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REPORT CLASS C O N F I D E N T I A L
 DIST: 22 MAY 1987
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 SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE TIEN
 GIANG PROVINCE TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP IN TIEN GIANG
 PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM; DETENTION OF RESISTANCE
 PERSONNEL
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TEXT: 1. FROM JUNE 1978 TO JANUARY 1980 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE TIEN GIANG PROVINCE TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP IN TIEN GIANG PROVINCE, SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THE CAMP WAS LOCATED AT 1 LANH BINH TAN STREET IN MY THO CITY. PRIOR TO 1975 THIS FACILITY WAS A GOVERNMENT OF (SOUTH) VIETNAM (GVN) PRISON. THE TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE TIEN GIANG PUBLIC SECURITY SERVICE (PSS). THE CAMP WAS USED TO INVESTIGATE PERSONS ARRESTED IN THE PROVINCE AND DETAIN THEM FOR TRAIL. IN 1978 THE CAMP WAS COMMANDED BY PSS MAJOR ((HUAN)). PSS SENIOR CAPTAIN BA ((QUEO)) REPLACED MAJOR HUAN BY JANUARY 1980. A STAFF OF ABOUT 30 PSS PERSONNEL WAS ASSIGNED TO THE CAMP.

3. PRISONERS AT THIS FACILITY WERE DETAINED IN 13 LARGE CELLS; THE SMALLEST HELD ABOUT 150 PRISONERS, AND THE LARGEST DETAINED ABOUT 280 INMATES. FROM JUNE 1978 TO JANUARY 1980 THE PRISONER POPULATION AT THIS FACILITY RANGED FROM 1300 TO 1500 INMATES. PRISONERS INCLUDED CRIMINALS, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INMATES, AND PERSONS ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

4. AMONG THE MORE PROMINENT PRISONERS AT THIS FACILITY AS OF JANUARY 1980 WERE MR. (LNU) SAU ((QUEO)), THE FORMER CHIEF OF THE MY THO CHIEU HOI CENTER; LE TAN ((TRANG)), A LOWER HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; (LNU) SAU ((LAM)), A COMPANY COMMANDER WITH THE DINH TUDNG PROVINCE RECONNAISSANCE UNIT; HO VAN ((HOA)), CHIEF OF OFFICE ONE AT THE NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE IN MY THO; AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL HUYNH TRUNG ((HIEU)), A HOA HAO BATTALION COMMANDER.

5. IN 1979 THE TIEN GIANG COURT SENTENCED TO DEATH DAO VAN ((DUONG)), VO VAN ((DUNG)), VO VAN ((GIANG)) AND LE VAN ((AN)) FOR PARTICIPATION IN RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE INDOCHINA FEDERATION RESISTANCE GROUP. THERE WERE SOME 300 POLITICAL PRISONERS AT THE TIEN GIANG TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP. MANY OF THEM BELONGED TO THE HAC LONG (BLACK DRAGON) PARTY, THE QUOC LONG PARTY AND THE INDOCHINA FEDERATION RESISTANCE GROUPS. COMMENT: IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE PRISONERS AT THIS FACILITY SINCE INMATES WERE HELD IN MIXED GROUPS IN EACH CELL. DUONG, DUNG AND GIANG, MENTIONED ABOVE, WERE EXECUTED IN 1979. LE VAN AN WAS STILL ALIVE IN JANUARY 1980.)

COMMENT:

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