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11 February 1992

SUBJECT: Alleged Soviet Incarceration of U.S. Vietnam Prisoners
of War [redacted]

1. In March 1982, the [redacted]
disseminated a report [redacted] alleging
Soviet incarceration of U.S. Prisoners of War from Vietnam. [redacted]
[redacted]

2. The reporting [redacted] was provided to concerned
members of the U.S. Intelligence Community in a timely and
appropriate manner by the DO. Specifically, the DDO personally
restricted the dissemination because of its controversial nature
to officials in the lead Agency - Defense Intelligence Agency
(DIA/DI-7C), to State Department (INR), and within CIA to Soviet
and Eastern European Division of the DO, and the Office of Soviet
Analysis in the DDI. Personal briefings were given to INR and
DIA.

3. The finished report contained a very explicit and
lengthy [redacted] Comment, cautioning the recipients that the
"report merits little if any credence from analysts."

4. DIA, representing the Intelligence Community, levied
requirements [redacted] which was in response to initial
information. Follow-up requirements were levied [redacted] in
response to disseminated report. Results [redacted]
[redacted] were deemed "too fragmentary" to warrant
dissemination.

5. [redacted]
[redacted]

6. The information relative to alleged incarceration of
U.S. POWs by the Soviets came [redacted]
[redacted] in the context of conversations that were primarily
of a personal nature [redacted]
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7. Recipients of the report did not consider it credible. Other than the follow-up requirements mentioned in paragraph 4 above, we do not know what independent follow-up action was taken by recipients.

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