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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]

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] were deemed "too fragmentary" to warrant dissemination.

5. [redacted]

6. The information relative to alleged incarceration of U.S. POWs by the Soviets came [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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