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SUBJECT: Alleged Sightings of Caucasian Prisoners in the
Socialist Republic of Vietnam

1. In June 1982 two separate and unrelated groups of *Rhong* hill tribespeople who journeyed past the Cua Rang area in Nghe Tinh Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV), described sighting a prison area which contained an undetermined number of Caucasian prisoners. Some of the tribespeople, who use the nearby Route 7 in their travel between the Plaines de Jarres in the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) and northern Vietnam, were able to get close enough to the camp to overhear conversations which they believed to have been in English.

2. The camp was located in the northwest quadrant (vic VG 3832) created by the intersection of the Song Ca River (known locally as the Nam Neune River) and the Nam Ho River in Vietnam. The camp is located in a jungle area approximately 100 meters from the southeast foot of a hill (unnamed) which itself is south of a larger mountain known as Muong Lam. The tribespeople stated there are no caves in the area although some of the camp's facilities might be underground.

3. The camp was guarded by approximately one battalion of regular People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) troops. All the observed prisoners were Caucasian and appeared thin, but no other distinguishing characteristics were detected. The tribespeople related that the same camp had been used as a prisoner of war camp in 1969 when they passed through the area and observed at different times eight, six and two Caucasians respectively.

4. Comment: The source received this information from a resident of the Ban Vi Ngai Rhong camp in Thailand who received the information from two Rhong tribesmen,

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