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CITE [REDACTED]SUBJECT: ALLEGED FOREIGN PRISONERS AT TAN LAP REEDUCATION  
CAMP  
[REDACTED]1. PER DISCUSSIONS WITH DIA/VO-PW ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF  
WE ARE FORWARDING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PROBABLE FABRICATOR [REDACTED]2. BEGINNING OF REPORT: SUMMARY: THREE TIMES--IN ABOUT  
JUNE 1985, JULY AND SEPTEMBER 1986, RESPECTIVELY--THREE OR FOUR  
PRISONERS WERE DROPPED OFF AT NIGHT IN THE SPECIAL CONFINEMENT  
AREA OF ZONE K-1 AT TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP, YEN LAP DISTRICT,  
VINH PHU PROVINCE. THE PRISONERS, FEATURES NOT SEEN, WERE MUCH  
TALLER THAN THEIR ESCORTS. THEY WERE CONFINED TO A REMOTE  
SPECIAL DETENTION CELL IN K-1 THAT WAS NOT OTHERWISE USED. THE  
CHIEF MEDIC AT ZONE K-1 SAID THE PRISONERS WERE FOREIGNERS BUT  
DID NOT ELABORATE ON THEIR NUMBER OR IDENTITY. WHILE THE  
SPECIAL PRISONERS WERE AT K-1 IN JUNE 1985, MINISTRY OF  
INTERIOR GENERAL PHAN LONG VISITED AND AN UNIDENTIFIED VICE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VISITED IN SEPTEMBER  
1986. THE CAMP HAD AN ADDITIONAL ZONE, ZONE K-2, ABOUT TWO  
KILOMETERS AWAY FROM ZONE K-1. EIGHT KILOMETERS BEFORE  
ARRIVING AT K-1, THERE WERE THREE OTHER ZONES THAT FORMED THANH  
HA REEDUCATION CAMP.3. TEXT: THREE TIMES--IN ABOUT JUNE 1985, JULY AND  
SEPTEMBER 1986, RESPECTIVELY--A REMOTE CONFINEMENT CELL IN ZONE  
K-1 OF TAN LAP REEDUCATION CAMP, YEN LAP DISTRICT, VINH PHU  
PROVINCE, WAS ORDERED CLEANED. A SOVIET "UMATT" AND A JAPANESE  
TOYOTA DROPPED OFF THREE OR FOUR PRISONERS IN THE SPECIAL  
CONFINEMENT AREA ONE OR TWO NIGHTS LATER. THE SUPERINTENDENT  
(GIAM THI), MANAGER (TRUC TRAI), AND PERSONNEL OFFICER OF ZONE  
K-1 ESCORTED THE PRISONERS TO THE CELL. EACH PRISONER CARRIED  
A FAIRLY BULKY BAG, ASSUMED TO CONTAIN CLOTHING AND SLEEPING  
GEAR. THE PRISONERS WERE MUCH TALLER THAN THEIR ESCORTS WHO  
CARRIED FLASHLIGHTS AND AN OIL LAMP. THE FEATURES OF THE  
PRISONERS, HOWEVER, COULD NOT BE SEEN. FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK  
SPECIAL FOOD WAS BROUGHT TWICE A DAY IN TWO COVERED 20-LITER  
CONTAINERS FROM OUTSIDE ZONE K-1 TO THE CELL WHEN THE OTHER  
CAMP DETAINEES WERE WORKING IN THE FIELDS. WHILE THE SPECIAL  
PRISONERS WERE AT K-1 IN JUNE 1985, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BO  
NOI VU-BNV) GENERAL PHAN LONG VISITED IT AND AN UNIDENTIFIED  
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS VISITED IN SEPTEMBER  
1986, EACH TIME FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS. ONE ADDITIONAL GUARD WAS  
POSTED IN THE SPECIAL CONFINEMENT AREA FOR THE WHOLE WEEK. THE  
GUARDS WERE CHANGED EVERY TWO HOURS.4. DURING THE FOLLOWING DAYS, THE CHIEF MEDIC AT ZONE  
K-1, SECOND LIEUTENANT BUI VAN CUOC, SAID THE PRISONERS WERE  
FOREIGNERS BUT DID NOT ELABORATE ON THEIR NUMBER OR IDENTITY.  
CUOC COMPLAINED THAT HE DID NOT LIKE THEIR BEING AT THE CAMP  
BECAUSE IT REQUIRED MORE WORK TO CARE FOR AND WATCH THEM. ON  
THESE OCCASIONS, CUOC USUALLY ASKED FOR IMPORTED VITAMIN B-12,  
ANTIBIOTICS, SOME OTHER MEDICINE AND CANNED MILK WHEN HE WENT  
TO THE PRISONERS' CELL.5. THE SPECIAL CONFINEMENT CELL WAS ABOUT SIX BY THREE  
METERS LARGE. IT HAD A FIVE BY 2.2 BY 0.8 METERS CONCRETE  
PLATFORM AS A BED. IT DID NOT CONTAIN ANY FURNITURE OR OTHER  
ITEMS. IT WAS CLEANED AND SPRAYED BEFORE EACH USE. THERE WAS  
ONE DOOR AT EACH OF THE DIAGONALLY OPPOSITE CORNERS. THE REAR

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DOOR OPENED ONTO A TWO METER WIDE ENCLOSURE WHERE THERE WAS A  
WATER BASIN AND A LATRINE. CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE CELL WERE OF  
A BETTER BRAND THAN THOSE USED BY CAMP CADRE. THE CELL WAS  
LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ZONE K-1. IT WAS UNOCCUPIED  
AND REMAINED LOCKED AT ALL OTHER TIMES.6. NEXT TO THE SPECIAL CONFINEMENT CELL WAS ANOTHER CELL  
FOR UNDISCIPLINED PEOPLE OR THOSE SUSPECTED OF ATTEMPTING TO  
ESCAPE. THESE PEOPLE WERE CONFINED FOR A MAXIMUM OF SEVEN TO  
TEN DAYS. THERE WAS A THIRD CELL IN THE AREA USED TO DETAIN  
PRISONERS WHO WERE STRONG-ARM MEN OR FOREMEN OVER OTHER  
INMATES. THIS AREA, LIKE THE AREA OF THE OTHER TWO DETAINMENT  
CELLS, WAS SURROUNDED BY HIGH BRICK WALLS. EACH AREA HAD ONE  
GATE OPENING INTO THE CENTRAL YARD OF THE CAMP--THERE WAS ONE  
GATE BETWEEN THE TWO AREAS:

7. THE CADRE OF K-1 INCLUDED:

A. (FNU) NAM, BNV SENIOR CAPTAIN, BORN ABOUT 1945  
IN HAI HUNG PROVINCE. HE WAS ABOUT 1.65 METERS TALL AND  
WEIGHED 80 KILOGRAMS (KGS). HE OFTEN YELLED BUT WAS NOT  
BRUTAL. HE WAS DEPUTY OF THANH HA REEDUCATION CAMP BEFORE HIS  
ASSIGNMENT AS SUPERINTENDENT OF ZONE K-1 AT TAN LAP.B. (FNU) CHIT, NICKNAMED THE OLD WOMAN (BA GIA), BNV  
FIRST LIEUTENANT, BORN ABOUT 1952 IN NAM DINH, HA NAM NINH  
PROVINCE. HE WAS ABOUT 1.62 METERS TALL AND WEIGHED 50 KGS.  
HE WAS THE K-1 PERSONNEL OFFICER. HE HAD A QUIET BUT SHREW  
CHARACTER.C. (FNU) NGUYET, BNV SECOND LIEUTENANT, BORN ABOUT  
1960 IN VINH PHU PROVINCE. HE WAS ABOUT 1.55 METERS TALL AND  
WEIGHED 47 KGS. HE HAD A BRUTAL AND CUNNING CHARACTER.D. CUOC, BORN ABOUT 1955 IN VINH PHU PROVINCE. HE  
PRACTICED ACUPUNCTURE IN ADDITION TO GENERAL MEDICINE. ALL THE  
ABOVE CADRE ACCEPTED BRIBES.8. AS OF LATE 1986, ZONE K-1 ALSO HAD 16  
INSTRUCTORS/POLITICAL WARDENS AND 35 ARMED GUARDS TO CONTROL  
SOME 1,200 CRIMINALS FROM NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE PRISONERS WERE  
LOCKED AT NIGHT IN TWELVE 40 BY SIX BY FOUR METER BUILDINGS.  
IN LATE 1984 OR EARLY 1985 ALL PRISONERS FROM SOUTHERN VIETNAM  
WERE MOVED FROM TAN LAP, REPORTEDLY TO NAM HA, HA NAM NINH  
PROVINCE. ONE OF THE LAST SOUTHERNERS TO GO WAS DOCTOR (FNU)  
HAN, BORN ABOUT 1933. HE HAD BEEN A MAJOR IN THE SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE ARMY.**SECRET**  
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CAMP9. TAN LAP CAMP IS ABOUT 30 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF AM  
THUONG TRAIN STATION, THE ONE BEFORE YEN BAI (VK 8799) WHEN  
COMING FROM HANOI. IT CONTAINED AN ADDITIONAL ZONE, ZONE K-2,  
ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS AWAY FROM ZONE K-1. EIGHT KILOMETERS  
BEFORE ARRIVING AT K-1, THERE WERE THREE OTHER ZONES--K-3, K-4  
AND K-5--THAT FORMED THANH HA REEDUCATION CAMP. DETAILS OF  
THESE ZONES WERE NOT KNOWN. PRISONERS AT TAN LAP PRODUCED  
RICE, VEGETABLES, LUMBER, AND BRICKS AND UNDERWENT HARSH  
TREATMENT SIMILAR TO THAT AT ANY OTHER CAMP.

10. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED] CLAIMED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE DID NOT KNOW HOW OR WHEN THE PRISONERS WERE TAKEN  
AWAY.)

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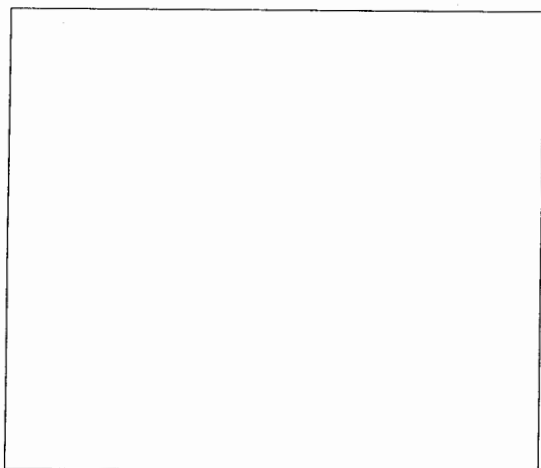
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