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REPORT CLASS C O N F I D E N T I A L

DIST: 04 NOVEMBER 1986

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-12 IN HOANG  
 LIEN SON AND AT TAN LAP SUBCAMP-K4 IN VINH PHU, NORTH  
 VIETNAM

DOI: MAY 1976 - JANUARY 1981

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TEXT: 1. FROM MAY 1976 TO OCTOBER 1977 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION CAMP-4 OF PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) GROUP 776 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. REEDUCATION CAMP-12 WAS LOCATED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD FROM YEN BAI TO LAO CAI CITY, ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS (KMS) NORTH OF YEN BAI CITY IN TRAN YEN DISTRICT, HOANG LIEN SON. GROUP 776 CONSISTED OF 14 REEDUCATION CAMPS, DEPLOYED ALONG THE YEN BAI-LAO CAI HIGHWAY IN HOANG LIEN SON. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] HAD BEEN BY CAMP-7, CAMP-11 AND THE 776TH GROUP HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF CAMP-12, AND CAMP-13 AND CAMP-14 NORTH OF CAMP-12.) ALL OF THE GROUP-776 CAMPS SEEMED TO BE LOCATED IN VALLEYS ADJACENT TO THE YEN BAI-LAO CAI HIGHWAY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE EXISTENCE OF PAVN GROUP 776 IS UNCONFIRMED.)

2. THERE WAS A STAFF OF ABOUT 60 OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS ASSIGNED TO CAMP-12. PAVN SENIOR CAPTAIN NGUYEN VAN ((GIAI)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER. TELEPHONES WERE USED FOR COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THESE CAMPS. NO ANTENNAS WERE OBSERVED AT THE CAMP HEADQUARTERS.

3. ABOUT 400 INMATES WERE DETAINED AT CAMP-12; AMONG THEM ABOUT 340 WERE JUNIOR GRADE POLICE OR ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICERS. THE OTHERS WERE DISTRICT LEVEL CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATORS, JUNIOR GRADE CHAPLINS, POLICE INSPECTORS AND MEMBERS OF PROVINCE LEVEL ASSEMBLIES FROM THE SOUTH. THERE WERE NO FIELD GRADE MILITARY OR POLICE OFFICERS AT THIS CAMP. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW IF THIS FACILITY WAS STILL FUNCTIONING IN 1986.)

4. FROM OCTOBER 1977 TO 18 JANUARY 1981 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT SUBCAMP K4 OF THE TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP IN VINH PHU PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE THE LOCATION OF THIS CAMP. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS AN EIGHT HOUR TRAIN RIDE FROM THE NEARBY AM THUONG RAILROAD STATION TO HANOI.) THE TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP CONSISTED OF SIX SUBCAMPS, DESIGNATED K1 - K6. K-5 WAS THE CAMP HEADQUARTERS. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV) ADMINISTERED THE TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP. BNV SENIOR CAPTAIN NGUYEN BA ((LU)) WAS K1 SUBCAMP COMMANDER; BNV CAPTAIN NGUYEN VAN ((NAM)) WAS K2 COMMANDER; BNV CAPTAIN CAO BA ((DAU)) WAS K4 COMMANDER.

[REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF THE K3, K5 AND K6 COMMANDERS.) THERE WAS A STAFF OF ABOUT 50 BNV OFFICERS AND MEN AT K4. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 1,000 PRISONERS AT K1. AMONG THEM WERE ABOUT 100 FORMER ARVN COLONELS; ABOUT 100 PROTESTANT, CATHOLIC AND BUDDHIST CHAPLINS; ABOUT 200 ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND MAJORS; ABOUT 300 CAPTAINS; 200 1ST AND 2ND LIEUTENANTS; AND ABOUT 100 NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS (NCO'S) WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OR SECURITY UNITS. K4 HELD ABOUT 400 PRISONERS, INCLUDING ABOUT 30 ARVN MAJORS; 100 CAPTAINS; ABOUT 200 LIEUTENANTS; AND ABOUT 70 NCO'S. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] ESTIMATED THE PRISONER STRENGTH AT K2 TO BE ABOUT 400 AND THAT OF K5 ABOUT 1100, BUT HE COULD NOT BREAK DOWN THOSE INMATES BY RANK/POSITION. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY PRISONERS WERE IN K3.)

6. TAN LAP USED TELEPHONES FOR INTERNAL CAMP COMMUNICATIONS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP WAS STILL FUNCTIONING AS OF MID-JANUARY 1981, THE SUBSEQUENT STATUS OF THAT FACILITY IS UNKNOWN.)

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