess we should get started on this one.  
 - If possible, let's task SD to do preliminary interviews.  
 - Depending on results of

Check Pmset's for

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 NAMES

- Do we have a file on  
 SC SD

- Claims per observed POWs  
 POWs in Sep 77 at an unspecified PW camp at unspecified location. Text <sup>10</sup> says Lao POWs are used as laborers at the PW camp.  
 - Source promises details when he meets personally with a League representative.  
 - Any ideas?  
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C. DIA/DC-2 MSG, DTG 301744Z JAN 85.

1. REF A ASKED IF WE HAD ANY RECORD OF SUBJECT REFUGEE PASSING THROUGH REFUGEE SYSTEM HERE ENROUTE TO RESETTLEMENT IN SD. REF B RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD AVAILABLE

REF C REQUESTED THE STATUS OF OUR EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF REFUGEE PASSED THROUGH SYSTEM (REF B RESPONSE APPARENTLY NOT REC'D.)

2. FOR USOF C REF: DO YOU HAVE ANY RECORD OF SUBJECT NAMED REFUGEE HAVING PASSED YOUR WAY? UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE NOTHING TO IDENTIFY HIM EXCEPT HIS NAME, SC

SD  
WOULD APPRECIATE THE RESULTS OF YOUR SEARCH, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, BE SENT DIRECT TO DIA/DC-2 WITH INFO TO OTHER ADDRESSEES. IF YOUR SEARCH IS SUCCESSFUL, DIA WOULD LIKE A COPY OF REFUGEE'S FILE. MANY THANKS.  
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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEE SC

REFS: A. DIA/DC-2 MSG 131515Z DEC 84, SAB

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REQUEST STATUS OF YOUR EFFORTS TO REVIEW REFUGEE FILES TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT PASSED THROUGH THE REFUGEE SYSTEM (REF A.) REF B CONTAINS ALL INFO ON SC KNOWN TO DIA.

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TO: American Embassy and the Association of American POW Families (Source: Embassy of the United States of America - National League of POW/MIA Families)

The problem of American POWs: In two letters and in our conversation today (15 April) I have written and told all of you about the things I have seen and have been able to learn about

KHAM American POWs. In this letter I will only repeat those.

In September 1977 I and two friends went with a Dr. N someplace, and quite by chance we came to an American POW camp. Dr. N went into the camp alone and we three others waited outside in the car. About 30 meters on the other side of the fence we

saw American prisoners sitting in the yard. Indian and Australian prisoners had just come back from work and about 20 of them stood in two ranks. They still held their work tools in their hands.

On a night in the period 1966-1967 I remember the month or year - somewhere around 2000-2100 hours - witnessed the Hanoi government taking some American prisoners - some were

were cuffed together, two at a time in number 8 manacles ((Tay Khao soor 8)), and they stretched from the Hanoi Opera House out ((possibly north)) straight along KHAM Truong Tien St. The total number cuffed together stretched about 700 to 1000 meters. I am sure you have interviewed people from Hanoi who are refugees in the U.S. about incidents where the Hanoi government has exhibited American POWs on the streets. I believe those refugees will remember the date more clearly.

Locations of airplane crashes: I will can get your assistance in terms of time, supplies and finances. I can help you and the League quickly find many locations of airplane crashes. I am a metalworker ((possibly welder)) who has specialized in using the metal pieces from airplanes. The aircraft bodies are good for containers, for pots to make wine ((or liquor)) and various kinds of implements. Customarily the aircraft metal is and so I know a lot of people who know where aircraft have crashed. They are now living in the U.S., in England. These friends or their (probably fathers/relatives) have on occasion come to the crashsites to pick up aircraft metal and to make tools, pails or pots to make wine. I can give you the means to get in touch with these people. I can help you and the League with the crashsite problem a lot

In 1967 I and four friends went to KHAM a crashsite about 40-50 kilometers from the town of Son in the direction of Chiang Ho Township ((Nhan Chanh)).

In 1967-68 I and a number of friends went to a crash site where we were able to look over the wreckage and clothes from U.S. Airmen and to see the wreckage of the aircraft. The wreckage was found about 15-20 kilometers from the town of Son in the direction of Thuan Chan.

I know about American POWs and I can help you to ask me about anything you need to know for another crash site. I can help you to get in touch with their hands.

Best wishes to you and your family and I hope you receive lots of information soon. Sincerely,

SC

Project translation SC  
to National League of Families

In September 1977 I, together with two friends and a doctor, spent 30 minutes inside a camp for American prisoners. The three of us (xxx sic) were in a vehicle approximately 20 meters from the barbed wire fence. We saw the American prisoners clearly, sitting on the ground, ten persons in a line. The Hanoi communists did the following: they took a number of Laotian prisoners to working inside the American prisoner's camp. As to the location and description of the American prisoners camp I will provide specific details when I meet with your organization. This is a matter which I could not write down on paper or discuss on the telephone. Once again, I ask you to send a representative to visit me or call me so that I can find some way I can come to see you.

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PS: NAME has my address.

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BACKGD:

A. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, HIS BUS WAS STOPPED AT A POLICE CHECKPOINT LOCATED VICINITY MAI SON. THE PASSENGERS WERE DIRECTED TO LOWER WOODEN SHUTTERS WHICH WERE AFFIXED TO THE BUS WINDOWS, AND THE BUS CONTINUED. ABOUT 10 MINUTES LATER, SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE LOOKED THROUGH A CRACK IN THE SHUTTER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUS AND OBSERVED THE CAUCASIANS STANDING IN THE MOUTH OF A VERY LARGE CAVE (SOME WERE BATHING IN A STREAM WHICH RAN FROM THE CAVE). SOURCE REPORTEDLY OVERHEARD OTHER PASSENGERS IDENTIFY THE CAVE AS "THAM DAN PIN." DIA VIETNAMESE LINGUISTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TRANSLATE THE CAVE'S NAME. THE CAUCASIANS SEEN WERE WEARING KHAKI-COLORED SHORTS WITH NO OTHER CLOTHING. SOURCE ALSO MENTIONED SEEING SEVERAL ARMED GUARDS (NUMBER UNK) IN GREEN MILITARY UNIFORMS. HE WAS NOT SURE IF THE GUARDS WERE LAO OR

VIETNAMESE. COMPUTER ASSISTED SEARCH OF ALL SOURCE REPORTING WITHIN 25 NM OF MAI SON SHOWED NO OTHER REPORTING OF AMERICAN POW'S BEING HELD IN A CAVE. MOST SOURCE REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN THE AREA WERE ANALYZED, EVALUATED, AND PROVED TO BE FABRICATIONS; HOWEVER, ONE WAS CORRELATED TO MARINE PFC *Name* IMAGERY ANALYSTS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY CAVES IN THE SPECIFIED AREA. A CORSE ROCK FORMATION WITH A TRAIL LEADING TO IT (POSSIBILITY OF A CAVE) WAS LOCATED VIC UJ 926479, BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THE STREAM MENTIONED BY SOURCE.

A. REQUEST THAT STONY BEACH HANOI LSI VISIT THE AREA IN QUESTION, SPECIFICALLY RTE 6 FROM BAN NA XI (VJ 0146) TO SONG LA (UJ 8858) AND THE RTE 62/69 LOOP FROM BAN NA XI THROUGH MAI SON AND BACK TO RTE 6 VICINITY UJ 9451. DOCUMENT ON FILM, IF POSSIBLE, AND INVESTIGATE ALL CAVES WHICH COULD POSSIBLY BE THE OBJECT OF SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION.

B. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL INHABITANTS, ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE BASIS FOR SOURCE'S CLAIM THAT HE SAW AMERICAN POWS

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IN A LARGE CAVE NEAR MAI SON. IS THERE ANOTHER LARGE CAVE IN THE AREA? IF SO, WAS IT USED AS A DETENTION FACILITY, PAST OR PRESENT? WERE AMERICANS HELD THERE? WHERE IS THE CAVE LOCATED.

C. ... BASED ON THE LSI'S ON-THE-SPOT ASSESSMENT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, TAKE SUCH OTHER PRACTICAL AND IMAGINATIVE ACTIONS, IN COLLABORATION WITH VIETNAMESE COUNTERPART, WHICH COULD SHED LIGHT ON THIS ALLEGED SIGHTING.

D. STOP AND QUERY LOCAL INHABITANTS AND OFFICIALS ALONG ROUTE OF TRAVEL RELATIVE THE PRESENCE OF AMERICANS; IF WESTERNERS OR OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR AN AMERICAN ARE LOCATED/KNOWN OF, DETERMINE THEIR IDENTITIES (NAMES, ETHNICITY, NATIONALITY, OTHER DETAILS), WHERE THEY CAME FROM, WHEN THEY ARRIVED (AND WHEN THEY LEFT, IF GONE), WHY THEY ARE/WERE THERE, WHERE THEY WORKED, AND IDENTITY OF FRIENDS/ACQUAINTANCES, IF KNOWN.

E. IF AN AMERICAN IS IDENTIFIED OR SUSPECTED, TAKE THE ACTIONS SPECIFIED BY THE STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR LSI IN VIETNAM (STONY BEACH MSG 260242Z FEB 92, SUBJ: DRAFT STONY BEACH LIVE SIGHTING INVESTIGATOR (LSI) SOP FOR HANOI).  
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3. IIR DISTRIBUTION: ADDRESS IIR'S IN RESPONSE TO THIS CSR TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//PW-MIA/DAM-2// AND CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI WITH INFO COPIES FOR CJTF-FA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, JICPAC HONOLULU



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				POW-BST 1 GRV F4 SON LA 66	66	212800N	1041300E	VJ190750	21.40NM	VN		
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				CAMP IN MUONG ET, SAM NEUA CAMP	81	204800N	1040100E	MUANG ET	24.38NM	LA		
				POW-E/H 40-50 CAU HAI SON 75	75	211218N	1035943E	UJ999005	24.38NM	LA		
				GRV-BST 1 BLK DIC BQUAY LENG-76	76	211125N	1033237E	UJ40450	0.00NM	VN		
				POW-BST 4PMS SON LA POWER PLANT	79	211900N	1035400E	UJ89573	8.01NM	VN		
				GRV-E/H 10 US RMS SON LA NGHIA	79	211900N	1040100E	VJ394497	24.63NM	VN		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	8706	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CRS IN BAN NA HTP-69	8712	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
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				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-S SOURCE	8706	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE S SOURCE	8702	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-S SOURCE	8905	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE S SOURCE	8702	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
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				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	88	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	8905	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	8810	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE SOURCE	8607	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	8804	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	7710	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				CAMP IN CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	8702	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	23.38NM	LA		
				POW-BST 1 CAU DETAINED BAN CO PRISON	211008N	1035944E	UJ940410		2.17NM	VN		

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NON-PRISONER

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TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS PRINTED WERE... 30

ANALYSIS DATA REPORT  
SOURCE FILE SEARCH WAS BASED ON CENTER POINT OF 211218N 1035943E FOR 25 NAUTICAL MILES

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XX	650629 F C 04		212000N	1035500E	UJ874592		8.44NM	VN	RF101C																730212	RELEASED BY DRV	
RR	650828 F C 03		211800N	1035800E			5.74NM	VN	F105D																	HIT - NO PARAREP-SEARCH NEG-J	
BB	650829 H C 03		211759N	1035557E	UJ894555		6.24NM	VN	ALB																	HIT - NO PARAREP-SEARCH NEG-J	
XX	650917 F C 02		210800N	1041400E			14.88NM	VN	F105																	FILE CRASH-N PARA SEEN-J	
BB	651103 F C 03		211559N	1040559E	VJ064517		7.70NM	VN	F105D																		
BB	660429 F C 03		212000N	1041500E	VJ740404		17.00NM	VN	ALB																		
NR	660912 F C 04		205659N	1041159E	VJ165166		19.68NM	VN	ALB																		
NR	661005 F C 03		211900N	1042100E			21.81NM	VN	F4C																		
NR	670428 F C 03		210900N	1042200E			21.95NM	VN	F105																		
ER	670916 F C 04		212200N	1035300E			11.06NM	VN	RF101																		
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TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS PRINTED WERE... 12

## ENVELOPE

CDSN = LGX479 MGN = 92120/07177 TOR = 921200439  
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## HEADER

R 290441Z APR 92  
 FM JOINT STAFF WASHINGTON DC  
 INFO RUEALGX/SAFE  
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 FM DIA WASHINGTON DC//POW-MIA//  
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-0461-92/PW-MIA

/\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\*/

## BODY

SUBJECT: SOURCE DIRECTED REQUIREMENT  
 REF: JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH MSG 280559Z MAY 88, SUBJ: JCRC RPT  
 T88-245, 40-50 MAN GROUP OF MALE CAUCASIANS OBSERVED IN SON LA  
 DURING 1979  
 REQ: S-VOP-05407  
 COUNTRY: VM  
 SOURCE: SC  
 IPSP: PG 2430.  
 COMSOBJ: 52.

## 1. BACKGROUND:

A. REF MSG DESCRIBES SOURCE'S ALLEGED SIGHTING OF 40-50 CAUCASIANS APPROX SEVEN KM NORTH OF MAI SON (UJ 9445) EARLY IN 1979. SOURCE SAW THESE CAUCASIANS THROUGH SHUTTERED BUS WINDOWS WHILE ENROUTE TO VISIT RELATIVES WHO RESIDED IN DIEN BIEN PHU. SOURCE STATED THAT THE CAUCASIANS WERE AMERICAN POWS (NO EXPLANATION PROVIDED).

B. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, HIS BUS WAS STOPPED AT A POLICE CHECKPOINT LOCATED VICINITY MAI SON. THE PASSENGERS WERE DIRECTED TO LOWER WOODEN SHUTTERS WHICH WERE AFFIXED TO THE BUS' WINDOWS, AND THE BUS CONTINUED. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER, SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE LOOKED THROUGH A CRACK IN THE SHUTTER ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE BUS AND OBSERVED THE CAUCASIANS STANDING IN THE MOUTH OF A VERY LARGE CAVE (SOME WERE BATHING IN A STREAM WHICH RAN FROM THE CAVE). SOURCE REPORTEDLY OVERHEARD OTHER PASSENGERS IDENTIFY THE CAVE AS "THAM DAN PIN." DIA VIETNAMESE LINGUISTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TRANSLATE THE CAVE'S NAME. THE CAUCASIANS SEEN WERE WEARING KHAKI COLORED SHORTS WITH NO OTHER CLOTHING. SOURCE ALSO

MENTIONED SEEING SEVERAL ARMED GUARDS (NUMBER UNK) IN GREEN MILITARY UNIFORMS. HE WAS NOT SURE IF THE GUARDS WERE LAO OR VIETNAMESE.

C. COMPUTER ASSISTED SEARCH OF ALL SOURCE REPORTING WITHIN 25 NM OF MAI SON FAILED TO TURN UP ANY REPORTING OF AMERICAN POWS BEING HELD IN A CAVE. MOST SOURCE REPORTS OF AMERICANS IN THE AREA WERE ANALYZED, EVALUATED, AND PROVED TO BE FABRICATIONS; HOWEVER, ONE WAS CORRELATED TO MARINE PFC NAME

A COURSE ROCK FORMATION WITH A TRAIL LEADING TO IT (POSSIBILITY OF A CAVE) WAS LOCATED VIC UJ 926479, BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF THE STREAM MENTIONED BY SOURCE.

2. REQTS: SOURCE'S ACCOUNT OF THE PURPORTED SIGHTING LACKS SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO CORRELATE AND CONTAINS ELEMENTS WHICH ARE SUSPECT. REQ SOURCE, WHO WAS LAST KNOWN TO BE RESIDING IN SITE , BE LOCATED AND REINTERVIEWED

RELATIVE THE BELOW LISTED QUESTIONS. IF SOURCE HAS BEEN RESETTLED, REQ FORWARDING ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER OF SOURCE AND/OR SPONSOR BE PROVIDED.

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A. HAS SOURCE EVER PERSONALLY OBSERVED AMERICANS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR AMERICANS IN CAPTIVITY? IF SO, ASK SOURCE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF SIGHTING. HAS SOURCE EVER HEARD ABOUT A LARGE NUMBER OF AMERICANS BEING HELD IN NORTHERN VIETNAM? IF SO, ASK SOURCE TO PROVIDE DETAILS AND IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION.

B. IF SOURCE MAINTAINS THAT HE PERSONALLY OBSERVED CAUCASIAN PRISONERS, ASK HIM TO PROVIDE DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF AS MANY OF THE CAUCASIAN PRISONERS AS POSSIBLE. DESCRIBE GENERAL PHYSICAL CONDITION; HOW WERE THEY DRESSED? ESTIMATE AGES AND PROVIDE SKIN, HAIR, AND EYE COLOR. DID ANY WEAR GLASSES; WERE AND SCARS, TATOOS, OR JEWELRY VISIBLE? DID ANY OF THE CAUCASIANS APPEAR TO BE INJURED? WHY DOES SOURCE BELIEVE THE CAUCASIANS ARE AMERICAN POWS?

C. CAN SOURCE IDENTIFY OTHER KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO CORROBORATE HIS SIGHTING INFORMATION; WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

D. EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FIRSTHAND AND HEARSAY INFORMATION. POINT OUT THE FACT THAT THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDED IN 1988 CANNOT BE CORRELATED TO ANY KNOWN AMERICAN MIA. EXPLAIN THE HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE POW-MIA ISSUE AND ASK SOURCE IF HE ACTUALLY SAW CAUCASIAN PRISONERS NEAR A LARGE CAVE IN SON LA PROVINCE AS PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED. ASK SOURCE IF HE IS RELATING HEARSAY INFO AS FIRSTHAND. ASK SOURCE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS HE MAY HAVE.

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3. GUIDANCE:  
A. RELEASABILITY:

B. IIR DISTRIBUTION: ADDRESS IIR'S IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUIREMENT TO DIA WASHINGTON DC//POW-MIA WITH INFO COPIES FOR CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI; CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, JICPAC HONOLULU HI, AND USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J2/J32//. ALL RESPONSES SHOULD INCLUDE THE STATEMENT "THIS IS A STONY BEACH REPORT." ORIGINALS OR LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPIES OF ALL SKETCHES, DOCUMENTS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, ETC. (EXCEPT HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS) SHOULD BE SENT VIA REGISTERED MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, ATTN: POW-MIA (ROOM CL921) 3100 CLARENDON BLVD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22201. IF HUMAN SKELETAL REMAINS ARE RECEIVED, ADDRESSEES SHOULD SUBMIT AN IIR TO THAT EFFECT AND TRANSMIT AN ELECTRICAL MESSAGE DIRECTLY TO CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI REQUESTING DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.

C. PUBLIC LAW AND DOD POLICY MANDATE THAT ALL PW/MIA-RELATED REPORTS THAT CORRELATE TO OR CONTAIN THE NAME OF A MISSING OR UNACCOUNTED FOR AMERICAN BE FORWARDED TO THE PARENT MILITARY SERVICE CASUALTY OFFICE OR TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) FOR CIVILIANS, FOR FURTHER RELEASE TO THE NEXT OF KIN. UPON REQUEST FROM SERVICES OR DOS, COLLECTORS ARE REQUIRED TO SANITIZE THESE REPORTS FOR RELEASE. WHILE SOURCES AND METHODS SHOULD BE PROTECTED, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RELEASE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INFORMATION.

D. LAW ASD/C3I MEMORANDUM DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1992, SUBJECT: SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF DOD POW/MIA INFORMATION, RESPONSES TO THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1. LIVE SIGHTINGS REPORTS: SECRET (WHERE SOURCES AND METHODS ARE INCLUDED); CONFIDENTIAL (LESS SOURCES AND METHODS).
2. CRASH OR GRAVESITE REPORTS: UNCLASSIFIED (LESS SOURCES AND METHODS).
3. ALL OTHER PW/MIA-RELATED INFORMATION (E.G. INFORMATION REGARDING REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, INCLUDING DOG TAGS, DETENTION CAMPS, ETC.): CONSISTENT WITH POLICY CONCERNING SOURCES, METHODS OF COLLECTION, AND CONTENT.

ORIGINO: S-VOP-92020.  
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ORIGTEL: DATA

COMMENTS:  
ADMIN

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SOURCE: SC

{SIGHTING NO: SD

SUMMARY: SC

provided firsthand information concerning a group of 40 to 50 male caucasians who he believed were U.S. PWs. Mr. SC saw the group on one occasion in 1979; they were standing and bathing at the mouth of a large cave north of Mai Son Town, Son La Province.

DETAILS: Sometime during early 1979 Mr. SC was on route via bus, from Hanoi to Dien Bien Phu. At a police check point in Mai Son all passengers on the bus were instructed to pull down the wooden shades affixed over each window. After approximately ten minutes had passed, Mr. SC looked out through a crack in the shutter and observed no more than 50 caucasians standing in the mouth of a very large cave. Source heard from fellow passengers that the name of the cave was Than Dan Pin.

SIGNIFICANT STEPS TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN IN RESOLVING CASE:

1. Initiated 30 nautical mile circle search for reporting sources.
2. Conducted comparative analysis of source reports.
3. Sent request for imagery coverage to confirm or refute the existence of caves in that geographical area.

INTERIM ASSESSMENT(S):

Source reports do not support the imprisonment of a large group of caucasians. Based upon the analysis of the requested imagery, source polygraph examination may be in order.

1983

Coverage

12 Su at

UJ

929453

Bldg at hillside  
area covered at veg

1989

- poor recall

No recall

100 meters

UJ 929453

Course in area

Trail led to it

No recall

50m at hillside

Loc: UJ 9445 - 7 Kilometers North of Mai Son, Son La Province

Time: 1979 early

Sighting: 40-50

Canavians believed to be U.S. POW's

Source: - 54 age 45 at Date of Sighting

At police check point (on bus route) all passengers were required to pull down window shades. Source saw 40-50 POW's around mouth of a cave called "Tham Dan Pin".

Canavians = Khaki shirts, no shirts. Some bathing in stream near cave  
Guards = Green Mil uniforms, Armed.





DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340-0001

Kilometers  
~~Kilometers~~ N. of Mai Son AKT Muong  
UJ 9445 chank

Along Rd. 69.

Sighting probably took place about

1-2 kilometers



Cave Name

"Tham DAN Pin"

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ANALYSIS DATA REPORT

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SOURCE FILE SEARCH WAS BASED ON CENTER POINT OF 211951N 1035759E FOR 30 NAUTICAL MILES

CASE NUMBER	SOURCE NAME	SIGHT	REPORTED INFORMATION	DOC	LAT	LONG	UTM	DISTANCE FROM	CNTY	CATEGORY	ACTION OFFICER
7608		POW-F/E	6 CAU PHS SON LA 7608	211900N	1035400E	UJ300650	6.34NM	WN			
7609		POW-BST	40 US SON LA TO DELTA	212000N	1046000E	SUN LA	6.43NM	WN			
80		POW-BST	1 FOREIGNER MUONG ET 80	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA/VN			
66		GRV-BST	1 GRV E4 SON LA 66	212850N	1041300E	UJ190750	20.70NM	WN			
67		POW-BST	1 PW CRS NR SON LA 67	212030N	1034800E	UJ750600	11.05NM	WN			
6506		POW-BST	1 PW F105 SON LA 6506	212030N	1033215E	UJ510060	24.87NM	WN			
81		CAMP IN	MUANG ET. SAM NEUA CAMP	204800N	1040100E	MUANG ET	25.99NM	LA			
6610		GRV-BST	2 GRV5 A6A SON LA 6610	205830N	1042430E	UJ390190	29.09NM	WN			
83		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO -- SEE 27	204554N	1035706E	UJ999005	27.94NM	VS			
75		CRS-F/E	CRS NR MUONG XIENKHO	212128N	1035843E	UJ940450	1.69NM	WN			
757		POW-F/E	40-50 CAU MAI SON 75	211125N	1035323E	TJ450450	23.76NM	LA			
76		GRV-BST	1 BLK DIC BOUAY LENG-76	211900N	1035400E	UJ859573	6.34NM	WN			
76		POW-BST	4PMS SON LA POMER PLANT	211500N	1042500E	UJ394497	25.19NM	WN			
76		GRV-F/E	10 US RNS SON LA NORIA	204900N	1040000E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
8706		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204800N	1040100E	UJ976019	25.99NM	LA			
69		CRS-BST	CRS NR BAN MA-ELP-69	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
8809		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
8512		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
8905		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
7811		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
8810		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
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7710		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-27	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
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8706		CAMP IN	CAMP INFO ONLY SEE-S_SOURCE	204900N	1040100E	UJ976019	24.99NM	LA			
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NON-PRISONER

SOURCE

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ANALYSIS DATA REPORT

JCRS FILE SEARCH WAS BASED ON CENTER POINT OF 211606N 1035841E FOR 30 KILOMETERS

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RBR SOURCE NAME  
SD SC  
REPORTED INFORMATION  
SIGRT  
POM-F/B 6 CAU PMS SON LA 7608

DOS  
7608  
211900N 1035400E UJRO0650  
DISTANCE FROM  
9.70KM  
VTN  
CNTRY  
VN  
CATEGORY  
ACTION OFFICER  
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USING SOURCE TO SEARCH ON COORDINATES 211606N 1035841E AND Lat < >

DATA REPORT

SOURCE FILE SEARCH WAS BASED ON CENTER POINT OF 211606N 1035841E FOR 30 KILOMETERS

CASE  
SD SC  
SOURCE NAME  
LAT LONG UTM  
REPORTED INFORMATION  
SIGRT FROM CNTRY CATEGORY  
ACTION DOS  
OFFICER  
7608  
US

211900N 1035800E UJRO0650

POM-F/E 6 CAU PMS SON LA 7608  
9.70KM VTN

SD SC

POM-RST 40 US SON LA TO DELTA

USING SOURCE TO SEARCH ON COORDINATES 211606N 1035841E AND Lat < >

DATA REPORT

SOURCE FILE SEARCH WAS BASED ON CENTER POINT OF 211606N 1035841E FOR 30 KILOMETERS

CASE  
SD SC  
SOURCE NAME  
LAT LONG UTM  
REPORTED INFORMATION  
SIGRT FROM CNTRY CATEGORY  
ACTION  
DISTANCE



INQUIRE-DOC6D  
ITEM NO-00346960  
ENVELOPE  
RITCZYUW RUEKJCS7422 2570228.

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HEADER  
R 130228Z SEP 88  
FM JCS WASHINGTON DC  
INFO RUEADWD/OCSA WASHINGTON DC  
RUENAAA/CNO WASHINGTON DC  
RUEAHQA/CSAF WASHINGTON DC  
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RUEALGX/SAFE  
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FM CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI  
TO RUEHBK/JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH  
INFO RUHQHQA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J36//  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC//OASD-ISA/PW-MIA//  
RUEADWN/WHITE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASH DC  
RUEKJCS/JCS WASHINGTON DC//OCJCS-PW-MIA/J5//  
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHINGTON DC//VO-PW//  
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CONTROLS /NO3460//

NSC FOR MR. CHILDRESS

BODY

SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RPT T88-245  
A. JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 280559Z MAY 88

1. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SC SOURCE OF REF A, REVEALS NO CORRELATION TO DATA IN JCRC FILES.

THIS IS NOT A FINAL EVALUATION.

EVAL - DWA  
ADMIN

BT  
#7422

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JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER

LIAISON OFFICE  
AMERICAN EMBASSY  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346-0001

30 AUG 1988

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FROM: JCRC-LNB  
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #T88-391  
1 July 1988

SUBJ: TWO GRAVES BELIEVED TO CONTAIN U.S. REMAINS IN LAM DONG  
REF: JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 280559Z MAY 88, (T88-245, REPORT BY  
SAME SOURCE)

1. Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: SC
- b. DOB: SD 1
- c. POB: SD
- d. Former position: Cpt ARVN: SD
- e. Present location: SD
- f. Identification data: Not issued
- g. Date of information: 1967-78
- h. Map(s) used: Sheet(s) 6531, 6532; Series L607
- i. Date of interview: 19 May 88
- j. Name of interviewer: AN
- k. Other: SD, GS-13, DOD

2. Summary: Source, a 55 YOA male VN refugee, provided sketchy hearsay information concerning a U.S. helicopter which crashed 2 km from Blao (YT 8762) and two graves in the same area which he observed in 1978. Source believed the two graves contained the remains of Americans killed in the crash. End Summary.

3. Information. Source stated that sometime during September 1967, while assigned to the Tan Rai Special Forces Camp in Lam Dong Province, he heard about the crash of a U.S. helicopter. Source heard by radio from the ARVN Hq in Bao Loc that the helicopter had departed from Phuoc Long for Bao Loc (YT 0577) but had crashed enroute. Source also heard that in addition to the U.S. air crew, the helicopter had carried one U.S. Brigadier General who was the commander of the U.S. 173rd Abn Bde. Source was ordered to depart from Tan Rai (YT 0886) and proceed to the Blao area (YT 8762) to organize a search. Source heard the helicopter had crashed in the Loc Ngai area approximately 20 kilometers from Blao. Source was unable to conduct the operation due to bad weather and never went to the crash site.

4. Sometime during February 1978, Source met two communist soldiers who were ethnic minority hill-tribesmen. The two men were called "Kbrih" and "Kiep". The two men told Source they were going to scavenge scrap metal from a crashed U.S. helicopter and

he decided to accompany them. Source went from Bao Loc to Blao and then deep into the forest where they located the helicopter. Source saw some numbers on the wreckage but could not remember them. Source saw two graves located approximately 100 meters from the wreckage. Source speculated that since the aircraft was located in the Blao area, it was the same helicopter he had heard about during 1967 and one of the graves contained the remains of the U.S. BG who had commanded the 173d Abn Bde. Source was not able to provide a specific crash site location. Source did not observe any actual remains or personal effects associated with the crash site. Source and the other two men gathered some scrap metal and departed the area. Source did not keep the metal and assumed that the two men sold it in Bao Loc.

5. Comment: Source related his story haltingly and pressed the interviewer for assistance in gaining speedy resettlement from the camp. Source gave the impression that although he may have heard about a crash incident, he had not actually travelled to a crash site. Source also provided firsthand live sighting information which has been reported separately as Ref.

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JCRC Liaison Officer

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