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TO DIA//VO-PW HR WICK TOURISON

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING FROM

1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF MR. WICK TOURISON ON 11 FEBRUARY 1988, WE ARE FORWARDING INFORMATION [REDACTED] HAS OBTAINED

[REDACTED] ON ALLEGED HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTINGS IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN SRV. WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE AUTHENTICITY OF [REDACTED] REPORTING [REDACTED] ALSO CLAIMED HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO IS CURRENTLY BEING DEBRIEFED BY THE [REDACTED] WE HAVE ADVISED OUR [REDACTED] NOT TO DISSEMINATE REPORTING FROM [REDACTED] AND TO MAKE ALL REPORTING FROM [REDACTED] AVAILABLE TO [REDACTED] FOR FURTHER INTERVIEW FOLLOWUP. THE TEXT OF [REDACTED] HEARSAY LIVE SIGHTING REPORTING IS INCLUDED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 THROUGH 8 BELOW, AND ALL KNOWN BIOGRAPHICS ON SOURCE [REDACTED] FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPHS 9 AND 10.

2. BEGINNING OF REPORT: AS OF 1977-1978 AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ALLEGED U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW'S), INCLUDING ONE COLONEL, WERE HELD AT DONG VAI DETENTION CAMP ABOUT 14 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF LANG BANG (YJ 190260), HOANH BO DISTRICT, QUANG NINH PROVINCE. ALL U.S. POW'S, HOWEVER, WERE MOVED OUT OF DONG VAI CAMP IN 1978.

3. DONG VAI CAMP AND ITS ANNEX, BAI MUOI OR DONG MUOI CAMP, IN THE CAO THANG WARD (YJ 190200) OF HON GAI CITY FORMED A SET OF DETENTION CAMPS IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE THAT WERE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BO NOI VU-BKV). THEIR SUPPLY ROUTE RAN FROM HON GAI VIA HA LAM (YJ 190190), KHU ONG LAO (YJ 190230) AND LANG BANG; IT THEN TURNED EAST TOWARD DONG HO (YJ 250280) AND THEN NORTH. AS OF NOVEMBER 1987 THE CAMPS HAD BEEN SEPARATED AFTER BEING TURNED OVER TO THE JURISDICTION OF QUANG NINH PROVINCE.

4. COMMENT: [REDACTED] WAS TOLD ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE ALLEGED U.S. POW'S BY [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED] SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION, THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT STILL HOLDS U.S. POW'S IN "NATIONALLY PROHIBITED FORESTS/ZONES" (KHU RUNG CAM QUOC GIA). ONLY OFFICIALS CAN TRAVEL TO THESE ZONES. SUPPLIES ARE DELIVERED REGULARLY AND THE POW'S ENJOY A BETTER DIET THAN MOST VIETNAMESE. [REDACTED] SAID HE KNEW OF THE U.S. REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON OR FOR HELPING THE ESCAPE OF ANY LIVE POW'S WHEN HE WAS STILL IN VIETNAM. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE ANYONE WOULD TAKE SUCH RISKS AS TO EARN IT.)

[REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] WAS BORN ABOUT [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] SAID THAT BASED ON HIS TALKS WITH [REDACTED] AND HIS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAID HE WENT TO DONG VAI SEVERAL TIMES IN THE 1980'S BUT DID NOT PERSONALLY SEE ANY AMERICANS AT ANY TIME. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE ANY U.S. POW'S WERE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION OR EASTERN EUROPE.)

8. COMMENT: [REDACTED]

9. SUMMARY OF ABOVE REPORT, [REDACTED]

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