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 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE TAY  
 NINH TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM  
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TEXT: 1. FROM 19 JUNE 1975 TO 10 NOVEMBER 1976 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE TAY NINH TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP IN TAY NINH CITY, TAY NINH PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THIS FACILITY WAS LOCATED ON VO TANH STREET, ACROSS FROM THE TAY NINH COURT HOUSE.

2. THE TAY NINH CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE TAY NINH PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS), BUT THE TAY NINH MILITARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROVIDED THE GUARD STAFF. B-3 WAS THE COVER NUMBER FOR THE TAY NINH DETENTION CAMP. THE 20-MAN STAFF CONSISTED OF TWO REINDOCTRINATION CADRE, FOUR JUDICIAL CADRE AND THE GUARDS WHO WERE REFERRED TO AS THE "30 APRIL CADRE," AN OVER-ZEALOUS GROUP OF YOUTHS WHO JOINED THE REVOLUTION JUST AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. THE DETENTION CAMP INCLUDED 10 FOUR BY SIX METER CELLS AND ONE SIX BY SIX METER CELL. THERE WERE ALSO FOUR SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELLS. IN JUNE 1975 THERE WERE ABOUT FIVE INMATES PER CELL. BY NOVEMBER 1976 THE PRISONER POPULATION HAD INCREASED TO ABOUT 30 PERSONS PER CELL. EXCEPT DURING INTERROGATION, THE PRISONERS WERE NOT AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE THEIR CELLS. THERE WERE NO LABOR DETAILS AT THIS FACILITY. FROM 1800 HOURS EACH AFTERNOON UNTIL 0600 HOURS THE FOLLOWING MORNING, PRISONERS WERE PUT IN LEG IRONS FOR "SECURITY REASONS."

4. DETAINED AT THE TAY NINH TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP WERE FIVE FORMER FIELD GRADE OFFICERS, INCLUDING: FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) COLONEL HO DUC ((TRUNG)), ASSEMBLYMAN FROM TAY NINH; LIEUTENANT COLONEL HOANG TICH HUU ((AI)), CHIEF OF TAY NINH PROVINCE POLICE; ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL (FNU) ((KY)), CHIEF OF THE TAY NINH MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE (MSS); ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONEL (FNU) ((NGHIEP)), DEPUTY CHIEF OF TAY NINH SECTOR; AND MAJOR LE VAN ((NINH)), CHIEF OF TAY NINH CITY POLICE. THERE WERE ABOUT 20 OTHER JUNIOR GRADE POLICE AND ARVN FROM THE MSS AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT 101 AND NATIONAL POLICE. IN JUNE 1975 COMMUNIST PRISONER OFFICIALS TRANSFERRED ARVN CAPTAINS THAI HOAI ((CHUON)), NGUYEN HUU ((THE)), NGUYEN TRONG ((MINH)) AND LE VAN ((QUANG)) FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT 101 TO THIS DETENTION CAMP FROM PRISONS IN SAIGON.

5. AS OF NOVEMBER 1976 THE TAY NINH TEMPORARY DETENTION CENTER WAS STILL FUNCTIONING. ABOUT 200 PRISONERS REMAINED AT THAT FACILITY AFTER ABOUT 100 PRISONERS HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR TRANSFER TO NORTHERN VIETNAM FOR CONTINUED REEDUCATION. COMMENT: BELIEVES THIS FACILITY IS STILL FUNCTIONING SINCE IT WAS A PERMANENT PRISON STRUCTURE.)

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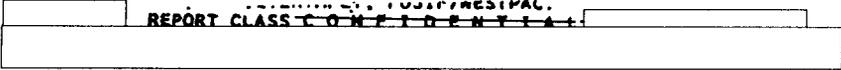
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