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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: SIGHTING OF A LIVE AMERICAN IN NORTH  
VIETNAM

DOI: LATE JUNE 1976 - LATE 1978

SOURCE:

TEXT: FROM LATE JUNE 1976 TO LATE 1978, AN AMERICAN MALE WAS OBSERVED WORKING NEAR THE HEADQUARTERS OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) GROUP 776 AT INTER-CAMP ONE, LOCATED IN VIET HONG VILLAGE (DISPATCH UNKNOWN), ABOUT 65 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF YEN BAI CITY, HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. THIS AMERICAN SPOKE RATHER FLUENT VIETNAMESE. HE USED THE VIETNAMESE NAME "NAM." HE WORE A PAVN UNIFORM SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE PAVN 776TH GROUP. ALTHOUGH HE WAS A TRUCK DRIVER FOR THE REAR SERVICES UNIT OF THE 776TH PAVN GROUP, HE ENJOYED THE PRIVILEGES OF A PAVN OFFICER. HE DROVE THE VARIOUS GAC TRUCKS THAT HAD BEEN SENT UP FROM THE SOUTH AFTER APRIL 1975. THIS AMERICAN WAS ABOUT 1.7 METERS TALL, THIN AND NOT MORE THAN 30 YEARS OLD, PERHAPS A BIT YOUNGER. HE HAD A RATHER THIN FACE, A NEATLY TRIMMED BEARD, REDDISH-COLORED HAIR AND A LARGE BUT STRAIGHT NOSE. HE WORE RUBBER SANDALS SIMILAR TO THE SHOWER SHOES PRODUCED IN CHINA. HE SELDOM TUCKED HIS FATIGUE JACKET INTO HIS TROUSERS. HE WAS VERY

QUIET. SELDOM TALKED TO THE VIETNAMESE PRISONERS, AND ALWAYS SEEMED TO HAVE A PAINED, MISERABLE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE. HE TREATED THE PRISONERS WELL AND WAS NOT BOSSY. COMMENT: [ ] MET AND TALKED TO THIS AMERICAN SEVERAL TIMES DURING HIS INCARCERATION AT INTER-CAMP ONE. AT THAT TIME [ ] WAS ASSIGNED TO RIDE IN TRUCKS CARRYING BAGS OF RICE AND OTHER SUPPLIES FROM INTER-CAMP ONE TO CAMP-5. THE AMERICAN WAS OFTEN THE TRUCK DRIVER ON THESE SUPPLY TRIPS.)

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ACTIVITY OF OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL	BACKGROUND DATA	NAME(S)	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	YEAR
FIXING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	SPOKE VIETNAMESE HAD VIETNAMESE WIFE LIVED FREELY NEAR CAMP	"NAM"	_____	CAMP 4, YEN BAI	1976-77
SITTING ON STOOL	_____	_____	30 YEARS OF AGE BROWN HAIR, SLENDER NO GLASSES	CAMP 1	1977
OPERATING MOVIE PROJECTOR AND PORTABLE GENERATOR	SPOKE VIETNAMESE FORMER PILOT VIETNAMESE WIFE UNESCORTED OUTSIDE CAMP	NGUYEN VAN THANH	35-38 YOA, 1.7 METERS TALL, THIN, BROWN HAIR, NO GLASSES	CAMP 1	1976-78
OUTSIDE CAMP SITTING IN HUT OPERATED ELEC GENERATOR	_____	NGUYEN VAN NAM	26 YOA, 1.7 METERS TALL, SKINNY, DARK HAIR NO GLASSES	CAMP 10	1976
DRIVING TRUCK	SPOKE VIETNAMESE ENJOYED PAVN OFFICER'S PRIVILEGES	"NAM"	30 YOA, 1.7 METERS TALL, THIN, REDDISH HAIR	CAMP 1	1976-78
WORKING IN FIELD	_____	_____	_____	YEN BAI	1978
DRIVING OX CART	FORMER PILOT	_____	30 YOA, 1.7 METERS TALL, AVERAGE WEIGHT, REDDISH HAIR	CAMP 4	1978
FISHING IN POND, PLAYING WITH PET MONKEY OPERATED ELEC EQUIPMENT	FORMER US SERVICEMAN ELECTED TO REMAIN IN VN	"NAM"	_____	CAMP 1	1977
CUTTING BAMBOO POLES	FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL WORKER	_____	1.8 METERS TALL, LIGHT COMPLEXION, SLIM, DARK HAIR	CAMP 2	1976

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