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MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATE, DESTRUCTION

34th FINANCE SECTION (CENTRAL FUNDING)
CHOLON, RVN.

SP/4 CHARLES W. ANDOTT

NONE

30/31 AUG 67

ARRI # SP-5(35mm) 5251

800 ft.

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25 & 50

TWO (2)

AIR FREIGHT

AUG 67

SUMMARY

30/31 AUG 67 - In Cholon, sister-city of Saigon, is the office of the 34th Finance Section (Central Funding), USAF.

The designation, "Central Funding", indicates that the 34th Finance Section, funds money to other finance sections who in turn performs the everyday function of paying troops, keeping personal finance records, etc.

They are one of three such finance sections in the U.S. Army. All American paper currency, "Green" and all Military Payment Certificate's, (MPC's) come into the Republic of Viet-Nam through the 34th Finance Section. It becomes their responsibility to determine when a bill is no longer usable and must be replaced, due to damage, wear, etc.

On an average of twice a month the 34th Finance Section convenes a special committee of senior officers from the U.S. Army, Air Force, and Navy. Their mission is to destroy, by fire, all MPC's deemed unusable by the 34th Finance Section.

From a working list of fourteen (14) names, selected at random, by MACV, a ~~minimum~~ minimum of seven (7) officers are needed for each Committee, their only prerequisite being that they must be disinterested parties.

The enormity of this job is evident by the fact that each committee burns, approx \$750,000.00 or a total of One(1) and a half(1/2) Million Dollars per month.

REL # 1

LS - Sen (~~Harlan~~) counting money at tables

HS - SP/4 Kenneth E. BAILEY, (Harrison, Tenn.), Cashier, counting money

CU - PAN - SP/4 BAILEY, hands counting money

CU - Money on table

LS - SP/4 BAILEY at table with other men, counting money

LS - SP/4 Leigh G. PAYMENT, (Spire, Mich.), Cashier, verifying money against record list.

HS - Same as above

LS - SP/4 PAYMENT, carrying money into vault

LS - 1st Lt John T. RANDOL, (Tyler, Texas), Finance Officer, checks each bundle of money so that it has ten(10) smaller bundles each

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LS - 1st Lt KAHNEL, carries money bundles to shelf (in vault) and returns for another bundle

CU - TILT - Hands stacking money on shelf, money on shelves

LS - Destruction Committee counting money

MS - U.S. AIR FORCE, Capt. WILLIAM D. SHEPPARD, (San Antonio, Texas), Committee Member, counting money...Officers in back ground also members of Committee, counting money

MS - TILT - Capt. SHEPPARD, Counting money and drops it into a bag, under the table

CU - Money falling into bag

CU - U.S. Army, Capt. JACK ROSSMAN, (Worcester, N.Y.), Committee member, counting money

ROLL # 2

CU - CAPT, U.S. Army, LLOYD D. CHRISTIANSON, (Minneapolis, Minn.), Committee member, counting money

CU - Hands counting money

LS - Capt. SHEPPARD and SSG LAMOND L. BATES, (Dallas, Texas), 1st SGT of 34th Finance Section, transfers counted money from one bag to another

CU - Bags transfers money

CU - SHM... "DESTRUCTION DEPT." PAN ...Committee leaving office to burn money

MS - Committee leaving building

MS - PAN - Committee leaving building and walking toward incinerator

LS - Committee walking to incinerator and setting down money bags

CU - Money being placed into waste-paper basket and then dumped into incinerator

CU - Money being removed from ~~waste-paper basket~~ bag and placed into waste-paper basket

MS - CAPT. ROSSMAN, dumping money into incinerator

CU - Hands pouring fluid on money and then lighting with lighter

CU - Money burning inside of incinerator

CU - CAPT. Sidney M. JOHNS, (Trin Falls, Idaho), Commanding Officer of 34th Finance Section, witnesses the "burning of the money"

MS - Capt. SHEPPARD and Capt. ROSSMAN, look on as money burns

MS - Capt. JOHNS, receives money from 1st Lt Michael N. SHIRAKI, (Honolulu, Hawaii), Cash control Officer, and Capt. Johns leads Lt SHIRAKI, into receiving area.....

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ROLL # 2continued

LS - Men walking into receiving area and sets money into cart

CU - Money being taken from bag and set in cart

MS - Capt, JOHNS ~~signing~~ signing receipt for money received

FILM CRITIQUE

TO:

CO

FROM:

Lt. GRIFFITH

~~THRU: CO~~

SP/4 ABBOTT

PROJECT:

DCS-200-119 c/67 VN

SUBJECT:

MPC Destruction

TOTAL FOOTAGE:

320' (more to follow)

CAMERAMAN:

SP/4 ABBOTT

CRITIQUE

① This film should make a nice little story - some interesting angles. Exposure good considering the conditions. Camera work shows imagination and initiative.

OVERALL RATING:

Coverage Good

25 Sept-67

SIGNATURE:

Richard H. Griffith
LT

TYPED NAME, GRADE OR TITLE

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