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REPORT CLASS ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ [Redacted]

DIST: 30 MARCH 1987

COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: ABSENCE OF AMERICANS AT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE LAO
 CAI NUMBER-1 CENTRAL DETENTION CAMP IN HOANG LIEN SON
 PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM

DOI: 6 DECEMBER 1976 - 19 JUNE 1978

SOURCE: [Redacted]

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TEXT: 1. FROM 6 DECEMBER 1976 TO 19 JUNE 1978 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT THE LAO CAI NUMBER-1 CENTRAL REEDUCATION CAMP (TRAI CAI TAO TRUNG VONG SO MOT LAO CAI) IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED ABOUT NINE KILOMETERS (KMS) SOUTHEAST OF THE RAILROAD STATION IN LAO CAI CITY AND ABOUT 150 KMS NORTHWEST OF YEN BAI CITY, HOANG LIEN SON.

2. THIS CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). BNV MAJOR DANG THIEN ((THUAN)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER. BNV SENIOR LIEUTENANT VU ((DIEN)) WAS DEPUTY CAMP COMMANDER. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW THE STRENGTH OF THE BNV GUARD FORCE AT THIS CAMP.)

3. THE LAO CAI CAMP CONSISTED OF SEVERAL ZONES DESIGNATED K1 THROUGH K4. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN DECEMBER 1976 THERE WERE ABOUT 500 PRISONERS AT K1. MOST OF THEM WERE MID TO SENIOR LEVEL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM THE FORMER GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (CIO), THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) MILITARY SECURITY SERVICE (MSS), AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNIT 101 AS WELL AS DEPUTY DISTRICT TO DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEFS, BANK DIRECTORS AND POLICE OFFICERS. IN LATE 1977, 300 ADDITIONAL MILITARY OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO K1 FROM OTHER REEDUCATION CAMPS. AMONG THE LATTER OFFICERS WERE ABOUT 50 ARVN FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AND 250 JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS. ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF OFFICERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO ZONE K4, LOCATED ABOUT TWO KMS SOUTHEAST OF K1, WHEN THAT ZONE WAS ESTABLISHED, CIRCA DECEMBER 1977. K2 ZONE, LOCATED ABOUT ONE KM NORTH OF K1, IMPRISONED-NORTH VIETNAMESE FEMALE CRIMINALS. FORMER ARVN BRIGADIER GENERAL VAN THANH ((CAO)) WAS AMONG THOSE SENT TO K1 IN LATE 1977.

4. IN JUNE 1978 ALL THE POLITICAL PRISONERS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LAO CAI REEDUCATION CAMP TO THE TAN LAP CAMP IN VINH PHU PROVINCE. THE LAO CAI CAMP CONTINUED TO HOLD FEMALE CRIMINALS. IN FEBRUARY 1978 THE CHINESE ATTACKED THE LAO CAI CAMP, FREED A NUMBER OF ITS INMATES AND THEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED THAT FACILITY. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SOURCE DID NOT KNOW IF THE BNV REBUILT THE LAO CAI CAMP.)

5. [REDACTED]

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