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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT THE SON LA REEDUCATION
 CAMP IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE AND REEDUCATION
 SUBCAMP-3 IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM
 DOI: 24 JUNE 1976 - JANUARY 1981

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TEXT: 1. FROM 24 JUNE 1976 TO LATE 1977 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE SON LA, AKA INTER-CAMP-2, REEDUCATION CAMP IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE SON LA REEDUCATION CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT 80 KILOMETERS (KMS) NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI CITY AND ABOUT 30 KMS NORTH OF PHU YEN DISTRICT TOWN IN SON LA PROVINCE.

2. THE SON LA CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) UNIT CONSISTING OF ABOUT 50 OFFICERS AND MEN. THE CAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH CHINESE MADE TELEPHONES FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS. A 10-METER HIGH UMBRELLA-TYPE ANTENNA COULD BE SEEN NEAR THE CAMP HEADQUARTERS. COMMENT: THE ANTENNA WAS SIMILAR TO THAT USED WITH ANPRC-25 TRANSMITTERS.)

3. THE SON LA CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO ZONES A AND B. ZONE A HOUSED THE PAVN CAMP STAFF AND ZONE B WAS FOR PRISONERS. THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 350 FORMER ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICERS, AMONG WHOM ABOUT 70 WERE FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AND THE OTHERS JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS. COMMENT: DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS FACILITY CONTINUES TO FUNCTION.)

4. FROM LATE 1977 TO JANUARY 1981 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT REEDUCATION SUBCAMP-3, AKA K3, IN NGHE TINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. SUBCAMP-3 WAS LOCATED ALONG THE ROAD TO VINH ABOUT 40 KMS FROM TAN KY DISTRICT TOWN AND ABOUT 90 KMS WEST OF VINH CITY.

5. SUBCAMP-3 WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). ABOUT 60 BNV OFFICERS AND MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO SUBCAMP-3. THIS SUBCAMP WAS EQUIPPED WITH TELEPHONES FOR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OTHER SUBCAMPS. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT SUBCAMP-3 WAS EQUIPPED WITH LONG RANGE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES.

6. THIS REEDUCATION CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO THREE SUBCAMPS DESIGNATED K1, K2 AND K3. K3 DETAINED APPROXIMATELY 500 INMATES, AMONG WHOM ABOUT 100 WERE FORMER ARVN FIELD GRADE OFFICERS; 300 WERE JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS AND OTHERS WERE NORTH VIETNAMESE CRIMINALS.

COMMENT: WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILS ON K1 AND K2. SUBCAMP-3 WAS STILL OPERATING IN EARLY 1986.

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