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COUNTRY: VIETNAM
 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT THE QUANG NINH AND CAMP NO. FIVE REEDUCATION CAMPS IN NORTH VIETNAM; INFORMATION ON THESE FACILITIES
 DOI: NOVEMBER 1976 - APRIL 1982
 SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. THE QUANG NINH REEDUCATION CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS (KMS) WEST OF HON GAI CITY, QUANG NINH PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. FROM NOVEMBER 1976 TO SEPTEMBER 1978 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS OR FOREIGN PRISONERS AT THE QUANG NINH CAMP. THIS REEDUCATION FACILITY WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). THE QUANG NINH REEDUCATION CAMP WAS BUILT BY THE FRENCH PRIOR TO 1954. THE CAMP WAS ENCLOSED BY A RECTANGULAR NATURAL STONE WALL. THE 14 DETENTION ROOMS WERE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK AS WERE THE DISPENSARY AND THE MESS FACILITY. FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WAS SEVERELY LIMITED WITHIN THE COMPOUND. THE PRISON STAFF HEADQUARTERS WAS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND.

2. THE QUANG NINH REEDUCATION CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO SUBCAMPS KA AND KB, BOTH OF WHICH WERE WITHIN THE COMPOUND. SUBCAMP KA HELD ABOUT 300 CRIMINALS. SUBCAMP KB CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 600 POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: FORMER GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) CIVIL SERVANTS; POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS; OFFICERS FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION; POLICE OFFICERS OF FTFLD GRADE AND ABOVE; AND A NUMBER OF RESISTANCE FORCE MEMBERS. COMMENT: [] WAS UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF EACH CATEGORY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.)

3. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 175 ARMED PUBLIC SECURITY GUARDS AND STAFF MEMBERS STATIONED IN AND AROUND THE CAMP. COMMENT: [] DID NOT KNOW IF THIS CAMP CONTINUED TO

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OPERATE IN 1986

4. AS OF APRIL 1982 THERE WERE NO AMERICAN OR FOREIGN PRISONERS AT REEDUCATION CAMP NUMBER FIVE IN THANH HOA PROVINCE NORTH VIETNAM

COMMENT:

THE CAMP WAS 50 KMS FROM THE BORDER OF LAOS AND 60 KMS FROM THANH HOA CITY.) THE NO. FIVE REEDUCATION CAMP WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE BNV. THE CAMP COMMANDER WAS BNV MAJOR DO ((NAM)). THERE WAS A STAFF OF ABOUT 100 PUBLIC SECURITY CADRE AND GUARDS AT CAMP NO. FIVE.

5. CAMP NO. FIVE WAS DIVIDED INTO SUBCAMP A, B, C AND D. SUBCAMP A DETAINED APPROXIMATELY 500 WOMEN CRIMINALS. THERE WERE ABOUT 700 MALE PRISONERS IN SUBCAMP B. THE INMATES OF SUBCAMP C INCLUDED POLITICAL AND CRIMINAL PRISONERS. THERE WERE SOME 300 CRIMINALS IN SUBCAMP C. THE 500 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SUBCAMP C CONSISTED OF FORMER SENIOR LEVEL GVN CIVIL SERVANTS, EX-ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICERS, FORMER POLITICAL PARTY MEMBERS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS AND GVN POLICE OFFICERS. SUBCAMP D HELD THREE TYPES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, I.E., FORMER GVN CIVIL SERVANTS, EXARVN OFFICERS FROM THE RANKS OF CAPTAIN TO LT. COLONEL AND RALLIERS.

COMMENT: RALLIERS ARE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO DESERTED/DEFECTED TO THE GVN PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 1975.) THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 500 EX-GVN CIVIL SERVANTS AND ARVN OFFICERS, MOST OF WHOM WERE ARVN OFFICERS. THERE WERE ABOUT 150 RALLIERS. SUBCAMP D ALSO DETAINED ABOUT 300 CRIMINALS.

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COMMENT: WAS NOT AWARE

THIS FACILITY WAS STILL FUNCTIONING IN 1986.)

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